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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

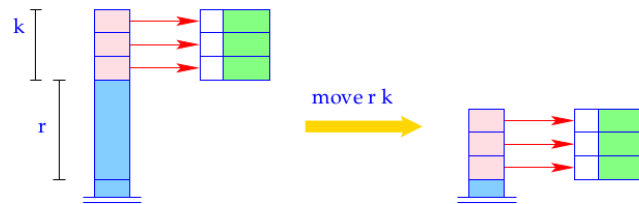
1. allocate the arguments  $e_i$  and evaluate  $e'$  to a function (note: all this inside  $f$ 's frame!);
2. deallocate the local variables and the  $k$  consumed arguments of  $f$ ;
3. execute an `apply`.

```

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
    
```

*more A*

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



```

SP = SP - k - r;
for (i=1; i<=k; i++)
    S[SP+i] = S[SP+i+r];
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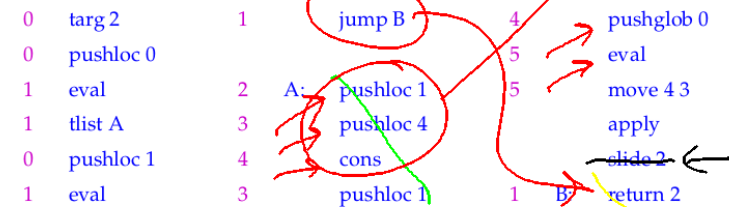
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*Handwritten notes:*  
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| 0 | pushloc 0 |   |              | 5 | eval        |
| 1 | eval      | 2 | A: pushloc 1 | 5 | move 4 3    |
| 1 | tlist A   | 3 | pushloc 4    |   | apply       |
| 0 | pushloc 1 | 4 | cons         |   | slide 2     |
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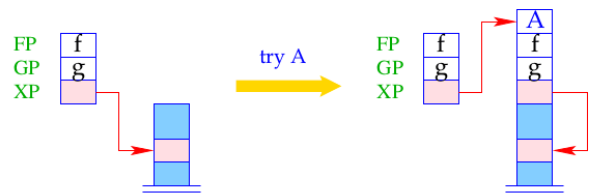
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               slide 1
               B : ...
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where  $\rho' = \rho \oplus \{x \mapsto (L, \text{sd} + 1)\}$ .

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

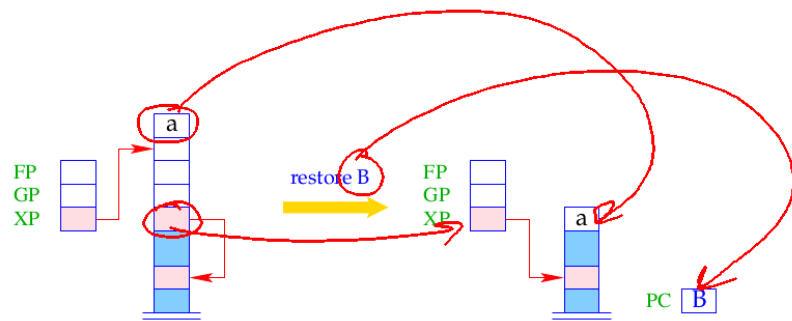
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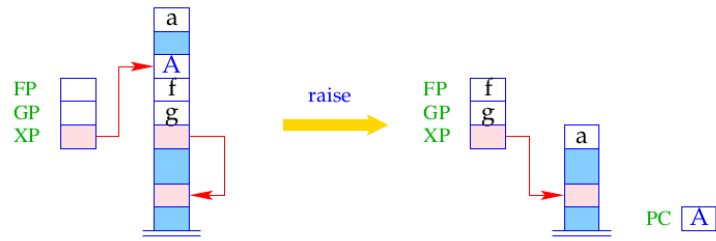
Now we have all provisions to raise exceptions.

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:

```
codeV (raise e) ρ sd = codeV e ρ sd
                      raise
```



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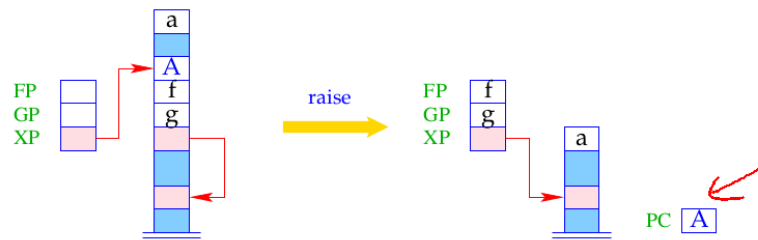
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The code for gcd is given by:

|   |           |   |         |           |       |           |
|---|-----------|---|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 0 | alloc 1   | 2 | B:      | rewrite 1 | 10    | mkbasic   |
| 1 | pushloc 0 | 1 | try C   | 10        | apply |           |
| 2 | mkvec 1   | 5 | mark D  | 6         | D:    | restore E |
| 2 | mkfun A   | 8 | loadc 5 | 2         | C:    | pushloc 0 |
| 2 | jump B    | 9 | mkbasic | 3         |       | slide 1   |
| 0 | A:        | 9 | loadc 0 | 2         | E:    | slide 1   |
|   | ...       |   |         |           |       |           |
|   | return 2  |   |         |           |       |           |

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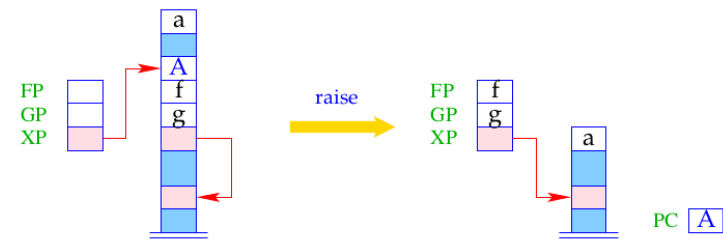
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### Caveat

Exceptions only make sense in `CBV` languages !!

Why??

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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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