

$$e \Rightarrow z$$

$$\textcircled{a} k e \Rightarrow \textcircled{a} k z$$

$$e \Rightarrow \textcircled{a} k z$$

$$e_k z \Rightarrow z'$$

Sumcase  $e$  of  $(e_0, \dots, e_{n-1}) \Rightarrow z'$

when  $k < n$ .

### 3. Recursion.

① We include `letrec`:

$$\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= \dots \mid \text{letrec } \langle \text{var} \rangle \equiv \lambda \langle \text{var} \rangle. \langle \text{exp} \rangle \text{ in } \langle \text{exp} \rangle.$$

(`letrec  $v = \lambda w.e$  in  $e'$` ) defines a recursive function  $v$  and performs  $e'$  with  $v$  bound to this recursive function.

Thus,

$$FV(\text{letrec } v = \lambda w.e \text{ in } e') = ((FV(e) \setminus \{v\}) \cup FV(e')) \setminus \{v\}.$$

This means that the occurrence of  $v$  in  $e$  denotes  $\lambda w.e$ , the recursive function defined here, not the value of a free variable  $v$ .

② This construct imposes two important constraints. First, recursively defined entities should be functions, like  $\lambda w.e$ . For instance, we can't do

$$\text{letrec } v \equiv \langle 1, v \rangle \text{ in } e$$

which defines an infinite tuple  $v = \langle 1, \langle 1, \langle 1, \langle 1, \dots \rangle \rangle \rangle \dots$

Second, the RHS of  $\equiv$  should be a canonical form.

For instance, the following is not allowed.

$$\text{letrec } v \equiv (\lambda x. (\lambda y. 3)) (\lambda z. z) \text{ in } v$$

Both restrictions are included because we use the eager evaluation. In a programming language based on the normal-order evaluation such as Haskell, we don't need those restrictions.

(to impose)  
When we discuss denotational semantics, you will understand where these restrictions come from.

③ Since adding `letrec` doesn't add a new kind of denotable values by expressions, we don't change  $\langle \text{cfm} \rangle$ . (Although we don't show, `letrec` can be expressed using lambda expressions and applications). But we need to add a rule for evaluating `letrec` expressions. Here is the rule:

$$\frac{e' / v \rightarrow (\lambda w.e / v \rightarrow \text{letrec } v \equiv \lambda w.e \text{ in } v) \Rightarrow z}{\text{letrec } v \equiv \lambda w.e \text{ in } e' \Rightarrow z}$$

execution of  $e'$  with  $v$  bound to its definition.

### ④ Programming exercise.

Suppose that we represent binary trees with integer leaves using alternative and tuple as follows.

① 0  $n$  (for a terminal node (or leaf))  
integer labelled by the integer  $n$ .

② 1  $\langle l, r \rangle$  (for a nonterminal node.)  
with left subtree  $l$  and right subtree  $r$

Write a program that sums the integers in a given tree.