

Normal  
Stack  
(no reg. s CC)

Normal  
Call

Tail call  
same arity

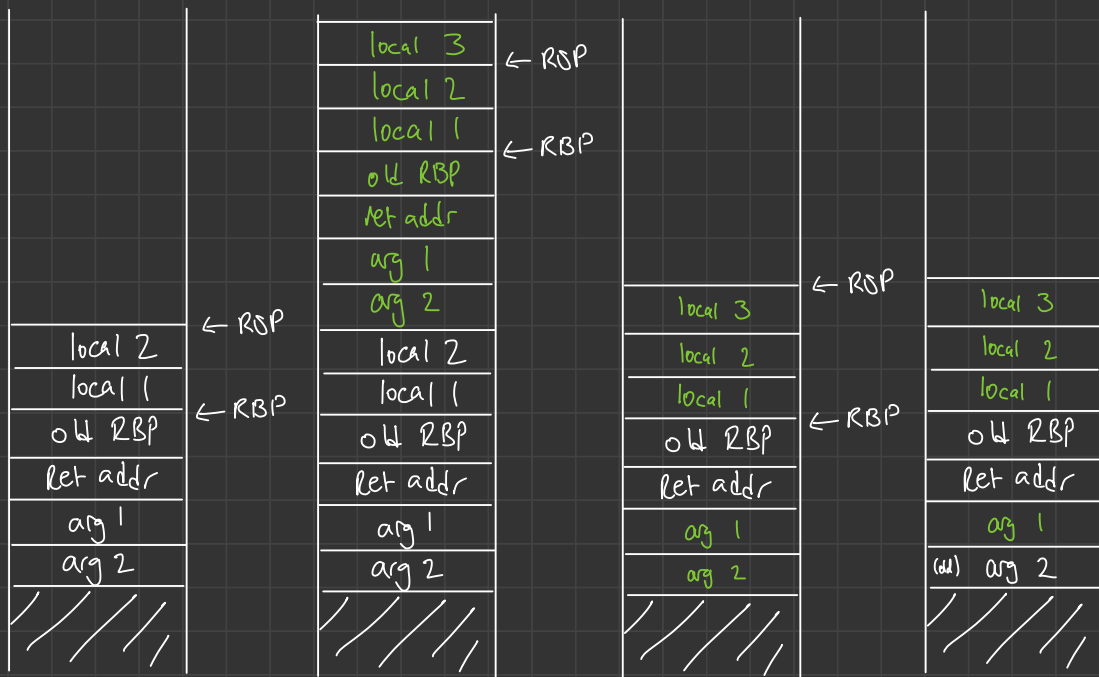
Tail call  
decreasing arity

low

callers

caller

high



STARTING AT 1:

local i at

$RBP - 8 * i$

-8, -16, -24

args at

$RBP + 8 * (i+1)$

+16, +24, +32

GOAL: slot in args  
in the old arg slots,  
keeping same ret addr  
& saved RBP

Idea: just slot in  
new args & ignore  
the extra reserved space

Note: can use more locals, so  
reset RSP to RBP before jumping  
and first thing → reserve space  
- we get to scribble over old locals

\* or some cycle detection thing... prob not worth

Implementation note: if any of the values we are slotting in  
as new args are themselves coming from arguments (specifically,  
ones we are overwriting). we have to push → pop into place

\* TODO: how to check this safety condition?

- look @ arity → determine which args are being  
over-written → before pulling out, delete if one of those args?

Compiling a function decl (basic)

START:

```
push RBP
mov RBP, RSP
sub RSP, 8 * N
```

:

END:

```
mov RSP, RBP
pop RBP
ret
```

(parity-adjusted)  
deepest stack for locals,

Compiling a function call (basic)

```
push arg_M
:
```

```
push arg_2
```

```
push arg_1
```

```
call func
```

```
add RSP, 8 * M ← clear off args that got pushed
```

Compiling our function decls

\* TODO: how to make this fit in w/ our current helpers

foo: ← where we jump when we 'call'  
(remember to add to RSP after call's return)

foo\_prologue:

```
push RBP
mov RBP, RSP
```

foo\_body:

```
sub RSP, 8 * N
```

the first thing the body now does  
(aka where we jump to for tail call)  
is reserve space on the stack

Returning (basic case)

```
mov RSP, RBP
pop RBP
ret
```

jumping (tail call)

```
mov RSP, RBP
jump bar_body
```

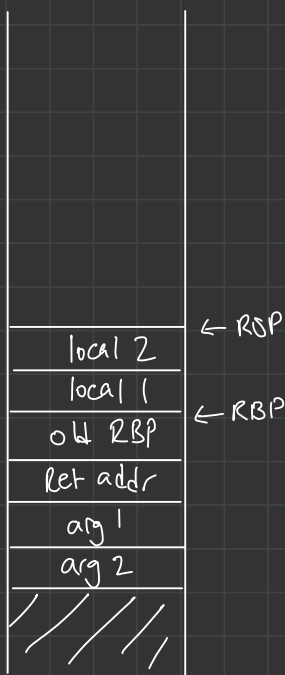
restore used stack space before making tail call, see above

breaks w/ lambdas bc we don't know what they call at compile time etc etc

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## Normal Stack (no reg. s CC)

low



## Scenario:

- F (normal) calls G, pushing on N args
- G (tail) calls H, w/ greater arity (M)
  - if we shifted everything up here, when we return, F only adds N to RSP, so (M-N) args are still there

## Idea 1: pad all function calls to max called arity

- G would have to be called w/ M arg slots, the bottom (M-N) of which are padding until H slots things in there
- **pragmatics**: lots of stack space usage (always max possible, along any path of calls)
- **implementation**: would basically have to construct a directed graph of function calls
  - find all SCCs → max w/ SCC → build DAG of SCCs
  - could be hard to compute w/o mutation (should be  $O(V+E)$ )
  - where to store decompiled data?
  - does this break for lambdas? ⇒ YES!

## Idea 2: Change the calling convention

From write-up:

save the RSP?

- we need to know saved RSP, RBP, and return address
  - everything else can be calculated from those
  - both parameters and locals will be above RBP
- we won't be able to use call

## Maybe we could use 3 calling conventions:

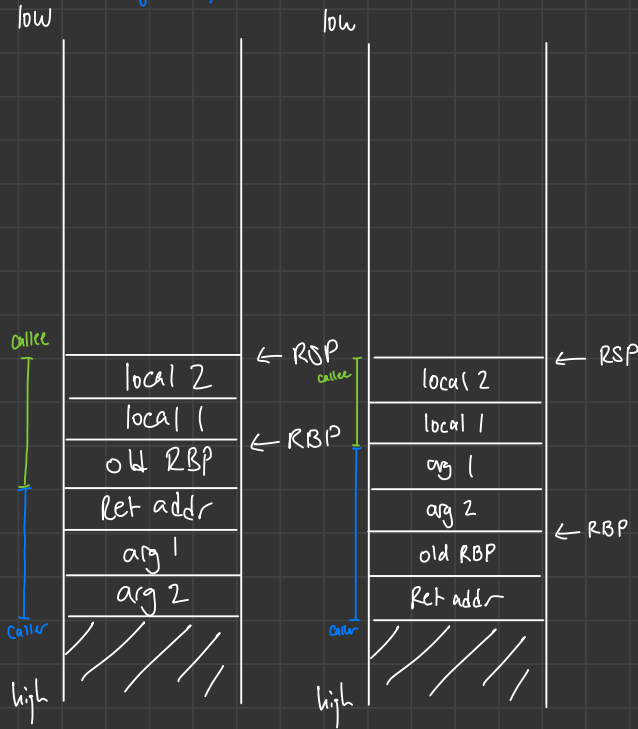
- one for external calls
- one for internal calls
- one for internal tail calls

Probably just use the same convention for all internal

Problem: where do we find args?

what if we have a function being called in both tail & non-tail

## Normal Stack (no regs CC)



## Callee responsibility:

- load in locals
- stash the old RBP *not necessarily?*
- return to ret address
- callee-save regs:
  - RSP, RBP

## Caller responsibility:

- load in args
- load in ret address
- caller-save registers
- reclaim stack space by  $RSP +=$

## 1. Load new args onto stack

- Here may use args or locals, and may overwrite args (new) or locals *→ select analysts like above ✓*

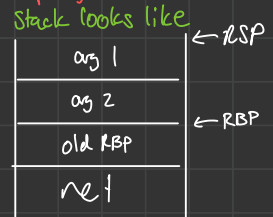
## What does this fix?

- now, when the callee returns, the entire stack (locals AND args) get paired down *(no longer have to worry about missing the bottom M-N args)*

## Compiling a function call (basic)

Push RBP  
load RSP → RBP

```
push return address
push arg_M
:
push arg_2
push arg_1
jump foo
```



## JUMPS

```
sub RSP, 8 * N
```

```
: (body)
```

## END

```
mov RSP, RBP
```

```
pop RBP
```

```
ret
```

## Problem:

- when we want to use more locals, we reset RSP below locals & above args and re-decrement

ANS: just reset to  $RBP + \text{arity}$  of next function

Still have to figure out how to do the damn tail call...