

Today: define / lambda assignment
... or... how does lambda actually work?

(Cok on Wed) | (lambda (x)
 (+ x 1))

lambda returns a closure

- a struct that contains 3 things

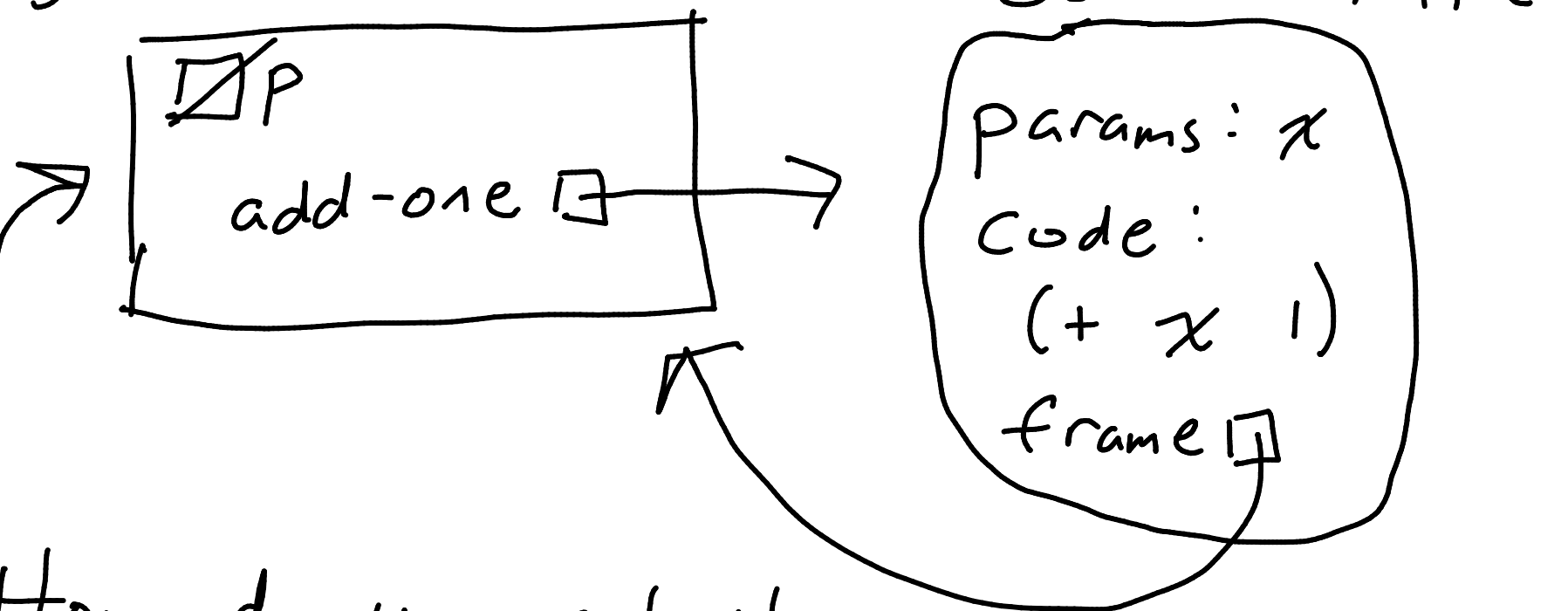
① a list of the parameters
e.g. x

② the code in the lambda
e.g. $(+ x 1)$

③ a pointer to the frame that was
active when you called lambda
- this is how we get static scoping
to work

(define add-one
 (lambda (x)
 (+ x 1)))

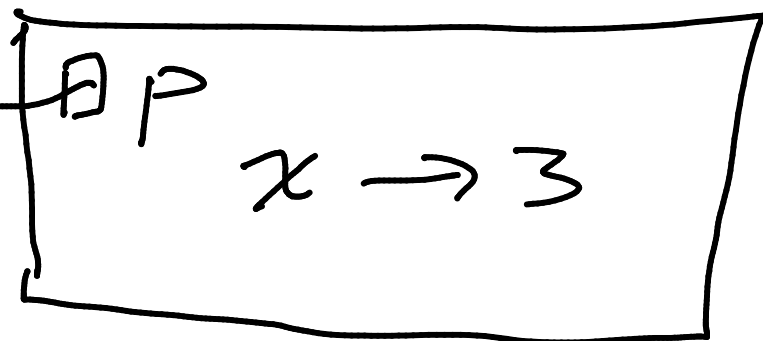
global frame



How do you actually
call a function? apply

e.g. (add-one 3)

① Make a new frame to hold
parameters. Parent frame is the one
the closure refers to.



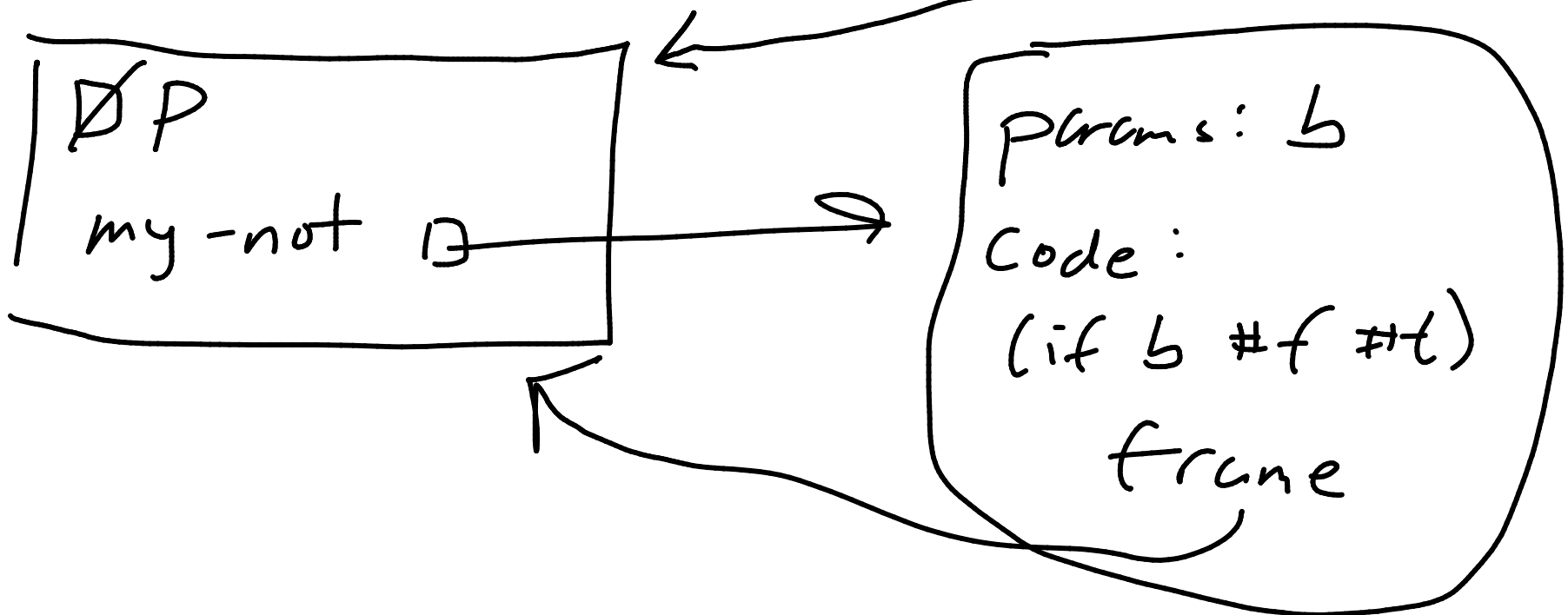
(2) Evaluate the code from the closure
in the context of that new
frame.

Evaluate $(+ \ x \ 1)$
in the new frame

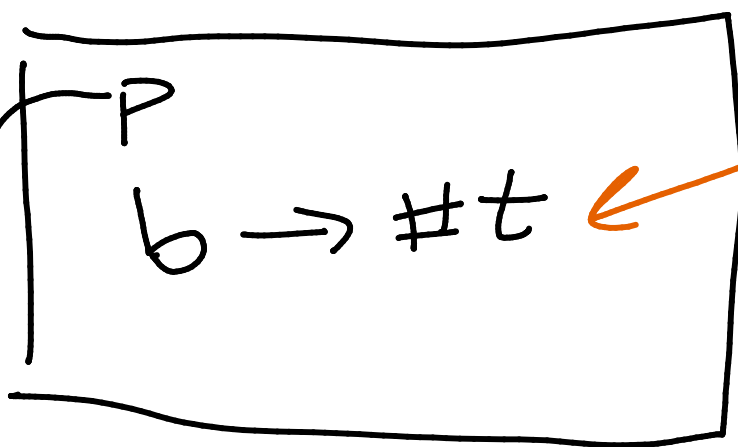
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... return that

define my-not
(lambda (b)
 (if b #f #t)))



invoke (my-not #f)



eval

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Call the code in the closure

(if b #f #t)

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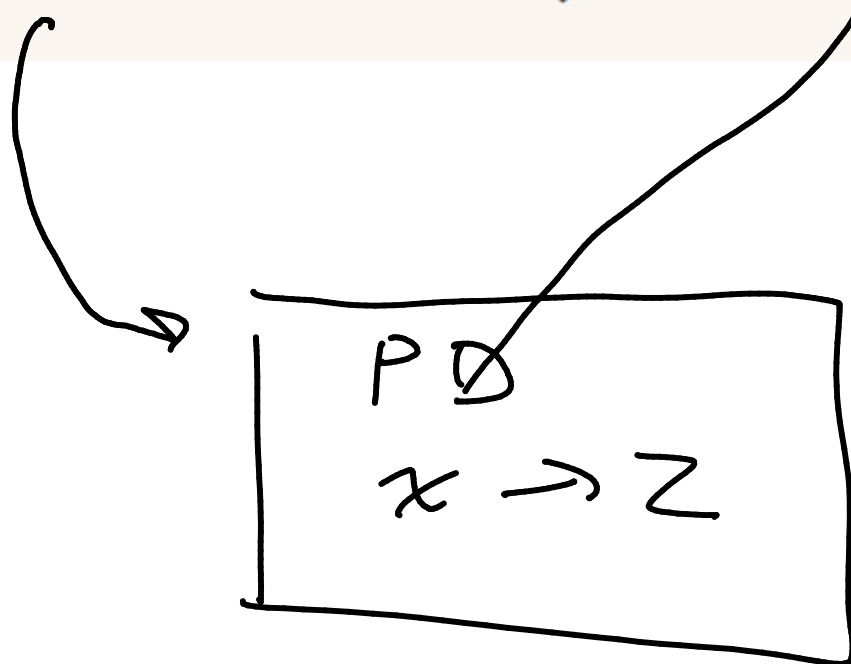
eval

using -  
this frame

returns #f

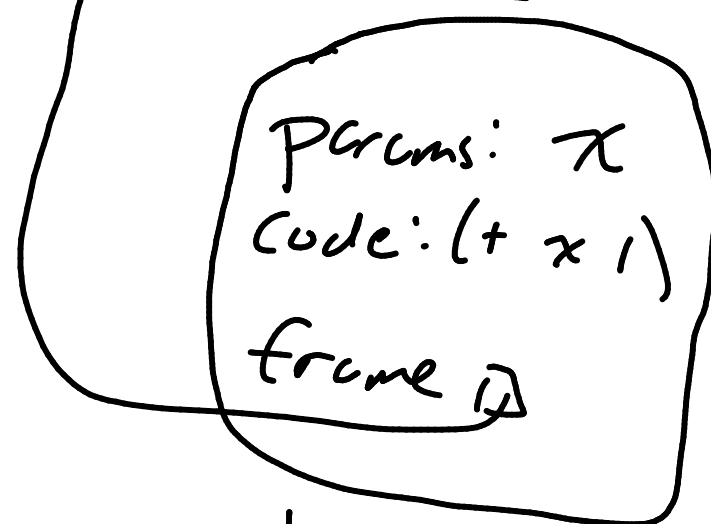
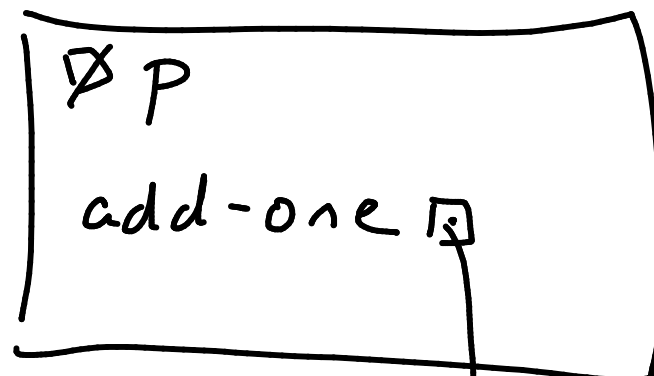
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(define add-one  
  (lambda (x)  
    (+ x 1)))
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(add-one 2)
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eval code

global frame



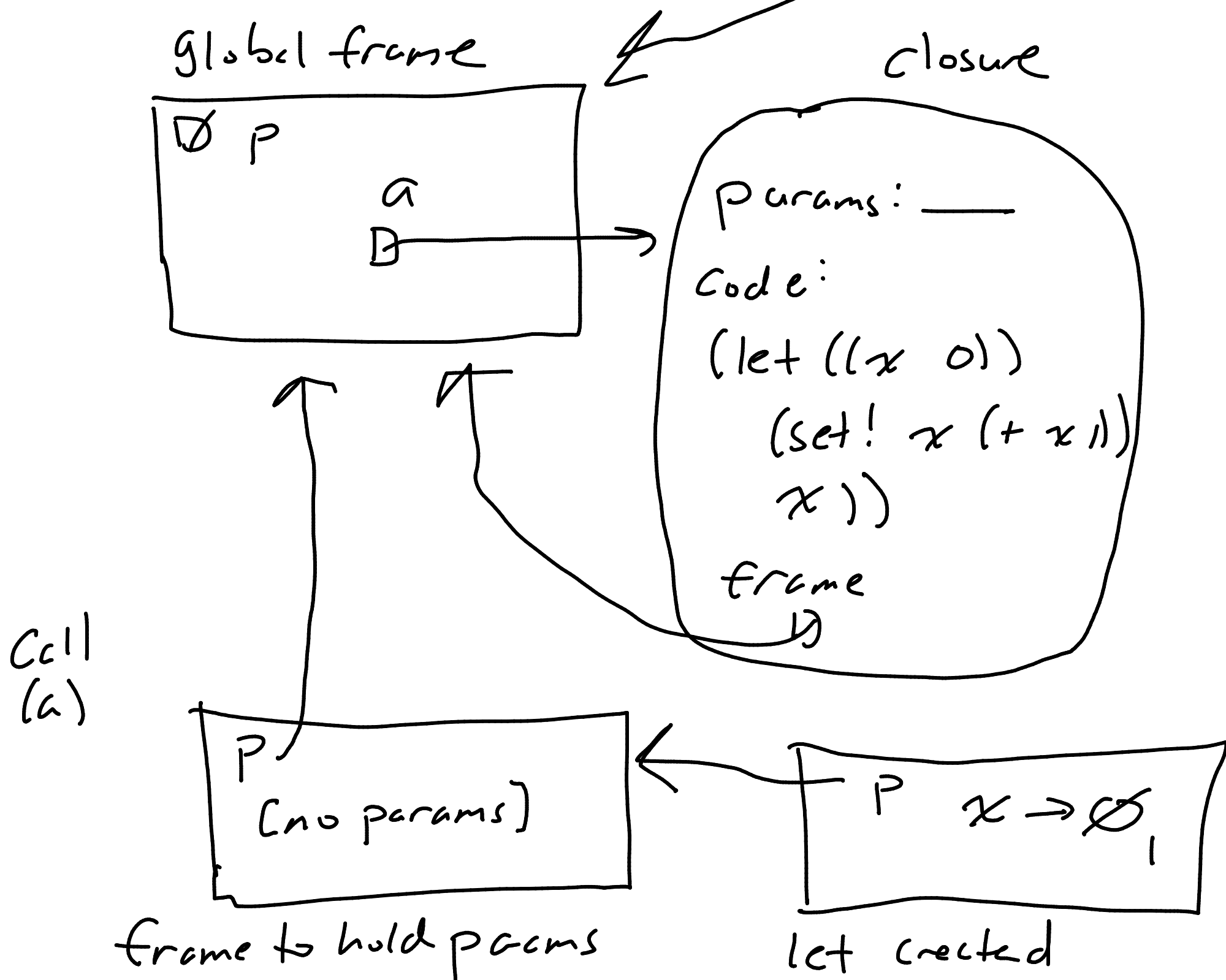
closure

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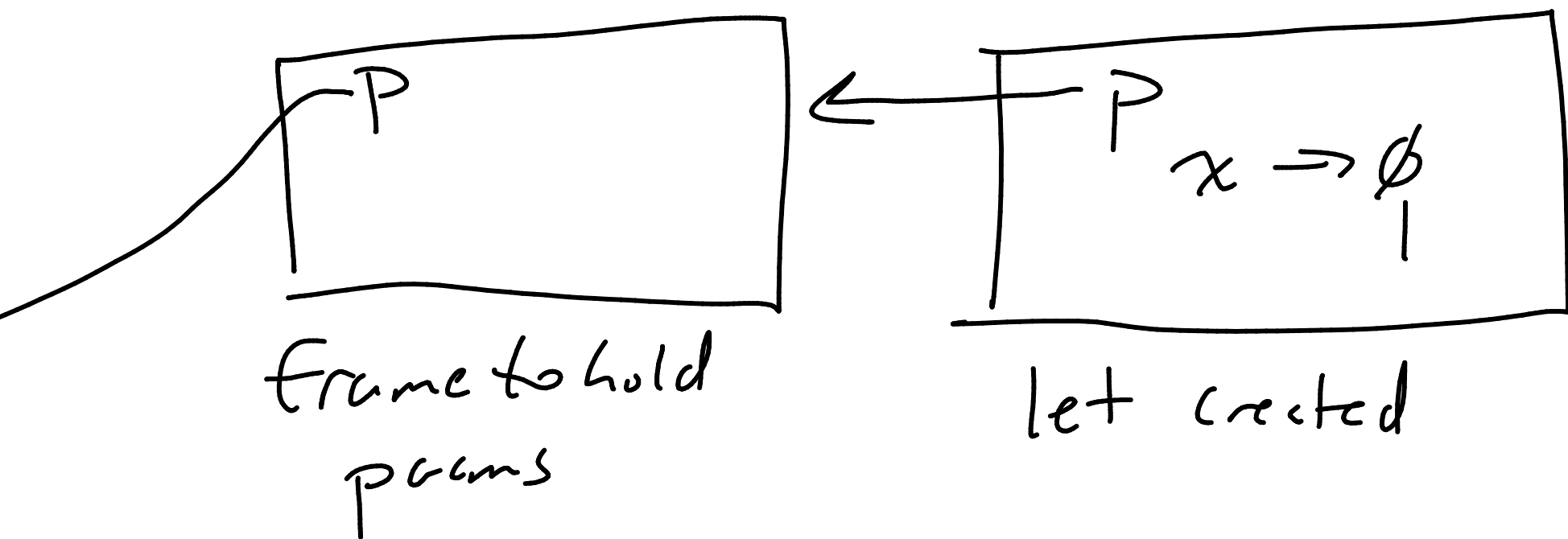
(define a
  (lambda ()
    (let ((x 0))
      (set! x (+ x 1))
      x)))

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(a)  
(a)



After second call to (a)



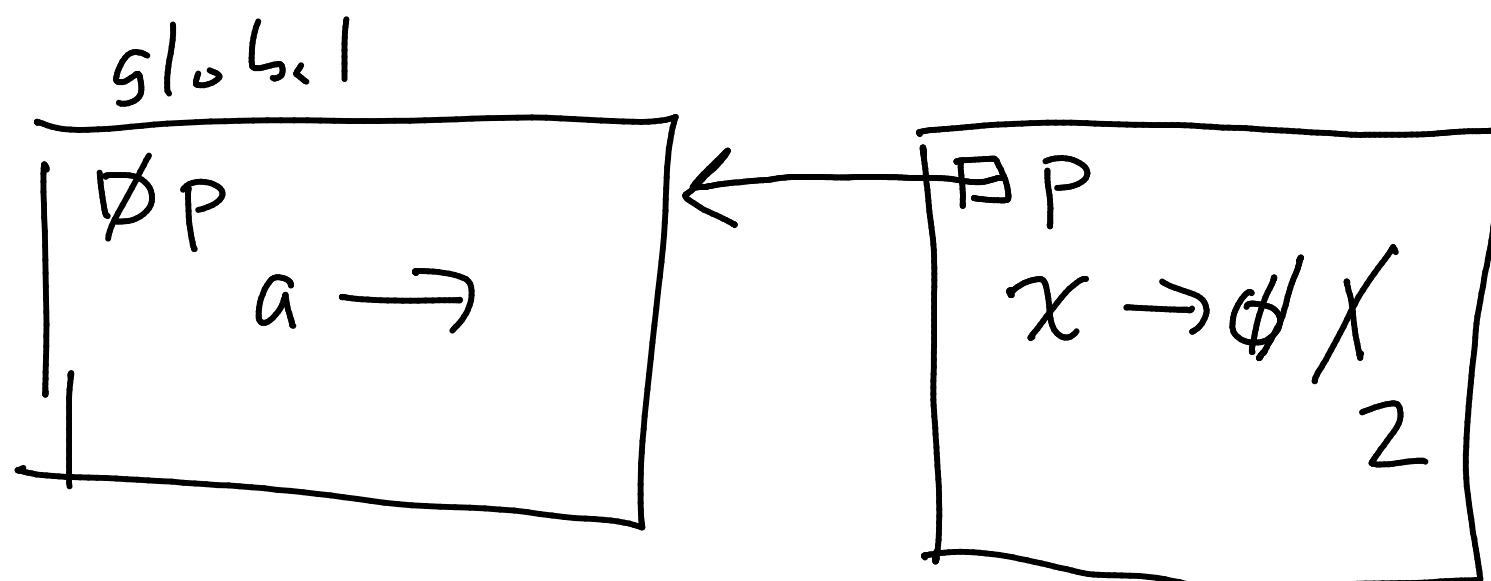
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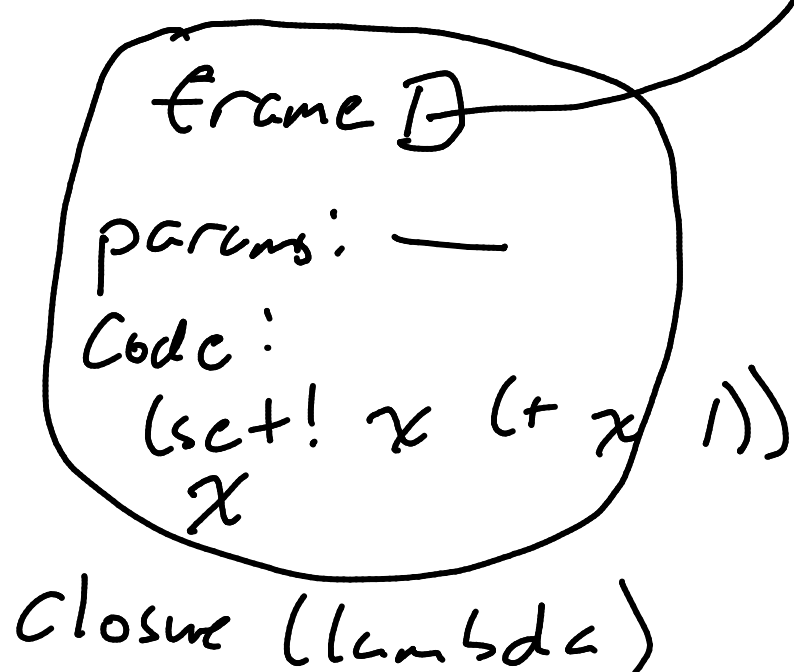
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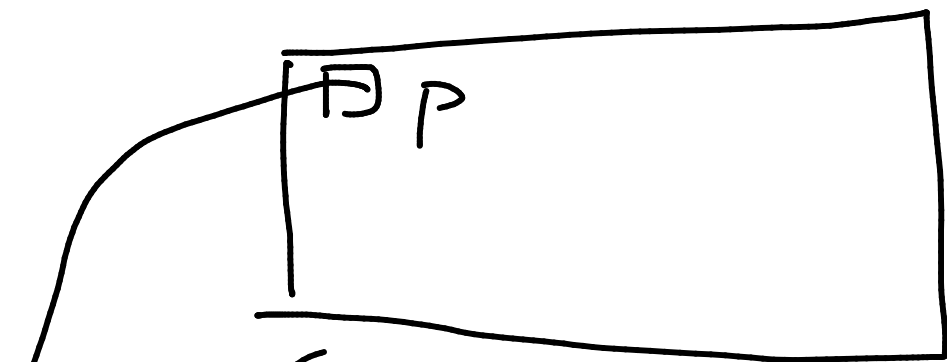


let created





Call (a)



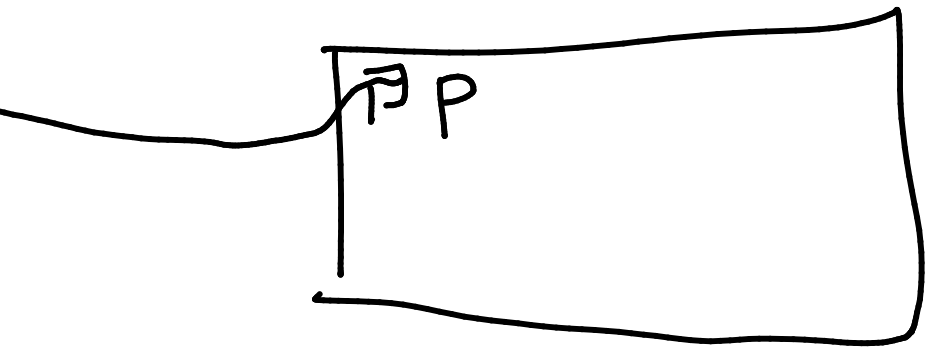
frame for  
procs

execute code

(set! x (+ x 1))

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Call (c)



(set! x (+ x 1))