

Script generated by TTT

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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.

$r \mapsto (4, 0)$ $x \mapsto (C, 0)$ $h \mapsto (C, 1)$
 $y \mapsto (C, 1)$ $e \mapsto (4, 2)$

Example

V-code for the body of the function

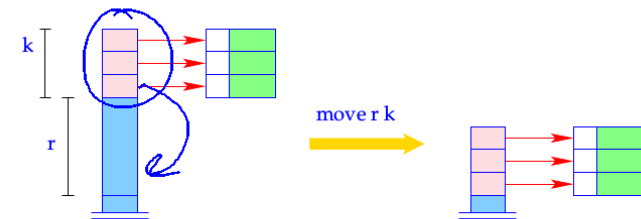
```

r = fun x y → match x with [] → y | h::t → rt(h::y)
    
```

with CBN semantics:

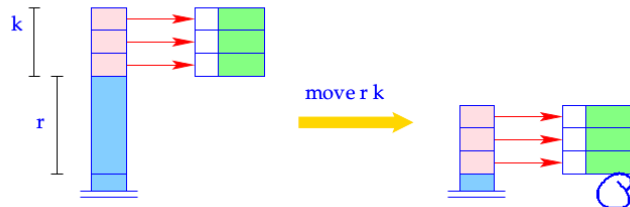
0	targ 2	1	jump B	4	pushglob 0
0	pushloc 0			5	eval
1	eval	2	A: pushloc 1	5	move 4 3
1	tlist A	3	pushloc 4		apply
0	pushloc 1	4	cons		slide 2
1	eval	3	pushloc 1	1	B: return 2

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;
    
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For every `try` expression, we maintain:

- An exception frame on the stack, which contains all relevant information to handle the exception;
- The exception pointer `XP`, which points to the current exception frame.

Each exception frame must record

- the negative continuation address, i.e., the address of the code for the handler;
- the global pointer and
- the frame pointer; as well as
- the old exception pointer.

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26 Exceptions

Example

```

let rec gcd = fun x y →
  if x ≤ 0 || y ≤ 0 then raise 0
  else if x = y then x
  else if y < x then gcd (x - y) y
  else gcd x (y - x)
in try gcd 0 5
with z → z

```

For simplicity, we assume that all raised exception values are of `any` type.

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For an expression of the following form:

$$e \equiv \text{try } e_1 \text{ with } x \rightarrow e_2$$

we generate:

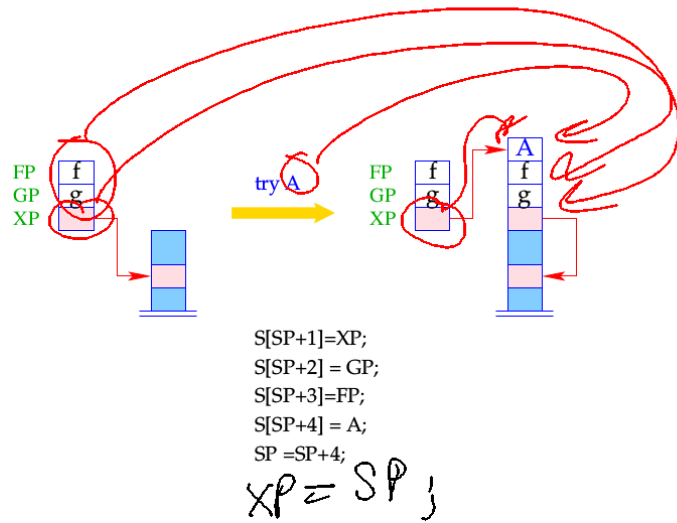
```

codev e ρ sd = try A
               codev e1 ρ (sd + 4)
               restore B
A : codev e2 ρ' (sd + 1)
   slide 1
B : ...

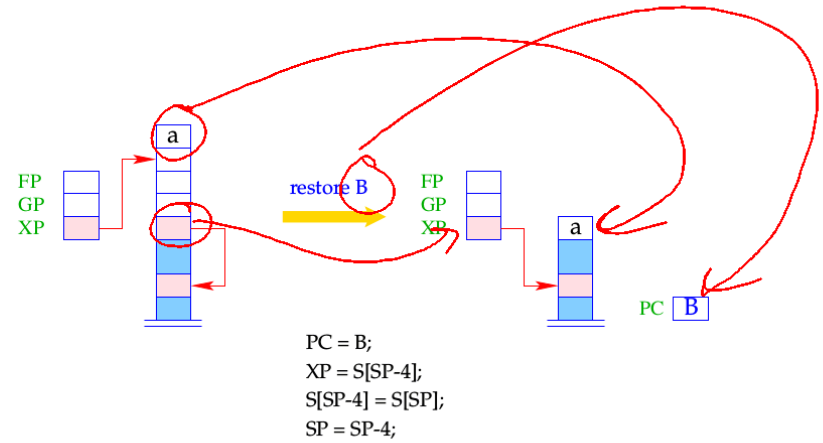
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where $\rho' = \rho \oplus \{x \mapsto (L, sd + 1)\}$.

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Now we have all provisions to raise exceptions.

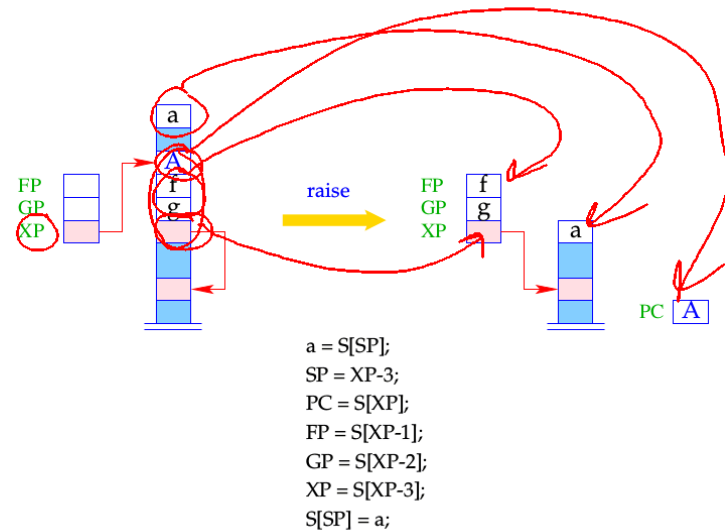
For these, we do:

- We give up the current computational context;
- We restore the context of the closest surrounding `try` expression;
- We hand over the exception value to the exception handler.

Thus, we translate:

$$\text{code}_V(\text{raise } e) \rho \text{ sd} = \text{code}_V e \rho \text{ sd} \text{ raise}$$

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Example

The V-code for *gcd* is given by:

```
0      alloc 1      2 B:  rewrite 1      10      mkbasic
1      pushloc 0    1      try C      10      pushloc 9
2      mkvec 1      5      mark D      11      apply
2      mkfun A      8      loadc 5     6 D:   restore E
2      jump B      9      mkbasic    2 C:   pushloc 0
0 A:   targ 2      9      loadc 0     3      slide 1
      ...          2 E:   slide 1
      return 2
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The Translation of Logic Languages

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bigger(X, Y) ← X = horse, Y = donkey
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bigger(X, Y) ← X = donkey, Y = monkey
is_bigger(X, Y) ← bigger(X, Y)
is_bigger(X, Y) ← bigger(X, Z), is_bigger(Z, Y)
? is_bigger(elephant, dog)
```

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27 The Language Prolog

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

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

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... in Concrete Syntax:

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bigger(donkey, dog).
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is_bigger(X, Y) ← bigger(X, Y).
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A More Realistic Example

```

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? app(X, [Y, c], [a, b, Z])

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