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(1) Say that we evaluate the following statement in the evaluator:

(m-eval '(define x 6) the-global-environment)

what is the return value in this case?

How would you alter the code so that define statements of the form (define name exp) always returned the value of the exp, rather than some undefined value?

(2) Create code to process the special forms and by extending the cond in m-eval and writing the procedure eval-and.

(3) We'll now create code that adds and to the evaluator, using *syntactic sugar*. You should write the code that converts an and statement to a statement involving if, then passes that to the evaluator.

First, say we have the statement

(and (> x 4) (< y 5) (> z 6))

What would be an equivalent if statement?

(Hint: you can use an if statement combined with an and statement that only has two clauses.)

Now write the code and->if that performs this conversion, for example

 $(and \rightarrow if (and (> x 4) (< y 5) (> z 6)))$ should produce the correct if statement. Note that your code should handle the expression (and), which evaluates to #t.

How would you define eval-and to make use of and->if?