The instruction **popenv** finally releases the stack frame:



Thus, we obtain for targ k in the case of under supply:











- The stack frame can be released after the execution of the body if exactly the right number of arguments was available.
- If there is an oversupply of arguments, the body must evaluate to a function, which consumes the rest of the arguments ...
- The check for this is done by return k:

The execution of return k results in:



Case:

Done





19 letrec-Expressions

Consider the expression $e \equiv \text{letrec } y_1 = e_1; \dots; y_n = e_n \text{ in } e_0$. The translation of *e* must deliver an instruction sequence that

- allocates local variables *y*₁, . . . , *y*_n;
- in the case of
 - **CBV**: evaluates e_1, \ldots, e_n and binds the y_i to their values;
 - **CBN**: constructs closures for the e_1, \ldots, e_n and binds the y_i to them;
- evaluates the expression e_0 and returns its value.

Warning:

In a **letrec**-expression, the definitions can use variables that will be allocated only later! \implies Dummy-values are put onto the stack before processing the definition.

For CBN, we obtain:

 $code_{V} e \rho sd = alloc n // allocates local variables$ $code_{C} e_{1} \rho' (sd + n)$ rewrite n... $code_{C} e_{n} \rho' (sd + n)$ rewrite 1 $code_{V} e_{0} \rho' (sd + n)$ slide n // deallocates local variables

where $\rho' = \rho \oplus \{y_i \mapsto (L, \operatorname{sd} + i) \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}.$

In the case of CBV, we also use $code_V$ for the expressions e_1, \ldots, e_n .

Warning:

Recursive definitions of basic values are undefined with CBV!!!

Example:

Consider the expression

 $e \equiv$ letrec f =fn $x, y \Rightarrow$ if $y \leq 1$ then x else f(x * y)(y - 1) in f1

for $\rho = \emptyset$ and sd = 0. We obtain (for CBV):

0	alloc 1	0	A:	targ 2	4		loadc 1
1	pushloc 0	0			5		mkbasic
2	mkvec 1	1		return 2	5		pushloc 4
2	mkfunval A	2	B :	rewrite 1	6		apply
2	jump B	1		mark C	2	C:	slide 1

The instruction alloc n reserves *n* cells on the stack and initialises them with *n* dummy nodes:



The instruction rewrite n overwrites the contents of the heap cell pointed to by the reference at S[SP–n]:



- The reference S[SP n] remains unchanged!
- Only its contents is changed!

20 Closures and their Evaluation

- Closures are needed only for the implementation of CBN.
- Before the value of a variable is accessed (with CBN), this value must be available.
- Otherwise, a stack frame must be created to determine this value.
- This task is performed by the instruction eval.

eval can be decomposed into small actions:

- A closure can be understood as a parameterless function. Thus, there is no need for an ap-component.
- Evaluation of the closure thus means evaluation of an application of this function to 0 arguments.
- In constrast to mark A , mark0 dumps the current PC.
- The difference between apply and apply0 is that no argument vector is put on the stack.



S[SP+1] = GP; S[SP+2] = FP; S[SP+3] = PC;FP = SP = SP + 3;



h = S[SP]; SP--; $GP = h \rightarrow gp; PC = h \rightarrow cp;$

We thus obtain for the instruction eval:









The construction of a closure for an expression *e* consists of:

- Packing the bindings for the free variables into a vector;
- Creation of a C-object, which contains a reference to this vector and to the code for the evaluation of *e*:

 $code_{C} e \rho sd = getvar z_{0} \rho sd$ $getvar z_{1} \rho (sd + 1)$... $getvar z_{g-1} \rho (sd + g - 1)$ mkvec g mkclos A jump B $A: code_{V} e \rho' 0$ update B: ...

where $\{z_0, ..., z_{g-1}\} = free(e)$ and $\rho' = \{z_i \mapsto (G, i) \mid i = 0, ..., g-1\}.$

Example:

Consider $e \equiv a * a$ with $\rho = \{a \mapsto (L, 0)\}$ and sd = 1. We obtain:

1	pushloc 1	0	A:	pushglob 0	2		getbasic
2	mkvec 1	1		eval	2		mul
2	mkclos A	1		getbasic	1		mkbasic
2	jump B	1		pushglob 0	1		update
		2		eval	2	B:	

- The instruction mkclos A is analogous to the instruction mkfunval A.
- It generates a C-object, where the included code pointer is A.



S[SP] = new (C, A, S[SP]);

In fact, the instruction update is the combination of the two actions:

popenv

rewrite 1

It overwrites the closure with the computed value.

