

UMass Boston Computer Science  
**CS450 High Level Languages** (section 2)

# User-defined “Lambda” Functions in CS450 Lang

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## *Logistics*

- HW 11 in
  - ~~due: Mon 11/25 12pm noon EST~~
- HW 12 out
  - due: **Wed** 12/4 12pm noon EST



# Function Application in CS450 Lang

```
;; A 450LangExpr (Expr) is one of:  
;; - Atom  
;; - Variable  
;; - '(bind [Variable Expr] Expr)  
;; - '(Expr . List<Expr>)
```

"cons"

Function call case (must be last, why?)

be careful when parsing this in HW!

What functions can be called?

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;; - Variable  
;; - '(bind [Variable Expr] Expr)  
;; - '(Expr . List<Expr>)
```

```
;; An Environment (Env) is one of:  
;; - empty  
;; - (cons (list Var Result) Env)
```

```
;; A Result is a:  
;; - Number  
;; - ErrorResult  
;; - (Racket) Function
```

What functions can be called?

```
(+ 1 2 3)
```

(Racket) functions, added  
to initial environment

```
(define INIT-ENV
```

```
  `((+ ,450+)  
    (- ,450-)))
```

These should now have  
“**variable arity**”  
(like Racket +/-)

# Interlude: Variable-arity functions in Racket

Programmer should not be constructing a list

```
;; 450+: List<Result> -> Result ???
```

```
;; 450+: Result ... -> Result
```

```
(define/contract (450+ . args)  
  (-> Result? ... Result? )  
  ... )
```

Inside the function, **args**  
is a list of arguments

These should now have  
“**variable arity**”  
(like Racket +/-)

(compare with JS “variadic” args)

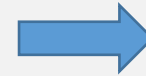
```
function sum(...theArgs) {  
  let total = 0;  
  for (const arg of theArgs) {  
    total += arg;  
  }  
  return total;  
}
```

# Function Application in CS450 Lang

```
;; A 450LangExpr (Expr) is one of:  
;; - Atom  
;; - Variable  
;; - '(bind [Variable Expr] Expr)  
;; - '(Expr Expr ...)
```

“zero or more of the preceding”

parse



```
;; An AST is one of:  
;; ...  
;; - (call AST List<AST>)  
;; ...  
(struct call [fn args])
```

run



```
;; A Result one of:  
;; - ...
```

# “Running” Function Calls

```
;; run: AST -> Result
```

```
(define (run p)
```

```
  (define (run/e p env)
    (match p
```

```
      ...
      [(call fn args) (apply
                        (run/e fn env)
                        (map (curryr run/e env) args))])
      ...
    ))
```

```
(run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

```
;; An AST is one of:
;; ...
;; - (call AST List<AST>)
;; ...
(struct call [fn args])
```

# “Running” Function Calls

```
;; run: AST -> Result
```

```
(define (run p)
```

```
  (define (run/e p env)
```

```
    (match p
```

```
      ...  
      [TEMPLATE: extract pieces of compound data
```

```
        [(call fn args)
```

```
          (apply
```

```
            (run/e fn env)
```

```
            (map (curryr run/e env) args))])
```

```
      ...
```

```
    ))
```

```
  (run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

```
;; An AST is one of:
```

```
;; ...
```

```
;; - (call AST List<AST>)
```

```
;; ...
```

```
(struct call [fn args])
```





# “Running” Function Calls

```
;; run: AST -> Result
```

```
(define (run p)
```

```
  (define (run/e p env)
```

```
    (match p
```

```
      ...
```

```
      [(call fn args) (apply
```

```
        (run/e fn env)
```

```
        (map (curry ??? run/e env) args))])
```

```
      ...
```

```
    ))
```

```
  (run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

```
;; An AST is one of:  
;; ...  
;; - (call AST List<AST>)  
;; ...  
(struct call [fn args])
```

TEMPLATE: recursive calls

List-processing function

# “Running” Function Calls

How do we actually run the function?

```
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;; - Number  
;; - ErrorResult  
;; - (Racket) Function
```

```
(define (run p)
```

```
  (define (run/e p env)
```

```
    (match p
```

```
      ...
```

```
      [(call fn args) (apply
```

Runs a Racket function

```
        (run/e fn env)
```

function

```
        (map (curryr run/e env) args))
```

List of args

```
      ...
```

(this only “works” for now)

```
    ))
```

```
  (run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

# Function Application in CS450 Lang

What functions can be called?

(+ 1 2)

1. (Racket) functions in initial environment

(??? 1 2)

2. user-defined (“lambda”) functions?

# “Lambdas” in CS450 Lang

```
;; A 450LangExpr (Expr) is one of:  
;; - Atom  
;; - Variable  
;; - '(bind [Var Expr] Expr)  
;; - '(Expr Expr ...)
```

# “Lambdas” in CS450 Lang

```
;; A 450LangExpr (Expr) is one of:  
;; - Atom  
;; - Variable  
;; - '(bind [Var Expr] Expr)  
;; - '(fn (Var ...) Expr)  
;; - '(Expr Expr ...)
```

# CS450 Lang “Lambda” examples

```
;; A 450LangExpr (Expr) is one of:  
;; - Atom  
;; - Variable  
;; - '(bind [Var Expr] Expr)  
;; - '(fn (Var ...) Expr)  
;; - '(Expr Expr ...)
```

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```
(fn (x y) (+ x y))
```

Equivalent to ...

RACKET

```
(lambda (x y) (+ x y))
```

```
(fn (x) (fn (y) (+ x y))) ; “curried”
```

```
( (fn (x y) (+ x y))  
  10 20 ) ; fn applied
```

# CS450 Lang “Lambda” full examples

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '(bind [x 10]
        (fn (y) (+ x y)) 20 )))
30 ) ; with bind
```

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '( (bind [x 10]
        (fn (y) (+ x y)))
    20 )))
30 ) ; with bind (fn only)
```

Expression that evaluates to a function result

argument → 20

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '( (fn (x y) (+ x y))
    10 20 ) )
?) )
```

- Repo: [cs450f24/in-class-25](#)
- File: `hw12-examples-<Last>-<First>.rkt`

# In-class Coding 11/25: fn examples

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '(bind [x 10]
        ( (fn (y) (+ x y)) 20 )))
 30 ) ; with bind
```

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '( (bind [x 10]
        (fn (y) (+ x y))))
 20 ))
30 ) ; with bind (fn only)
```

Expression that evaluates to a function result

argument → 20

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '( (fn (x y) (+ x y))
    10 20 ) )
30 )
```

Come up with some of your own!  
(i.e., not my examples)

5 meaningful examples only!  
with eval450

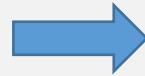
```
;; An Expr is one of:
;; - Atom
;; - Variable
;; - '(bind [Var Expr] Expr)
;; - '(fn (Var ...) Expr)
;; - '(Expr Expr ...)
```



# CS450 Lang “Lambda” AST node

```
;; A 450LangExpr (Expr) is one of:  
;; - Atom  
;; - Variable  
;; - '(bind Var Expr Expr)  
;; - '(fn (Var ...) Expr)  
;; - '(Expr Expr ...)
```

parse



```
;; An AST is one of:  
;; ...  
;; - (fn-ast List<Symbol> AST)  
;; ...  
*struct fn-ast [params body]
```

Why can't we use a Racket lambda?

A Racket lambda is a “Result”, e.g., you can't “get” the parameters or the body code (it's not “transparent”)

# “Running” Functions?

```
;; run: AST -> Result
```

```
(define (run p)
```

TEMPLATE

```
(define (run/e p env)
```

```
(match p
```

```
...
```

```
[(fn-ast params body) ?? params ?? (run/e body env) ??]
```

```
...
```

```
))
```

```
(run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

```
;; An AST is one of:
```

```
;; ...
```

```
;; - (fn-ast List<Symbol> AST)
```

```
;; ...
```

```
(struct fn-ast [params body])
```

# “Running” Functions?

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```
(define (run p)
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(define (run/e p env)  
  (match p
```

...

```
    [(fn-ast params body) ?? params ?? (run/e body env) ??]
```

What should be the “Result” of running a function?

```
    ))
```

```
(run/e p
```

Can we “convert” a 450lang “fn” AST into a Racket function???

```
;; An AST is one of:
```

```
;; ...
```

```
;; - (fn-ast List<Symbol> AST)
```

```
;; ...
```

```
(struct fn-ast [params body])
```

```
;; A Result is one of:
```

```
;; - Number
```

```
;; - ErrorResult
```

```
;; - (Racket) Function ???
```

**We can't!!** (it's not “transparent”) (this is what makes FFIs and mixed lang progs complicated) So we need some other representation

# “Running” Functions?

Can we “convert” this into a Racket function?

```
;; An AST is one of:  
;; ...  
;; -> (fn-ast List<Symbol> AST)  
;; ...  
(struct fn-ast [params body])
```

WAIT! Are **fn-result** and **fn-ast** the same?

```
;; A Result is one of:  
;; - Number  
;; - ErrorResult  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; -> (fn-result List<Symbol> AST ??)  
(struct fn-result [params body])
```

**We can't!!** need some other representation

# “Running” Functions? Full example

```
(bind [x 10]
      (fn (y) (+ x y)))
```

parse



```
(bind 'x (num 10)
      (fn-ast '(y)
              (call (var '+)
                    (list (var 'x) (var 'y)))))
```

run



```
(fn-result '(y)
          (call (var '+)
                (list (var 'x) (var 'y))))
```

Where is the x???

fn-result and fn-ast cannot be the same!!

(how can we “remember” the x)

# “Running” Functions?

```
;; An AST is one of:  
;; ...  
;; - (fn-ast List<Symbol> AST)  
;; ...  
(struct fn-ast [params body])
```

WAIT! Are `fn-result` and `fn-ast` the same?

```
;; A Result is one of:  
;; - Number  
;; - ErrorResult  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST ???)  
(struct fn-result [params body])
```

# “Running” Functions?


Takeaway quiz:

**Q:** What is the difference between **fn-ast** and **fn-result**?

**A:** **fn-ast** is AST data, represents code that a programmer writes;  
**fn-result** is Result data, represents result of running the program  
(importantly contains **environment** for variables that are not fn parameters)

A Function Result needs an extra environment  
(for the non-argument variables used in the body!)

```
;; A Result is one of:  
;; - Number  
;; - ErrorResult  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```



# “Running” Functions?

```
;; run: AST -> Result
```

```
(define (run p)
```

```
(define (run/e p env)  
  (match p
```

...

```
    [(fn-ast params body) ?? params ?? (run/e body env) ??]
```

What should be the “Result” of running a function?

```
    ))
```

```
(run/e p
```

Can we “convert” a 450lang “fn” AST into a Racket function???

**We can’t!!** need some other representation

```
;; An AST is one of:
```

```
;; ...
```

```
;; - (fn-ast List<Symbol> AST)
```

```
;; ...
```

```
(struct fn-ast [params body])
```

```
;; A Result is one of:
```

```
;; - Number
```

```
;; - ErrorResult
```

```
;; - (Racket) Function ???
```



# “Running” Functions?

```
;; run: AST -> Result
```

```
(define (run p)
```

```
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  (match p
```

...

```
    [(fn-ast params body) ?? params ?? (run/e body env) ??]
```

What should be the “Result” of running a function?

```
    ))  
(run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

```
;; An AST is one of:
```

```
;; ...
```

```
;; - (fn-ast List<Symbol> AST)
```

```
;; ...
```

```
(struct fn-ast [params body])
```

```
;; A Result is one of:
```

```
;; - Number
```

```
;; - ErrorResult
```

```
;; - (Racket) Function
```

```
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)
```

```
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

# Result of “Running” a Function

```
;; run: AST -> Result
```

```
(define (run p)
```

```
  (define (run/e p env)
```

```
    (match p
```

```
      ... body won't get “run” until the function is called
```

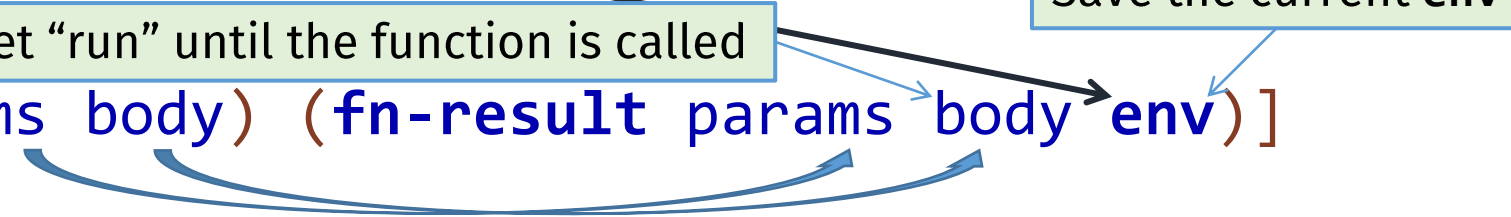
```
      [(fn-ast params body) (fn-result params body env)]
```

```
      ...
```

```
    ))
```

```
  (run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

Save the current env



Previously

# “Running” Function Calls: Revisited

How do we actually run the function?

```
; A Result is one of:  
; - Number  
; - ErrorResult  
; - (Racket) Function
```

```
(define (run p)
```

```
(define (run/e p env)
```

```
(match p
```

```
...
```

```
[(call fn args) (apply  
                  (run/e fn env)  
                  (map (curryr run/e env) args))])
```

```
...
```

```
))  
(run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

Runs a Racket function

???

(this only “works” for now)

# “Running” Function Calls: Revisited

How do we actually run the function?

```
(define (run p)
```

```
(define (run/e p env)
  (match p
```

```
    ...
    [(call fn args) (450apply
                      (run/e fn env)
                      (map (curryr run/e env) args))])
    ...
```

(this doesn't “work” anymore!)

```
  ))
(run/e p INIT-ENV))
```

```
; A Result is one of:
;; - Number
;; - ErrorResult
;; - (Racket) Function
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

apply doesn't work for `fn-result`!!  
must manually implement “function call”

# CS450 Lang “Apply”

Can we refactor data def to make this cleaner?

```
;; 450apply : [Racket fn or fn-result] List<Result> -> Result  
(define (450apply fn args)  
  ...  
)
```

```
;; A FnResult is one of;  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

```
;; A Result is one of:  
;; - Number  
;; - ErrorResult  
;; - FnResult
```



```
;; A Result is one of:  
;; - Number  
;; - ErrorResult  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

# CS450 Lang “Apply”

TEMPLATE?

```
;; A FnResult is one of;  
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;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result  
(define (450apply fn args)  
  ...  
)
```

# CS450 Lang “Apply”

TEMPLATE

```
;; A FnResult is one of;  
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;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result  
(define (450apply fn args)  
  (match fn  
    [(? procedure?) ... ] ;; racket function  
    [(fn-result params body env) ... body ... env]))
```

# CS450 Lang “Apply”

TEMPLATE: mutually referential data and template calls!

```
;; A FnResult is one of;  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result  
(define (450apply fn args)  
  (match fn  
    [(? procedure?) ... ] ;; racket function  
    [(fn-result params body env) ;; user-defined function  
     ... params ... (ast-fn body ... ) ... (env-fn env ... ) ... ]))
```

env-add : Env Var Result -> Env



# CS450 Lang “Apply”

```
;; A FnResult is one of;  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result  
(define (450apply fn args)  
  (match fn  
    [(? procedure?) ... ] ;; racket function  
    [(fn-result params body env) ;; user-defined function  
     ... (ast-fn body ... ) ... (env-add env ?? args params ?? ) ... ]))
```

These are lists

env-add : Env Var Result -> Env

# CS450 Lang “Apply”

(so this function should be inside run)

```
;; A FnResult is one of;  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result  
(define (450apply fn args)  
  (match fn  
    [(? procedure?) ... ] ;; racket function  
    [(fn-result params body env) ... ] ;; user-defined function  
    ... (ast-fn body ... ) ... (foldl env-add env params args) ... ]))
```


run/e : AST Env -> Result

# CS450 Lang “Apply”

```
;; A FnResult is one of;  
;; - (Racket) Function  
;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result  
(define (450apply fn args)  
  (match fn  
    [(? procedure?)      ???           ] ;; racket function  
    [(fn-result params body env)      ] ;; user-defined function  
    (run/e body (foldl env-add env params args))))
```

run/e : AST Env -> Result



# CS450 Lang “Apply”

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;; A FnResult is one of;  
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;; - (fn-result List<Symbol> AST Env)  
(struct fn-result [params body env])
```

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result  
(define (450apply fn args)  
  (match fn  
    [(? procedure?) (apply fn args)] ;; racket function  
    [(fn-result params body env)      ;; user-defined function  
     (run/e body (foldl env-add env params args))]))
```

Runs a Racket function

WAIT! What if the the number of params and args don't match!

# CS450 Lang “Apply”

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result
(define (450apply fn args)
  (match fn
    [(? procedure?) (apply fn args)] ;; racket function
    [(fn-result params body env)      ;; user-defined function
     (if (= (length params) (length args))
          (run/e body (foldl env-add env params args))
          ...
         ]))
  ...
  ]))
```

# CS450 Lang “Apply”: arity error

```
;; 450apply : FnResult List<Result> -> Result
(define (450apply fn args)
  (match fn
    [(? procedure?) (apply fn args)] ;; racket function
    [(fn-result params body env)      ;; user-defined function
     (if (= (length params) (length args))
         (run/e body (foldl env-add env params args))
         ARITY-ERROR)]))
```

;; An ErrorResult is one of:  
;; - UNDEFINED-ERROR  
;; - NOT-FN-ERROR  
;; - **ARITY-ERROR**

;; A Result is one of:  
;; - Number  
;; - **ErrorResult**  
;; - FnResult

- Repo: [cs450f24/in-class-25](#)
- File: `hw12-examples-<Last>-<First>.rkt`

# In-class Coding 11/25: fn examples

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '(bind [x 10]
        ( (fn (y) (+ x y)) 20 )))
 30 ) ; with bind
```

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '( (bind [x 10]
        (fn (y) (+ x y))))
 20 ))
30 ) ; with bind (fn only)
```

Expression that evaluates to a function result

argument → 20

```
(check-equal?
 (eval450
  '( (fn (x y) (+ x y))
    10 20 ) )
 30 )
```

Come up with some of your own!  
(i.e., not my examples)

5 meaningful examples only!  
with eval450

```
;; An Expr is one of:
;; - Atom
;; - Variable
;; - '(bind [Var Expr] Expr)
;; - '(fn (Var ...) Expr)
;; - '(Expr Expr ...)
```