

# Growing a Language and Its Interpreter

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## I05: Higher-Order Functions Using Substitution

```
def twice = (f => (x => (f (f x))))
```

```
def square = (x => (* x x))
```

```
((twice square) 3)
```

```
| (twice square)  
| FUN: (f => (y => (f (f y)))) ARG: (x => (* x x))
```

```
| (y => ((x => (* x x)) ((x => (* x x)) y)))
```

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| +--> (y => ((x => (* x x)) ((x => (* x x)) y)))
```

```
FUN: (y => ((x => (* x x)) ((x => (* x x)) y))) ARG: 3
```

```
((x => (* x x)) ((x => (* x x)) 3))
```

```
| ((x => (* x x)) ((x => (* x x)) 3))
```

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| | ((x => (* x x)) 3)
```

```
| | FUN: (x => (* x x)) ARG: 3
```

```
| | (* 3 3)
```

```
| | +--> 9
```

```
| FUN: (x => (* x x)) ARG: 9
```

```
| (* 9 9)
```

```
| +--> 81
```

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```



## I05: Trees for Higher-Order Functions

Now we have a case for creating function anywhere in the expression (param => body)

Argument of function call need not be a name but can be an expression

A function has exactly one argument (use currying if needed)

```
enum Expr
  case C(c: BigInt)
  case N(name: String)
  case BinOp(op: BinOps, e1: Expr, e2: Expr)
  case IfNonzero(cond: Expr, trueE: Expr, falseE: Expr)
  case Call(fun: Expr, arg: Expr) // fun can be expression itself
  case Fun(param: String, body: Expr) // param => body
```

```
Call(Fun("x", BinOp(Times, N("x"), N("x"))), // x => (* x x)
     C(3)) // 3
```



## I05: Eval Using Substitution

Result can be a function, so we return an Expr (not BigInt)

```
def eval(e: Expr): Expr = e match
  case C(c) => e
  case N(n) => eval(defs(n)) // find in global defs, then eval
  case BinOp(op, e1, e2) =>
    evalBinOp(op)(eval(e1), eval(e2))
  case IfNonzero(cond, trueE, falseE) =>
    if eval(cond) != C(0) then eval(trueE)
    else eval(falseE)
  case Fun(_,_) => e // functions evaluate to themselves
  case Call(fun, arg) =>
    eval(fun) match
      case Fun(n,body) => eval(subst(body, n, eval(arg)))
```



## I05: Substitution on Trees for Higher-Order Functions

```
// substitute all n with r in expression e
def subst(e: Expr, n: String, r: Expr): Expr = e match
  case C(c) => e
  case N(s) => if s==n then r else e
  case BinOp(op, e1, e2) =>
    BinOp(op, subst(e1,n,r), subst(e2,n,r))
  case IfNonzero(cond, trueE, falseE) =>
    IfNonzero(subst(cond,n,r), subst(trueE,n,r), subst(falseE,n,r))
  case Call(f, arg) =>
    Call(subst(f,n,r), subst(arg,n,r))
  case Fun(formal,body) =>
    if formal==n then e // do not substitute under (n => ...)
    else Fun(formal, subst(body,n,r))
```



## I05: More Examples: Twice Factorial

```
(def twice = (f => x => (f (f x))))  
  def fact n = (if n then (* n (fact (- n 1))) else 1)  
  (twice fact 3))  
~~> 720
```



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```
(def twice1 = (f => fact => (f (f fact))))  
  def fact n = (if n then (* n (fact (- n 1))) else 1)  
  (twice1 fact 3))
```



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  (twice1 fact 3))
```

```
FUN: (f => (fact => (f (f fact))))
```

```
ARG: (n => (if n then (* n (fact (- n 1))) else 1))
```

```
FUN: (fact => ((n => (if n then (* n (fact (- n 1))) else 1))  
              ((n => (if n then (* n (fact (- n 1))) else 1)) fact)))
```

```
ARG: 3
```

```
(if 3 then (* 3 (3 (- 3 1))) else 1)
```

```
(3 (- 3 1))
```

```
java.lang.Exception: Cannot apply non-function 3 in a call
```