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The expression (right) is evaluated, and its value is assigned to the name (left).



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Looking Up Names In Environments

Every expression is evaluated in the context of an environment.

So far, the current environment is either:

- The global frame alone, or
- A local frame, followed by the global frame.

Most important two things I'll say all day:

An environment is a sequence of frames.

A name evaluates to the value bound to that name in the earliest frame of the current environment in which that name is found.

E.g., to look up some name in the body of the square function:

- Look for that name in the local frame.
- If not found, look for it in the global frame.
 (Built-in names like "max" are in the global frame too, but we don't draw them in environment diagrams.)

A Sequence of Frames



Multiple Assignment

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Execution rule for assignment statements:

- 1. Evaluate all expressions to the right of = from left to right.
- 2. Bind all names to the left of = to those resulting values in the current frame.

3D%201%0Ab%20%3D%202%0Ab,%20a%20%3D%20a%20%2B%20b,%20b

(Demo)

Print and None

(Demo)

Small Expressions

Problem Definition

From Discussion 0:

Imagine you can call only the following three functions:

- f(x): Subtracts one from an integer x

- g(x): Doubles an integer x

- h(x, y): Concatenates the digits of two different positive integers x and y. For example, h(789, 12)evaluates to 78912 and h(12, 789) evaluates to 12789.

Definition: A small expression is a call expression that contains only f, g, h, the number 5, and parentheses. All of these can be repeated. For example, h(g(5), f(f(5))) is a small expression that evaluates to 103.

What's the shortest	small expression you can find that
evaluates to 2024?	Fewest calls?
	Shortest length when written?

A Simple Restatement:

You start with 5. You can:

- Subtract 1 from a number
- Double a number
- Glue two numbers together



Effective problem solving:

- Understand the problem
- Come up with ideas
- Turn those ideas into solutions

Search



A common strategy: try a bunch of options to see which is best

Computer programs can evaluate many alternatives by repeating simple operations

A Computational Approach

Try all the small expressions with 3 function calls, then 4 calls, then 5 calls, etc. $f(f(f(5))) \rightarrow 2$ f(f(h(5,5))) -> 53 $h(5,f(f(5))) \rightarrow 53$ $h(q(5), f(5)) \rightarrow 104$ $q(f(f(5))) \rightarrow 6$ q(f(h(5,5))) -> 108 h(5,q(f(5))) -> 58 $h(g(5),g(5)) \rightarrow 1010$ f(q(h(5,5))) -> 109 $f(q(f(5))) \rightarrow 7$ $h(5,f(q(5))) \rightarrow 59$ h(g(5),h(5,5)) -> 1055 g(g(h(5,5))) -> 220 h(5,g(g(5))) -> 520 $q(q(f(5))) \rightarrow 16$ $h(h(5,5),f(5)) \rightarrow 554$ h(h(5,5),g(5)) -> 5510 f(f(g(5))) -> 8 f(h(5,f(5))) -> 53 $h(5,f(h(5,5))) \rightarrow 554$ $q(f(q(5))) \rightarrow 18$ q(h(5,f(5))) -> 108 h(5,g(h(5,5))) -> 5110 h(h(5,5),h(5,5)) -> 5555 f(q(q(5))) -> 19 f(h(5,q(5))) -> 509 h(5,h(5,f(5))) -> 554 h(f(f(5)),5) -> 35 $q(q(q(5))) \rightarrow 40$ q(h(5,q(5))) -> 1020 h(5,h(5,q(5))) -> 5510 h(q(f(5)),5) -> 85 f(h(5,h(5,5))) -> 554 h(5,h(5,h(5,5))) -> 5555 h(f(q(5)),5) -> 95 q(h(5,h(5,5))) -> 1110 h(5,h(f(5),5)) -> 545 $h(q(q(5)), 5) \rightarrow 205$ f(h(f(5),5)) -> 44 h(5,h(q(5),5)) -> 5105 h(f(h(5,5)),5) -> 545 $q(h(f(5),5)) \rightarrow 90$ h(5,h(h(5,5),5)) -> 5555 h(q(h(5,5)),5) -> 1105 $f(h(q(5),5)) \rightarrow 104$ $h(f(5), f(5)) \rightarrow 44$ h(h(5,f(5)),5) -> 545 $q(h(q(5),5)) \rightarrow 210$ $h(f(5),q(5)) \rightarrow 410$ h(h(5,q(5)),5) -> 5105 f(h(h(5,5),5)) -> 554 h(h(5,h(5,5)),5) -> 5555 h(f(5),h(5,5)) -> 455 $q(h(h(5,5),5)) \rightarrow 1110$ h(h(f(5),5),5) -> 455 h(h(q(5),5),5) -> 1055 h(h(h(5,5),5),5) -> 5555 **Reminder:** f(x) subtracts 1; g(x) doubles; h(x, y) concatenates

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