

Recitation 4b, Wed. February 21

Let

Dr. Kimberle Koile

In Scheme, `let` is a special form that is used as a way to bind the values of *local* variables, i.e., variables that are accessible only within a procedure (or other defined block of code).

The general form of `let` is:

```
(let ((<var1> <exp1>)
      (<var2> <exp2>)
      .
      (<varn> <expn>))
  <body>)
```

; each var is bound to the value of the corresponding expression

Example

```
(define a 3)
```

```
(define (foo x)
  (let ((a 0))
    (+ x a)))
```

(foo 10) => (+ 10 0) => 10

Let desugars into an anonymous lambda.

```
(define (foo x)
  ((lambda (a) (+ x a)) 0))
```

Variables are bound in parallel, not sequentially.

```
(define a 3)
(let ((a 0)
      (b a))
  (+ a b)) => (+ 0 3) => 3
```

desugaring with more than one variable:

```
((lambda (a b) (+ a b)) 0 a)
```

To bind variables sequentially, use several `lets` or `let*`.

```
(define a 3)
```

```
(let ((a 0))  
  (let ((b a))  
    (+ a b))) => (+ 0 0) => 0
```

```
(let* ((a 0)  
      (b a))  
  (+ a b)) => (+ 0 0) => 0
```

Problems

For each expression or set of expressions, give the value returned by evaluating the last expression in the set.

value

```
1. ((lambda (x)  
      (let ((y 4))  
        (+ x y)))  
  7)
```

11

```
2. (define a 4)  
   (define x 3)  
  
   (define (foo x)  
     (let ((a 1))  
       (+ x a)))  
   (foo 2)
```

3

```
3. (let ((foo (lambda (x) (* 2 x)))  
      (y 4))  
  (foo y)  
)
```

8