

## 24.5 Closures of Tuples and Lists

The general schema for  $\text{code}_C$  can be optimized for tuples and lists:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{code}_C (e_0, \dots, e_{k-1}) \rho \text{sd} &= \text{code}_V (e_0, \dots, e_{k-1}) \rho \text{sd} = \text{code}_C e_0 \rho \text{sd} \\
 &\quad \text{code}_C e_1 \rho (\text{sd} + 1) \\
 &\quad \dots \\
 &\quad \text{code}_C e_{k-1} \rho (\text{sd} + k - 1) \\
 &\quad \text{mkvec } k \\
 \\
 \text{code}_C [] \rho \text{sd} &= \text{code}_V [] \rho \text{sd} = \text{nil} \\
 \\
 \text{code}_C (e_1 : e_2) \rho \text{sd} &= \text{code}_V (e_1 : e_2) \rho \text{sd} = \text{code}_C e_1 \rho \text{sd} \\
 &\quad \text{code}_C e_2 \rho (\text{sd} + 1) \\
 &\quad \text{cons}
 \end{aligned}$$

## 25 Last Calls

A function application is called **last call** in an expression  $e$  if this application could deliver the value for  $e$ .

A last call usually is the **outermost** application of a defining expression.

A function definition is called **tail recursive** if all recursive calls are last calls.

Examples:

$r\ t\ (h : y)$  is a **last call** in **case**  $x$  **of**  $[] \rightarrow y; h : t \rightarrow r\ t\ (h : y)$

$f\ (x - 1)$  is **not a last call** in **if**  $x \leq 1$  **then** 1 **else**  $x * f\ (x - 1)$

**Observation:** Last calls in a function body need **no new** stack frame!



Automatic transformation of tail recursion into loops!!!

The code for a last call  $l \equiv (e' e_0 \dots e_{m_1})$  inside a function  $f$  with  $k$  arguments must

1. allocate the arguments  $e_i$  and evaluate  $e'$  to a function (note: all this inside  $f$ 's frame!);
2. deallocate the local variables and the  $k$  consumed arguments of  $f$ ;
3. execute an `apply`.

```

codeV l ρ sd = codeC em-1 ρ sd
               codeC em-2 ρ (sd + 1)
               ...
               codeC e0 ρ (sd + m - 1)
               codeV e' ρ (sd + m)           // Evaluation of the function
               move r (m + 1)                // Deallocation of r cells
               apply

```

where  $r = sd + k$  is the number of stack cells to deallocate.

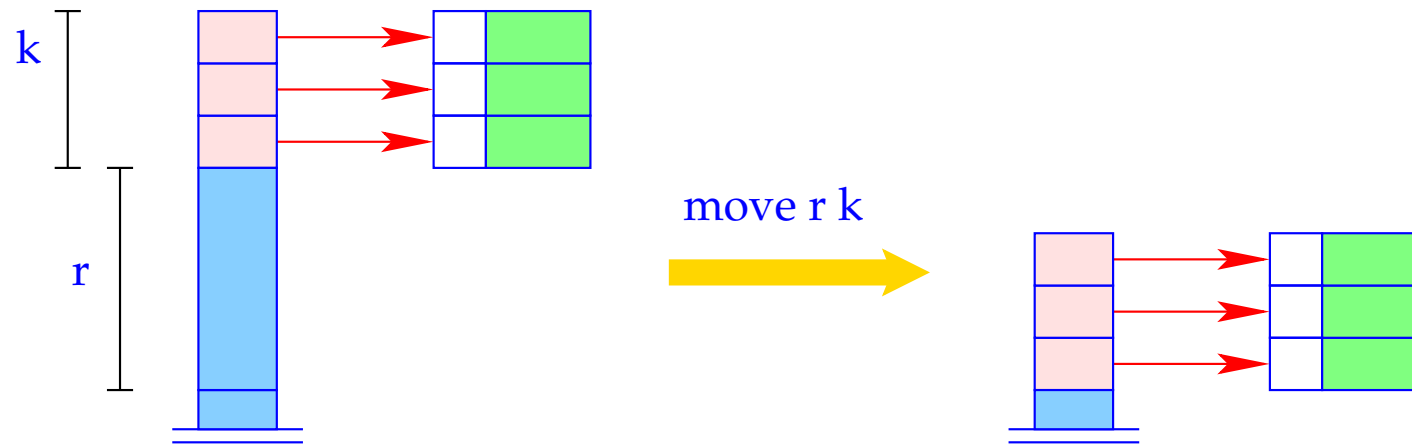
## Example:

The body of the function

$$r = \mathbf{fn} \, x, y \Rightarrow \mathbf{case} \, x \mathbf{ of} \, [] \rightarrow y; h : t \rightarrow r \, t \, (h : y)$$

0	targ 2	1	jump B	4	pushglob 0
0	pushloc 0			5	eval
1	eval	2	A: pushloc 1	5	move 4 3
1	tlist A	3	pushloc 4		apply
0	pushloc 1	4	cons		slide 2
1	eval	3	pushloc 1	1	B: return 2

Since the old stack frame is kept, **return 2** will only be reached by the direct jump at the end of the []-alternative.



```

SP = SP - k - r;
for (i=1; i ≤ k; i++)
    S[SP+i] = S[SP+i+r];
SP = SP + k;

```

# The Translation of Logic Languages

## 26 The Language Proll

Here, we just consider the core language **Proll** (“Prolog-light” **:-**). In particular, we omit:

- arithmetic;
- the cut operator;
- self-modification of programs through **assert** and **retract**.

## Example:

$\text{bigger}(X, Y) \leftarrow X = \text{elephant}, Y = \text{horse}$   
 $\text{bigger}(X, Y) \leftarrow X = \text{horse}, Y = \text{donkey}$   
 $\text{bigger}(X, Y) \leftarrow X = \text{donkey}, Y = \text{dog}$   
 $\text{bigger}(X, Y) \leftarrow X = \text{donkey}, Y = \text{monkey}$   
 $\text{is\_bigger}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{bigger}(X, Y)$   
 $\text{is\_bigger}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{bigger}(X, Z), \text{is\_bigger}(Z, Y)$   
?  $\text{is\_bigger}(\text{elephant}, \text{dog})$



## A More Realistic Example:

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## Remark:

$[]$   $\equiv$  the atom **empty list**

$[H|Z]$   $\equiv$  **binary** constructor application

$[a, b, Z]$   $\equiv$  shortcut for:  $[a|[b|[Z>[]]]]$

A program  $p$  is constructed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}t &::= a \mid X \mid \_ \mid f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \\g &::= p(t_1, \dots, t_k) \mid X = t \\c &::= p(X_1, \dots, X_k) \leftarrow g_1, \dots, g_r \\p &::= c_1 \dots c_m ? g\end{aligned}$$

- A **term**  $t$  either is an atom, a variable, an anonymous variable or a constructor application.
- A **goal**  $g$  either is a literal, i.e., a predicate call, or a unification.
- A **clause**  $c$  consists of a **head**  $p(X_1, \dots, X_k)$  with predicate name and list of formal parameters together with a **body**, i.e., a sequence of goals.
- A **program** consists of a sequence of clauses together with a single goal as **query**.

## Procedural View of Proll programs:

goal	==	procedure call
predicate	==	procedure
clause	==	definition
term	==	value
unification	==	basic computation step
binding of variables	==	side effect

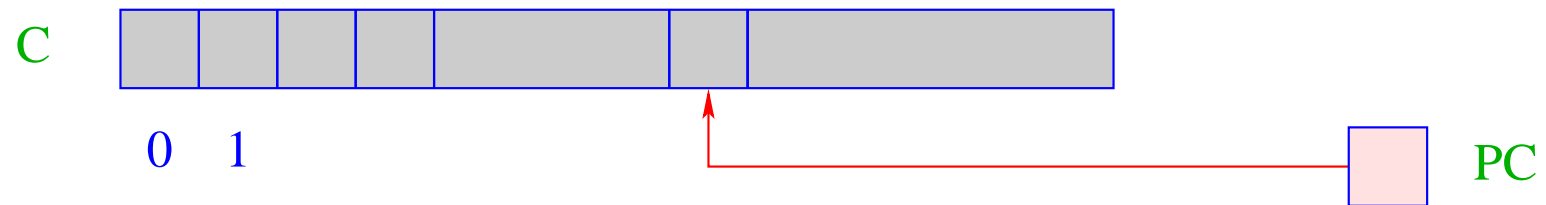
### Note: Predicate calls ...

- ... do not have a return value.
- ... affect the caller through side effects only :-)
- ... may fail. Then the next definition is tried :-))

⇒ backtracking

## 27 Architecture of the WiM:

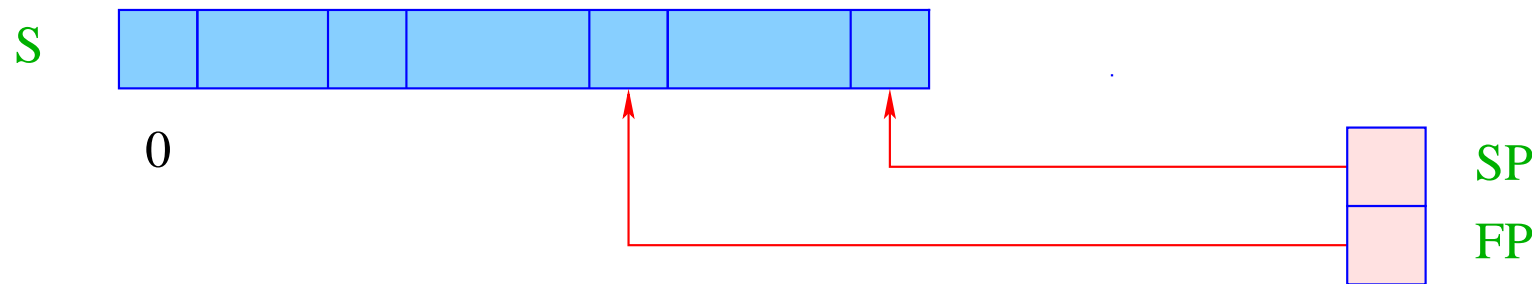
The Code Store:



C = Code store – contains WiM program;  
every cell contains one instruction;

PC = Program Counter – points to the next instruction to executed;

## The Runtime Stack:



**S** = Runtime **S**tack – every cell may contain a value or an address;

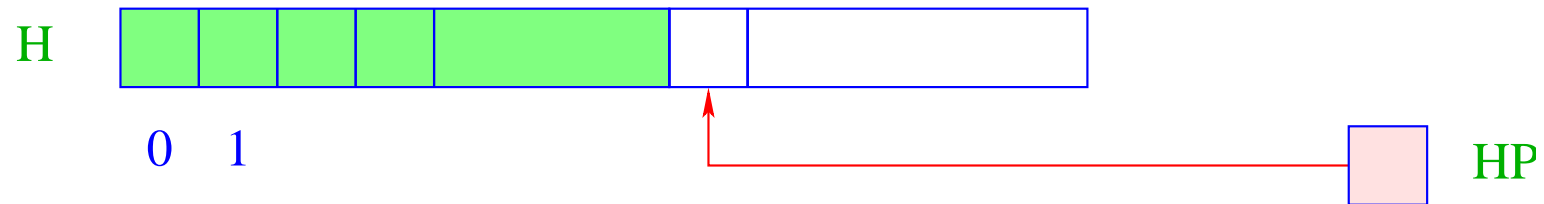
**SP** = **S**tack **P**ointer – points to the topmost occupied cell;

**FP** = **F**rame **P**ointer – points to the current stack frame.

Frames are created for predicate calls,

contain cells for each variable of the current clause

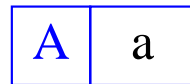
## The Heap:



**H** = Heap for dynamically constructed terms;

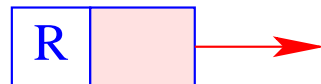
**HP** = Heap-Pointer – points to the first free cell;

- The heap is maintained like a **stack** as well :-)
- A new-instruction allocates an object in **H**.
- Objects are **tagged** with their types (as in the **MaMa**) ...



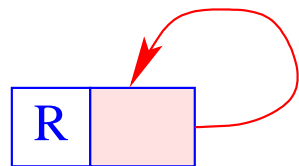
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1 cell



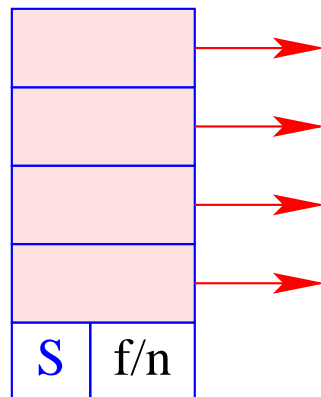
variable

1 cell



unbound variable

1 cell



structure

(n+1) cells



## 28 Construction of Terms in the Heap

Parameter terms of goals (calls) are constructed in the heap before passing.

Assume that the **address environment**  $\rho$  returns, for each clause variable  $X$  its address (relative to **FP**) on the stack. Then  $\text{code}_A t \rho$  should ...

- construct (a presentation of)  $t$  in the heap; and
- return a reference to it on top of the stack.

**Idea:**

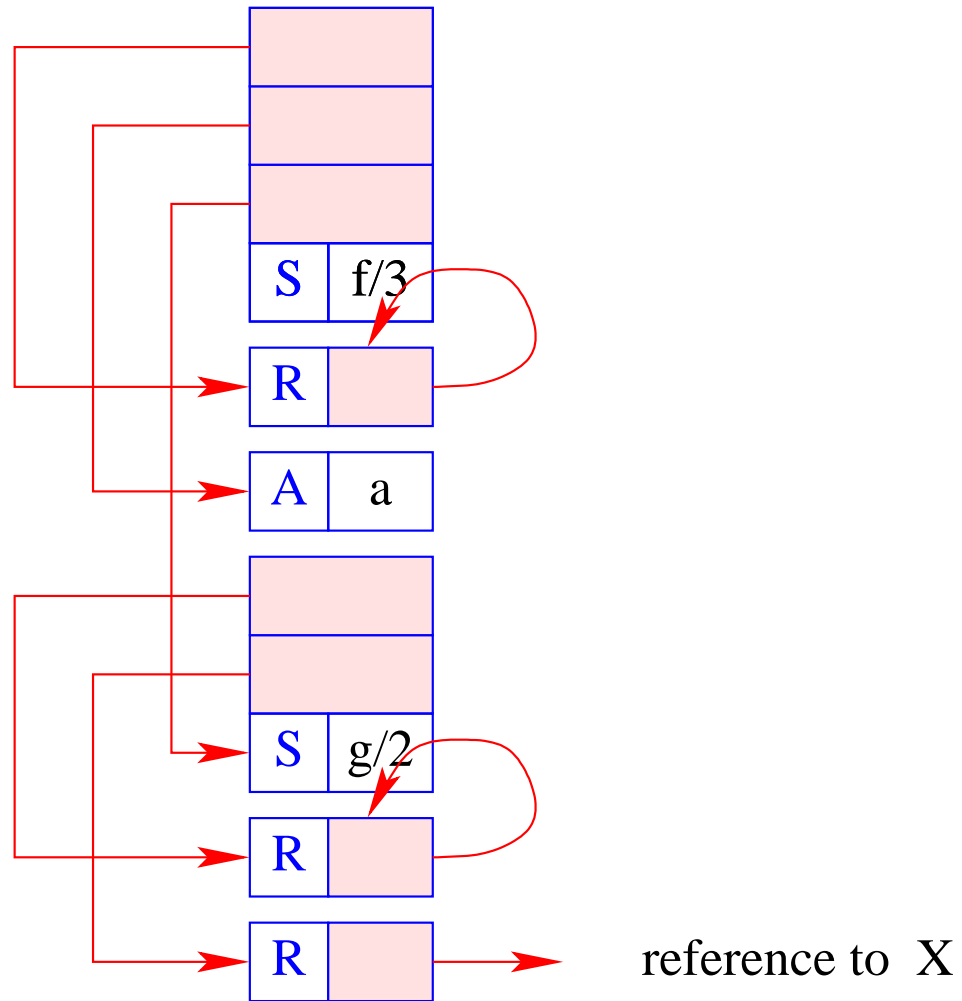
- Construct the tree during a **post-order** traversal of  $t$
- with one instruction for each new node!

**Example:**  $t \equiv f(g(X, Y), a, Z).$

Assume that  $X$  is **initialized**, i.e.,  $S[\text{FP} + \rho X]$  contains already a reference,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are not yet initialized.

Representing

$$t \equiv f(g(X, Y), a, Z) \quad :$$



For a distinction, we mark occurrences of already initialized variables through **over-lining** (e.g.  $\bar{X}$ ).

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Then we define:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{code}_A a \rho &= \text{putatom } a & \text{code}_A f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rho &= \text{code}_A t_1 \rho \\ \text{code}_A X \rho &= \text{putvar } (\rho X) & & \dots \\ \text{code}_A \bar{X} \rho &= \text{putref } (\rho X) & & \text{code}_A t_n \rho \\ \text{code}_A \_ \rho &= \text{putanon} & & \text{putstruct f/n} \end{array}$$

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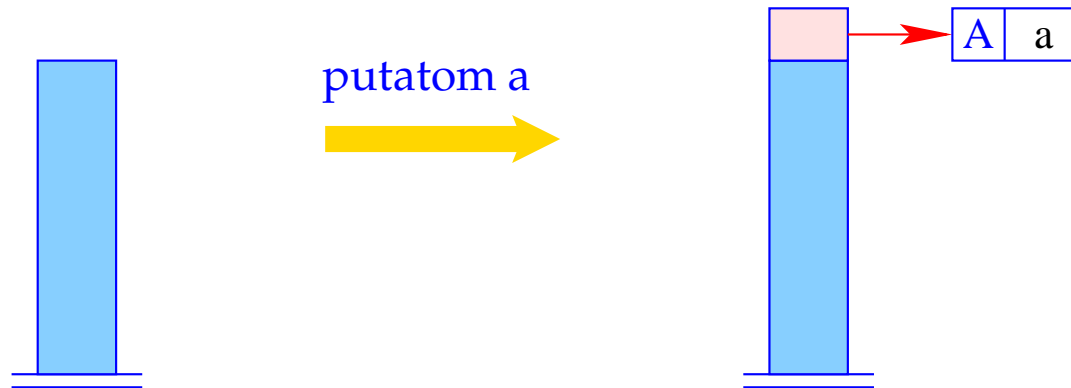
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For  $f(g(\bar{X}, Y), a, Z)$  and  $\rho = \{X \mapsto 1, Y \mapsto 2, Z \mapsto 3\}$  this results in the sequence:

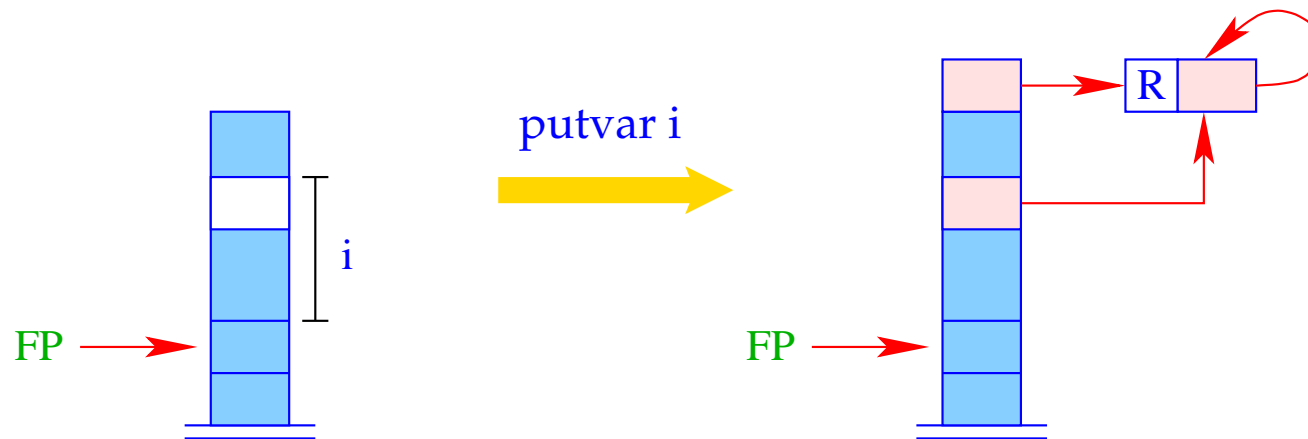
putref 1	putatom a
putvar 2	putvar 3
putstruct g/2	putstruct f/3

The instruction `putatom a` constructs an atom in the heap:



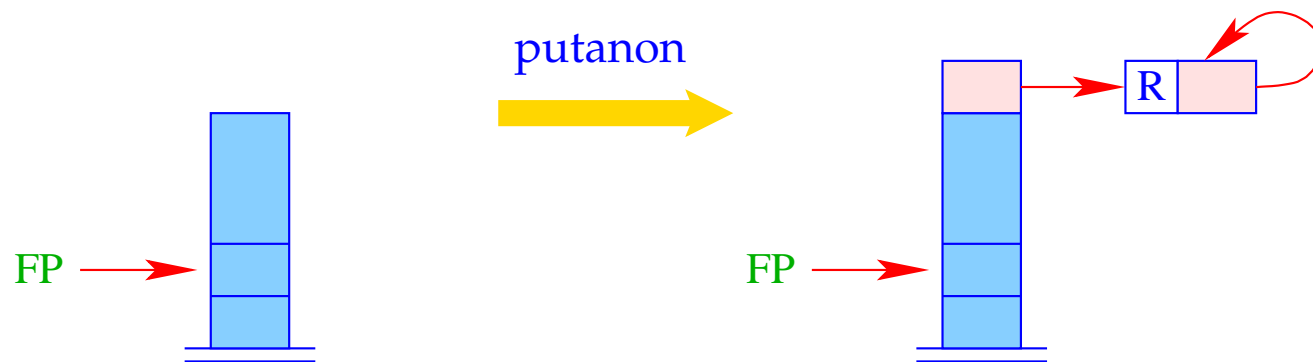
$SP++; S[SP] = \text{new } (A,a);$

The instruction `putvar i` introduces a new unbound variable and additionally initializes the corresponding cell in the stack frame:



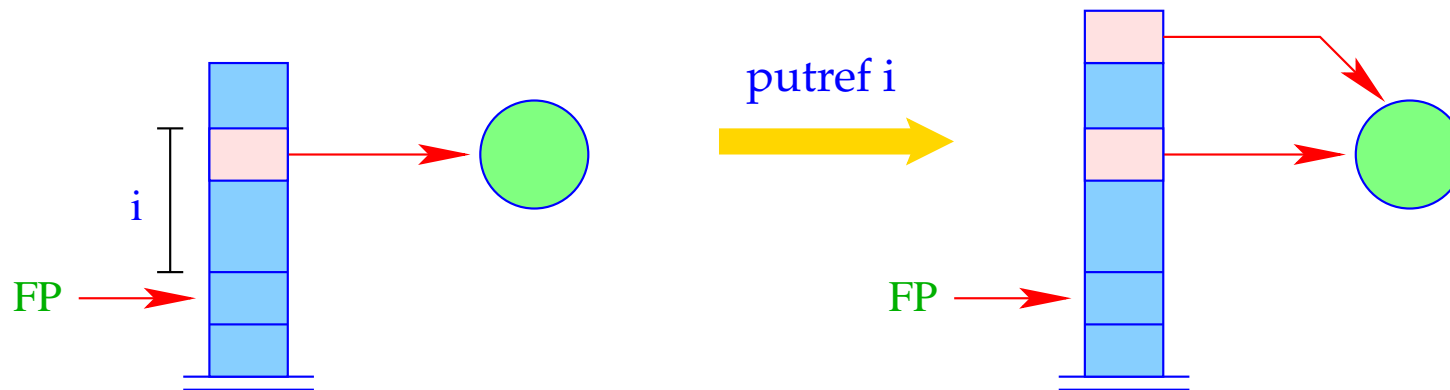
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SP = SP + 1;  
S[SP] = new (R, HP);  
S[FP + i] = S[SP];
```

The instruction `putanon` introduces a new unbound variable but does not store a reference to it in the stack frame:



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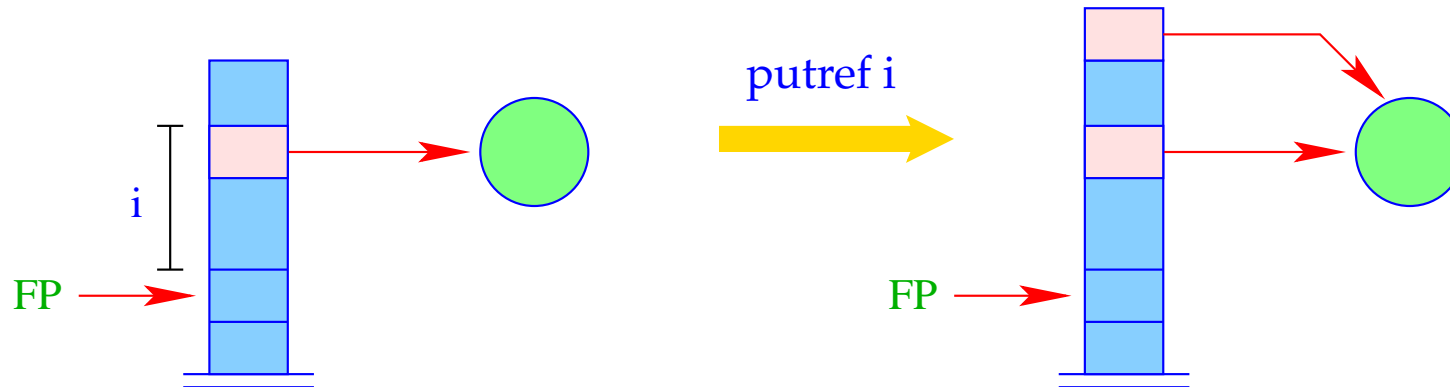
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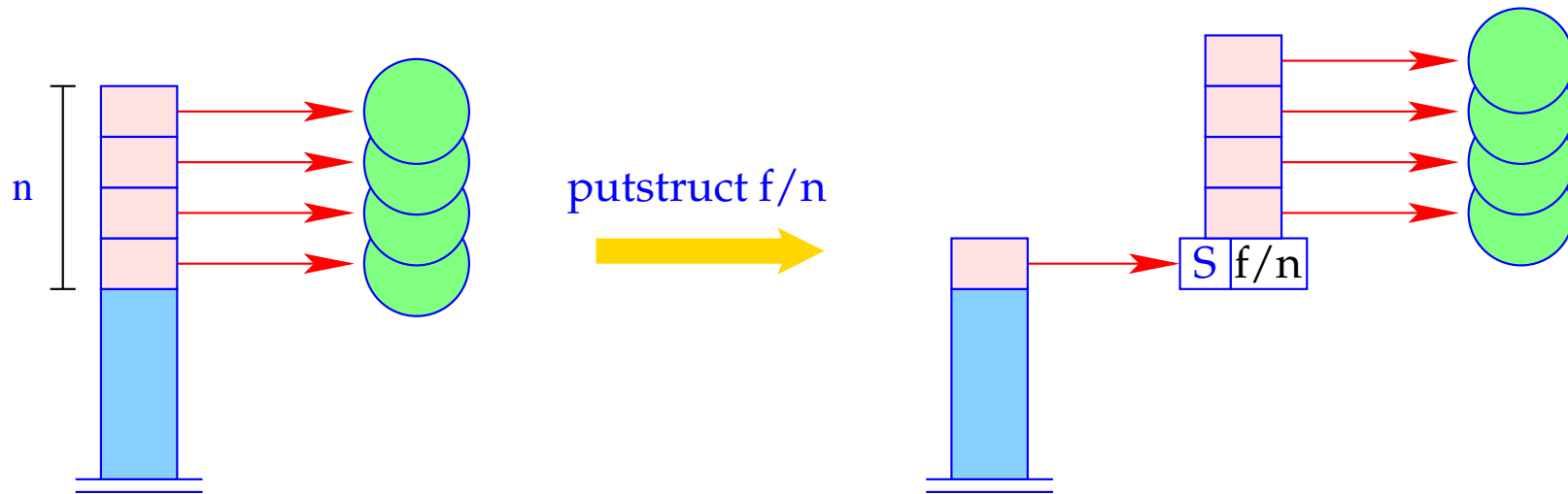


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The auxiliary function `deref` contracts `chains` of references:

```
ref deref (ref v) {  
    if (H[v]==(R,w) && v!=w) return deref (w);  
    else return v;  
}
```

The instruction `putstruct f/n` builds a constructor application in the heap:



```

v = new (S, f, n);
SP = SP - n + 1;
for (i=1; i<=n; i++)
    H[v + i] = S[SP + i - 1];
S[SP] = v;

```

## Remarks:

- The instruction `putref i` does not just push the reference from  $S[\text{FP} + i]$  onto the stack, but also dereferences it as much as possible  
 $\implies$  maximal contraction of reference chains.
- In constructed terms, references always point to `smaller` heap addresses.  
Also otherwise, this will be often the case. Sadly enough, it cannot be `guaranteed` in general  $\text{:-}(\text{$