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# ***Exceptions***

# Syntax

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- `throw e`

Jinja: `e` can be of any class

Java: `e` must be of a subclass of `Throwable`

- `try e1 catch (C V) e2`

Example:

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try throw (new C) catch (C V) var V
behaves like new C
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# System exceptions

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System exception classes:

*NullPointerException, ClassCast, OutOfMemory :: cname*

Simplification: System exceptions are allocated *statically*  
not created *dynamically*:

*addr-of-sys-xcpt :: cname ⇒ addr*

Abbreviations:

*Throw a* ≡ `throw(addr a)`

*THROW C* ≡ `Throw(addr-of-sys-xcpt C)`

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## ***Extension of big step semantics***

## Variable access

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$$I V = [v] \implies$$

$$P \vdash \langle \text{Var } V, (h, l) \rangle \implies \langle \text{Val } v, (h, l) \rangle$$

Uninitialized variables cannot be evaluated

## Field access

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{addr } a, (h, l) \rangle; h a = \lfloor (C, fs) \rfloor; fs (F, D) = \lfloor v \rfloor \rrbracket \\ & \Longrightarrow P \vdash \langle e.F\{D\}, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v, (h, l) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Exception creation:

$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{null}, s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$

$$P \vdash \langle e.F\{D\}, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{NullPointerException}, s_1 \rangle$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$

$$P \vdash \langle e.F\{D\}, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle$$

## Binary operations

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v_1, s_1 \rangle; P \vdash \langle e_2, s_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v_2, s_2 \rangle; \\ & \text{binop } (bop, v_1, v_2) = \llbracket v \rrbracket \\ & \implies P \vdash \langle e_1 \ll bop \gg e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v, s_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Exception propagation:

$$\begin{aligned} & P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s_1 \rangle \implies \\ & P \vdash \langle e_1 \ll bop \gg e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s_1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v_1, s_1 \rangle; \\ & P \vdash \langle e_2, s_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s_2 \rangle \rrbracket \\ & \implies P \vdash \langle e_1 \ll bop \gg e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

## new

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$\llbracket \text{new-Addr } h = \lfloor a \rfloor; P \vdash C \text{ has-fields FDTs};$   
 $h' = h(a \mapsto (C, \text{init-fields FDTs})) \rrbracket$   
 $\implies P \vdash \langle \text{new } C, (h, I) \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{addr } a, (h', I) \rangle$

### Exception creation:

$\text{new-Addr } h = \text{None} \implies$

$P \vdash \langle \text{new } C, (h, I) \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{OutOfMemory}, (h, I) \rangle$



# Cast

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{addr } a, (h, l) \rangle; h a = \lfloor (D, fs) \rfloor; P \vdash D \preceq^* C \rrbracket \\ & \implies P \vdash \langle \text{Cast } C e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{addr } a, (h, l) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

**Exception creation:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{addr } a, (h, l) \rangle; h a = \lfloor (D, fs) \rfloor; \neg P \vdash D \preceq^* C \rrbracket \\ & \implies P \vdash \langle \text{Cast } C e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{ClassCast}, (h, l) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

**Exception propagation:**

$$\begin{aligned} & P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \implies \\ & P \vdash \langle \text{Cast } C e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

# Variable assignment

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{val } v, (h, l) \rangle; l' = l(V \mapsto v) \rrbracket \\ & \implies P \vdash \langle V := e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{unit}, (h, l') \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \implies$$

$$P \vdash \langle V := e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle$$

## Field assignment (1)

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{addr } a, s_1 \rangle; P \vdash \langle e_2, s_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v, (h_2, l_2) \rangle; \\ & h_2 \ a = \lfloor (C, fs) \rfloor; fs' = fs((F, D) \mapsto v); h_2' = h_2(a \mapsto (C, fs')) \rrbracket \\ \implies & P \vdash \langle e_1.F\{D\} := e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{unit}, (h_2', l_2) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Exception creation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{null}, s_1 \rangle; P \vdash \langle e_2, s_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v, s_2 \rangle \rrbracket \\ \implies & P \vdash \langle e_1.F\{D\} := e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{NullPointerException}, s_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Principles:

Evaluate all arguments before throwing an exception.

Propagate exceptions immediately.

## Field assignment (2)

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Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$

$$P \vdash \langle e_1.F\{D\} := e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle$$

$$\llbracket P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{val } v, s_1 \rangle;$$

$$P \vdash \langle e_2, s_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_2 \rangle \rrbracket$$

$$\Longrightarrow P \vdash \langle e_1.F\{D\} := e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_2 \rangle$$

## Method call

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Exception creation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{null}, s_1 \rangle; P \vdash \langle ps, s_1 \rangle [\Rightarrow] \langle \text{map Val } vs, s_2 \rangle \rrbracket \\ & \Longrightarrow P \vdash \langle e.M(ps), s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{THROW NullPointerException}, s_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Exception propagation:

$$\begin{aligned} & P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow \\ & P \vdash \langle e.M(ps), s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v, s_1 \rangle; \\ & P \vdash \langle es, s_1 \rangle [\Rightarrow] \langle \text{map Val } vs @ (\text{throw } ex \cdot es'), s_2 \rangle \rrbracket \\ & \Longrightarrow P \vdash \langle e.M(es), s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } ex, s_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

## *Expression list*

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v, s_1 \rangle; P \vdash \langle es, s_1 \rangle [\Rightarrow] \langle es', s_2 \rangle \rrbracket \\ & \Longrightarrow P \vdash \langle e \cdot es, s_0 \rangle [\Rightarrow] \langle \text{Val } v \cdot es', s_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

**Exception propagation:**

$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$

$$P \vdash \langle e \cdot es, s_0 \rangle [\Rightarrow] \langle \text{throw } e' \cdot es, s_1 \rangle$$

# Sequential composition

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e_0, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{val } v, s_1 \rangle; P \vdash \langle e_1, s_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle e_2, s_2 \rangle \rrbracket \\ & \implies P \vdash \langle e_0 ; e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle e_2, s_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle e_0, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s_1 \rangle \implies$$

$$P \vdash \langle e_0 ; e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s_1 \rangle$$

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Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \implies$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{if } (e) e_1 \text{ else } e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle$$



## while

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Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$

$$P \vdash \langle \text{while } (e) \ c, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle$$

$$\llbracket P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{true}, s_1 \rangle; P \vdash \langle c, s_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_2 \rangle \rrbracket$$

$$\Longrightarrow P \vdash \langle \text{while } (e) \ c, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_2 \rangle$$

## throw

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$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{addr } a, s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Throw } a, s_1 \rangle$$

Exception creation:

$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{null}, s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{NullPointerException}, s_1 \rangle$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } e, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s_1 \rangle$$

# try catch (1)

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Normal evaluation:

$$P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v_1, s_1 \rangle \Longrightarrow$$

$$P \vdash \langle \text{try } e_1 \text{ catch } (C \ V) \ e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v_1, s_1 \rangle$$

## try catch (2)

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Exception handling:

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Throw } a, (h_1, l_1) \rangle; h_1 a = \lfloor (D, fs) \rfloor; \\ & P \vdash D \preceq^* C; P \vdash \langle e_2, (h_1, l_1(V \mapsto \text{Addr } a)) \rangle \Rightarrow \langle e_2', (h_2, l_2) \rangle \rrbracket \\ \implies & P \vdash \langle \text{try } e_1 \text{ catch } (C V) e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \\ & \langle e_2', (h_2, l_2(V := l_1 V)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Exception propagation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket P \vdash \langle e_1, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Throw } a, (h_1, l_1) \rangle; h_1 a = \lfloor (D, fs) \rfloor; \\ & \neg P \vdash D \preceq^* C \rrbracket \\ \implies & P \vdash \langle \text{try } e_1 \text{ catch } (C V) e_2, s_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Throw } a, (h_1, l_1) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

## *Final expressions redefined (exercise)*

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*final e*  $\equiv (\exists v. e = \text{Val } v) \vee (\exists a. e = \text{Throw } a)$

*finals es*  $\equiv ?$

**Lemma** If  $P \vdash \langle e, s \rangle \Rightarrow \langle e', s' \rangle$  then *final e'*.

If  $P \vdash \langle es, s \rangle [\Rightarrow] \langle es', s' \rangle$  then *finals es'*.

**Proof** by simultaneous rule induction.

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## ***Extension of small step semantics***

## Variable access

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$lcl\ s\ V = [v] \implies P \vdash \langle \text{Var } V, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v, s \rangle$

$lcl\ s\ V = \text{None} \implies P \vdash \langle \text{Var } V, s \rangle \rightarrow ?$

Uninitialized variables cannot be reduced

Ill-formed configuration — small step semantics is *stuck*

## *Field access*

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Exception creation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{null}.F\{D\}, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{NullPointerException}, s \rangle$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } e.F\{D\}, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$



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Exception creation:

$new-Addr\ h = None \implies$

$P \vdash \langle new\ C, (h, l) \rangle \rightarrow \langle THROW\ OutOfMemory, (h, l) \rangle$

## Cast

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Exception creation:

$$\llbracket hp \ s \ a = \lfloor (D, fs) \rfloor; \neg P \vdash D \preceq^* C \rrbracket$$
$$\implies P \vdash \langle \text{Cast } C \ (\text{addr } a), s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{ClassCast}, s \rangle$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{Cast } C \ (\text{throw } e), s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$

# *Variable assignment*

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Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle V := \text{throw } e, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$

## *Field assignment*

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Exception creation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{null}.F\{D\} := \text{Val } v, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{NullPointerException}, s \rangle$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } e.F\{D\} := e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{Val } v.F\{D\} := \text{throw } e, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$

## *Method call*

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Exception creation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{null}.M(\text{map Val } vs), s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \text{NullPointerException}, s \rangle$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } e.M(es), s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{Val } v.M(\text{map Val } vs @ (\text{throw } e \cdot es^{\wedge})), s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$

# *Expression list*

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$$P \vdash \langle e, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle e', s' \rangle \implies$$
$$P \vdash \langle e \cdot es, s \rangle [\rightarrow] \langle e' \cdot es, s' \rangle$$
$$P \vdash \langle es, s \rangle [\rightarrow] \langle es', s' \rangle \implies$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{Val } v \cdot es, s \rangle [\rightarrow] \langle \text{Val } v \cdot es', s' \rangle$$

# Sequential composition

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$$P \vdash \langle e, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle e', s' \rangle \implies$$
$$P \vdash \langle e; e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle e'; e_2, s' \rangle$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{Val } v; e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle e_2, s \rangle$$

**Exception propagation:**

$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } e; e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$

if

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Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{if } (\text{throw } e) e_1 \text{ else } e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$



# while

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$P \vdash \langle \text{while } (b) \ c, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{if } (b) \ (c; \text{while } (b) \ c) \ \text{else } \text{unit}, s \rangle$

## throw

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$$P \vdash \langle e, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle e', s' \rangle \implies$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e', s' \rangle$$

Exception creation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } \textit{null}, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{THROW } \textit{NullPointerException}, s \rangle$$

Exception propagation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{throw } (\text{throw } e), s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{throw } e, s \rangle$$

## try catch (1)

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$$P \vdash \langle e, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle e', s' \rangle \implies$$
$$P \vdash \langle \text{try } e \text{ catch } (C V) e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \\ \langle \text{try } e' \text{ catch } (C V) e_2, s' \rangle$$

Normal evaluation:

$$P \vdash \langle \text{try Val } v \text{ catch } (C V) e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{Val } v, s \rangle$$

## try catch (2)

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Exception handling:

$$\llbracket hp \ s \ a = \lfloor (D, fs) \rfloor; P \vdash D \preceq^* C \rrbracket$$
$$\implies P \vdash \langle \text{try Throw } a \text{ catch } (C \ V) \ e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \{ V:Class \ C; V := \text{addr } a; e_2 \}, s \rangle$$
$$\llbracket hp \ s \ a = \lfloor (D, fs) \rfloor; \neg P \vdash D \preceq^* C \rrbracket$$
$$\implies P \vdash \langle \text{try Throw } a \text{ catch } (C \ V) \ e_2, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{Throw } a, s \rangle$$