

(ref. to Abelson & Sussman)

; Section 1.3.4 Procedures as Returned Values

(define (make-addConstant x)
 (lambda (y) (+ x y)))

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((make-addConstant 4) 5)

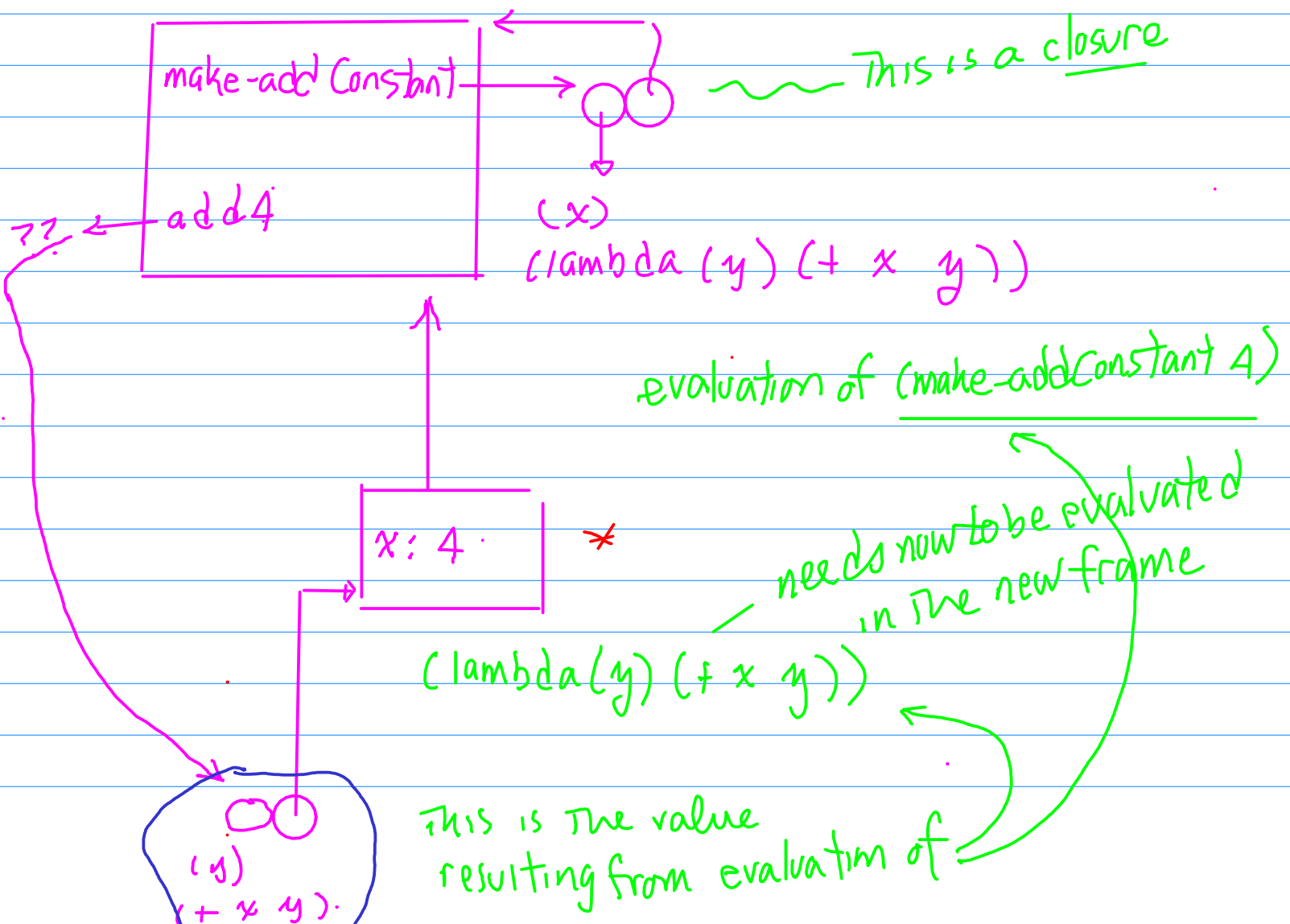
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(define add4 (make-addConstant 4))

(add4 3)

(lambda (y) (+ 4 y))

environment model simulation

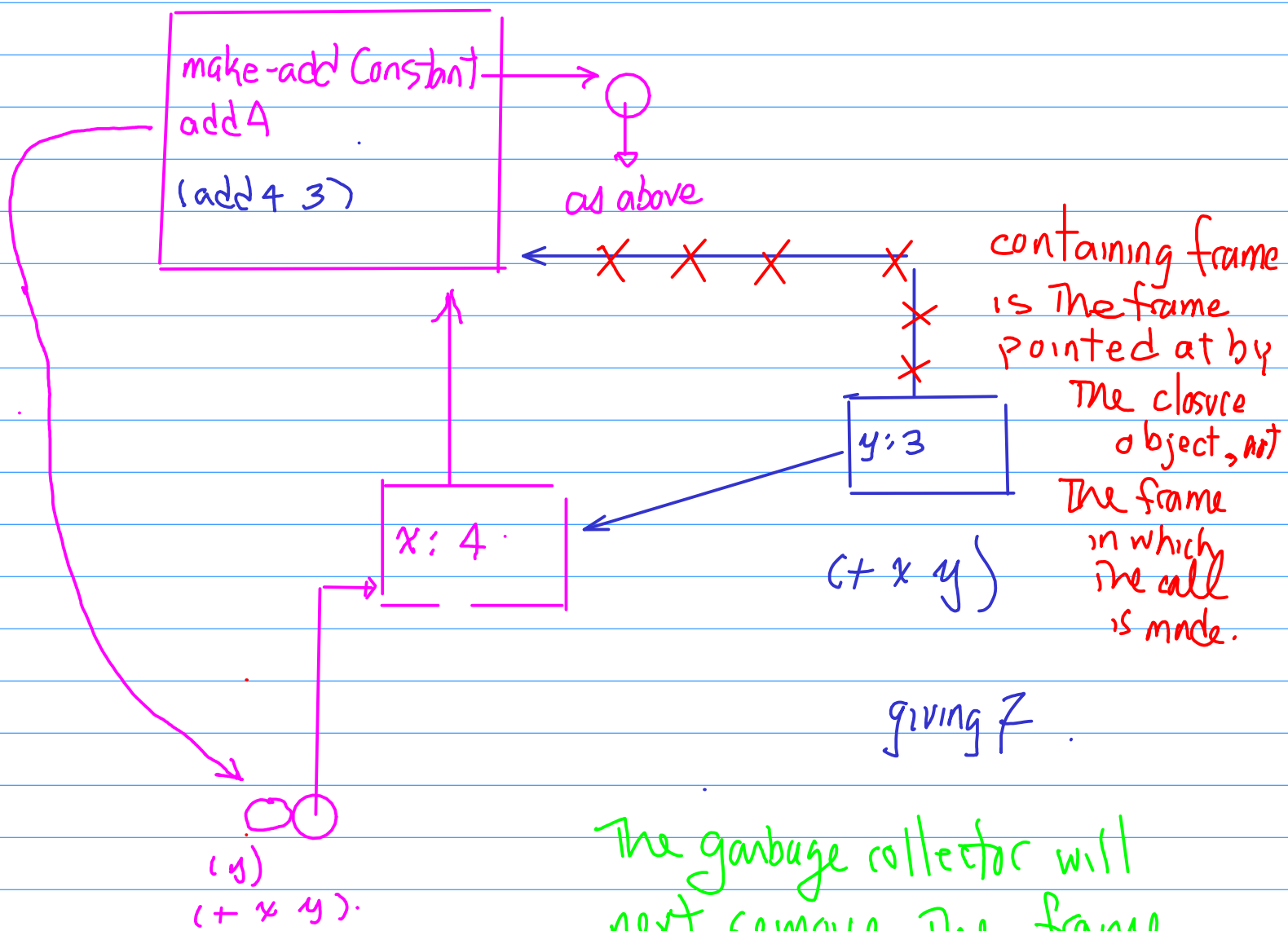


Might expect The frame $*$ would be garbageed once the evaluation is complete — but this does not happen because $*$ is (indirectly) pointed at by an object — `add4` — at the top level. We say that $*$ is live.

Recall that an environment is defined to be a sequence of frames — so the `add4` object (or just `add4`) has a 2-frame environment.

Let's figure out what happens when we evaluate `(add4 3)`.

A look at (The simulation of) (add4 3) :



The garbage collector will next remove the frame in which `y` is bound to 3.

```
(define (sigma a b term)
  (cond ((> a b) 0)
        (else (+ (term a) (sigma (+ a 1) b term))))))
```

{Haskell} Curry was a logician

; curried form of sigma

(currying a function)

```
(define (curried-sigma term)
```

```
  (define (sum-term a b)
    (cond ((> a b) 0)
          (else (+ (term a) (sum-term (+ a 1) b))))))
```

```
  sum-term)
```

← internal function definition

← body of the function
curried-sigma. The scope of functions defined in the def. part is precisely the body + the def part

```
((curried-sigma (lambda (x) x)) 1 10)
```

```
(define sum-of-squares
  (curried-sigma (lambda (x) (* x x))))
```

```
(sum-of-squares 1 10)
```

term

so the value returned is the sum-term function with (lambda (x) (* x x)) substituted for term.

; contrast to

```
(sigma (lambda (x) (* x x)) 1 10)
```

the uncurried sigma, in which the term parameter must be passed explicitly.

Interesting for a couple of reasons — ① it allows another level of code reuse; ② it can facilitate efficiency by setting up 'partial compilation'; ③ it suggests that - in principle - we only need single-argument functions

functions of n params
to functions of n-1 params

"function specializing"

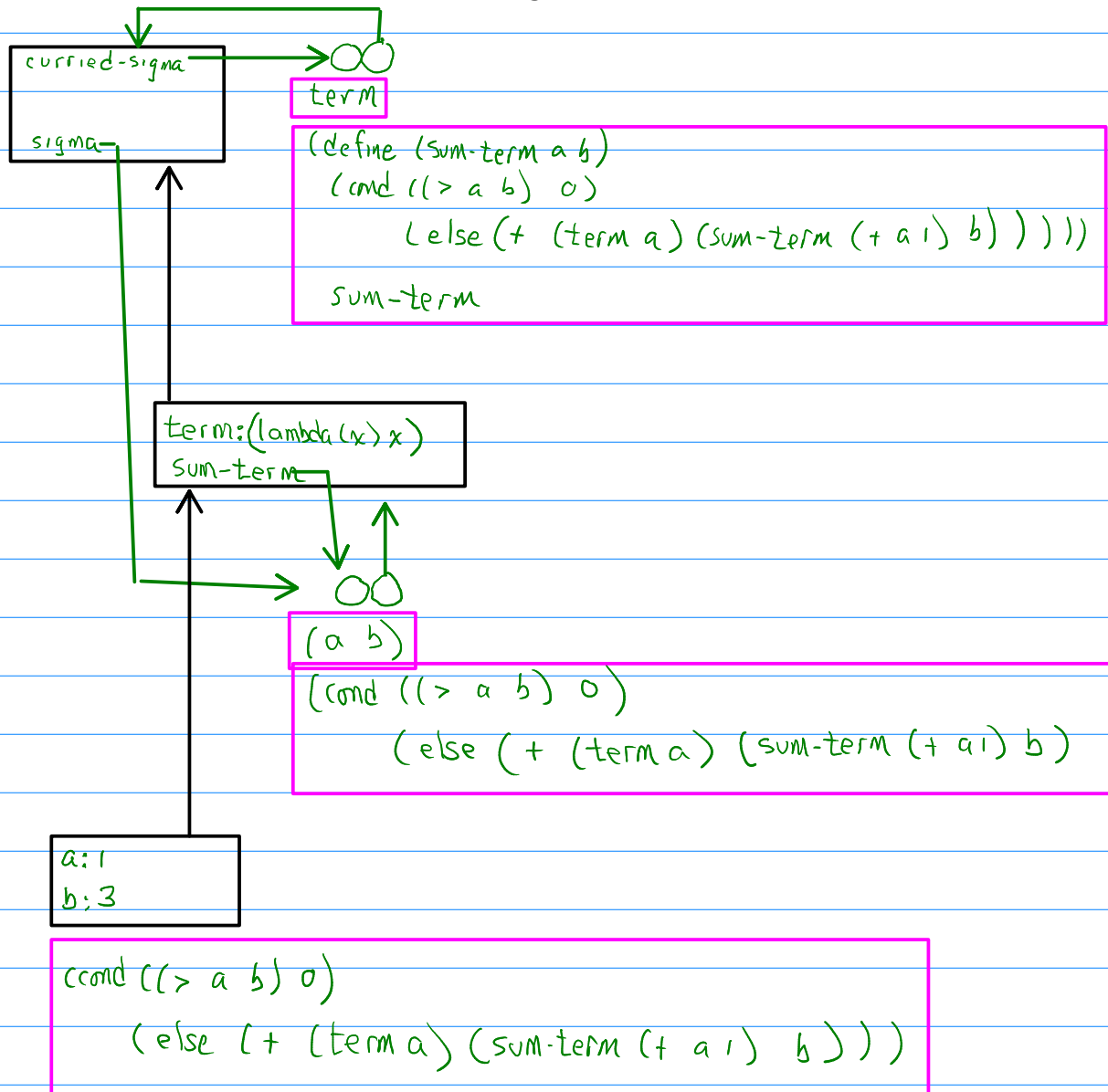
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(define (curried-sigma term)
  (define (sum-term a b)
    (cond ((> a b) 0)
          (else (+ (term a) (sum-term (+ a 1) b)))))
  sum-term)

(define sigma (curried-sigma (lambda (x) x)))

(sigma 1 3)

```



suggested exercises

- cook with curry on your own → ie →
Try your hand at currying a function or two
- See if you can work out the environment
diagram simulation for curried-sigma

close with an example from A&S hinting at the usefulness of having functions as values.

```
(define (deriv f)
  (let ((dx .00000001))
    (lambda (x) (/ (- (f (+ x dx)) (f x))
                    dx))))
```

```
(define (cube x) (* x x x))
```

```
((deriv cube) 5)
```

the value returned is

$(\text{lambda}(x)$

$(\frac{f(x+dx) - f(x)}{dx})$

$)$

where dx is .00...01

So (deriv cube) gives the function of x

$(\frac{\text{cube}(x+dx) - \text{cube}(x)}{dx})$

dx

which you recognize as The difference quotient for cube.

↓ well, we can't take limits

Recall: deriv of cube at the point x

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$\frac{\text{cube}(x+\Delta x) - \text{cube}(x)}{\Delta x}$

$\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

Δx

in calculus, derivatives are functions.

And scheme is a language in which this can be expressed directly.