

Lecture 7 — August 24, 2015

- Today:
 - Mutation and environments
 - The interpreter
- Readings:
 - Finish *SICP* 3.3, 4.1, 4.4

Benefits of assignment

- Similar to SICP 3.1.2

```
(define (estimate-pi trials)
  (set-rand-seed! 5)
  (sqrt (/ 6 (monte-carlo trials cesaro-test))))

(define (cesaro-test)
  (= (gcd (rand) (rand)) 1))

(define (monte-carlo trials experiment)
  (let iter ((remaining trials)
             (passed 0))
    (cond ((= remaining 0) (/ passed trials))
          ((experiment)
           (iter (- remaining 1) (+ passed 1)))
          (else
           (iter (- remaining 1) passed)))))
```

estimate-pi as purely functional

```
(define (estimate-pi trials)
  (sqrt (/ 6 (monte-carlo trials cesaro-test 5))))

(define (cesaro-test r)
  (let* ((r1 (rand-update r))
         (r2 (rand-update r1)))
    (cons (= (gcd r1 r2) 1) r2)))

(define (monte-carlo trials experiment seed)
  (let iter ((remaining trials)
            (passed 0)
            (r seed))
    (cond ((= remaining 0) (/ passed trials))
          (else
           (let* ((result (experiment r))
                  (test-result (car result))
                  (new-r (cdr result)))
             (if test-result
                 (iter (- remaining 1) (+ passed 1) new-r)
                 (iter (- remaining 1) passed new-r)))))))
```

Cost of assignment

- But order now matters! Compare:

```
(define (factorial n)
  (let ((product 1) (counter 1))
    (let iter ()
      (if (> counter n)
          product
          (begin
             (set! product (* counter product))
             (set! counter (+ counter 1))
             (iter))))))
```

- to:

```
(define (factorial n)
  (let iter ((product 1) (counter 1))
    (if (> counter n)
        product
        (iter (* counter product)
              (+ counter 1)))))
```

Local state

- Procedures (like the `rand` example before) can return different values on the same input.
- Exercise 3.1:

```
(define (make-accumulator value)
  (lambda (incr)
    (set! value (+ value incr))
    value))
```

```
> (define A (make-accumulator 5))
> (A 10)
15
> (A 10)
25
```

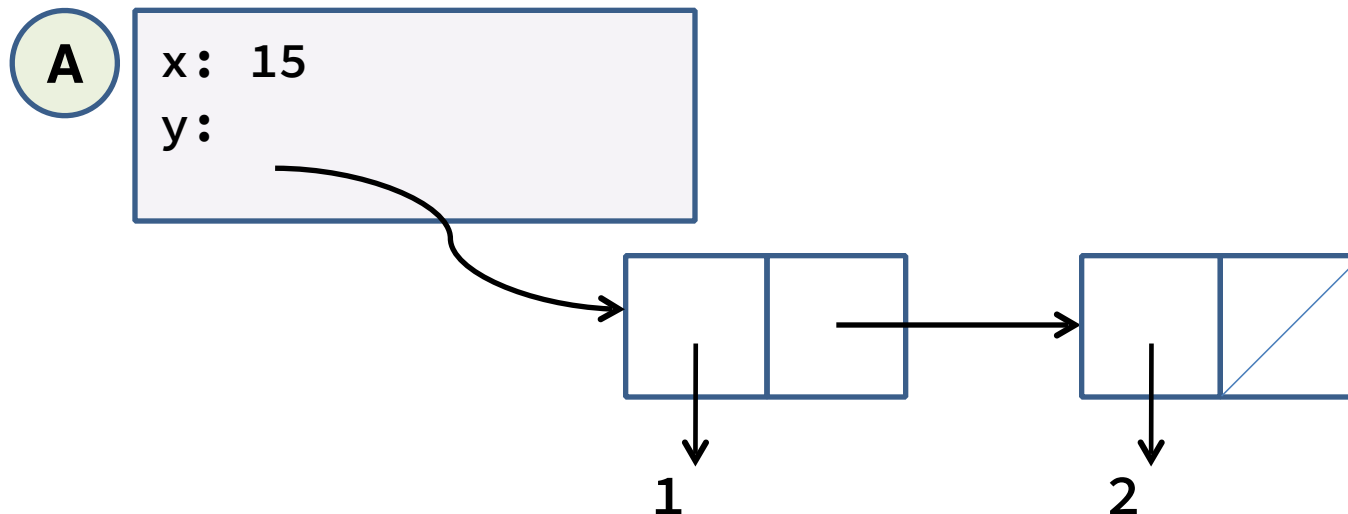
Environment Model

The EM is a precise, completely-mechanical description of a set of rules for determining the values associated with expressions in Scheme:

1. Name-rule – looking up the value of a variable
2. Define-rule – creating a new definition of a var
3. Set!-rule – changing the value of a variable
4. Lambda-rule – creating a procedure
5. Application – applying a procedure

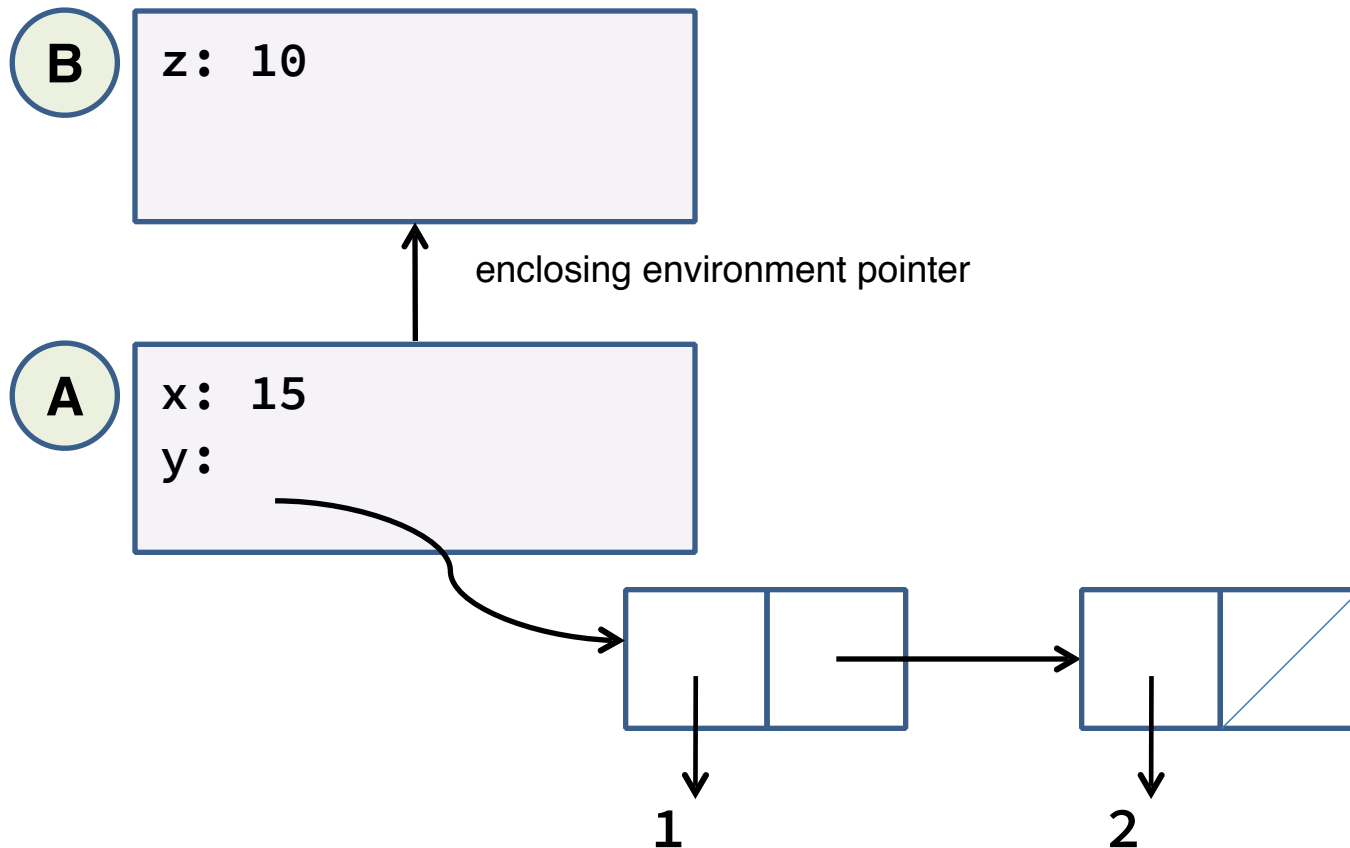
A frame is a table of bindings

- Binding: a pairing of a name and a value
- Example:
 - **x** is **bound** to **15** in frame A
 - **y** is bound to (1 2) in frame A
 - the value of the variable **x** in frame A is 15



An environment is a sequence of frames

- **Example:**
 - Environment E1 consists of frames A and B
 - Environment E2 consists of frame B only
- A frame may be shared by multiple environments

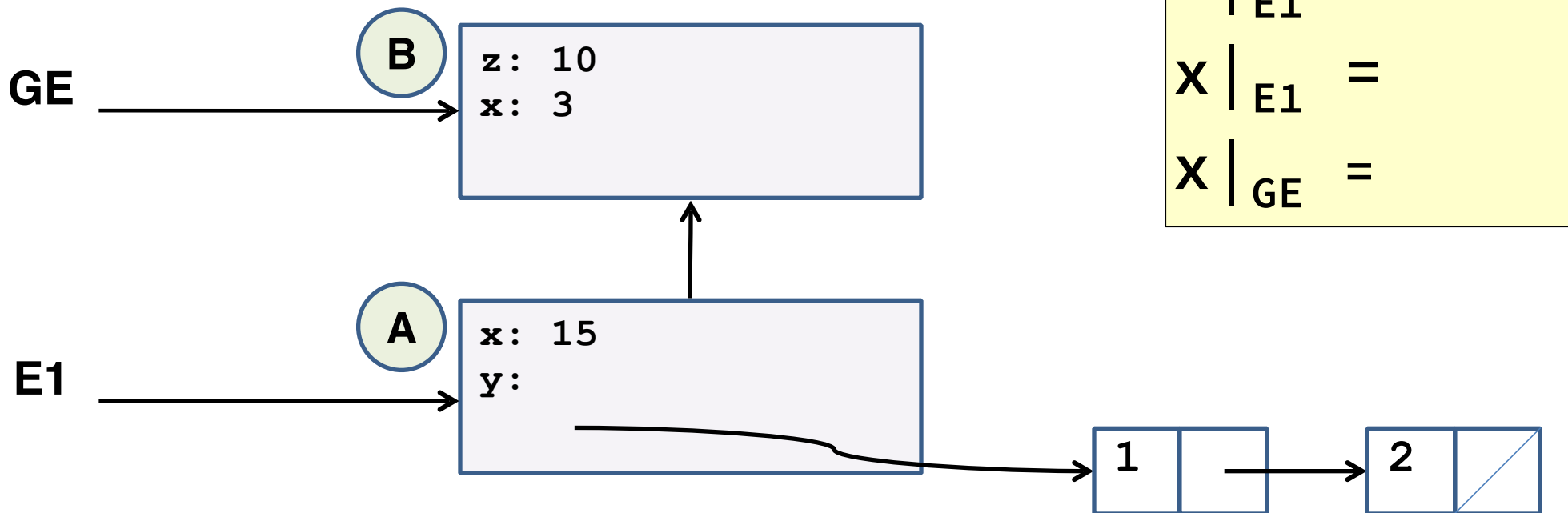


Evaluation in the EM

- **All evaluation occurs in an environment**
 - The current environment changes when the interpreter applies a procedure
- **The top environment is called the global environment (GE)**
 - Only the GE has no enclosing environment
 - Holds bindings for primitives
- **To evaluate a combination:**
 - Evaluate the sub-expressions in the current environment
 - Apply the value of the first to the values of the rest

The name rule

- A name X evaluated in environment E gives the value of X in the **first frame** of E where X is bound
- In $E1$, the binding of x in frame A **shadows** the binding of x in B

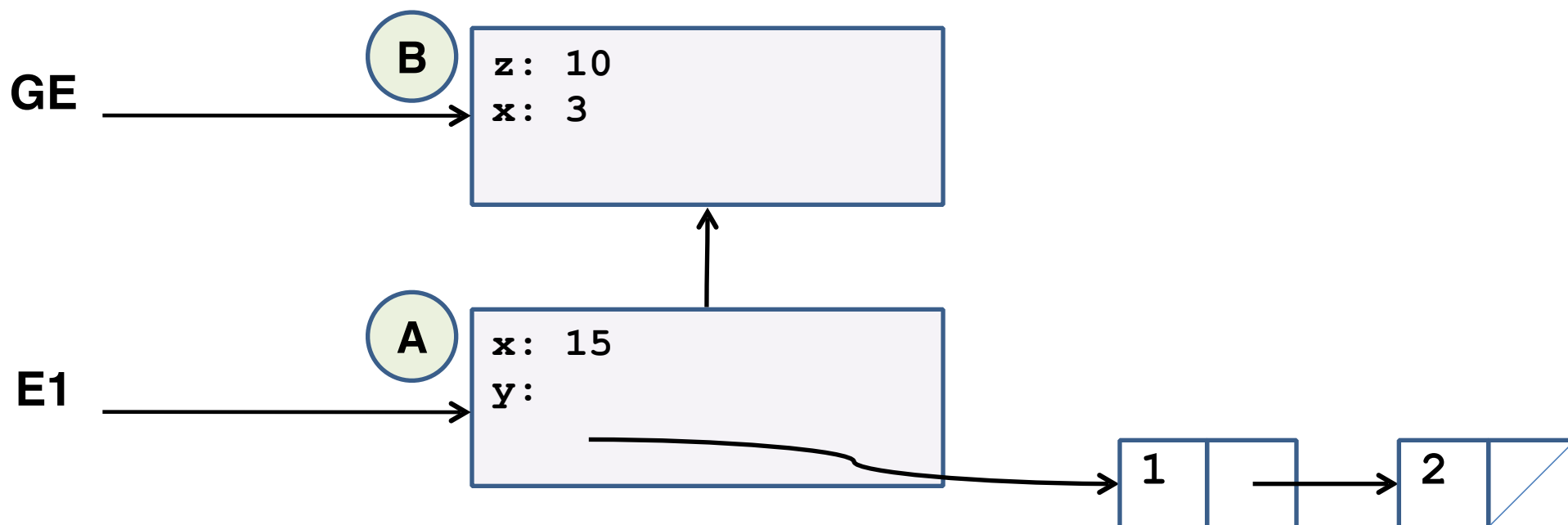


The **define** rule

- A **set!** of variable *X* evaluated in environment *E* changes the binding of *X* in the first frame of *E* where *X* is bound

`(set! z 20) |GE`

`(set! z 25) |E1`

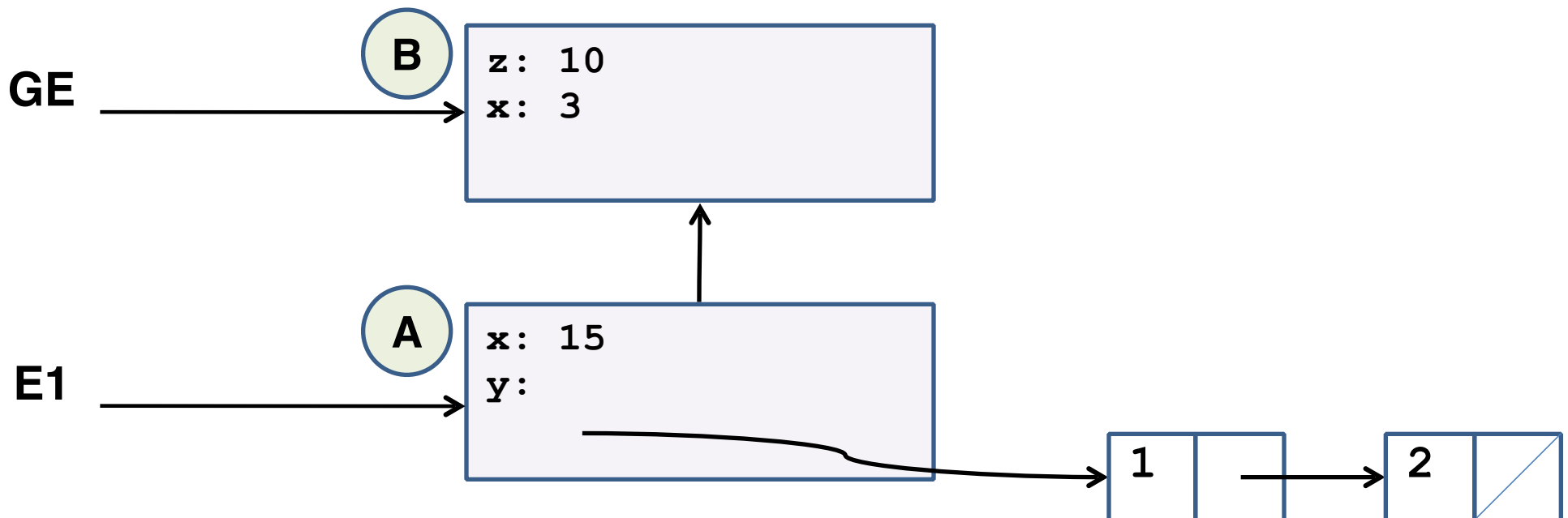


The **set!** rule

- A **define** evaluated in environment E creates or replaces a binding in the first frame of E .

`(define z 20) |GE`

`(define z 25) |E1`



The **lambda** rule

- Procedures are created by lambda expressions
- The value of the procedure is a pair:
 - A pointer to the code of the procedure, including its parameters list and the procedure's body; and
 - A pointer to the environment in which the lambda expression was evaluated

The apply rule

To apply a compound procedure P to arguments:

1. Create a new frame A
2. Make A into an environment E :
3. A 's enclosing environment pointer goes to the same frame as the environment pointer of P
4. In A , bind the parameters of P to the argument values
5. Evaluate the body of P with E as the current environment

Derived expressions: **let**

- The code:

```
(let ((name1 val1)
      (name2 val2))
  body)
```

- is equivalent to:

```
((lambda (name1 name2) body)
 val1 val2)
```

- Derivation: So, if we've already implemented lambdas and applications, our interpreter could handle **let** by making the same transformation!

Converting let

```
private static Value evaluateLet(LinkedList<Value> body,
                                Environment environment) {
    // (let ([n e] [m f]) body) => ((lambda (n m) body) e f)
    matchSymbol(body, "let");

    List<LexemeDatum.SymbolDatum> names = new LinkedList<>();
    List<Datum> initializers = new LinkedList<>();
    getLetVariablesAndValues(next(body, CompoundDatum.class),
                              names, initializers);
    Datum letBody = expressionListToBody(body);

    Datum lambdaText = CompoundDatum.newList(LexemeDatum.newSymbol(
        "lambda"), CompoundDatum.newList(names), letBody);

    List<Datum> appTextList = new LinkedList<>();
    appTextList.add(lambdaText);
    appTextList.addAll(initializers);
    return evaluate(CompoundDatum.newList(appTextList), environment);
}
```

Representing environments

```
public interface Environment {  
    void defineVariable(String variable, Value value);  
    Value lookupVariable(String variable);  
    void setVariable(String variable, Value newValue);  
}
```

```
public class NullEnvironment implements Environment {  
    public void defineVariable(String variable, Value value) {  
        throw Problem.unboundVariable(variable);  
    }  
  
    public Value lookupVariable(String variable) {  
        throw Problem.unboundVariable(variable);  
    }  
  
    public void setVariable(String variable, Value newValue) {  
        throw Problem.unboundVariable(variable);  
    }  
}
```



```

public class ExtendedEnvironment implements Environment {
    private Map<String, Value> frame;
    private Environment base;

    ExtendedEnvironment(Environment base) {
        this.frame = new HashMap<>()
        this.base = base;
    }

    public void defineVariable(String variable, Value value) {
        frame.put(variable, value);
    }

    public Value lookupVariable(String variable) {
        if (frame.containsKey(variable)) {
            return frame.get(variable);
        }
        return base.lookupVariable(variable);
    }

    public void setVariable(String variable, Value newValue) {
        if (frame.containsKey(variable)) {
            frame.put(variable, newValue);
        } else {
            base.setVariable(variable, newValue);
        }
    }
}

```

Environment factories

- Both classes are just implemented in Environment.java:

```
public abstract class Environment {  
    /* Creates an empty environment where new bindings can be added to it. */  
    public static Environment newEmptyEnvironment() {  
        return new NullEnvironment().extend(  
            Collections.emptyList(), Collections.emptyList());  
    }  
  
    /* Creates a new environment by extending the given one. Any bindings not found in the  
    extended environment will be checked in the base environment. */  
    public Environment extend(List<String> varNames,  
                             List<Value> values) {  
        Environment extended = new ExtendedEnvironment(this);  
        if (varNames.size() != values.size()) { /* throw */ }  
        for (int i = 0; i < varNames.size(); ++i) {  
            extended.defineVariable(  
                varNames.get(i), values.get(i));  
        }  
        return extended;  
    }  
}
```

The name rule

```
private static Value evaluate(Datum sExpr,
                             Environment environment) {
    if (sExpr.isSymbol()) {
        return environment.lookupVariable(sExpr.toString());
    } else if (sExpr.isEmptyList()) {
        throw Problem.invalidExpression("Application must ...");
    } else if (sExpr.isPair()) {
        return evaluateNonEmptyListForm(sExpr, environment);
    } else {
        // then just assume it's self-evaluating
        return sExpr;
    }
}
```

Considerations

- Since we are not implementing a Scheme interpreter in Scheme, the question presents itself: Should our interpreter use Scheme lists or Java lists?
- Approach One: Convert s-expressions to Java Lists and back again
 - Pro: Offers reuse of Java libraries
 - The **Deque** interface of **LinkedList** is particularly helpful
- Approach Two: Parse to Java Lists in the first place
 - Con: coupling to specific implementation strategy
- Approach Three: Maintain the s-expression representation throughout
 - Con: reinventing the wheel