

# Assignment 1

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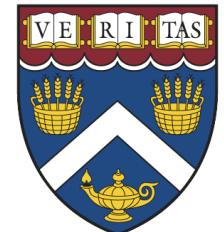
- Will be posted during the week
- We will talk next week about the SimpleJava VM
- Due on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm

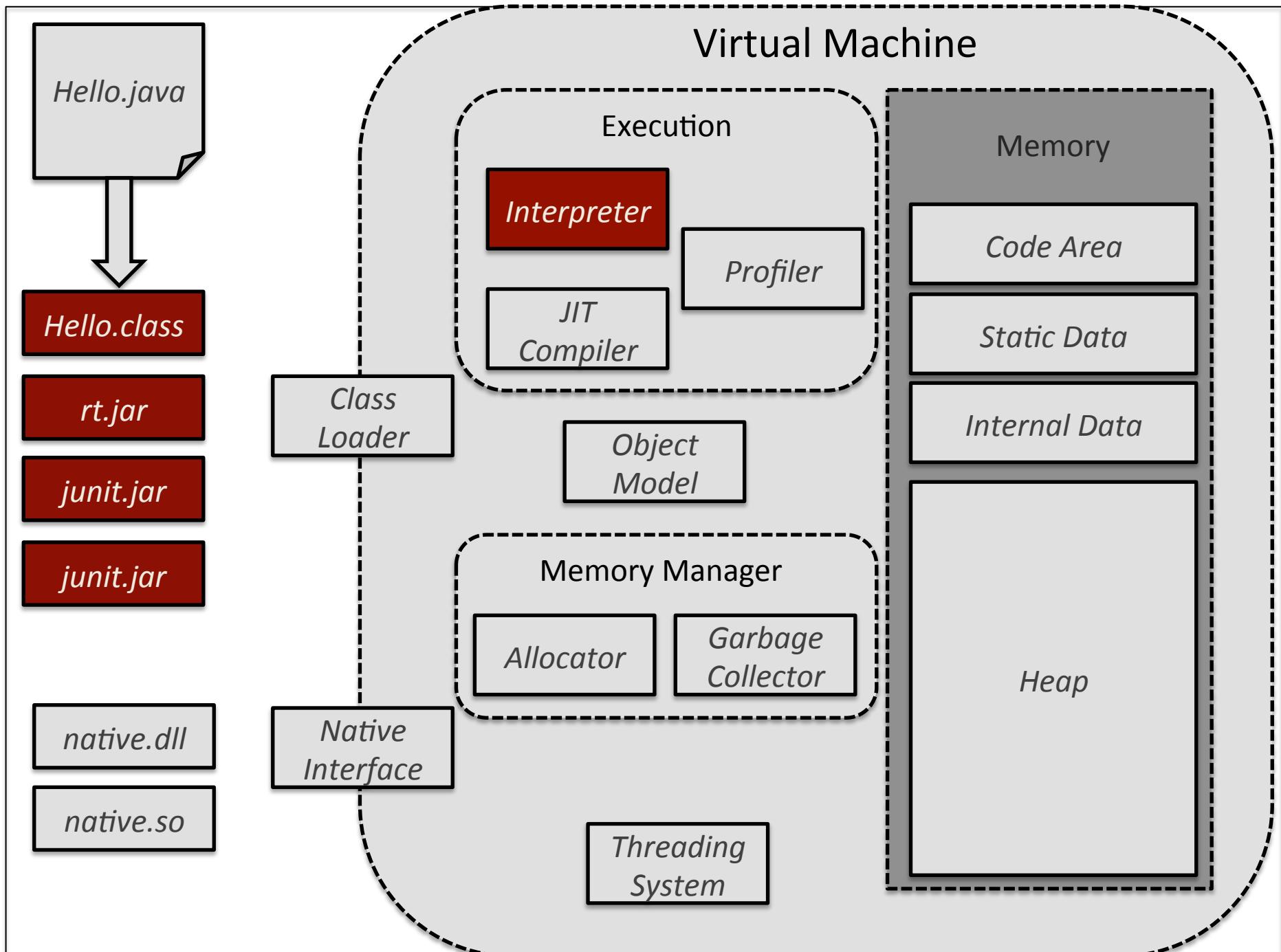
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- You will implement parts of the interpreter
  - IADD
  - IINC
  - GOTO
  - GETFIELD
  - PUTFIELD
  - INVOKESTATIC
  - INVOKEVIRTUAL

# Bytecode and Interpretation





# Java VM Architecture

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- Java bytecode targets an idealized architecture
  - Allowed the designers to define their own semantics
  - Delegate translation to machine code to the VM
- Bytecode targets a stack architecture
  - Reverse Polish vs. Arithmetic calculators

# The JVM Stack

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- Each thread has a JVM stack
  - Similar to the stack in native executables
- Each stack frame represents a method
- The stack frame has three data structures
  - An operand stack
  - A set of local variables
  - An instruction pointer

# Bytecode Format

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- A method's code is a stream of unsigned bytes
- Every instruction starts with an opcode
  - One byte
- Optionally, instructions contain additional bytes
  - Constant values
  - Constant pool indices
  - Jump targets

# Computational Types

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- Not all types are the same size
  - Java specifies the sizes of its primitive types

boolean	True or False
byte	8-bit signed
char	16-bit unicode
double	64-bit floating point
float	32-bit floating point
int	32-bit signed
long	64-bit signed
short	16-bit signed

# Computational Types

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- Most data types are padded to 32 bits internally
  - Computational Type 1
- `long` and `double` values are stored as 64 bits
  - Computational Type 2
- The computational type affects the stack frame
  - Type 1 takes one local slot or operand stack entry
  - Type 2 takes two local slots or operand stack entries
- Some bytecodes have different semantics
  - See the VM spec for the DUP instructions

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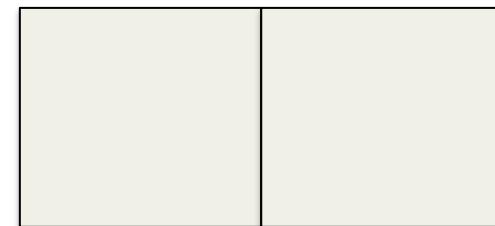
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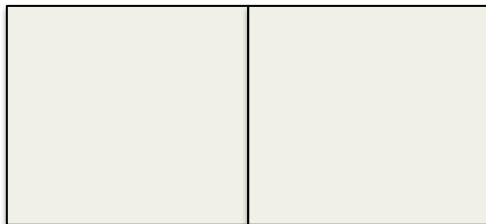
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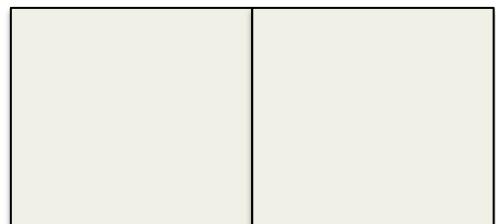
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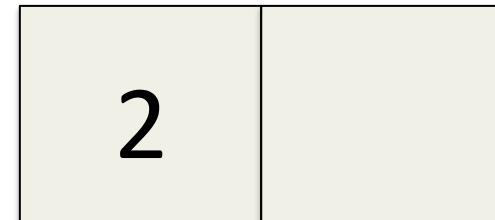
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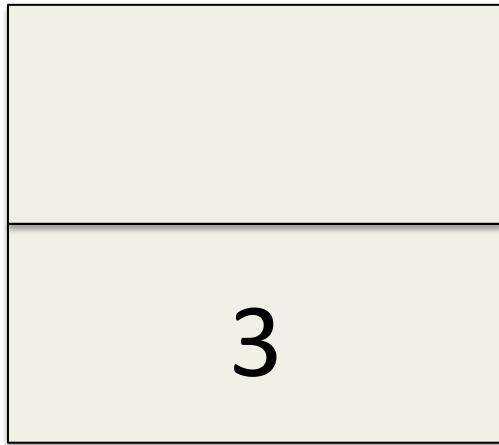
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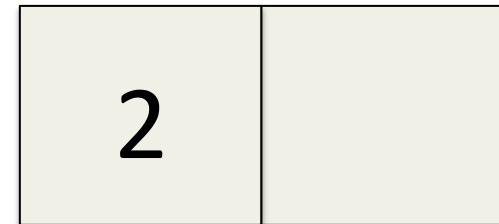
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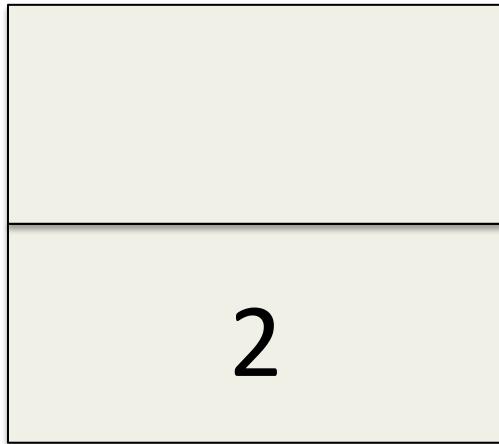
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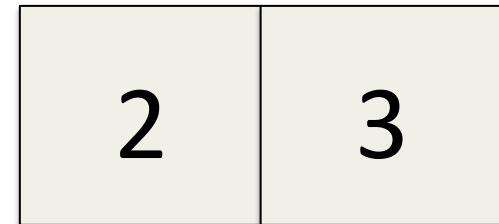
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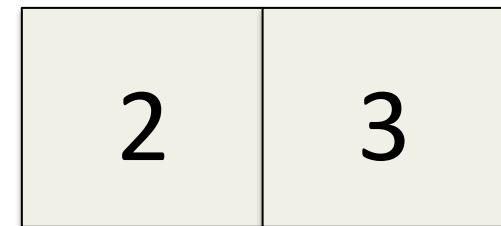
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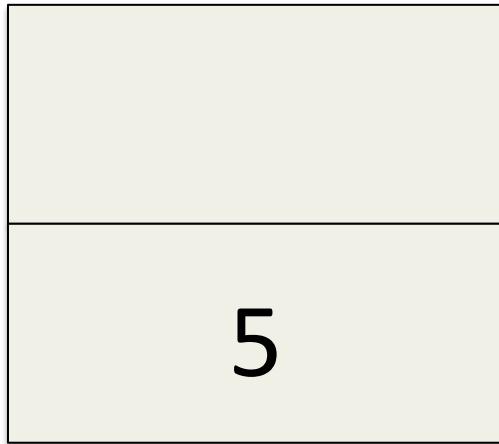
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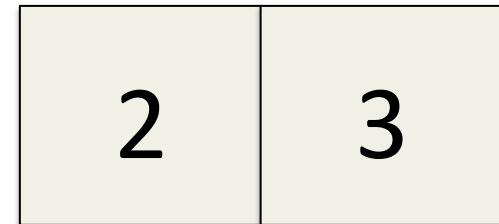
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# Calling Methods

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- Each thread starts with a single method
  - `main(String[] args)`
  - `run()`
  - `call()`
- Subsequent methods are pushed to the stack
- The thread exits when that method exits

# Calling Convention

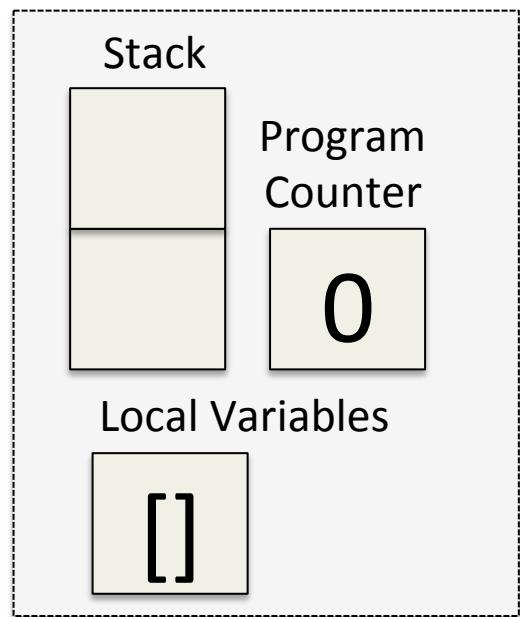
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- How values are passed between methods
  - All programming languages define a convention
- Parameters are stored in local variables
  - Top value stored in the first slot
- Return value pushed to the caller's stack

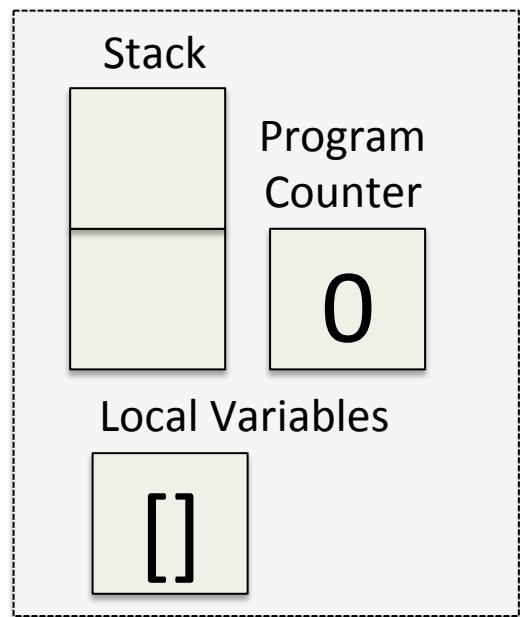
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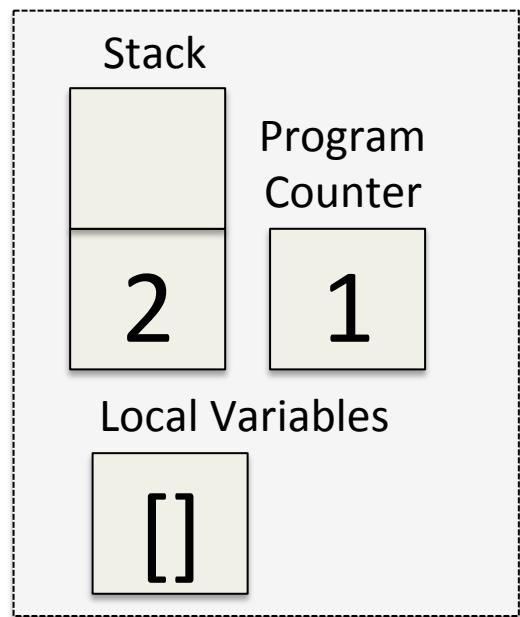
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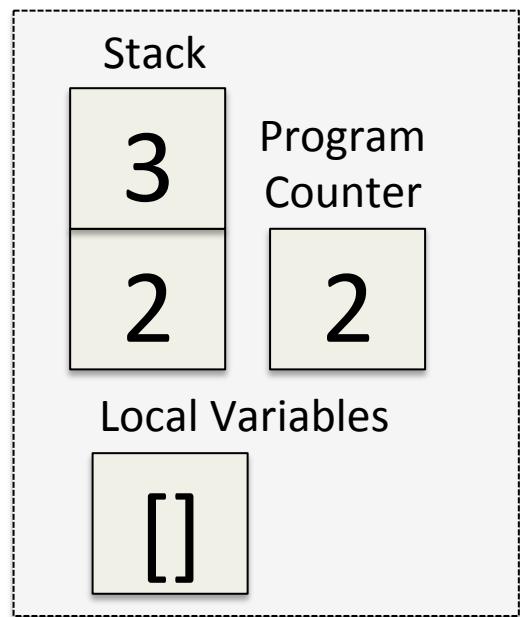
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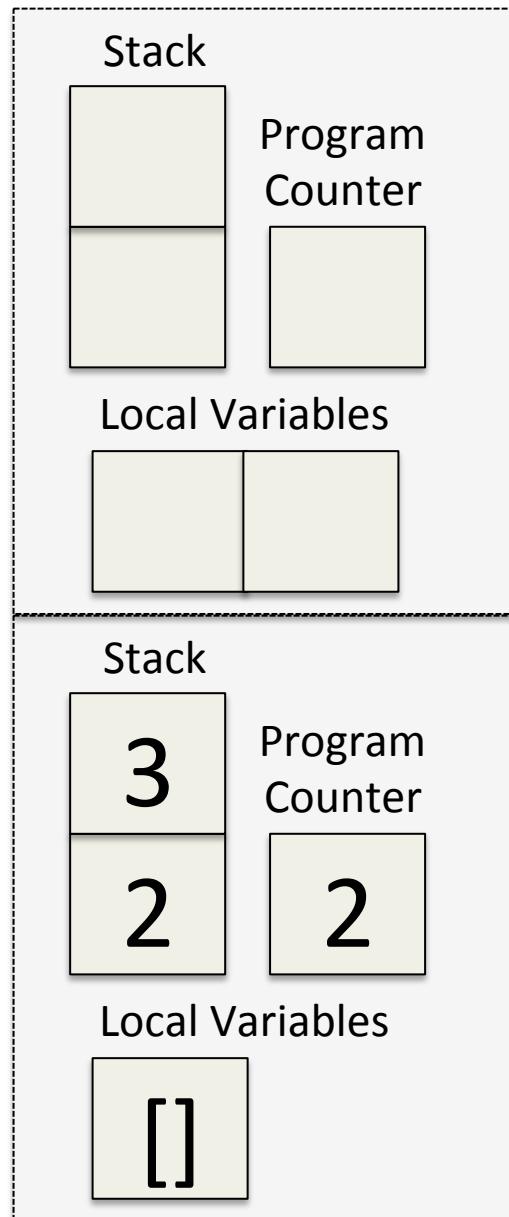
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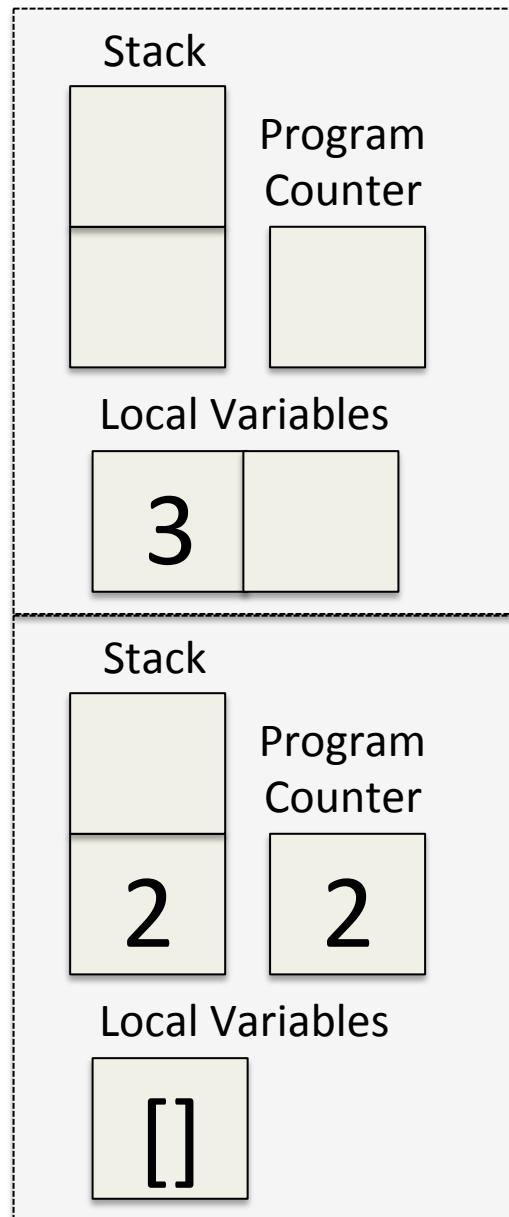


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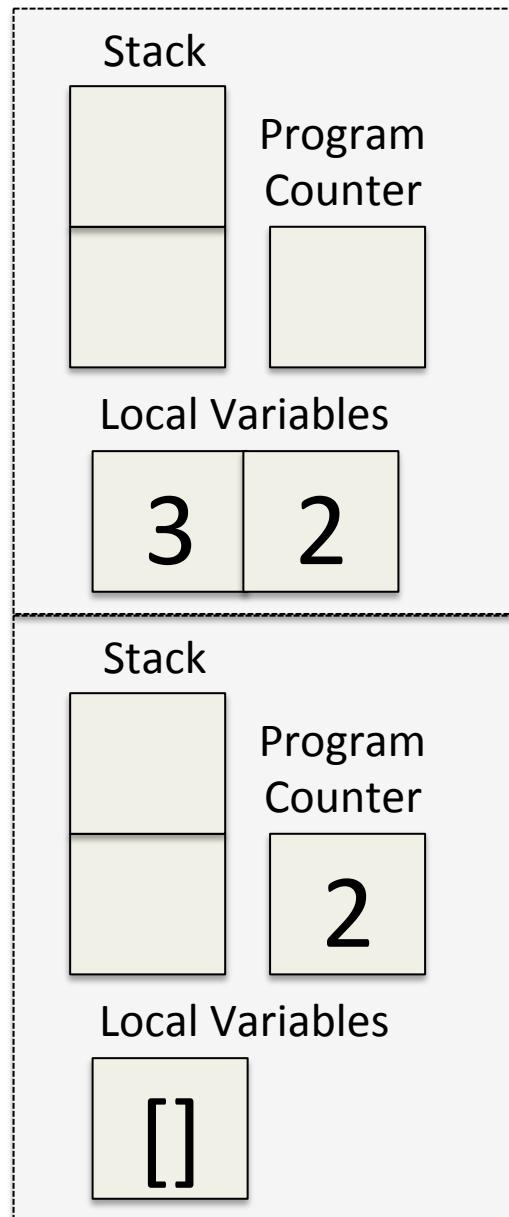
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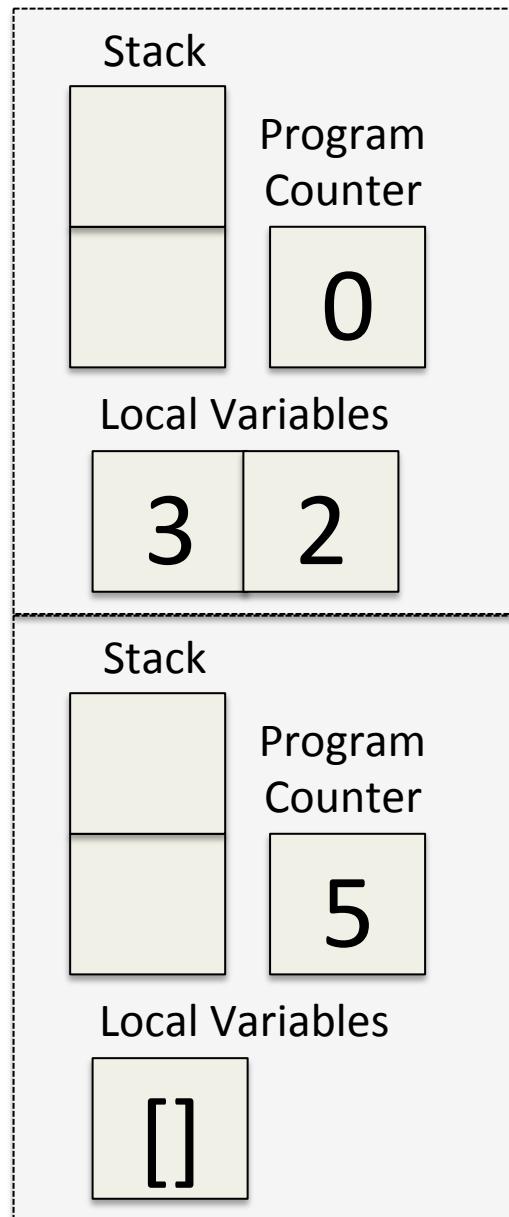
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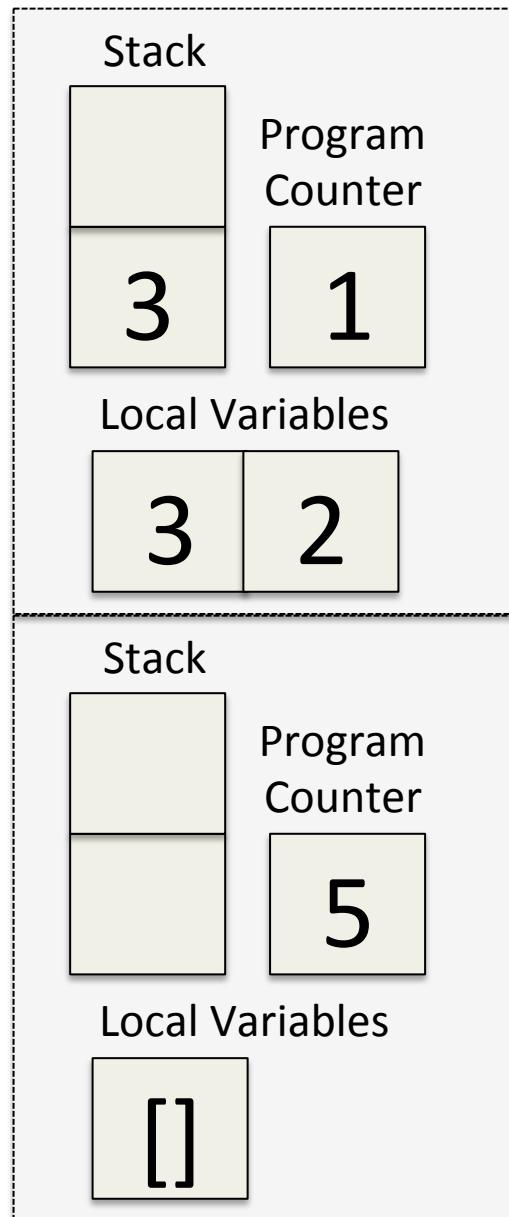
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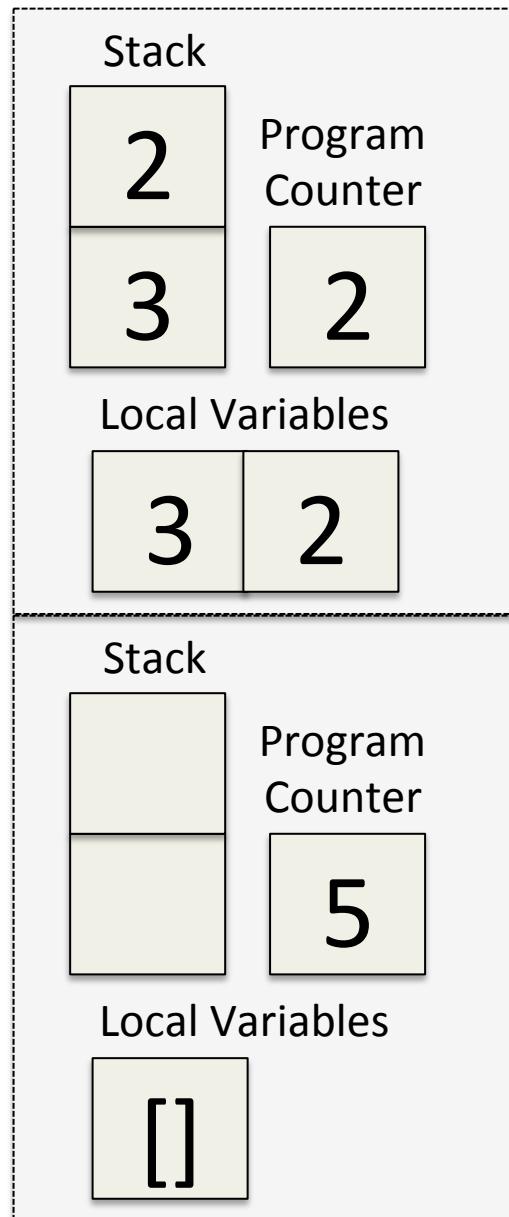
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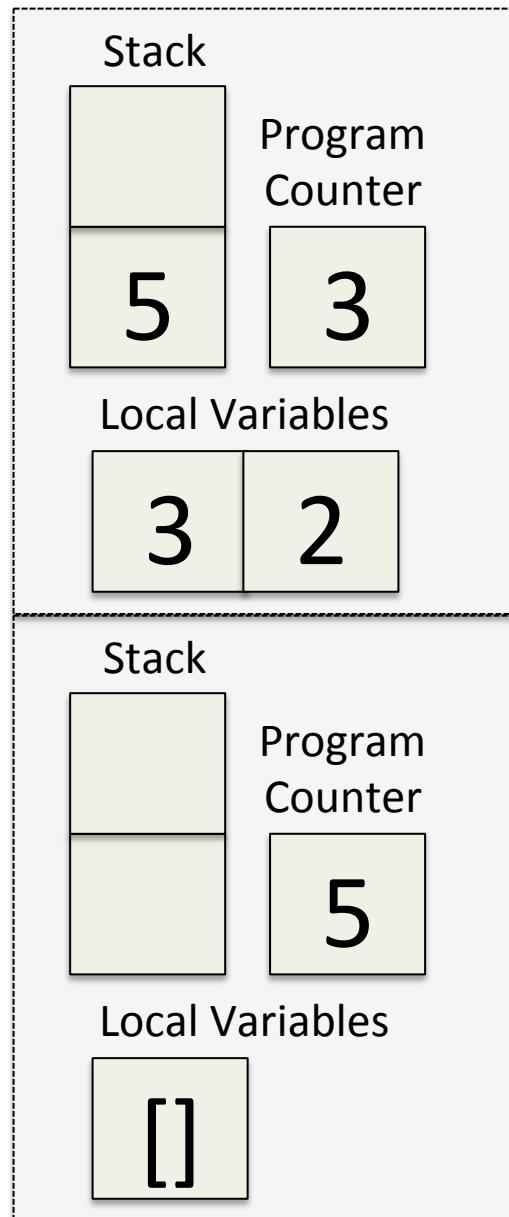
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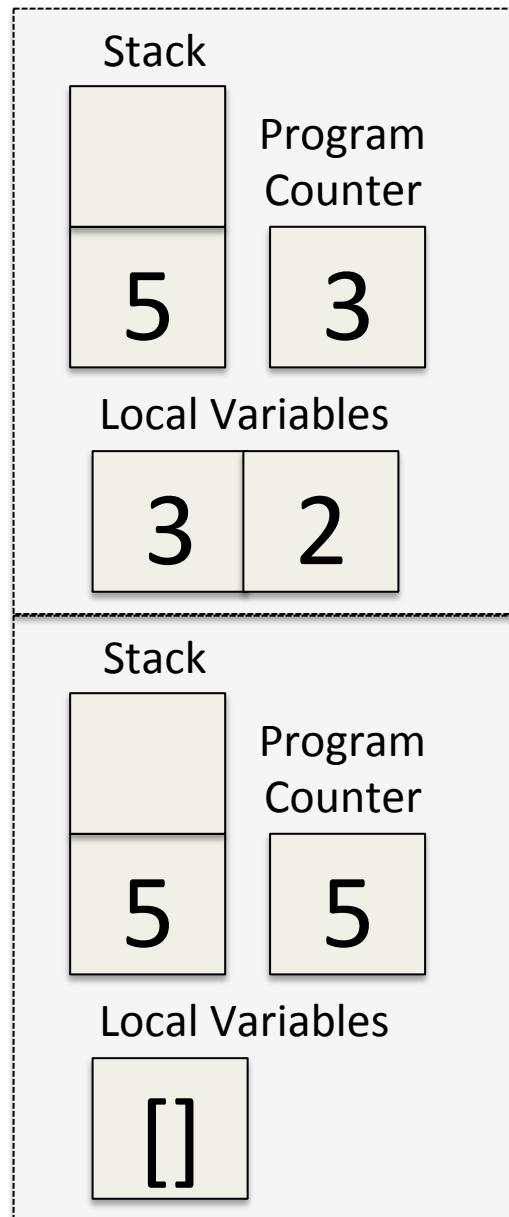
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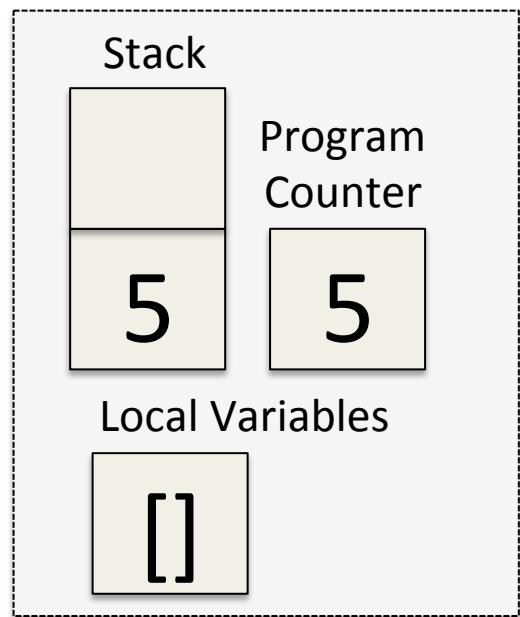
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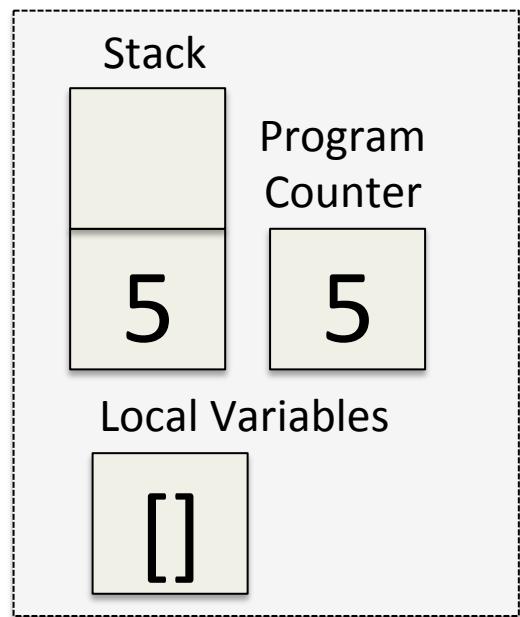


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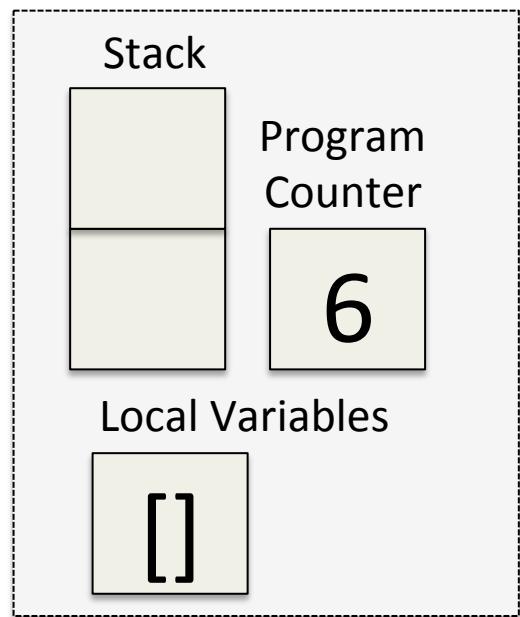
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# Instance Methods

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- Instance methods called on a specific object
  - That object must be on the top of the stack
  - `this` pointer stored to local variable zero
- Different semantics from static method calls
  - Uses `INVOKEVIRTUAL`
- We'll later see other invoke instructions
  - `INVOKESPECIAL`
  - `INVOKEDYNAMIC`

# Dynamic Dispatch

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- Java supports single dynamic dispatch
  - Method called depends on the type of the object
  - Which method is determined at run time
  - One call site can call different methods
- Some languages support multiple dispatch (Lisp)
  - The method depends on the parameters too
  - The visitor pattern simulates it elsewhere

# Method Lookup

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- Determine the type of the object
  - The object's header has a pointer to the class
- If that type defines a matching method, call it
- If not, check the super type of the object
- Continue until you find the method
- If you don't find the method, there's a problem
  - Throw an `AbstractMethodError`

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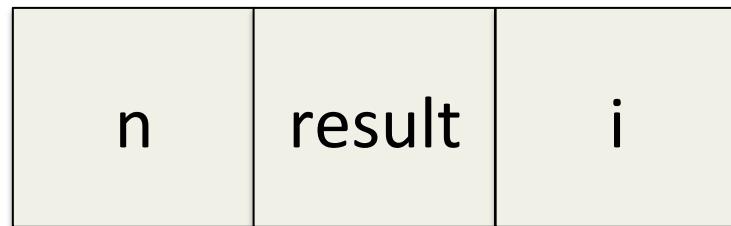
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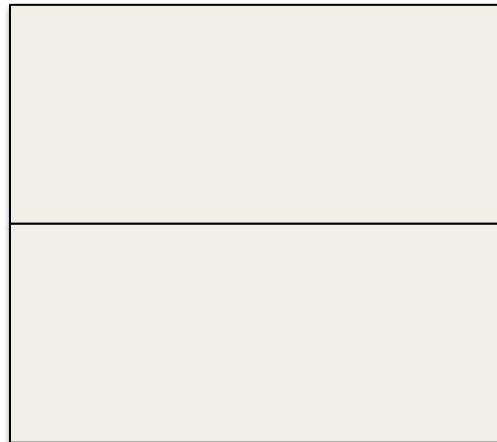


0:  iconst_1	
1:  istore_1	
2:  iconst_1	
3:  istore_2	
4:  goto	14
7:  iload_1	
8:  iload_2	
9:  imul	
10:  istore_1	
11:  iinc	2, 1
14:  iload_2	
15:  iload_0	
16:  if_icmple	7
19:  iload_1	
20:  ireturn	

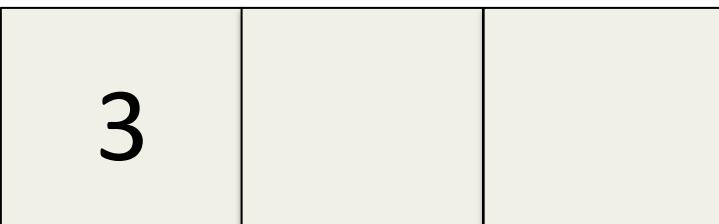
Program  
Counter



Stack



Local  
Variables



0:  iconst_1	
1:  istore_1	
2:  iconst_1	
3:  istore_2	
4:  goto	14
7:  iload_1	
8:  iload_2	
9:  imul	
10: istore_1	
11: iinc	2, 1
14: iload_2	
15: iload_0	
16: if_icmpne	7
19: iload_1	
20: ireturn	

Program  
Counter

0

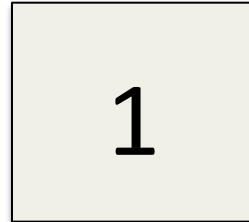
Stack

Local  
Variables

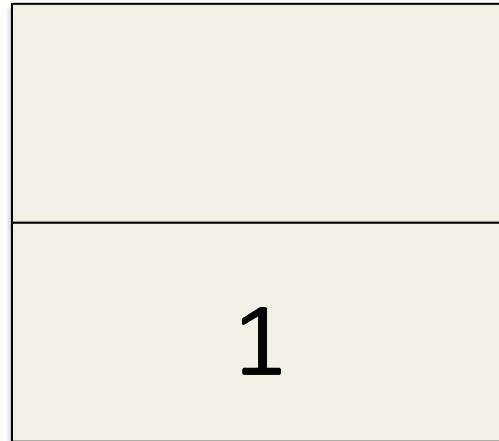
3

0: iconst\_1  
1: istore\_1  
2: iconst\_1  
3: istore\_2  
4: goto 14  
7: iload\_1  
8: iload\_2  
9: imul  
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15: iload\_0  
16: if\_icmple 7  
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20: ireturn

Program  
Counter



Stack



Local  
Variables

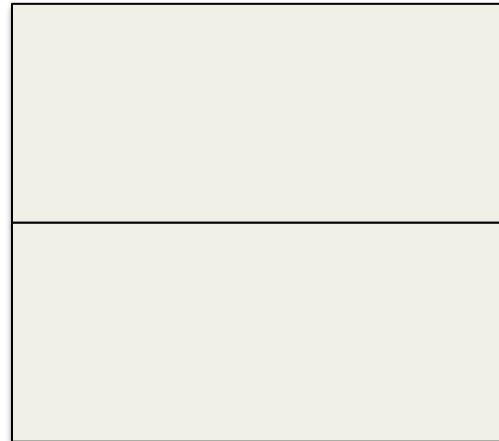


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1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program  
Counter

2

Stack



Local  
Variables

3

1

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
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4:  goto      14
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11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

3

Stack

1

Local Variables

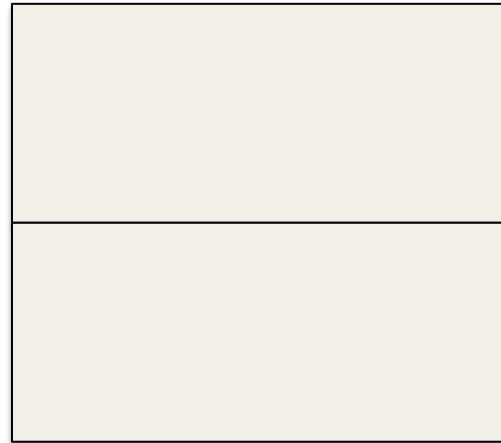
3      1

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0:  iconst_1
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2:  iconst_1
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4:  goto      14
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9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program  
Counter

4

Stack



Local  
Variables

3

1

1

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

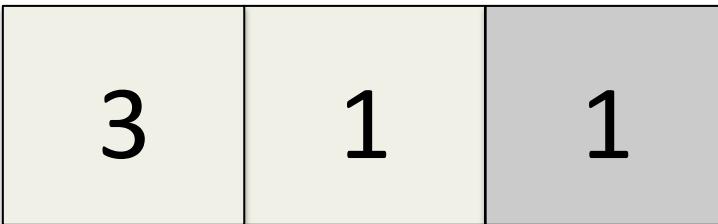
Program  
Counter

14

Stack



Local  
Variables



```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc     2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

15

Stack

1

Local Variables

3

1

1

0: iconst\_1  
1: istore\_1  
2: iconst\_1  
3: istore\_2  
4: goto 14  
7: iload\_1  
8: iload\_2  
9: imul  
10: istore\_1  
11: iinc 2, 1  
14: iload\_2  
15: iload\_0  
16: if\_icmple 7  
19: iload\_1  
20: ireturn

Program Counter

16

Stack

3

1

Local Variables

3

1

1

0:  iconst_1	
1:  istore_1	
2:  iconst_1	
3:  istore_2	
4:  goto	14
7:  iload_1	
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14:  iload_2	
15:  iload_0	
16:  if_icmple	7
19:  iload_1	
20:  ireturn	

Program Counter

1

Stack

3

1

Local Variables

3

1

1

*From the JVM Spec:*

**if\_icmp<cond>**

Operand Stack

..., value1, value2 →

if\_icmplt succeeds if and only if value1 < value2

1  
1  
1  
2

14

8: iload\_2  
9: imul  
10: istore\_1

11: iinc 2, 1

14: iload\_2

15: iload\_0

**16: if\_icmple 7**

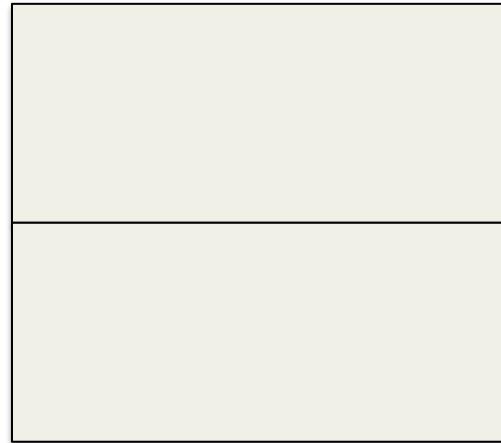
19: iload\_1

20: ireturn

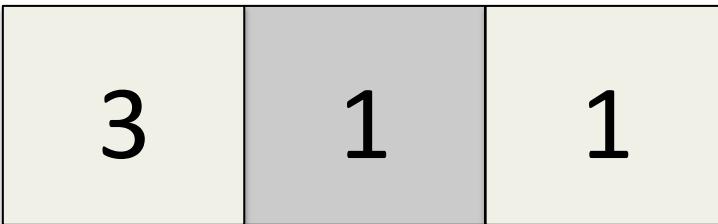
Program Counter

7

Stack



Local Variables



```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program  
Counter

8

Stack

1

Local  
Variables

3

1

1

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
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9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

9

Stack

1

1

Local Variables

3

1

1

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
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9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

10

Stack

1

Local Variables

3

1

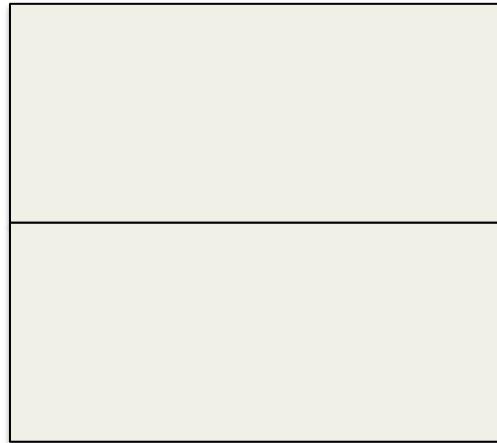
1

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

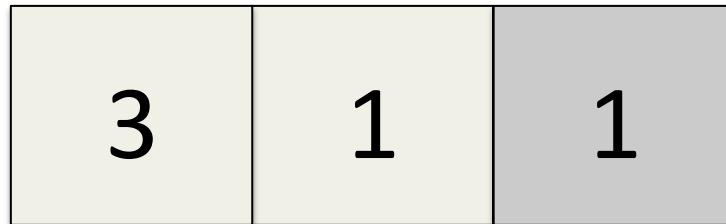
Program Counter

11

Stack



Local Variables

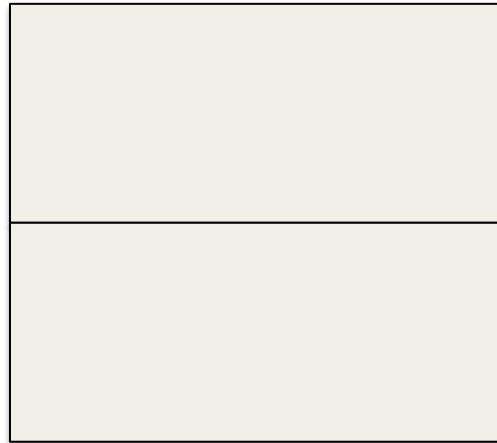


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0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
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19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

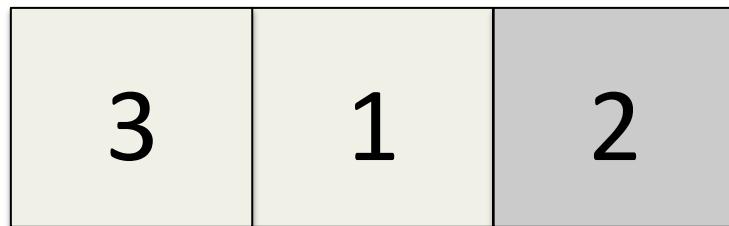
Program  
Counter

14

Stack



Local  
Variables



```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc     2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

15

Stack

2

Local Variables

3

1

2

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

16

Stack

3

2

Local Variables

3

1

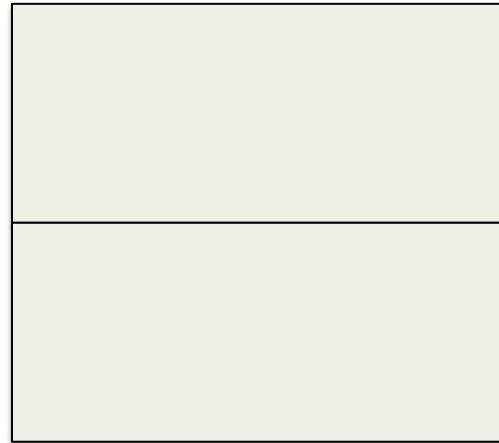
2

0:  iconst_1	
1:  istore_1	
2:  iconst_1	
3:  istore_2	
4:  goto	14
7:  iload_1	
8:  iload_2	
9:  imul	
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11:  iinc	2, 1
14:  iload_2	
15:  iload_0	
16:  if_icmple	7
19:  iload_1	
20:  ireturn	

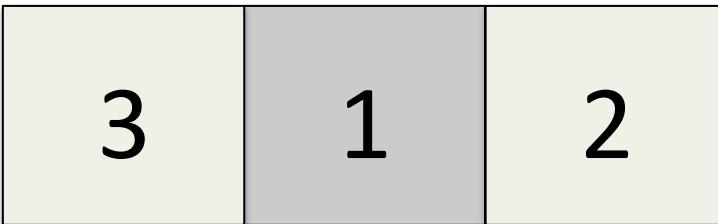
Program Counter

7

Stack



Local Variables



```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
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9:  imul
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14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

8

Stack

1

Local Variables

3

1

2

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
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11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

9

Stack

2

1

Local Variables

3

1

2

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
8:  iload_2
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11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

10

Stack

2

Local Variables

3

1

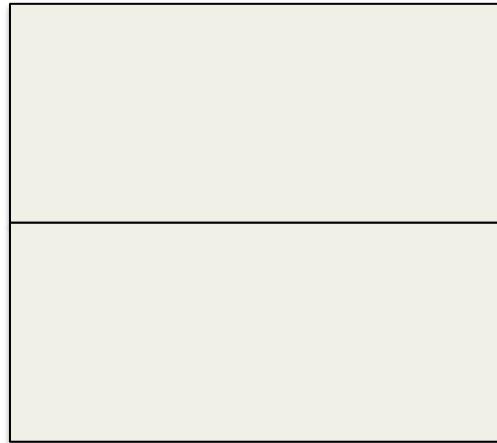
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19: iload_1
20: ireturn
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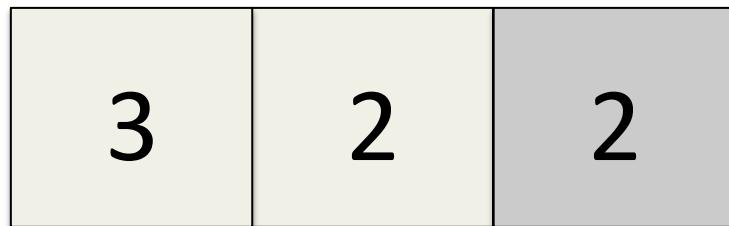
Program  
Counter

11

Stack



Local  
Variables



```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
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16: if_icmple 7
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20: ireturn
```

Program  
Counter

14

Stack



Local  
Variables



```
0:  iconst_1
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11: iinc     2, 1
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15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

15

Stack

3

Local Variables

3

2

3

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
7:  iload_1
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9:  imul
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14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

16

Stack

3

3

Local Variables

3

2

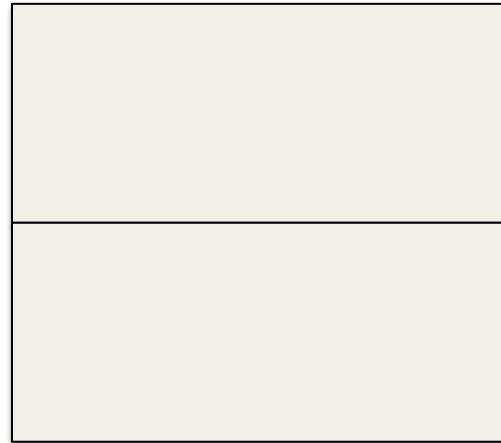
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19:  iload_1	
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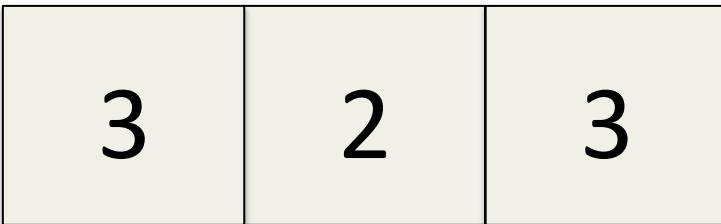
Program Counter

7

Stack



Local Variables



```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
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4:  goto      14
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```

Program  
Counter

8

Stack

2

Local  
Variables

3

2

3

```
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1:  istore_1
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15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

9

Stack

3

2

Local Variables

3

2

3

```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
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9:  imul
10: istore_1
11: iinc      2, 1
14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

10

Stack

6

Local Variables

3

2

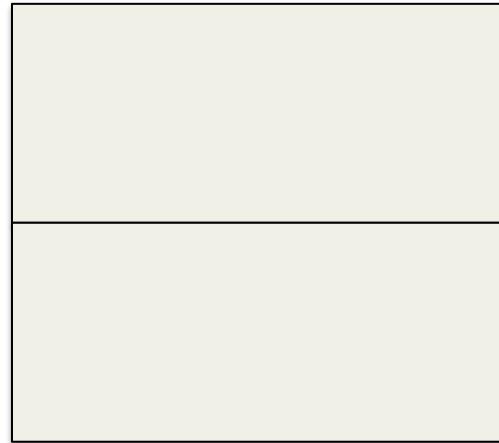
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```
0:  iconst_1
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2:  iconst_1
3:  istore_2
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14: iload_2
15: iload_0
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19: iload_1
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```

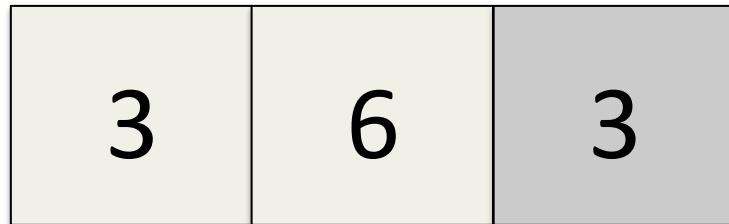
Program Counter

11

Stack



Local Variables

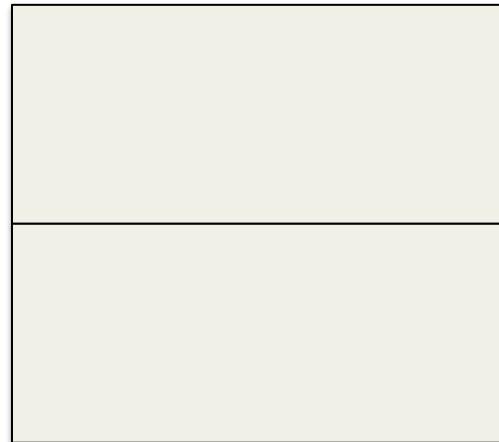


```
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1:  istore_1
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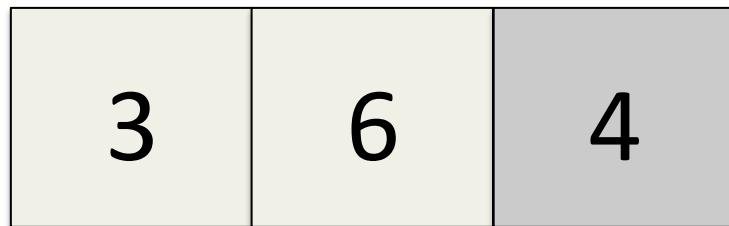
Program  
Counter

14

Stack



Local  
Variables



```
0:  iconst_1
1:  istore_1
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3:  istore_2
4:  goto      14
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14: iload_2
15: iload_0
16: if_icmple 7
19: iload_1
20: ireturn
```

Program Counter

15

Stack

4

Local Variables

3

6

4

0: iconst\_1  
1: istore\_1  
2: iconst\_1  
3: istore\_2  
4: goto 14  
7: iload\_1  
8: iload\_2  
9: imul  
10: istore\_1  
11: iinc 2, 1  
14: iload\_2  
15: iload\_0  
16: if\_icmple 7  
19: iload\_1  
20: ireturn

Program Counter

16

Stack

3

4

Local Variables

3

6

4

0:  iconst_1	
1:  istore_1	
2:  iconst_1	
3:  istore_2	
4:  goto	14
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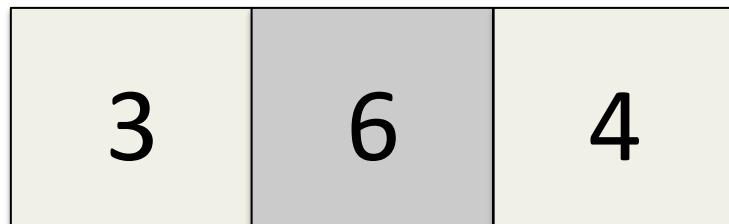
Program Counter

19

Stack



Local Variables



0: iconst\_1  
1: istore\_1  
2: iconst\_1  
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4: goto 14  
7: iload\_1  
8: iload\_2  
9: imul  
10: istore\_1  
11: iinc 2, 1  
14: iload\_2  
15: iload\_0  
16: if\_icmple 7  
19: iload\_1  
20: ireturn

Program Counter

20

Stack

6

Local Variables

3

6

4

0: iconst\_1  
1: istore\_1  
2: iconst\_1  
3: istore\_2  
4: goto 14  
7: iload\_1  
8: iload\_2  
9: imul  
10: istore\_1  
11: iinc 2, 1  
14: iload\_2  
15: iload\_0  
16: if\_icmple 7  
19: iload\_1  
20: ireturn

# Stack Manipulation

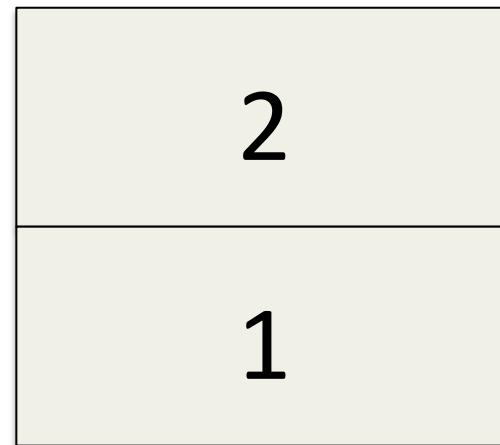
---

- Reorder values
  - SWAP

# SWAP

---

- Swap the top two values on the operand stack



# SWAP

---

- Swap the top two values on the operand stack



# Stack Manipulation

---

- Reorder values
  - SWAP
- Remove values
  - POP, POP2

# POP

---

- Pop the top operand stack value



# POP

---

- Pop the top operand stack value

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# Stack Manipulation

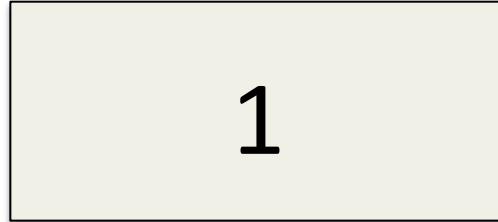
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- Reorder values
  - SWAP
- Remove values
  - POP, POP2
- Duplicate values
  - DUP
  - DUP\_x1, DUP\_x2
  - DUP2
  - DUP2\_x1, DUP2\_x2

# DUP

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- Duplicate the top operand stack value

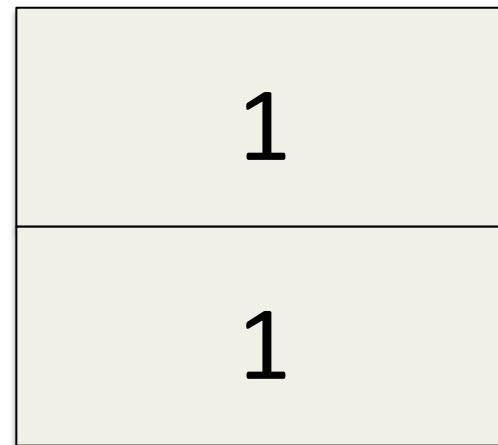


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# DUP

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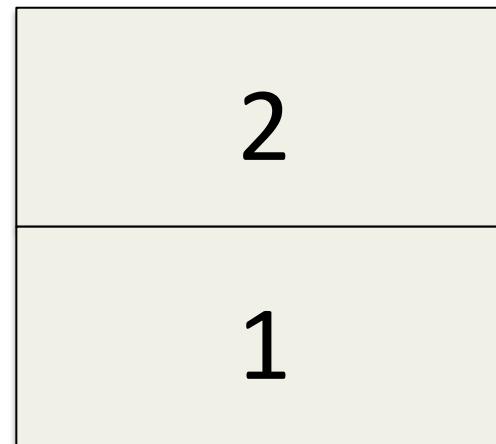
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# DUP\_X1

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- Duplicate the top operand stack value and insert two values down



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# Interpreter Implementation

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- Interpreters are a basic way of executing code
  - They don't have to be naïve
- Interpretation can be optimized
- Extra features can be added to the interpreter
  - Profiling
  - Debugging

# Basic Interpretation

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- Interpreter designed around a switch statement
  - Loop over each bytecode
  - Check the opcode at the current program counter
  - Jump to code to interpret that bytecode
- Simple to understand and implement
- Code sequences can be optimized

# Template-Based Interpretation

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- More advanced form of interpretation
- On VM startup, custom build the interpreter
  - Choose a template for each bytecode
  - Link them together to form an interpreter
- Templates are hand-optimized for the platform
  - Both the OS and the CPU
  - Code runs much closer to the hardware

# Pros and Cons

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- The template interpreter runs far faster
  - Assembly is optimized to the platform
  - Fine control like register allocation for the PC
- Implementation is much harder
  - 10 KLOC of Intel assembly, 14 KLOC of SPARC
  - Porting to a new platform is a major task
- Harder to implement debugging hooks

# For Next Time

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- Keep an eye out for Assignment 1
- First reading and discussion topic is now posted
  - Running languages other than Java on the JVM
  - Check the Canvas discussion board
- Questions or comments very welcome
  - Contact over e-mail, Canvas or office hours
  - Send any areas that you'd like to know more about