

12F-1 Bookkeeping

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Throw e

This should result in an unchanged sigma with an uncaught exception derived from e.

$$\frac{\langle e, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow n}{\langle \text{throw}(e), \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma \text{ exc } n}$$

Try c₁ Catch x c₂

Here we always execute c_1 and produce a new sigma. depending on how it terminates we need two possible methods of “catching”.

Normal execution catch execute c_1 and terminate normally.

$$\frac{\langle c_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'}{\langle \text{try } c_1 \text{ catch } x \ c_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'}$$

Exceptional execution catch execute c_1 and terminate with an exception. Note that the lowercase t is a single instance of the termination type T, meaning that c_2 either terminates normally or exceptionally.

$$\frac{\langle c_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma' \text{ exc } n \quad \langle c_2, \sigma[x := n] \rangle \Downarrow t}{\langle \text{try } c_1 \text{ catch } x \ c_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow t}$$

after c₁ finally c₂

There are three possible rules for this command. We always begin by executing c_1 and producing a new sigma.

Normal execution after Execute c_1 and terminate normally, execute c_2 and terminate with t.

$$\frac{\langle c_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma' \quad \langle c_2, \sigma' \rangle \Downarrow t}{\langle \text{after } c_1 \text{ finally } c_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow t}$$

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$$\frac{\langle c_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma' \text{ exc } n \quad \langle c_2, \sigma' \rangle \Downarrow \sigma''}{\langle \text{after } c_1 \text{ finally } c_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'' \text{ exc } n}$$

Exceptional execution on c₁ with exceptional c₂ execute c_1 and terminate with an exception then terminate c_2 exceptionally so the exception is overwritten.

$$\frac{\langle c_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma' \text{ exc } n_0 \quad \langle c_2, \sigma' \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'' \text{ exc } n_1}{\langle \text{after } c_1 \text{ finally } c_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'' \text{ exc } n_1}$$

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Exercise 2F-4. Language Features, Analysis [6 points]. The key difference between small-step and large-step is in the notation, they support similar ideas in different formats. I'll argue notation is important to how we process ideas and that less complex and more visual notation is almost always preferred. I believe the large-step encoding of exceptions in **IMP** is more natural because it closely matches how one would implement the new concept, where the small-step in this case is less closely matched to how the language would be implemented. Further, the large-step version of exceptions are more concise, requiring less computation to describe and understand. The main distinction I want to isolate is the new notation introduced in the previous example. We gain the expressive termination type, t , and the exceptional termination $\sigma \text{ exc } n$. This notation provide a clear description of the exception which is cohesive with our prior σ termination. The small-step doesn't seem to capture this with any elegance. Termination with "skip" and "throw n" is not as clear to me as the sigma state termination. While intuitively handled in large-step, the exception model feels more arbitrary in small-step. I'll motivate this with a simple example on throw.

```
H :=
  | throw H

r :=
  | throw n ; c
```

Local reduction rules:

$$\langle \text{throw } n; c, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } n, \sigma \rangle$$

Where **throw n** is the exceptional termination of a program in **IMP**. For other operations I find a similar correspondence, where the rules in small-step are less direct than the large-step. Tracking exceptions using the "throw n" notation is cumbersome. I find a needless complexity here when compared to the large-step shown [above](#). As a final point, see figure 1.

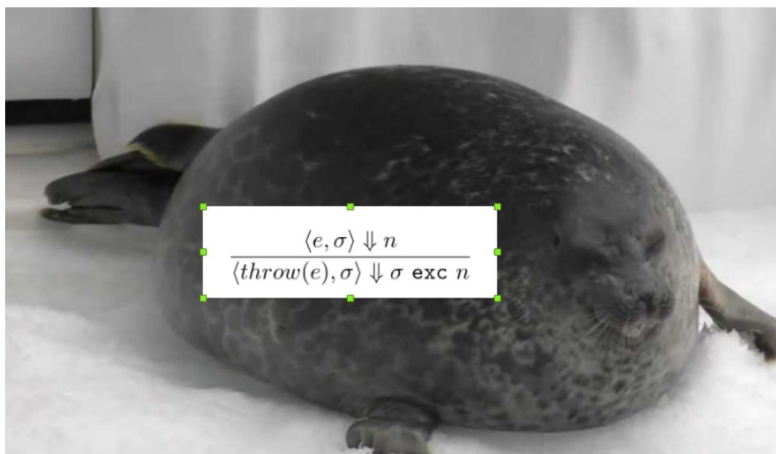


Figure 1: Lörge

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