The difference between a special form and a primitive operator is in their evaluation.  
In special form we evaluate expressions according to a special evaluation rule and while in primitive operator the evaluation is done in a linear way (we can assume that), one expression after the other.

const L3applicativeEval = (exp: CExp | Error, env: Env): Value | Error =>

isAppExp(exp) ? L3applyProcedure(L3applicativeEval(exp.rator, env),

map((rand) => L3applicativeEval(rand, env),

exp.rands),

env) :

//only one expression (then or alt) is evaluated according to the result of test.

const evalIf = (exp: IfExp, env: Env): Value | Error => {

const test = L3applicativeEval(exp.test, env);

return isError(test) ? test :

isTrueValue(test) ? L3applicativeEval(exp.then, env) :

L3applicativeEval(exp.alt, env);

}

2)  
**shortcut semantics**:

eval (<or-exp exp>,env) =>  
 if exp.rators is empty return false

let head: Value = eval(first(exp.rators), env)

if head is considered a true value

return true

else  
 let or-exp: Value =make or-expression from rest(exp.rators)

return eval (or-exp, env)

**non shortcut :**

eval (<or-exp exp>,env) =>  
 if exp.rators is empty return false

let or-exp: Value =make or-expression from rest(exp.rators)  
 let tail : Value = eval (or-exp, env)  
 let head: Value = eval(first(exp.rators), env)  
 if head is considered a true value

return true

else if tail considered a true value  
 return true

else return false

3) we would prefer using varRef in terms of ‘language maintenance’.  
with this implementation, it is easy to add a primitive to the interpreter:  
we only need to add the proper binding in the initialization of the global environment.

4) When there are multiple expressions and we only need the values of some of these expressions (according to some strategy) we will switch from applicative order to normal order evaluation;  
this is especially useful when some of the expressions might not terminate – infinite loop, or when one of the expressions returns an error after evaluation.

For example:

(define (p) (p))  
(define (test x y) (if (= x 0)  
 0  
 y))

(test 0 (p))

In Applicative evaluation we will enter an infinite loop while in normal evaluation we will evaluate first the procedure, then substitution is performed on the non-evaluated parameters and reduction. The result of that is 0.

**5.What are reasons that would justify switching from normal order to applicative order evaluation? Give an example.**

The main reason for switching from normal eval to applicative eval is if we have a repeated expression – in applicative eval it will be evaluated only once and then will be substituted while in normal it will be evaluated again and again. Therefore, it is more efficient. In addition if side effects are needed we would choose applicative.

For Example:  
(define foo (lambda (x) (display x)(newline) x))  
(define bar (lambda (x) (+ x x x x x)))  
(foobar (foo 5)) ; (foo 5) will only be evaluated once.

**6.What is the reason for switching from the substitution model to the environment model? Give an example.**

"The substitution operation applies the pairing of procedure parameters with the corresponding arguments. Renaming is an annoying by-product of substitution - and it cannot be "compiled away" easily in this model - we need to rename the body of the closure each time it is applied (convince yourself of this by finding an example that requires repeated renaming).

The main problem of this approach is that substitution requires repeated analysis of procedure bodies. In every application, the entire procedure body is repeatedly renamed, substituted and reduced. These operations on ASTs actually **copy** the structure of the whole AST - leading to extensive memory allocation / garbage collection when dealing with large programs. In fact, the substitution interpreter we reviewed is so slow that it is barely usable." (from class material)

In general – substitution is a wasteful in both runtime and memory.

Example:

In substitution model:  
( + (x z) ((lambda (x) x) y)) o {x = (lambda (x) x) ,y = 7,z =8}  
renaming: E turns into ( + (x z) ((lambda (x1) x1) y))    
renaming: s turns into {x = (lambda (x2) x2) , y = 7, z = 8}  
sub:E turns into ( + ((lambda (x2) x2) 8)((lambda (x1) x1) 7))

In environment model:

env-eval[(+(x z)((lambda(x)x)y)),{x =(lambda (x) x)},y=7, z=8)]

==>env-eval [(x z),{ x =(lambda (x) x)}, y=7, z=8]

==>

**7.Give code examples for equivalent and non-equivalent executions of applicative and normal order.**

**non-equivalent(as seen before):**  
(define (p) (p))  
(define (test x y) (if (= x 0)  
 0  
 y))

(test 0 (p))

In Applicative evaluation we will enter an infinite loop while in normal 0 will be printed.

**Equivalent:**(define foo (lambda (x) (+ (x 1))))  
(define bar (lambda (y) (+ (y 2))))  
(define foobar (lambda (x y) (+ x y)))  
  
(foobar (foo 1)(bar 1))

In both ways both sub expressions will be evaluated because of the primitive operator (+ x y). same result will return.

**8.The valueToLitExp procedure is not needed in the normal order interpreter. Why**?

The valueToLitExp is useful when we evaluate an expression and replace it in the tree with it’s value literal. This is needed at applicative evaluation as we evaluate the expression now and might need it’s value later on.

When using normal evaluation, however, the expression itself is being passed around (and not it’s value), and only evaluated when needed. Therefore there is no need to store the value for later use, hence the valueToLitExp is not used.

**9.The valueToLitExp procedure is not needed in the environment interpreter. Why?**

As explained previously, the procedure is called only when a substitution within the AST is required. In the environment interpreter, the value is stored within the environment and there is no need to substitute it within the AST, therefore the function is not used.

1. Does the evaluation of 'let' expression involve a creation of a closure? Refer to various strategies of evaluation of let in different interpreters discussed in class, and provide justification by showing code samples from the interpreters code.