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## 25 Last Calls

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

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

### Examples

$rt(h::y)$  is a **last call** in `match x with [] → y | h::t → rt(h::y)`  
 $f(x-1)$  is **not a last call** in `if x ≤ 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!!!

## 24.5 Closures of Tuples and Lists

The general schema for `codeC` can be optimized for tuples and lists:

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

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**.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{code}_V l \rho \text{sd} &= \text{code}_C e_{m-1} \rho \text{sd} \\
 &\quad \text{code}_C e_{m-2} \rho (\text{sd} + 1) \\
 &\quad \dots \\
 &\quad \text{code}_C e_0 \rho (\text{sd} + m - 1) \\
 &\quad \text{code}_V e' \rho (\text{sd} + m) \quad // \text{ Evaluation of the function} \\
 &\quad \text{move } r(m+1) \quad // \text{ Deallocation of } r \text{ cells} \\
 &\quad \text{apply}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Example  $x \mapsto (L, 0)$   $h \mapsto (L, 1)$   $r \mapsto (G, 0)$   
 $y \mapsto (L, -1)$   $t \mapsto (L, 2)$

V-code for the body of the function

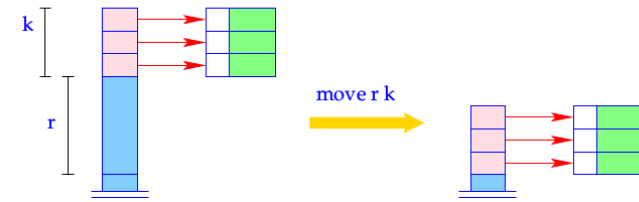
$r = \text{fun } x \ y \rightarrow \text{match } x \text{ with } [] \rightarrow y \mid h :: t \rightarrow r t (h :: y)$

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		<del>slide</del>
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.

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$SP = SP - k - r;$   
 for  $(i=1; i \leq k; i++)$   
 $S[SP+i] = S[SP+i+r];$   
 $SP = SP + k;$

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## 26 Exceptions

Example

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let rec gcd = fun x y →
  if x ≤ 0 || y ≤ 0 then raise [ ] ←
  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 → [ ] ←
```

For simplicity, we assume that raised exception values can be of any type.

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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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we generate:

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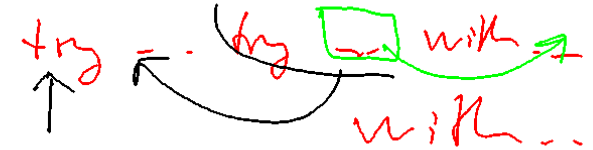
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                codeV e1 ρ (sd + 4)
                restore B
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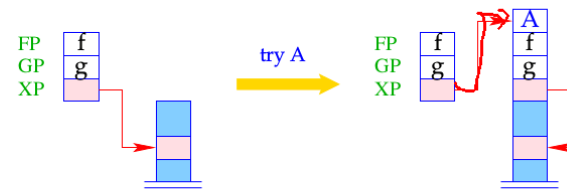
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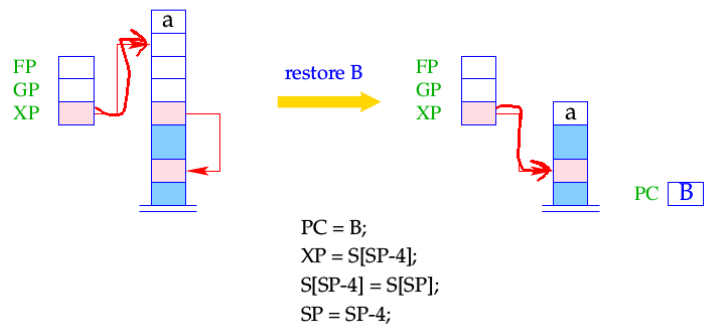


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S[SP+1] = XP;
S[SP+2] = GP;
S[SP+3] = FP;
S[SP+4] = A;
XP = SP = SP+4;

```

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Now we have all provisions to raise exceptions.

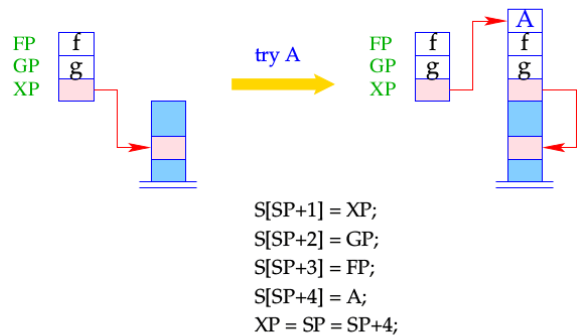
For these, we do:

- 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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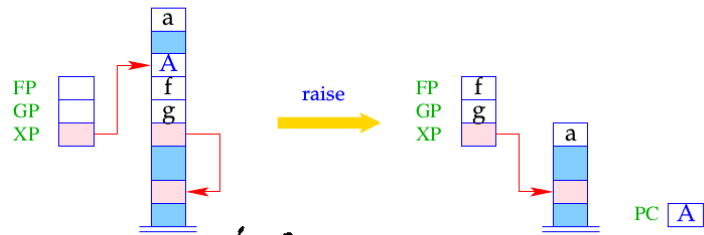
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$t \sim p_1 = S[SP];$   
 $SP = XP - 3;$   
 $PC = S[XP];$   
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 $S[SP] = t \sim p_1;$

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### Caveat

Exceptions only make sense in **CBV** languages !!

Why??

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make e with ) try e with  
| 0 → -  
| 1 → ...  
| \_ → ...  
x → make x  
with  
[] → ...  
x.(xs) → ...

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## The Translation of Logic Languages

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## 27 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**.

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$[X | XS] \approx X :: XS$

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$$X @ [Y, c] \stackrel{?}{=} [a, b, Z]$$

$X \mapsto [a]$   
 $Y \mapsto b$   
 $Z \mapsto c$

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