Lecture #3: Recap of Function Evaluation; Control

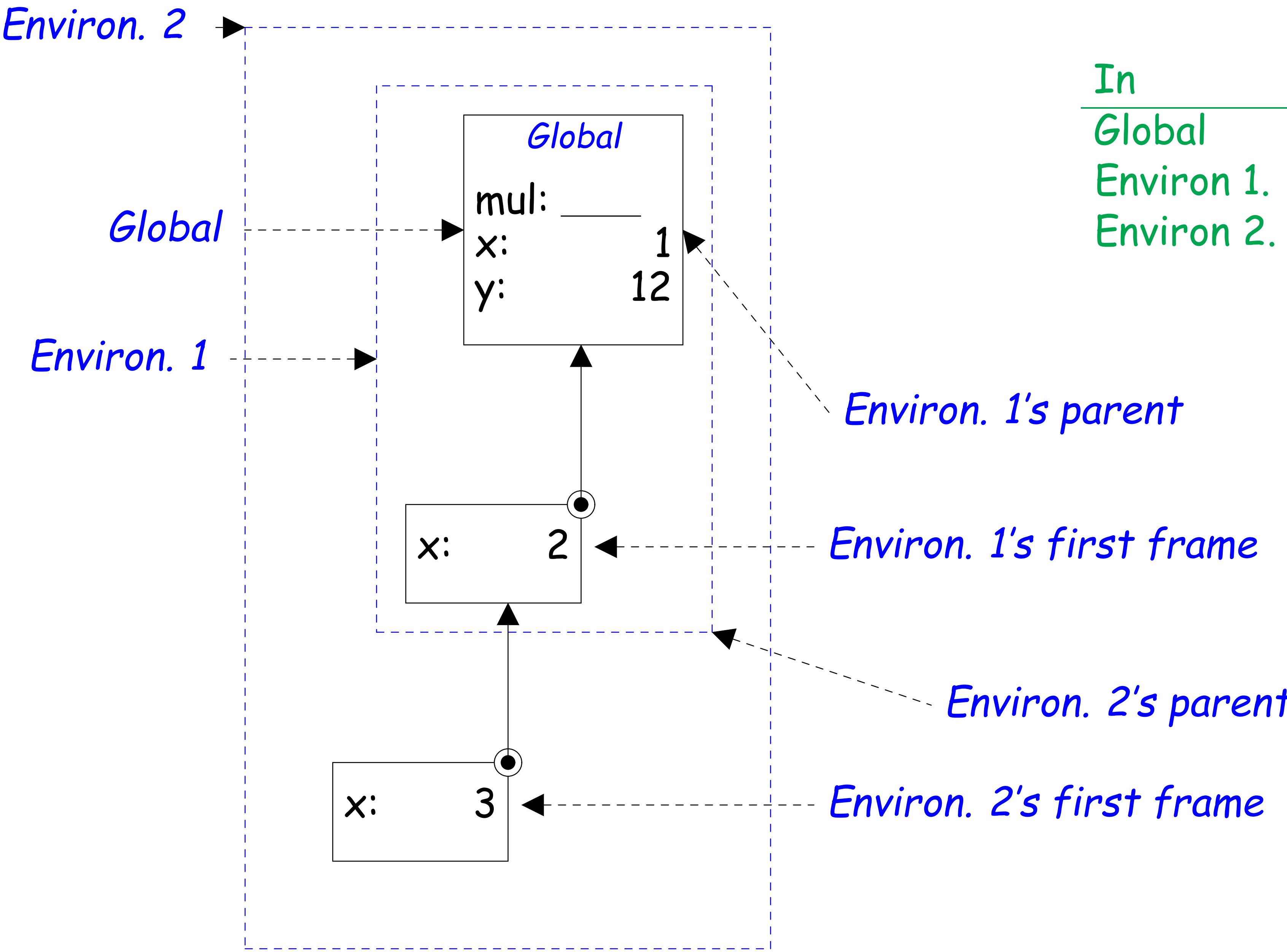
Announcements:

- Office Hours are available. See the website for more details.
- Please make sure you have registered your Unix class account (cs61a-...). Also, make sure you *have* a class account, whether or not you use it.
- Work on the homework (~250 have submitted so far)
- Test #1 scheduled for the 6–8PM, Thursday, 2/18
- Do not publicly post code on Piazza. We're working on a better way to submit your bugs to us.

Summary: Environments

- *Environments* map names to values.
- They consist of chains of *environment frames.*
- An environment is either a *global frame* or a first (local) frame chained to a *parent environment* (which is itself either a global frame or ...).
- We say that a name is *bound to* a value in a frame.
- The *value (or meaning) of a name* in an environment is the value it is bound to in the first frame, if there is one, ...
- ...or if not, the meaning of the name in the parent environment

A Sample Environment Chain

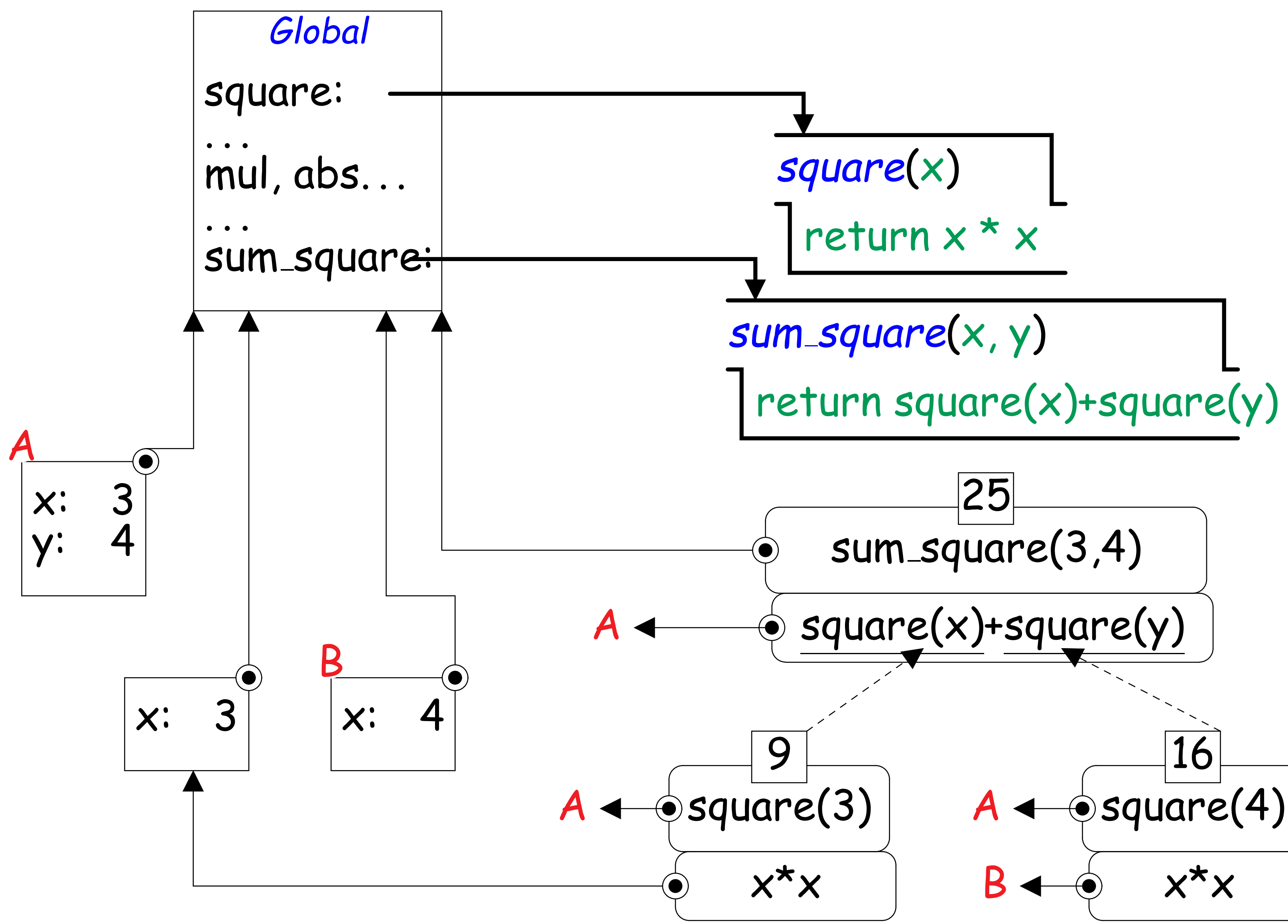


In	Value of x	y
Global	1	12
Environ 1.	2	12
Environ 2.	3	12

Environments: Binding and Evaluation

- Every expression and statement is evaluated (executed) in an environment, which determines the meaning of its names.
- Subexpressions (pieces) of an expression are evaluated in the same environment as the expression
- *Assigning* to a variable binds a value to it in (for now) the first frame of the environment in which the assignment is executed.
- *Def statements* bind a name to a function value in the first frame of the environment in which the def statement is executed.
- *Calling* a user-defined function creates a new local environment and binds the operand values in the call to the parameter names in that environment.

Example: Evaluation of a Call: sum_square(3,4)



What's Left?

- So far, all our environments have had at most two frames.
- We'll see how longer chains of frames come about in upcoming lectures, ...
- But the machinery is now all present to handle them.
- Looking ahead, there are still two constructs—**global** and **nonlocal**—that will require additions.
- But we could build anything with what we already have.

What Does This Do (And Why)?

```
def id(x):
    return x
print(id(id)(id(13)))
```

Execute this

Answer

```
def id(x):
    return x
print(id(id)(id(13)))
```

- We'll denote the user-defined function value created by def id():... by the shorthand $\boxed{\text{id}}$.
- Evaluation proceeds like this:

  id(id)(id(13))

  $\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{\text{id}}$ (id)($\boxed{\text{id}}$ (id))($\boxed{\text{id}}$ (id)($\boxed{13}$))

  $\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{\text{id}}$ ($\boxed{13}$)

  (because $\boxed{\text{id}}$ *returns its argument).*

  $\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{13}$

  (again because $\boxed{\text{id}}$ *returns its argument).*

- *Important:* There is nothing new on this slide! Everything follows from what you've seen so far.

Control

- The expressions we've seen evaluate all of their operands in the order written.
- While there are very clever ways to do everything with just this [challenge!], it's generally clearer to introduce constructs that *control* the order in which their components execute.
- A *control expression* evaluates some or all of its operands in an order depending on the kind of expression, and typically on the values of those operands.
- A *statement* is a construct that produces no value, but is used solely for its side effects.
- A *control statement* is a statement that, like a control expression, evaluates some or all of its operands, etc.
- We typically speak of statements being *executed* rather than evaluated, but the two concepts are essentially the same, apart from the question of a value.

Conditional Expressions (I)

- The most common kind of control is *conditional evalutation (execution)*.
- In Python, to evaluate

  TruePart `if` *Condition* `else` *FalsePart*

  - First evaluate *Condition*.
  - If the result is a "*true value,*" evaluate *TruePart*; its value is then the value of the whole expression.
  - Otherwise, evaluate *FalsePart*; its value is then the value of the whole expression.
- Example:

If x is 2:	If x is 0:
1 / x if x != 0 else 1	1 / x if x != 0 else 1
1 / x if $\boxed{2}$!= 0 else 1	1 / x if 0 != 0 else 1
$\Longrightarrow$ 1 / x if $\boxed{\text{True}}$ else 1	$\Longrightarrow$ 1 / x if $\boxed{\text{False}}$ else 1
$\Longrightarrow$ 1 / x	$\Longrightarrow$ 1
$\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{1}$ / $\boxed{2}$	$\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{1}$
$\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{0.5}$	

"True Values"

- Conditions in conditional constructs can have any value, not just True or False.
- For convenience, Python treats a number of values as indicating "false":
  - False
  - None
  - 0
  - Empty strings, sets, lists, tuples, and dictionaries.
- All else is a "true value" by default.
- So, for example: `13 if 0 else 5` and `13 if [] else 5` both evaluate to 5.

Conditional Expressions (II)

- To evaluate

  Left `and` *Right*

  - Evaluate *Left*.
  - If it is a false value, that becomes the value of the whole expression.
  - Otherwise the value of the expression is that of *Right*.

- This is an example of something called "*short-circuit evaluation*."
- For example,

  5 and "Hello" $\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{\text{"Hello"}}$.

  [] and 1 / 0 $\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{[\,]}$.

Conditional Expressions (III)

- To evaluate

  Left `or` *Right*

  - Evaluate *Left*.
  - If it is a true value, that becomes the value of the whole expression.
  - Otherwise the value of the expression is that of *Right*.

- Another example of "*short-circuit evaluation*."
- For example,

  5 or "Hello" $\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{5}$.

  [] or "Hello" $\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{\text{"Hello"}}$.

  [] or 1 / 0 $\Longrightarrow$ $\boxed{?}$.

Conditional Statement

- Finally, this all comes in statement form:

```
if Condition1:
    Statements1
    ...
elif Condition2:
    Statements2
    ...
...
else:
    Statementsn
    ...
```

- Execute (only) *Statements1* if *Condition1* evaluates to a true value.
- Otherwise execute *Statements2* if *Condition2* evaluates to a true value (optional part).
- ...
- Otherwise execute *Statementsn* (optional part).

Example

```
def signum(x):
    if x > 0:
        return 1
    elif x == 0:
        return 0
    else:
        return -1
```

```
# Alternative Definition
def signum(x):
    return 1 if x > 0 else 0 if x == 0 else -1
```

Indefinite Repetition

- With conditionals and function calls, we can conduct computations of any length.
- For example, to sum the squares of all numbers from 1 to N (a parameter):

```
def sum_squares(N):
    """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
    if N < 1:
        return 0
    else:
        return N**2 + sum_squares(N - 1)
```

- This will repeatedly call `sum_squares` with decreasing values (down to 1), adding in squares: Execute here

```
sum_squares(3) => 3**2 + sum_squares(2)
               => 3**2 + 2**2 + sum_squares(1)
               => 3**2 + 2**2 + 1**2 + sum_squares(0)
               => 3**2 + 2**2 + 1**2 + 0 => 14
```

Explicit Repetition

- But in the Python, C, Java, and Fortran communities, it is more usual to be explicit about the repetition.
- The simplest form is **while**:

```
while Condition:
    Statements
```

means "If condition evaluates to a true value, execute statements and repeat the entire process. Otherwise, do nothing."

- The effect is (nearly) identical to

```
def loop():
    if Condition:
        Statements
        loop()

loop()   # Start things off
```

- ...except that (for most Python implementations) the latter eventually runs out of memory; and we'll have to do something about assignments to variables (more on that later).

Sum_squares Iteratively?

- Our original sum_squares was

```
def sum_squares(N):
    """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
    if N < 1:
        return 0
    else:
        return N**2 + sum_squares(N - 1)
```

- How do we do the same thing with a **while** loop?

```
def sum_squares(N):
    """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
```

Sum_squares Iteratively (II)

```
def sum_squares(N):
    """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
    result = 0
    k = 1
    while k <= N:
        result += k**2
        k += 1
    return result
```

Execute this

Another Way

- Alternatively, I can make this a little shorter by adding the other way:

```
def sum_squares(N):
    """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
    result = 0
    while N >= 1:
        result += N**2    # Or result = result + N**2
        N -= 1            # Or N = N-1
    return result
```

Execute here