# Funcons-beta: Binding \*

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Reports of issues: https://github.com/plancomps/CBS-beta/issues.

#### **Environments**

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Type environments → maps(identifiers, values?)

Alias envs = environments
```

An environment represents bindings of identifiers to values. Mapping an identifier to ( ) represents that its binding is hidden.

Circularity in environments (due to recursive bindings) is represented using bindings to cut-points called links. Funcons are provided for making declarations recursive and for referring to bound values without explicit mention of links, so their existence can generally be ignored.

```
Datatype identifiers ::= {_: strings} | identifier-tagged(_: identifiers, _: values)

Alias ids = identifiers

Alias id-tagged = identifier-tagged
```

An identifier is either a string of characters, or an identifier tagged with some value (e.g., with the identifier of a namespace).

```
Funcon fresh-identifier: ⇒ identifiers
```

fresh-identifier computes an identifier distinct from all previously computed identifiers.

```
Rule fresh-identifier → identifier-tagged("generated", fresh-atom)
```

## **Current bindings**

```
Entity environment(\_: environments) \vdash \_ \longrightarrow \_

Alias env = environment
```

The environment entity allows a computation to refer to the current bindings of identifiers to values.

```
Funcon initialise-binding(X : \Rightarrow T): \Rightarrow T
\Rightarrow initialise-linking(initialise-generating(closed(X)))
```

initialise-binding(X) ensures that X does not depend on non-local bindings. It also ensures that the linking entity (used to represent potentially cyclic bindings) and the generating entity (for creating fresh identifiers) are initialised.

```
Funcon bind-value(I: identifiers, V: values): \Rightarrow environments \rightsquigarrow \{I \mapsto V\}

Alias bind = bind-value
```

bind-value (I, X) computes the environment that binds only I to the value computed by X.

```
Funcon unbind(I: identifiers): \Rightarrow environments \rightsquigarrow \{I \mapsto (\ )\}
```

unbind(I) computes the environment that hides the binding of I.

```
Funcon bound-directly(\_: identifiers): \Rightarrow values
```

bound-directly(I) returns the value to which I is currently bound, if any, and otherwise fails.

bound-directly(I) does *not* follow links. It is used only in connection with recursively-bound values when references are not encapsulated in abstractions.

```
Rule \frac{\mathsf{lookup}(\rho,I) \leadsto (V : \mathsf{values})}{\mathsf{environment}(\rho) \vdash \mathsf{bound-directly}(I : \mathsf{identifiers}) \longrightarrow V}
Rule \frac{\mathsf{lookup}(\rho,I) \leadsto ()}{\mathsf{environment}(\rho) \vdash \mathsf{bound-directly}(I : \mathsf{identifiers}) \longrightarrow \mathsf{fail}}
Funcon \mathsf{bound-value}(I : \mathsf{identifiers}) : \Rightarrow \mathsf{values}
\leadsto \mathsf{follow-if-link}(\mathsf{bound-directly}(I))
Alias \mathsf{bound} = \mathsf{bound-value}
```

bound-value(I) inspects the value to which I is currently bound, if any, and otherwise fails. If the value is a link, bound-value(I) returns the value obtained by following the link, if any, and otherwise fails. If the inspected value is not a link, bound-value(I) returns it.

bound-value(I) is used for references to non-recursive bindings and to recursively-bound values when references are encapsulated in abstractions.

#### Scope

```
Funcon \operatorname{closed}(X:\Rightarrow T):\Rightarrow T
```

 $\operatorname{closed}(X)$  ensures that X does not depend on non-local bindings.

```
Rule \frac{\mathsf{environment}(\mathsf{map}(\;)) \vdash X \longrightarrow X'}{\mathsf{environment}(\_) \vdash \mathsf{closed}(X) \longrightarrow \mathsf{closed}(X')}
Rule \mathsf{closed}(V:T) \leadsto V

Funcon \mathsf{scope}(\_:\mathsf{environments},\_:\Rightarrow T):\Rightarrow T
```

scope(D, X) executes D with the current bindings, to compute an environment  $\rho$  representing local bindings. It then executes X to compute the result, with the current bindings extended by  $\rho$ , which may shadow or hide previous bindings.

 $\operatorname{closed}(\operatorname{scope}(\rho, X))$  ensures that X can reference only the bindings provided by  $\rho$ .

```
Rule \frac{\mathsf{environment}(\mathsf{map\text{-}override}(\rho_1,\rho_0)) \vdash X \longrightarrow X'}{\mathsf{environment}(\rho_0) \vdash \mathsf{scope}(\rho_1 : \mathsf{environments}, X) \longrightarrow \mathsf{scope}(\rho_1,X')} Rule \mathsf{scope}(\_: \mathsf{environments}, V : T) \leadsto V Funcon \mathsf{accumulate}(\_: (\Rightarrow \mathsf{environments})^*) : \Rightarrow \mathsf{environments}
```

accumulate( $D_1, D_2$ ) executes  $D_1$  with the current bindings, to compute an environment  $\rho_1$  representing some local bindings. It then executes  $D_2$  to compute an environment  $\rho_2$  representing further local bindings, with the current bindings extended by  $\rho_1$ , which may shadow or hide previous current bindings. The result is  $\rho_1$  extended by  $\rho_2$ , which may shadow or hide the bindings of  $\rho_1$ .

 $accumulate(\_,\_)$  is associative, with map() as unit, and extends to any number of arguments.

```
Rule D_1 \longrightarrow D'_1

accumulate(D_1, D_2) \longrightarrow accumulate(D'_1, D_2)

Rule accumulate(\rho_1 : environments, D_2) \rightsquigarrow scope(\rho_1, map-override(D_2, \rho_1))

Rule accumulate() \rightsquigarrow map()

Rule accumulate(D_1) \rightsquigarrow D_1

Rule accumulate(D_1, D_2, D^+) \rightsquigarrow accumulate(D_1, accumulate(D_2, D^+))

Funcon collateral(\rho^* : environments^*) : \Rightarrow environments

\sim checked map-unite(\rho^*)
```

collateral( $D_1, \cdots$ ) pre-evaluates its arguments with the current bindings, and unites the resulting maps, which fails if the domains are not pairwise disjoint.

collateral( $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ ) is associative and commutative with map() as unit, and extends to any number of arguments.

#### Recurse

```
Funcon bind-recursively(I: identifiers, E: \Rightarrow values): \Rightarrow environments \rightsquigarrow recursive(\{I\}, bind-value(I, E))
```

bind-recursively (I, E) binds I to a link that refers to the value of E, representing a recursive binding of I to the value of E. Since bound-value (I) follows links, it should not be executed during the evaluation of E.

```
Funcon recursive(SI: sets(identifiers), D: \Rightarrow environments): \Rightarrow environments \rightsquigarrow re-close(bind-to-forward-links(SI), D)
```

recursive(SI, D) executes D with potential recursion on the bindings of the identifiers in the set SI (which need not be the same as the set of identifiers bound by D).

```
Auxiliary Funcon re-close(M: maps(identifiers, links), D: \Rightarrow environments): \Rightarrow environments \rightsquigarrow accumulate(scope(M, D), sequential(set-forward-links(M), map()))
```

re-close(M, D) first executes D in the scope M, which maps identifiers to freshly allocated links. This computes an environment  $\rho$  where the bound values may contain links, or implicit references to links in abstraction values. It then sets the link for each identifier in the domain of M to refer to its bound value in  $\rho$ , and returns  $\rho$  as the result.

```
Auxiliary Funcon bind-to-forward-links(SI: sets(identifiers)): \Rightarrow maps(identifiers, links) \rightsquigarrow map-unite(
interleave-map(
bind-value(given, fresh-link(values)),
set-elements(SI)))
```

bind-to-forward-links(SI) binds each identifier in the set SI to a freshly allocated link.

```
Auxiliary Funcon set-forward-links(M: maps(identifiers, links)): \Rightarrow null-type \rightsquigarrow effect( interleave-map( set-link(map-lookup(M, given), bound-value(given)), set-elements(map-domain(M))))
```

For each identifier I in the domain of M, set-forward-links(M) sets the link to which I is mapped by M to the current bound value of I.