

## Script generated by TTT

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### 9.3 Calling/Entering and Leaving Functions

Be  $f$  the actual function, the **Caller**, and let  $f$  call the function  $g$ , the **Callee**.

The code for a function call has to be distributed among the Caller and the Callee:

The distribution depends on **who** has **which** information.

Actions upon **calling/entering**  $g$ :

1. Saving **FP, EP** } **mark**
  2. Computing the actual parameters
  3. Determining the start address of  $g$
  4. Setting the new **FP**
  5. Saving **PC** and } **call**  
jump to the beginning of  $g$
  6. Setting the new **EP** } **enter**
  7. Allocating the local variables } **alloc**
- } available in  $f$
- } available in  $g$

Actions upon **leaving**  $g$ :

1. Restoring the registers **FP, EP, SP**
  2. Returning to the code of  $f$ , i.e. restoring the **PC**
- } **return**

The caller must be able to continue execution in its frame after the return from a function. Therefore, at a function call the following values have to be saved into **organizational cells**:

- the **FP**
- the **continuation address** after the call and
- the actual **EP**.

**Simplification:** The return value fits into one storage cell.

**Translation tasks for functions:**

- Generate code for the body!
- Generate code for calls!

Altogether we generate for a call:

```

codeR g(e1, ..., en) ρ = mark
                           codeR e1 ρ
                           ...
                           codeR em ρ
                           codeR g ρ
                           call n
    
```

where  $n$  = space for the actual parameters

Note:

- Expressions occurring as actual parameters will be evaluated to their R-value  $\implies$  Call-by-Value-parameter passing.
- Function  $g$  can also be an expression, whose R-value is the start address of the function to be called ...

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- Function names are regarded as constant pointers to functions, similarly to declared arrays. The R-value of such a pointer is the start address of the function.

- For a variable `int (*) g;`, the two calls

`(*g)()` und `g()`

are equivalent :-)

Normalization: Dereferencing of a function pointer is ignored.

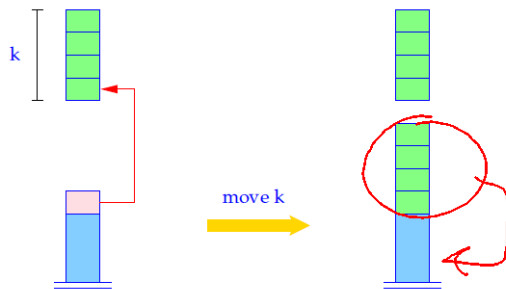
- Structures are copied when they are passed as parameters.

In consequence:

```

codeR f ρ = loadc (ρ f)    f a function name
codeR (*e) ρ = codeR e ρ  e a function pointer
codeR e ρ = codeL e ρ
                                     move k    e a structure of size k
    
```

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```

for (i = k-1; i ≥ 0; i--)
    S[SP+i] = S[S[SP]+i];
SP = SP+k-1;
    
```

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The instruction `mark` allocates space for the return value and for the organizational cells and saves the FP and EP.

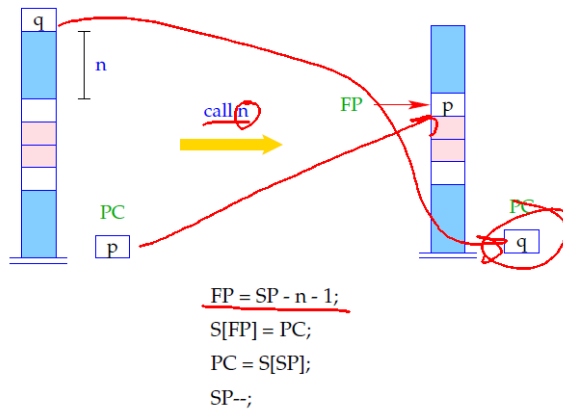


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S[SP+2] = EP;
S[SP+3] = FP;
S[SP] = SP + 4;
    
```

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The instruction `call n` saves the continuation address and assigns `FP`, `SP`, and `PC` their new values.



Correspondingly, we translate a function definition:

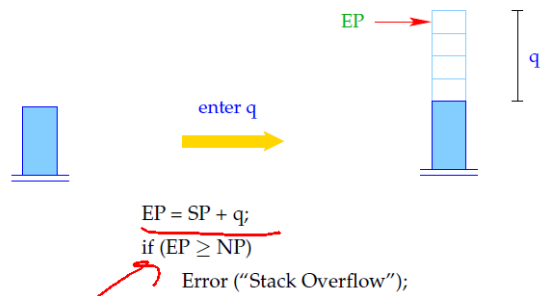
```

code t f (specs) {V_defs ss} ρ =
    _f: enter q // Setting the EP
        alloc k // Allocating the local variables
        code ss ρ_f
        return // leaving the function

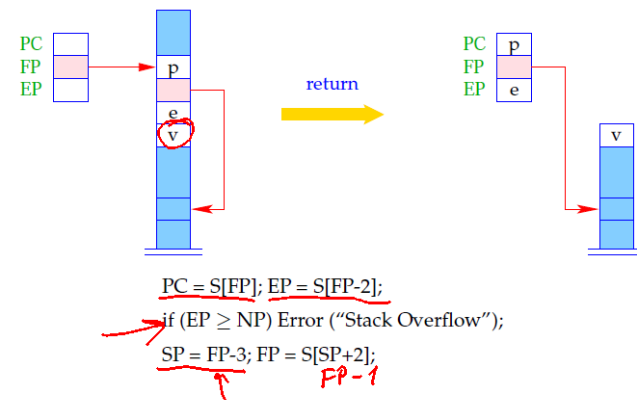
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where  $t$  = return type of  $f$  with  $|t| \leq 1$   
 $q$  =  $maxS + k$  where  
 $maxS$  = maximal depth of the local stack  
 $k$  = space for the local variables  
 $\rho_f$  = address environment for  $f$   
 // takes care of *specs*, *V\_defs* and  $\rho$

The instruction `enter q` sets `EP` to its new value. Program execution is terminated if not enough space is available.



The instruction `return` pops the actual stack frame, i.e., it restores the registers `PC`, `EP`, `SP`, and `FP` and leaves the return value on top of the stack.



### 9.4 Access to Variables and Formal Parameters, and Return of Values

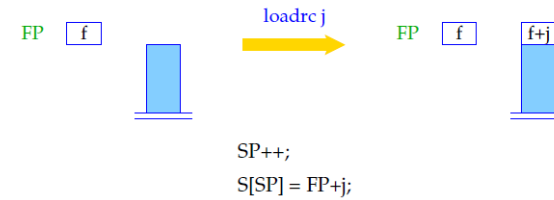
Local variables and formal parameters are addressed relative to the current FP. We therefore modify `codeL` for the case of variable names.

For  $\rho x = (tag, j)$  we define

$$\text{code}_{L\ x\ \rho} = \begin{cases} \text{loadc } j & tag = G \\ \text{loadrc } j & tag = L \end{cases}$$

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The instruction `loadrc j` computes the sum of FP and `j`.



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As an optimization one introduces the instructions `loadr j` and `storer j`. This is analogous to `loada j` and `storea j`.

`loadr j = loadrc j`  
`load`

`storer j = loadrc j`  
`store`

The code for `return e;` corresponds to an assignment to a variable with relative address `-3`.

`code return e; ρ = codeR e ρ`  
`storer -3`  
`return`

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Example: For the function

`S; SS`

```
int fac(int x) {
  if (x ≤ 0) return 1;
  else return x * fac(x - 1);
}
```

$\max(e_1 \square e_2) = \max(\text{const } \max e_1, 1 + \max e_2)$

we generate:

<code>_fac:</code>	<code>enter q</code>	<code>loadc 1</code>	<code>A:</code>	<code>loadr 1</code>	<code>mul</code>
<code>0</code>	<code>alloc 0</code>	<code>storer -3</code>	<code>mark</code>	<code>storer -3</code>	
<code>1</code>	<code>loadr 1</code>	<code>return</code>	<code>loadr 1</code>	<code>return</code>	
<code>2</code>	<code>loadc 0</code>	<code>jump B</code>	<code>loadc 1</code>	<code>B:</code>	<code>return</code>
<code>1</code>	<code>leq</code>		<code>sub</code>		
	<code>jumpz A</code>		<code>loadc _fac</code>		
			<code>call 1</code>		

where  $\rho_{\text{fac}} : x \mapsto (L, 1)$  and  $q = 1 + 4 + 2 = 7$ .

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        load
```

```
storerj = loadrcj
         store
```

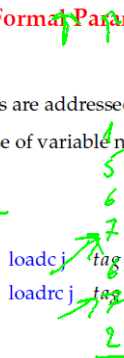
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## 10 Translation of Whole Programs

The state before program execution starts:

$SP = -1$      $FP = EP = 0$      $PC = 0$      $NP = MAX$  *+1*

Be  $p \equiv V\_defs \ F\_def_1 \dots F\_def_n$ , a program, where  $F\_def_i$  defines a function  $f_i$ , of which one is named `main`.

The code for the program  $p$  consists of:

- Code for the function definitions  $F\_def_i$ ;
- Code for allocating the global variables;
- Code for the call of `main()`;
- the instruction `halt`.

We thus define:

```
code p ∅ =
  enter (k + 6)
  alloc (k + 1)
  mark
  loadc _main
  call 0
  pop
  halt
  _f1: code F_def1 ρ
      ⋮
  _fn: code F_defn ρ
```

where  $\emptyset \hat{=} \text{empty address environment;}$   
 $\rho \hat{=} \text{global address environment;}$   
 $k \hat{=} \text{space for global variables}$   
 $\_main \in \{ \_f_1, \dots, \_f_n \}$

# The Translation of Functional Programming Languages

## 11 The language PuF

We only regard a mini-language PuF ("Pure Functions").

We do not treat, as yet:

- Side effects;
- Data structures.

A Program is an expression  $e$  of the form:

- $e ::= b \mid x \mid (\square_1 e) \mid (e_1 \square_2 e_2)$
- | (if  $e_0$  then  $e_1$  else  $e_2$ )
- | ( $e' e_0 \dots e_{k-1}$ )
- | (fn  $x_0, \dots, x_{k-1} \Rightarrow e$ )
- | (let  $x_1 = e_1; \dots; x_n = e_n$  in  $e_0$ )
- | (letrec  $x_1 = e_1; \dots; x_n = e_n$  in  $e_0$ )

$(x y \Rightarrow x < y + 6)$

let fac = fn n => if ...

let x = 6 in (let x = x + 1 in (x + 1) + x)  
 let x = 7 in (x + 1) + x  
 (x + 1) + x

An expression is therefore

- a basic value, a variable, the application of an operator, or
- a function-application, a function-abstraction, or
- a let-expression, i.e. an expression with locally defined variables, or
- a letrec-expression, i.e. an expression with simultaneously defined local variables.

For simplicity, we only allow as basic type.

if  $e'$  then  $e_1$  else  $e_2 \equiv (e' e_1) e_2$   
 $fn e e_1 e_2 \equiv e e_1 e_2$

Example:

true  $\equiv$  fn x y => x  
 false  $\equiv$  fn x y => y

The following well-known function computes the factorial of a natural number:

letrec fac = fn x => if x ≤ 1 then 1  
 else x · fac (x - 1)  
 in fac 7

As usual, we only use the minimal amount of parentheses.

There are two Semantics:

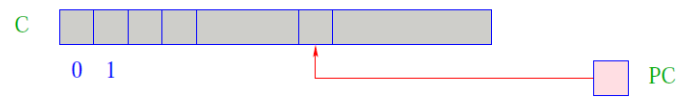
CBV: Arguments are evaluated before they are passed to the function (as in SML);

CBN: Arguments are passed unevaluated; they are only evaluated when their value is needed (as in Haskell).

let let fst = fn x y => x in (fst (fst (5/0)))  
~~let rec = fn x => x / 0~~  
 true  $\equiv$  (fn t f => t) x

## 12 Architecture of the MaMa:

We know already the following components:



C = Code-store – contains the MaMa-program;  
each cell contains one instruction;

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