Environments

Announcements

- Hog, HW1, and Lab 1 have been released!
  - Lab 1 is due tomorrow
  - HW 1 is due Thursday
  - Hog Checkpoint is due Friday

- Tutoring section sign ups released!
  - tutorials.cs61a.org

- Regular OH this week!
  - Calendar: https://cs61a.org/office-hours/

- Instructor OH Schedule in Soda 781
  - Jordan: Mondays, 12:45 - 1:45 pm
  - Noor: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am
  - Tim: Thursdays, 12:45 - 1:45 pm

- Sections will be finalized 6/30
  - sections.cs61a.org

Environment Diagrams

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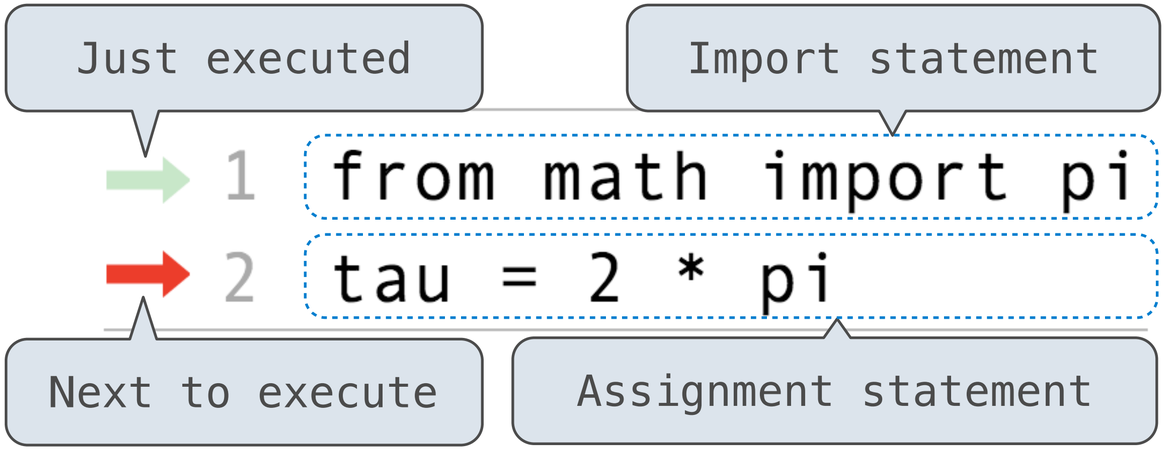
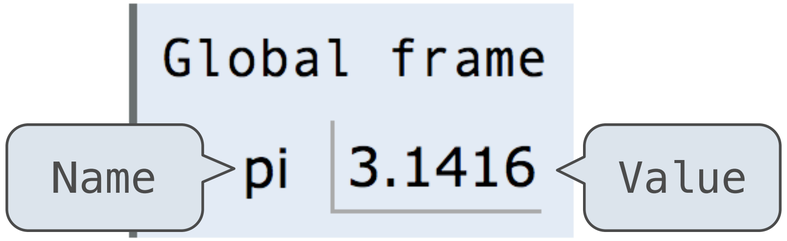
Environment diagrams visualize the interpreter's process.





Code (left):

Statements and expressions

Arrows indicate evaluation order

Frames (right):

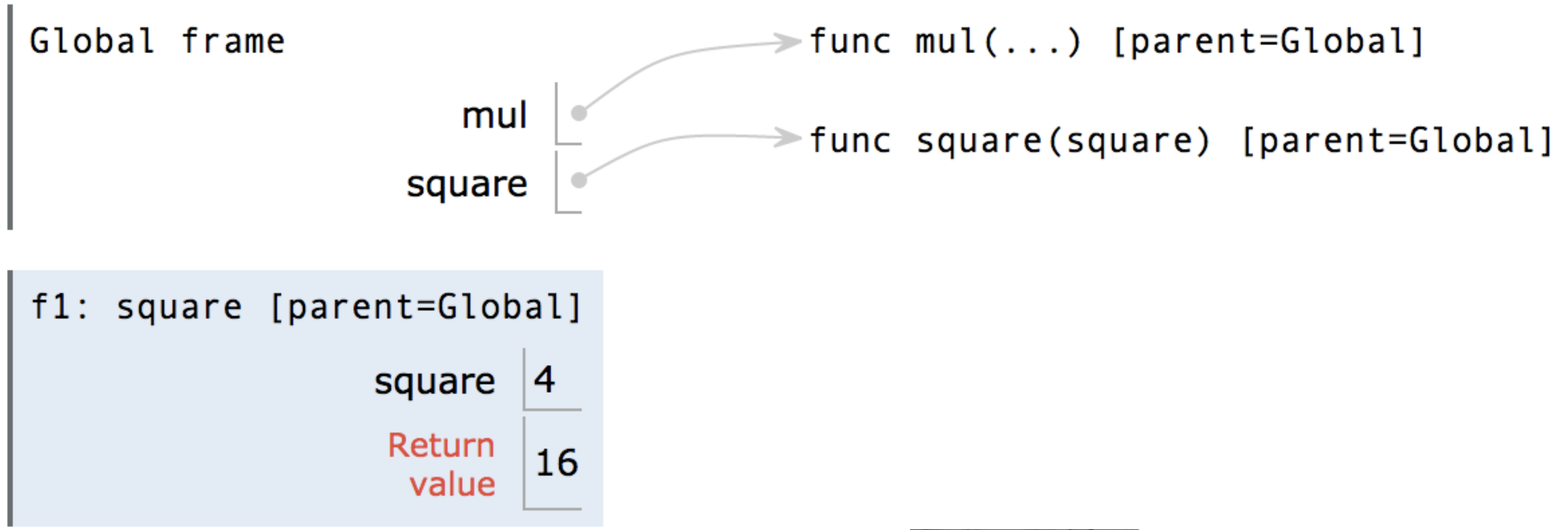
Each name is bound to a value

Within a frame, a name cannot be repeated

Why Use Environment Diagrams?

- They help us understand why the programs we design work the way they do!
  - Predict how a program will behave

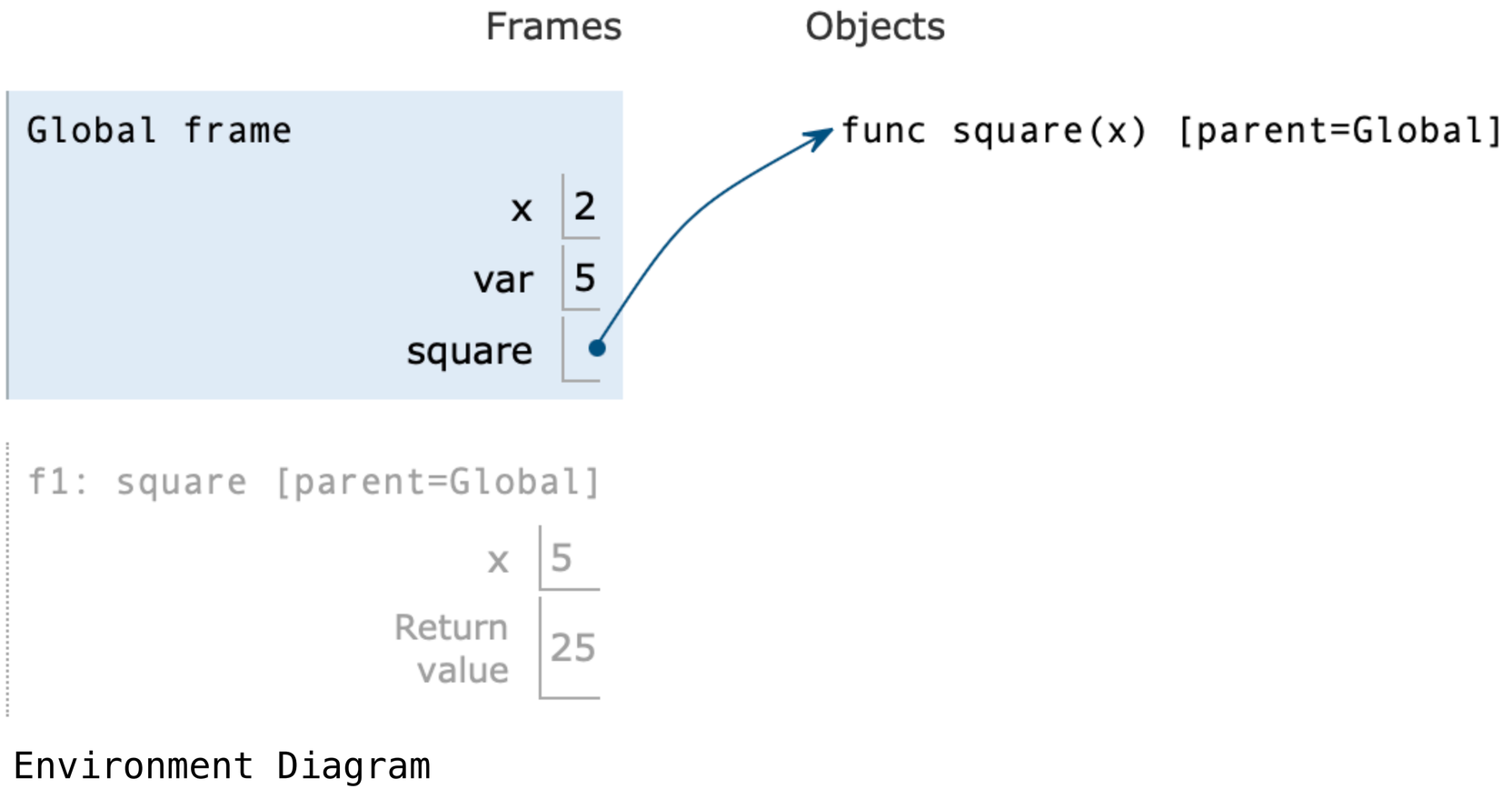
```
1  from operator import mul
2  def square(square):
3      return mul(square, square)
4  square(4)
```



- They can also be useful in debugging!
  - When we run into an unexpected error, we can trace back our steps!

What We Have Seen So Far

- **Assignment Statements**
  - `x = 2`
  - `var = 5`
- **Def Statements**
  - `def square(x):`
    `return x * x`
- **Call Expressions**
  - `square(var)`



Environment Diagram

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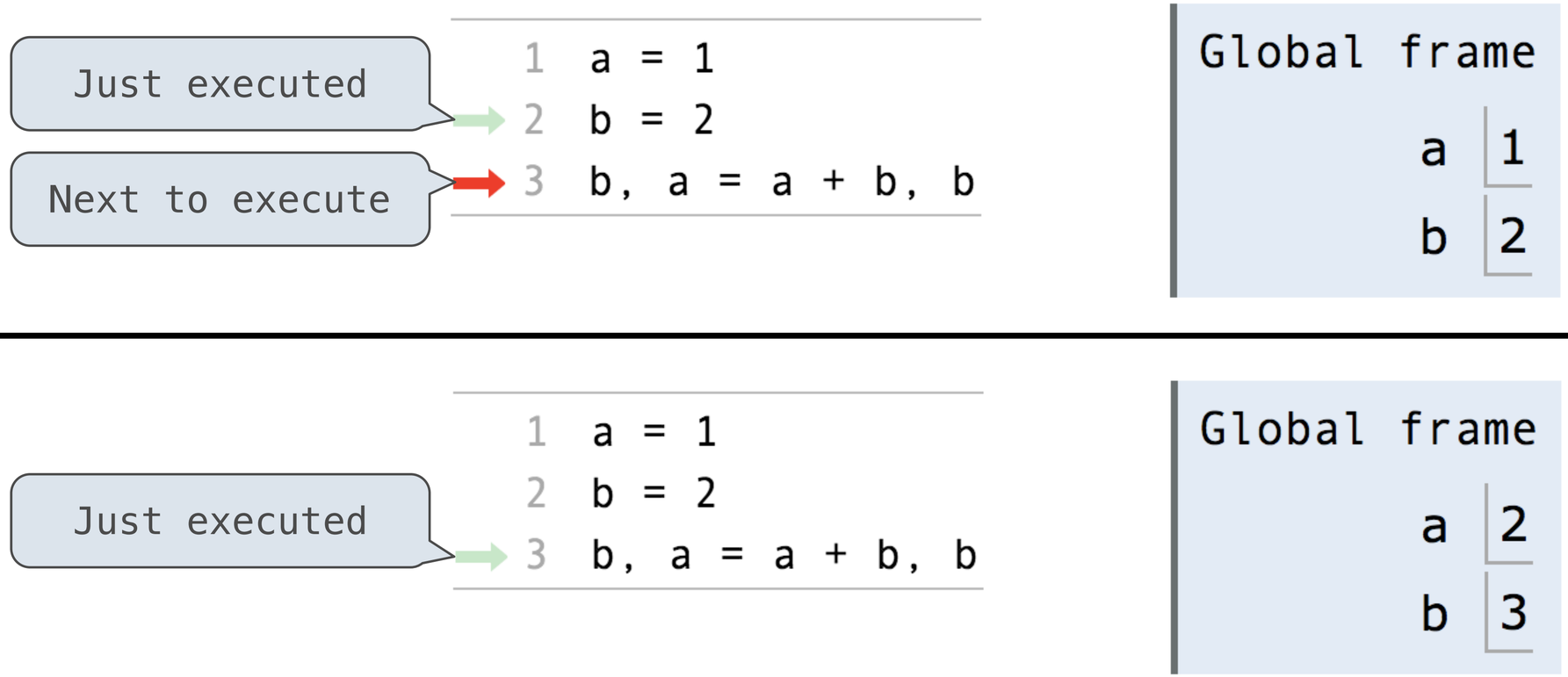

Execution rule for assignment statements:

1. Evaluate all expressions to the right of = from left to right.

2. Bind all names to the left of = to those resulting values in the current frame.

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1. Add a local frame
2. Bind the function's formal parameters to its arguments in that frame
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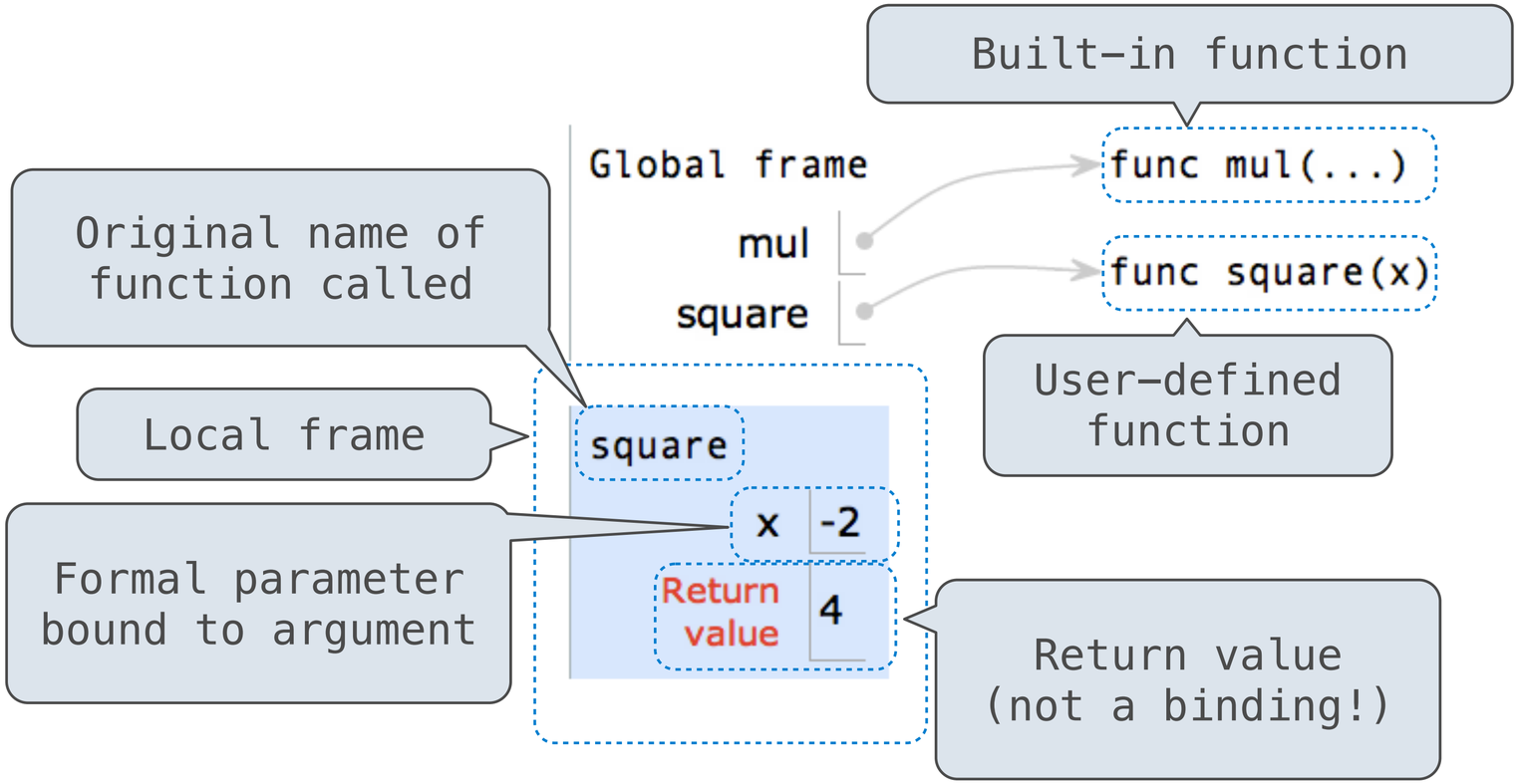
2  def square(x):
3      return mul(x, x)
4  square(-2)
```



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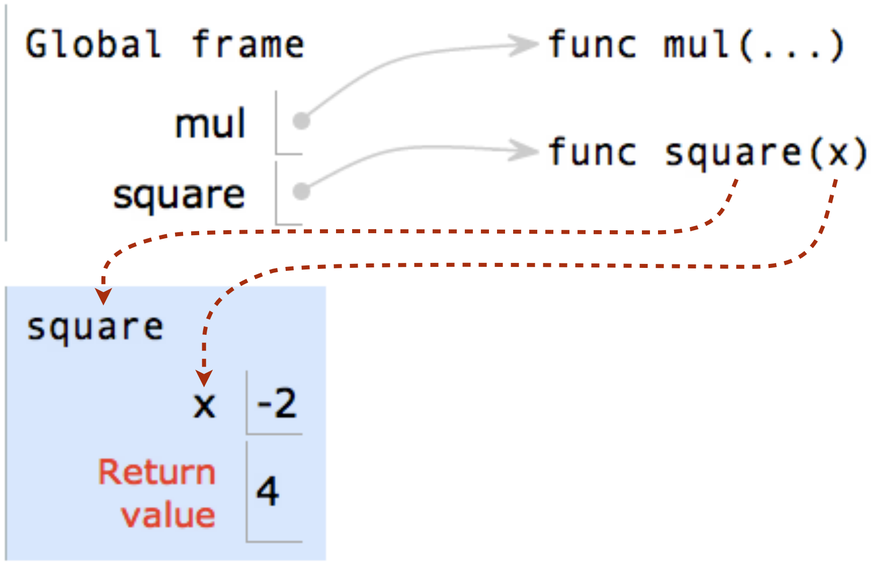
A function's signature has all the information needed to create a local frame



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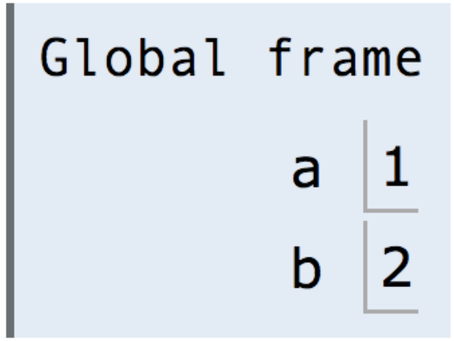
Frames

- A frame keeps track of variable–to–value bindings



- By default, the global frame is the starting frame
  - It doesn't correspond to a specific call expression

- Every call expression has a corresponding frame

- The parent of a function is the frame is which is was **defined** *not called*
  - *Important for variable lookup!*
  - If you cannot find a name in the current frame, you can go up to its parent until you reach the global frame
    - If it is not found, you get a **NameError: name 'x' is not defined**

Demo

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How to Draw an Environment Diagram

When a function is defined:

Create a function value: `func <name>(<formal parameters>) [parent=<label>]`

Its parent is the current frame.

```
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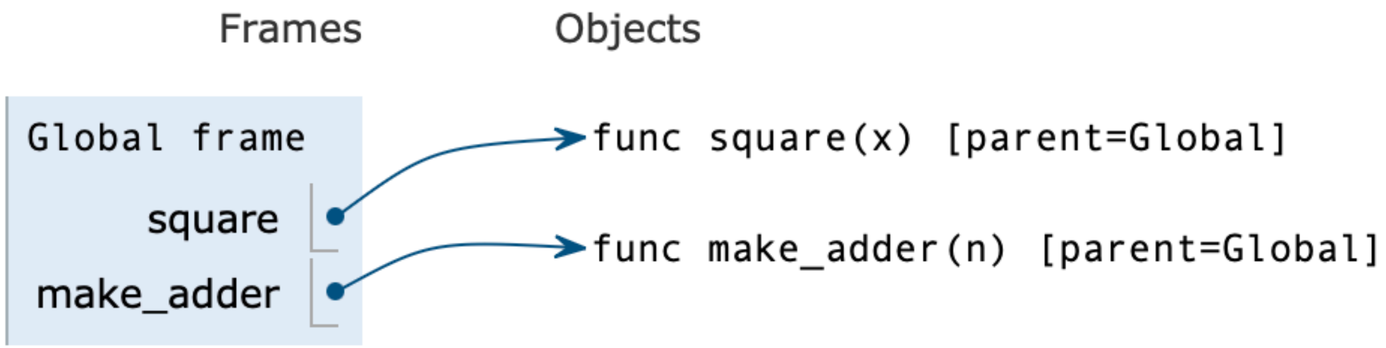
2      return x * x
3
4  def make_adder(n):
5      def adder(k):
6          return n + k
7      return adder
```



How to Draw an Environment Diagram

When a function is called:

1. Add a local frame, titled with the <name> of the function being called.
2. Copy the parent of the function to the local frame: [parent=<label>]
3. Bind the <formal parameters> to the arguments in the local frame.
4. Execute the body of the function in the environment that starts with the local frame.

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2      return x * x
3
4  def make_adder(n):
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6          return n + k
7      return adder
```
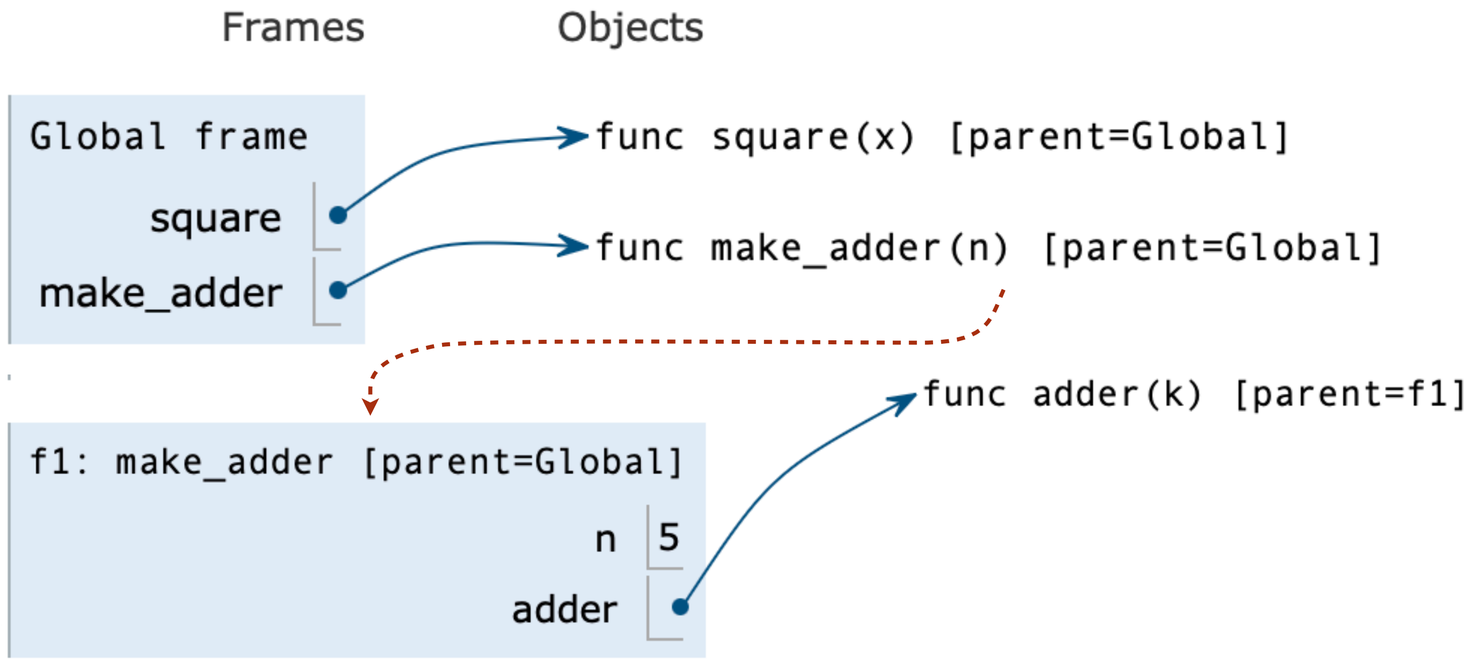

```
make_adder(5)
```



Check Your Understanding: Calling Functions

```
1  from operator import pow
2
3  def pow(x, y):
4      return x ** y
5
6  def power_of_pow(x, y):
7      return pow(pow(y, x), pow(x, y))
8
9  power_of_pow(2, 3)
```

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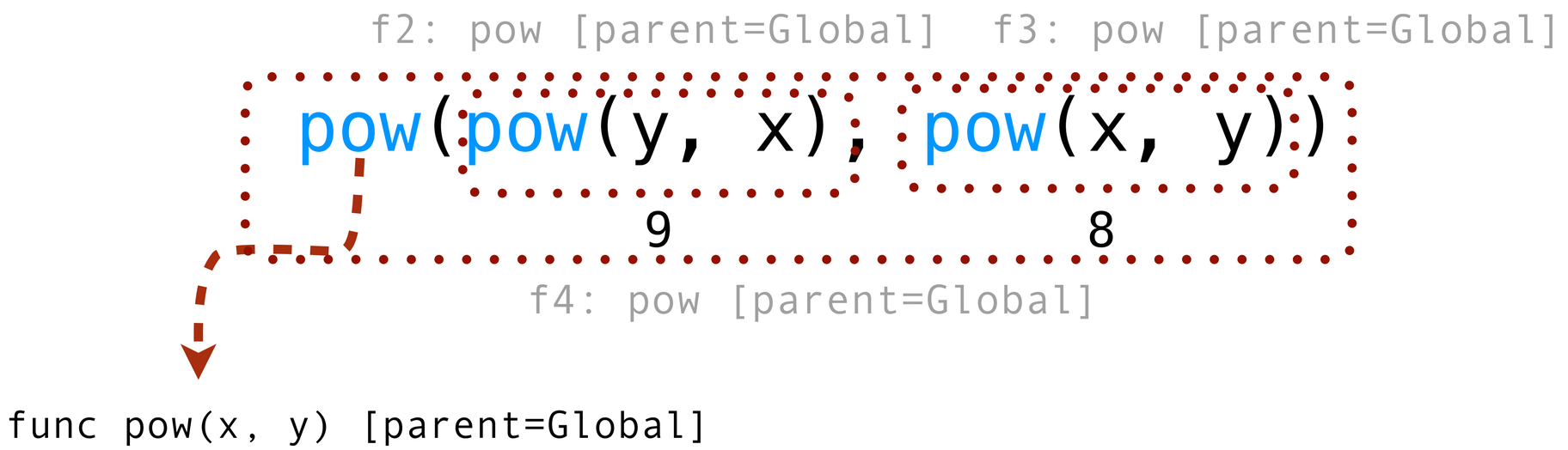
Evaluation Order

- An environment diagram reflects Python evaluation order
  - Evaluate the operator, then the operands, finally apply the operator to the operands



Lambda Expressions

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```
>>> x = 10
>>> square = x * x
>>> square = lambda x: x * x
>>> square(4)
16
```

An expression: this one evaluates to a number

Also an expression: evaluates to a function

Important: No "return" keyword!

A function
with formal parameter x
that returns the value of "x * x"

Must be a single expression

Lambda expressions are not common in Python, but important in general

Lambda expressions in Python cannot contain statements at all!

Check Your Understanding: Calling Lambda

```
1  y = 6
2
3  def apply_func(f, x):
4      return f(x)(y)
5
6
7  apply_func(lambda x: lambda y: x + y + 1, 5)
```

Environments for Higher-Order Functions

Environments Enable Higher-Order Functions

Functions are first-class: Functions are values in our programming language

Higher-order function: A function that takes a function as an argument value **or**
A function that returns a function as a return value

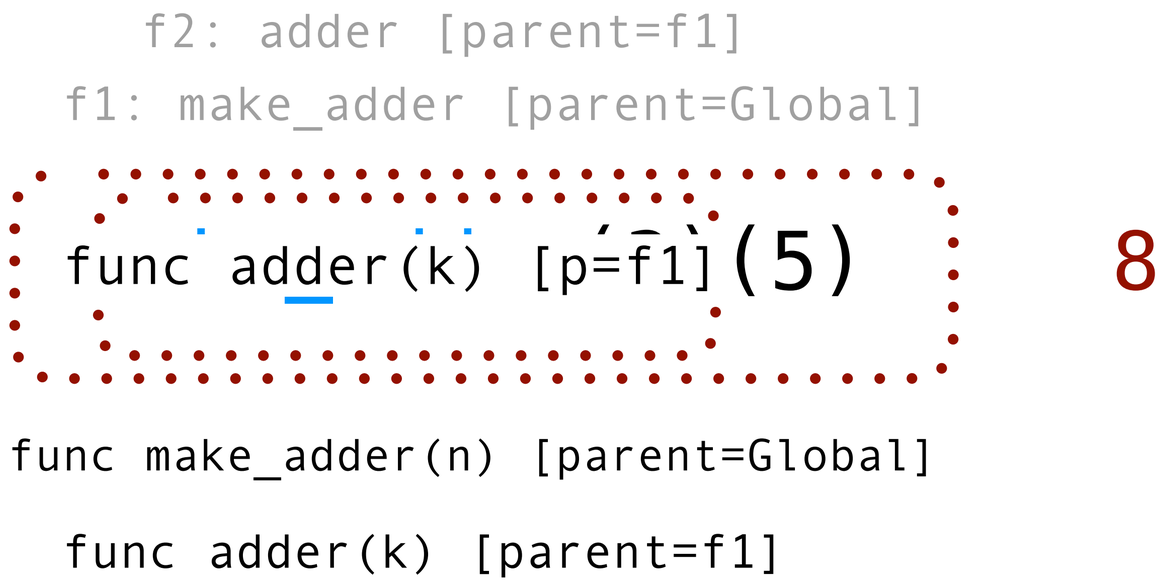
Environment diagrams describe how higher-order functions work!

Revisiting Evaluation Order

- Even with higher-order function, the rules remain the same and the environment diagram reflects Python evaluation order!
  - Evaluate the operator, then the operands, finally apply the operator to the operands

```
def make_adder(n):
    def adder(k):
        return n + k
    return adder

make_adder(3)(5)
```



(Demo)

Currying

Function Currying

```
def make_adder(n):
    return lambda k: n + k
```

```
>>> make_adder(2)(3)
5
>>> add(2, 3)
5
```

There's a general relationship between these functions

(Demo)

Curry: Transform a multi-argument function into a single-argument, higher-order function

Summary

- Using **environment diagrams** to visualize and understand programming
  - Diagramming follow the evaluation procedure for Python
  - Think deeply about how the code you write actually works

- **Lambda expressions**
  - Similar to user-defined functions but are anonymous
  - They are simple and can be created for one-time use or stored by assigning it to a variable

- The same rules of diagramming apply to **HOFs**, which take in a function as an input to return a function as an output

- To **curry** a multi-argument function is to transform it into a single-argument, multi-nested HOF