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Actions when entering g :

1. Evaluating the actual parameters
 2. Saving of FP, EP
 3. Determining the start address of g
 4. Setting of the new FP
 5. Saving PC and
Jump to the beginning of g
 6. Setting of new EP
 7. Allocating of local variables
- } mark } are part of f
} call }
} enter } are part of g
} alloc }

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Actions when terminating the call:

1. Storing of the return value
 2. Restoring of the registers FP, EP
 3. Jumping back into the code of f , i.e.,
Restoration of the PC
 4. Popping the stack
- } return
} slide

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Accordingly, we obtain for a call to a function with at least one parameter and one return value:

$\text{code}_R g(e_1, \dots, e_n) \rho = \text{code}_R e_n \rho$
...
 $\text{code}_R e_1 \rho$
mark
 $\text{code}_R g \rho$
call
slide $(m - 1)$

where m is the size of the actual parameters.

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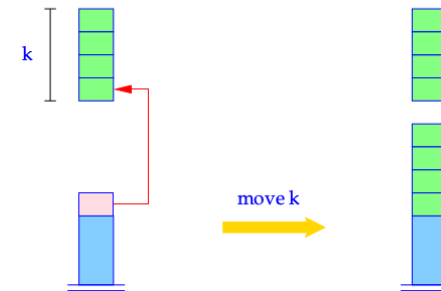
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 $SP = SP+k-1;$

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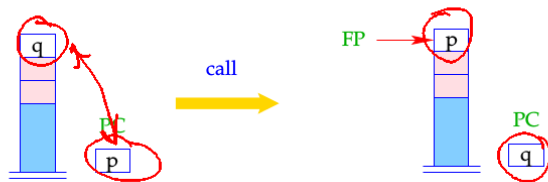


The instruction **mark** saves the registers **FP** and **EP** onto the stack.



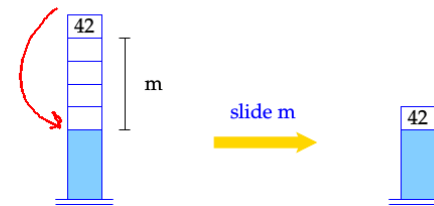
$S[SP+1] = EP;$
 $S[SP+2] = FP;$
 $SP = SP + 2;$

The instruction **call** saves the return address and sets **FP** and **PC** onto the new values.



$tmp = S[SP];$
 $S[SP] = PC;$
 $FP = SP;$
 $PC = tmp;$

The instruction **slide** copies the return values into the correct memory cell:



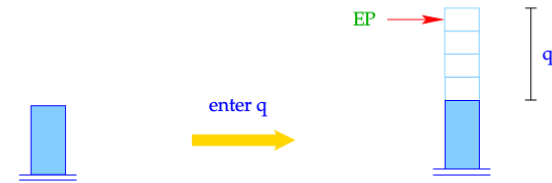
$tmp = S[SP];$
 $SP = SP - m;$
 $S[SP] = tmp;$

Accordingly, we translate a function definition:

```
code t f (specs){V_defs ss} ρ =
  _f: enter q // initialize EP
      alloc k // allocate the local variables
      code ss ρf
      return // return from call
```

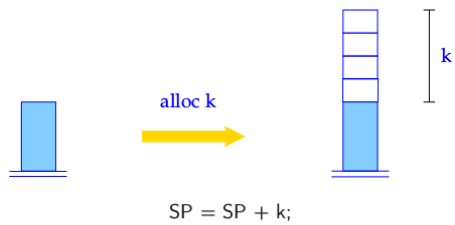
where $q = \text{max} + k$ with
 max = maximal length of the local stack
 k = size of the local variables
 ρ_f = address environment for f
 // takes specs, V_defs and ρ into account

The instruction `enter q` sets the EP to the new value. If not enough space is available, program execution terminates.



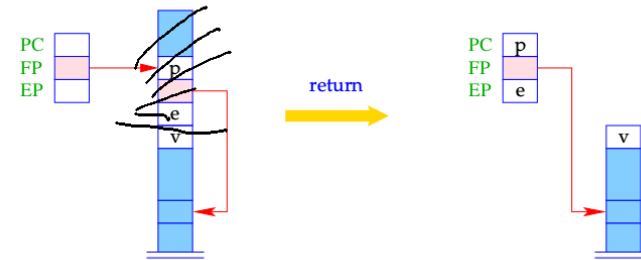
```
EP = SP + q;
if (EP ≥ NP)
  Error ("Stack Overflow");
```

The instruction `alloc k` allocates memory for locals on the stack.



$$SP = SP + k;$$

The instruction `return` pops the current stack frame. This means it restores the registers PC, EP and FP and returns the return value on top of the stack.



```
PC = S[FP]; EP = S[FP-2];
if (EP ≥ NP) Error ("Stack Overflow");
SP = FP-3; FP = S[SP+2];
```

9.4 Access to Variables, Formal Parameters and Returning of Values

Accesses to local variables or formal parameters are relative to the current FP.

Accordingly, we modify code_L for names of variables.

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

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

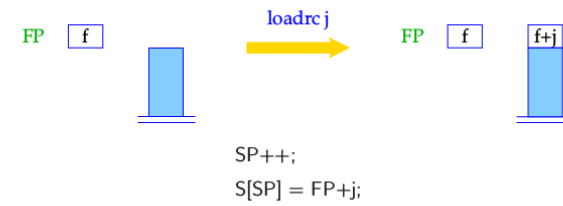
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As an optimization, we introduce analogously to $\text{loada } j$ and $\text{storea } j$ the new instructions $\text{loadr } j$ and $\text{storer } j$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{loadr } j &= \text{loadrc } j \\ &\quad \text{load} \\ \text{storer } j &= \text{loadrc } j; \\ &\quad \text{store} \end{aligned}$$

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The instruction $\text{loadrc } j$ computes the sum of FP and j .



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The code for $\text{return } e;$ corresponds to an assignment to a variable with relative address -3 .

$$\text{code return } e; \rho = \begin{aligned} &\text{code}_R e \rho \\ &\quad \text{storer } -3 \\ &\quad \text{return} \end{aligned}$$

Example For function

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

we generate:

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```

_fac:  enter q      loadc 1      A:  loadr -3      mul
      alloc 0      storer -3   loadr -3      storer -3
      loadr -3     return      loadc 1      return
      loadc 0      jump B      sub          B:  return
      leq
      jumpz A
      mark
      loadc _fac   call
      slide 0

```

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where $\rho_{\text{fac}} : x \mapsto (L, -3)$ and $q = 5$.

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10 Translation of Whole Programs

Before program execution, we have:

$SP = -1$ $FP = EP = -1$ $PC = 0$ $NP = \text{MAX}$

Let $p \equiv V_defs \ F_def_1 \dots F_def_n$, denote a program where F_def_i is the definition of a function f_i of which one is called `main`.

The code for the program p consists of:

- code for the function definitions F_def_i ;
- code for the allocation of global variables;
- code for the call of `int main()`;
- the instruction `halt` which returns control to the operating system together with the value at address 0.

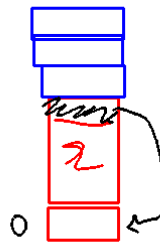
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Then we define:

```

code p ∅ =
  enter (k + 4)
  alloc (k + 1)
  mark
  loadc _main
  call
  slide k
  halt
_f1: code F_def1 ρ
  ⋮
_fn: code F_defn ρ

```



The Translation of Functional Programming Languages

where $\emptyset \hat{=}$ empty address environment;
 $\rho \hat{=}$ global address environment;
 $k \hat{=}$ size of the global variables

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11 The language PuF

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

We do not treat, as yet:

- Side effects;
- Data structures; ←
- Exceptions. ←

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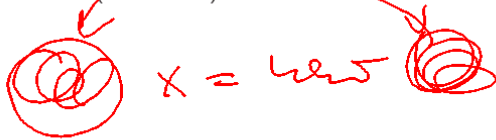
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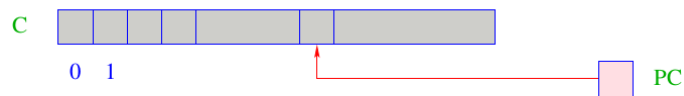
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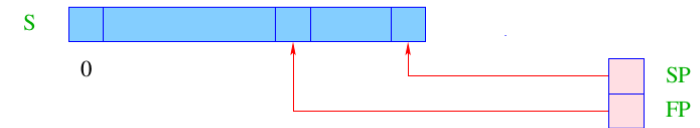
12 Architecture of the MaMa

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;

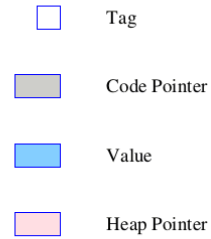
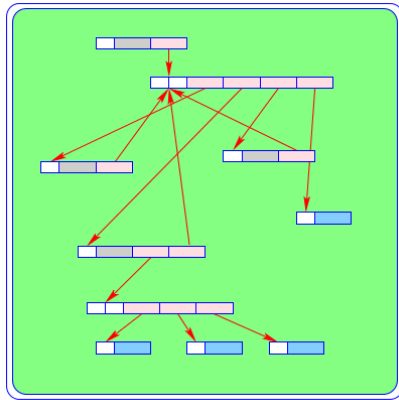
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- S** = Runtime-Stack – each cell can hold a basic value or an address;
- SP** = Stack-Pointer – points to the topmost occupied cell; as in the **CMa** implicitly represented;
- FP** = Frame-Pointer – points to the actual stack frame.

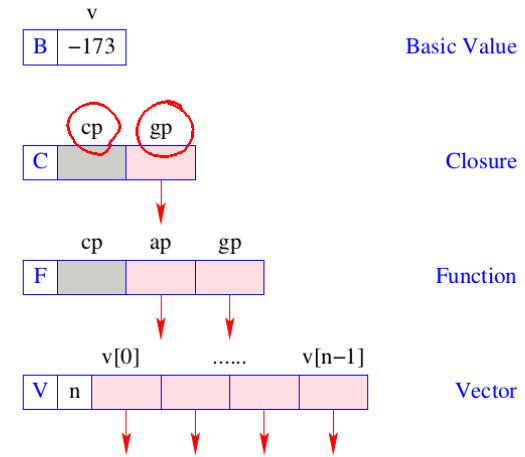
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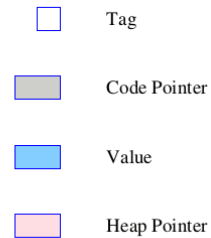
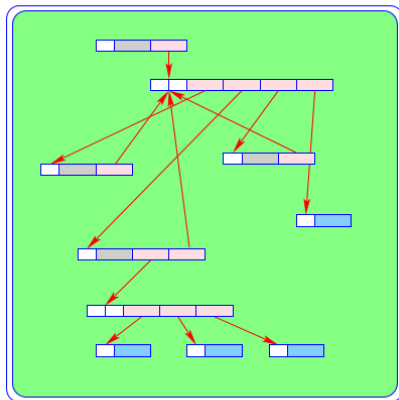
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