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21 Optimizations I: Global Variables

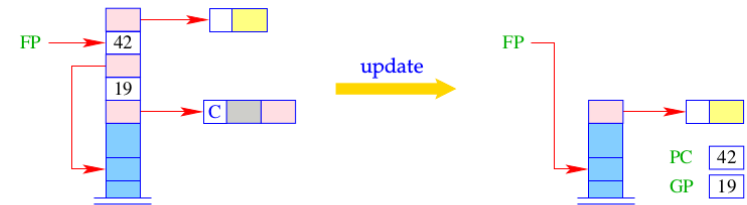
Observation

- Functional programs construct many F- and C-objects.
- This requires the inclusion of (the bindings of) all global variables.
Recall, e.g., the construction of a closure for an expression e ...

In fact, the instruction `update` is the combination of the two actions:

```
popenv
rewrite 1
```

It overwrites the closure with the computed value.



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```
codeC e ρ sd =
  getvar z0 ρ sd
  getvar z1 ρ (sd + 1)
  ...
  getvar zg-1 ρ (sd + g - 1)
  mkvec g
  mkclos A
  jump B
A : codeV e ρ' 0
update
B : ...
```

where $\{z_0, \dots, z_{g-1}\} = \text{free}(e)$ and $\rho' = \{z_i \mapsto (G, i) \mid i = 0, \dots, g-1\}$.

Idea

- Reuse Global Vectors, i.e. share Global Vectors!
- Profitable in the translation of **let**-expressions or function applications: Build one Global Vector for the union of the free-variable sets of all **let**-definitions resp. all arguments.
- Allocate (references to) global vectors with multiple uses in the stack frame like local variables!
- Support the access to the current GP, e.g., by an instruction `copyglob` :

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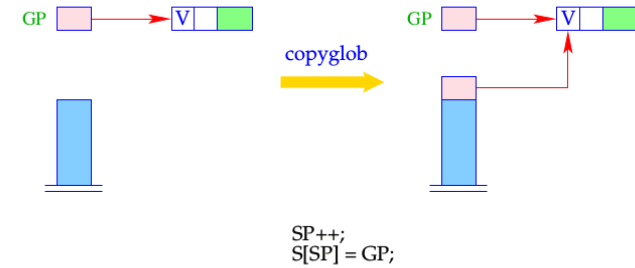
- The optimization will cause Global Vectors to contain **more** components than just references to the free the variables that occur in one expression ...

Disadvantage: Superfluous components in Global Vectors prevent the deallocation of already useless heap objects \implies **Space Leaks**

Potential Remedy: Deletion of references from the global vector at the end of their life times.

$x_n + y$ $\boxed{x_n/y/z}$

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22 Optimizations II: Closures

In some cases, the construction of closures can be avoided, namely for

- Basic values,
- Variables,
- Functions.

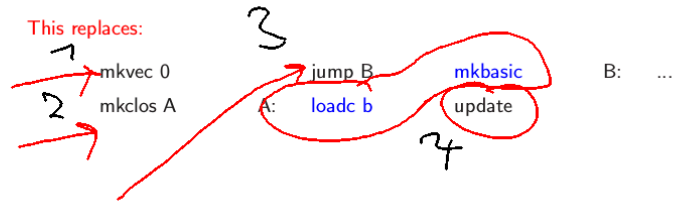
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Basic Values

The construction of a closure for the value is at least as expensive as the construction of the B-object itself!

Therefore:

$$\text{code}_C b \rho sd = \text{code}_V b \rho sd = \text{loadc b} \quad \text{mkbasic}$$

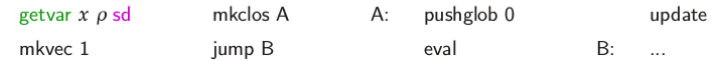


Variables

Variables are either bound to values or to C-objects. Constructing another closure is therefore superfluous. Therefore:

$$\text{code}_C x \rho sd = \text{getvar } x \rho sd$$

This replaces:



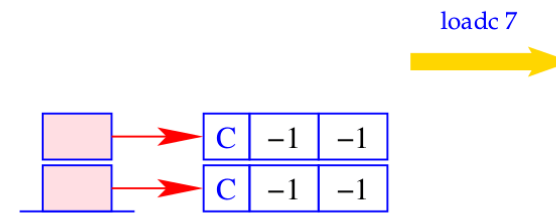
Example

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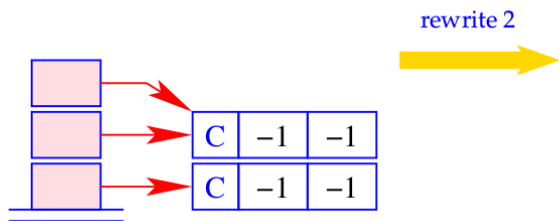
`code_V e ∅ 0` produces:



The execution of this instruction sequence should deliver the basic value 7 ...



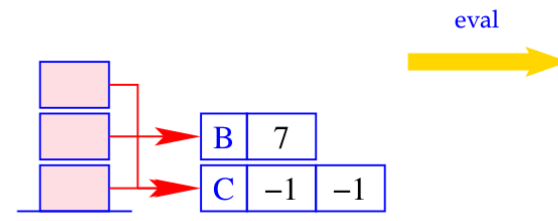
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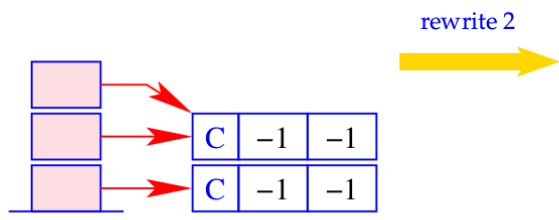
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let rec $x = x + 1$ →



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Apparently, this optimization was not quite [correct](#).

The Problem

Binding of variable y to variable x [before](#) x 's dummy node is replaced!!



The Solution

cyclic definitions: reject sequences of definitions like

`let rec a = b and ... b = a in ...`

acyclic definitions: order the definitions $y = x$ such that the dummy node for the right side of x is already overwritten.

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23 The Translation of a Program Expression

Execution of a program e starts with

`PC = 0` `SP = FP = GP = -1`

The expression e must not contain [free variables](#).

The value of e should be determined and then a `halt` instruction should be executed.

`code e = codev e ∅ 0`
`halt`

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Functions

Functions are values, which are not evaluated further. Instead of generating code that constructs a closure for an F-object, we generate code that constructs the F-object directly.

Therefore:

`codeC (fun x0 ... xk-1 → e) ρ sd = codev (fun x0 ... xk-1 → e) ρ sd`

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Remarks

- The code schemata as defined so far produce [Spaghetti code](#).
- Reason: Code for function bodies and closures placed directly behind the instructions `mkfunval` resp. `mkclos` with a jump over this code.
- Alternative: Place this code somewhere else, e.g. [following](#) the `halt`-instruction:
Advantage: Elimination of the direct jumps following `mkfunval` and `mkclos`.
Disadvantage: The code schemata are more complex as they would have to accumulate the code pieces in a [Code-Dump](#).



Solution

Disentangle the Spaghetti code in a subsequent optimization phase.

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Example

let $a = 17$ in let $f = \text{fun } b \rightarrow a + b$ in $f\ 42$

CBN

Disentanglement of the jumps produces:

0	loadc 17	2	mark B	3	B:	slide 2	1	pushloc 1
1	mkbasic	5	loadc 42	1		halt	2	eval
1	pushloc 0	6	mkbasic	0	A:	arg 1	2	getbasic
2	mkvec 1	6	pushloc 4	0		pushglob 0	2	add
2	mkfunval A	7	eval	1		eval	1	mkbasic
		7	apply	1		getbasic	1	return 1

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- In order to **construct** a tuple, we collect sequence of references on the stack. Then we construct a vector of these references in the heap using **mkvec**
- For returning **components** we use an indexed access into the tuple.

```
codev (e0, ..., ek-1) ρ sd = codev e0 ρ sd
                             codev e1 ρ (sd + 1)
                             ...
                             codev ek-1 ρ (sd + k - 1)
                             mkvec k
```

```
codev (#j e) ρ sd = codev e ρ sd
                   get j
```

In the case of **CBV**, we directly compute the values of the e_i .

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24 Structured Data

In the following, we extend our functional programming language by some datatypes.

24.1 Tuples

Constructors: $(., \dots, .)$, k -ary with $k \geq 0$;

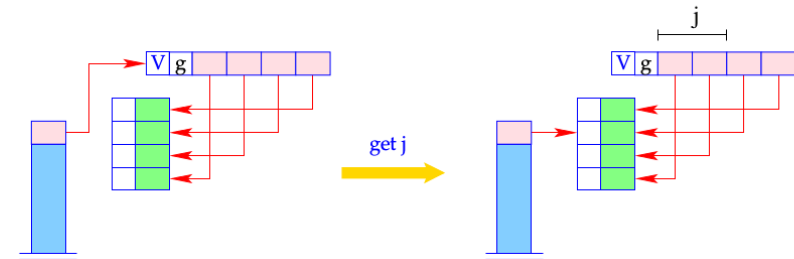
Destructors: $\#j$ for $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ (**Projections**)

We extend the syntax of expressions correspondingly:

$$e ::= \dots \mid (e_0, \dots, e_{k-1}) \mid \#j e$$

$$\mid \text{let } (x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}) = e_1 \text{ in } e_0$$

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```
if (S[SP] == (V,g,v)) if (j < g)
  S[SP] = v[j];
else Error "Vector index out of bounds!";
else Error "Vector expected!";
```

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where $\rho' = \rho \oplus \{y_i \mapsto (L, \mathbf{sd} + i + 1) \mid i = 0, \dots, k - 1\}$.

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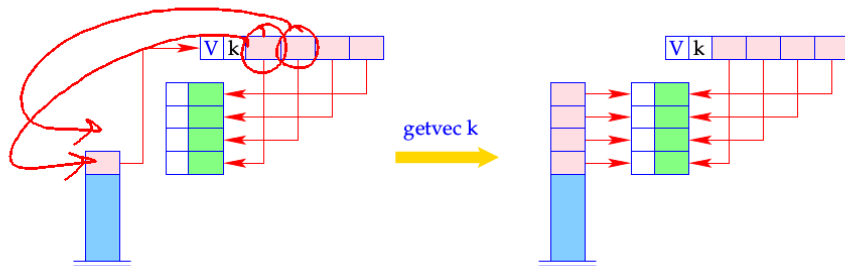
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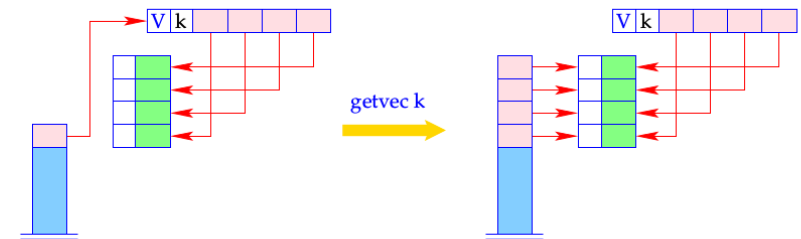


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```
if (S[SP] == (V,k,v)) {
  SP--;
  for(i=0; i<k; i++) {
    SP++; S[SP] = v[i];
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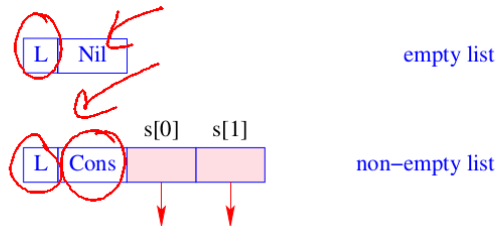
```
app = fun l y → match l with
      | [] → y
      | h :: t → h :: (app t y)
```

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accordingly, we extend the syntax of expressions:

$$e ::= \dots \mid [] \mid (e_1 :: e_2) \mid (\text{match } e_0 \text{ with } [] \rightarrow e_1 \mid h :: t \rightarrow e_2)$$

Additionally, we need new heap objects:



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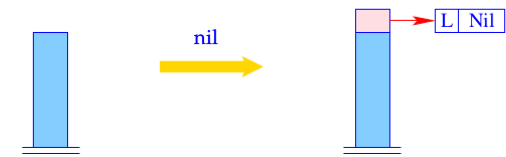
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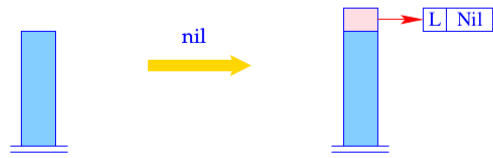
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SP++; S[SP] = new (L, Nil);

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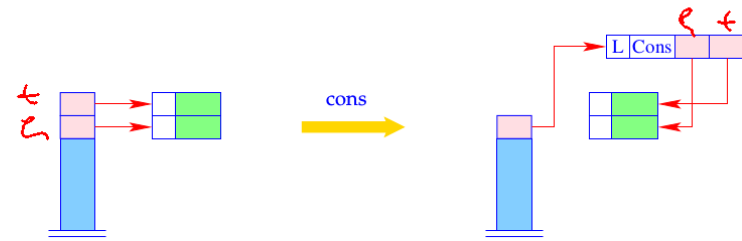
24.4 Pattern Matching

Consider the expression $e \equiv \text{match } e_0 \text{ with } [] \rightarrow e_1 \mid h::t \rightarrow e_2$.

Evaluation of e requires:

- evaluation of e_0 ;
- check, whether resulting value v is an L-object;
- if v is the empty list, evaluation of e_1 ...
- otherwise storing the two references of v on the stack and evaluation of e_2 . This corresponds to **binding** h and t to the two components of v .

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S[SP-1] = new (L,Cons, S[SP-1], S[SP]);
SP- -;

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In consequence, we obtain (for **CBN** as for **CBV**):

```

codev e ρ sd =   codev e0 ρ sd
                  tlist A
                  codev e1 ρ sd
                  jump B
A : codev e2 ρ' (sd + 2)
slide 2
B : ...

```

where $\rho' = \rho \oplus \{h \mapsto (L, sd + 1), t \mapsto (L, sd + 2)\}$.

The new instruction **tlist A** does the necessary checks and (in the case of **Cons**) allocates two new local variables:

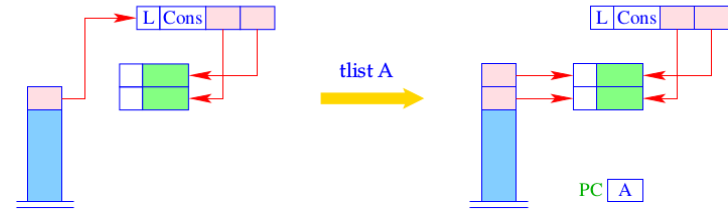
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```

h = S[SP];
if (H[h] != (L,...))
  Error "no list!";
if (H[h] == (_Nil)) SP- -;
...

```



```

... else {
  S[SP+1] = S[SP] -> s[1];
  S[SP] = S[SP] -> s[0];
  SP++; PC = A;
}

```

Example The (disentangled) body of the function `app` with `app ↦ (G, 0)` :

0	targ 2	3	pushglob 0	0	C:	mark D
0	pushloc 0	4	pushloc 2	3		pushglob 2
1	eval	5	pushloc 6	4		pushglob 1
1	tlist A	6	mkvec 3	5		pushglob 0
0	pushloc 1	4	mkclos C	6		eval
1	eval	4	cons	6		apply
1	jump B	3	slide 2	1	D:	update
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24.5 Closures of Tuples and Lists

The general schema for `codeC` can be optimized for tuples and lists:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{code}_C (e_0, \dots, e_{k-1}) \rho \text{sd} &= \text{code}_V (e_0, \dots, e_{k-1}) \rho \text{sd} = \text{code}_C e_0 \rho \text{sd} \\ &\quad \text{code}_C e_1 \rho (\text{sd} + 1) \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad \text{code}_C e_{k-1} \rho (\text{sd} + k - 1) \\ &\quad \text{mkvec } k \\ \text{code}_C [] \rho \text{sd} &= \text{code}_V [] \rho \text{sd} = \text{nil} \\ \text{code}_C (e_1 :: e_2) \rho \text{sd} &= \text{code}_V (e_1 :: e_2) \rho \text{sd} = \text{code}_C e_1 \rho \text{sd} \\ &\quad \text{code}_C e_2 \rho (\text{sd} + 1) \\ &\quad \text{cons} \end{aligned}$$