

The Rules

I. Atoms

- **Self-Evaluating:** Numbers, Strings, #t, #f
- **Symbols:** (aka variables) look for first binding

II. Lists (aka Compound Expressions)

Take the **car** of it, if it's a special form go to III.

Otherwise you're calling a procedure!

- a. So evaluate **ALL** subexpressions by **The Rules** then...
- b. If **car** is primitive → apply by magic
- c. If **car** is a λ then...
 - i. Create frame, f
 - ii. Point f to where λ points
 - iii. Bind formal parameters of λ in f & make f the current frame
 - iv. Use **The Rules** to evaluate the body of λ in f

III. Special Forms

If it's a define or let...DESUGAR!

Define

1. Write variable name in current frame
2. Evaluate body by **The Rules** in CF (current frame)
3. Point 1 (variable name) → 2 (evaluated body)

Let

- ((lambda (args) body) vals) ← just evaluate by **The Rules**

λ → procedure (λ (params) body)

- Draw Bubbles!
- Left Bubble points to parameters and body
- Right Bubble points to the CF where it's being evaluated

Set!

- Evaluate the second argument by **The Rules**
- Find first binding of first argument
- Change the variable (first argument) to the evaluated second argument

Other Special forms follow their own rules of evaluation (cond, if, etc.)