

SICP: Exercise 1.34

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Suppose we define the procedure

```
(define (f g) (g 2))
```

Then we have

```
(f square)
4

(f (lambda (z) (* z (+ z 1))))
6
```

What happens if we (perversely) ask the interpreter to evaluate the combination (f f)? Explain.

The argument `g` represents a function to which `2` will be given as a parameter. If we make this parameter `f`, that means `(f 2)` will be evaluated, which will then evaluate to `(2 2)`, which causes an error because `2` is not a procedure.

To verify this hypothesis:

```
> (f f)
application: not a procedure;
  expected a procedure that can be applied to arguments
  given: 2
```

Seems correct!