

## [7.48] Create functions in programs

Creating functions in a program is straightforward, as long as you really define them as functions and not expressions. For example, suppose we have created this function

```
chi(a, x, b)
Func
when(x>a and x<b, 1, 0)
EndFunc
```

and we want to use it to create a function  $g(x)$  of the form

```
chi(a, x, b)*f(x)
```

which can be evaluated within the program, or at the entry line. We define the function within the program like this:

```
chi(1, x, 2)*x^2→g(x)           this works, as a function
```

and not like this:

```
chi(1, x, 2)*x^2→g           this DOES NOT work, as an expression
```

The second example results in an *Undefined variable* message if we try to evaluate  $g$  at the entry line.

If you want  $g(x)$  to be a local function, you must declare  $g$  with the *Local* command.