

Catch-or-Specify Requirement: Execution Flows

Normal Flow of Execution

```
... /* before, outside try-catch block */  
try {  
    o.m(...); /* may throw SomeException */  
    ... /* rest of try-block */  
}  
catch (SomeException se) {  
    ... /* rest of catch-block */  
}  
... /* after, outside try-catch block */
```

When the exception does not occur

Abnormal Flow of Execution

```
... /* before, outside try-catch block */  
try {  
    o.m(...); /* may throw SomeException */  
    ... /* rest of try-block */  
}  
catch (SomeException se) {  
    ... /* rest of catch-block */  
}  
... /* after, outside try-catch block */
```

When the exception occurs

Catch-or-Specify Requirement: Call Stack

Q1. Origin of Exception:

Q2. Methods subject to CoS Req:

Q3. Methods free from CoS Req:

Q4. Extreme Case 1 (exception handled earliest):

Q5. Extreme Case 2 (exception never handled):

$C1.m1$

$C2.m2$

$C3.m3$

$\dots$

$C_i.m_i$

$C_{i+1}.m_{i+1}$

$\dots$

$C_{n-2}.m_{n-2}$

$C_{n-1}.m_{n-1}$

$C_n.m_n$

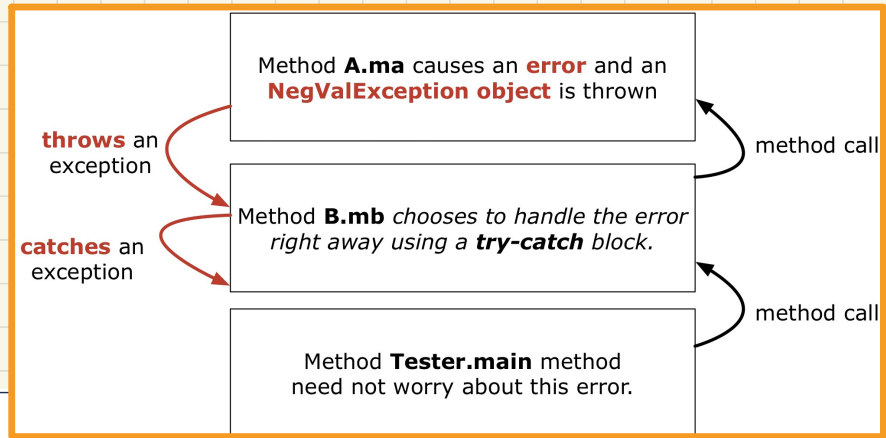
Version 1:

Handle the Exception in B.mb

```
class A {  
    ma(int i) throws NegValException {  
        if(i < 0) { throw new NegValException("Error."); }  
        else { /* Do something. */ }  
    }  
}
```

```
class B {  
    mb(int i) {  
        A oa = new A();  
        try { oa.ma(i); }  
        catch(NegValException nve) { /* Do something. */ }  
    }  
}
```

```
class Tester {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
        int i = input.nextInt();  
        B ob = new B();  
        ob.mb(i); /* Error, if any, would have been handled in B.mb. */  
    }  
}
```



Q1. In B.mb, is calling oa.ma subject to **catch-or-specify req?**

Q2. In Tester.main, is calling B.mb subject to **catch-or-specify req?**

Version 2:

Handle the Exception in Tester.main

```
class A {  
    ma(int i) throws NegValException {  
        if(i < 0) { throw new NegValException("Error."); }  
        else { /* Do something. */ }  
    } }  

```

```
class B {  
    mb(int i) throws NegValException {  
        A oa = new A();  
        oa.ma(i);  
    } }  

```

```
class Tester {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
        int i = input.nextInt();  
        B ob = new B();  
        try { ob.mb(i); }  
        catch(NegValException nve) { /* Do something. */ }  
    } }  

```

throws an
exception

forwards/
propagates
an exception

catches an
exception

Method **A.ma** causes an **error** and an **NegValException object** is thrown

Method **B.mb** chooses **not** to handle the error and propagates it to its caller (i.e., **Tester.main**).

Method **Tester.main** method chooses to handle this error, so that this **NegValException** is **not** propagated further.

method call

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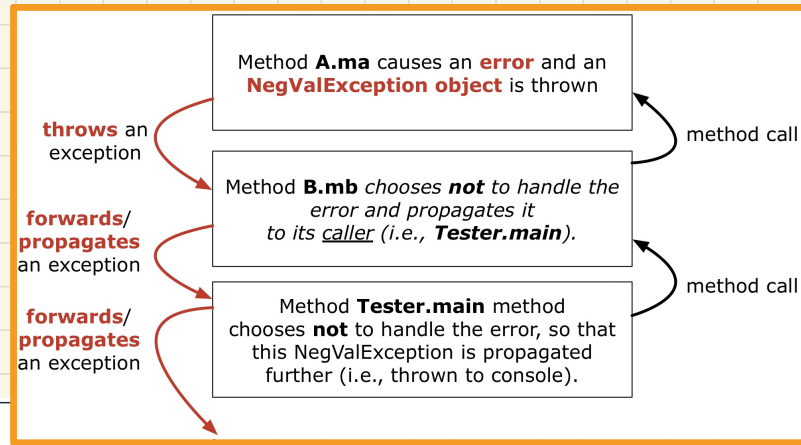
Version 3:

Handle in Neither Classes on Call Stack

```
class A {  
    ma(int i) throws NegValException {  
        if(i < 0) { throw new NegValException("Error."); }  
        else { /* Do something. */ }  
    } }  
}
```

```
class B {  
    mb(int i) throws NegValException {  
        A oa = new A();  
        oa.ma(i);  
    } }  
}
```

```
class Tester {  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws NegValException {  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
        int i = input.nextInt();  
        B ob = new B();  
        ob.mb(i);  
    } }  
}
```



Error Handling via Exceptions: Circles (Version 1)

```
public class InvalidRadiusException extends Exception {  
    public InvalidRadiusException(String s) {  
        super(s);  
    }  
}
```

Test Case 1:

User enters 10

Test Case 2:

User enters -5

```
class Circle {  
    double radius;  
    Circle() { /* radius defaults to 0 */ }  
    void setRadius(double r) throws InvalidRadiusException {  
        if (r < 0) {  
            throw new InvalidRadiusException("Negative radius.");  
        }  
        else { radius = r; }  
    }  
    double getArea() { return radius * radius * 3.14; }  
}
```

caller

callee

Caller?

Callee?

call stack

```
class CircleCalculator1 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Circle c = new Circle();  
        try {  
            c.setRadius( );  
            double area = c.getArea();  
            System.out.println("Area: " + area);  
        }  
        catch (InvalidRadiusException e) {  
            System.out.println(e);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Error Handling via Exceptions: Circles (Version 2)

```
public class InvalidRadiusException extends Exception {  
    public InvalidRadiusException(String s) {  
        super(s);  
    }  
}
```

Test Case:

User enters **-5**

Then user enters **10**

```
class Circle {  
    double radius;  
    Circle() { /* radius defaults to 0 */ }  
    void setRadius(double r) throws InvalidRadiusException {  
        if (r < 0) {  
            throw new InvalidRadiusException("Negative radius.");  
        }  
        else { radius = r; }  
    }  
    double getArea() { return radius * radius * 3.14; }  
}
```

```
public class CircleCalculator2 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
        boolean inputRadiusIsValid = false;  
        while(!inputRadiusIsValid) {  
            System.out.println("Enter a radius:");  
            double r = input.nextDouble();  
            Circle c = new Circle();  
            try { c.setRadius(r);  
                inputRadiusIsValid = true;  
                System.out.print("Circle with radius " + r);  
                System.out.println(" has area: " + c.getArea()); }  
            catch(InvalidRadiusException e) { print("Try again!"); }  
        } } }
```

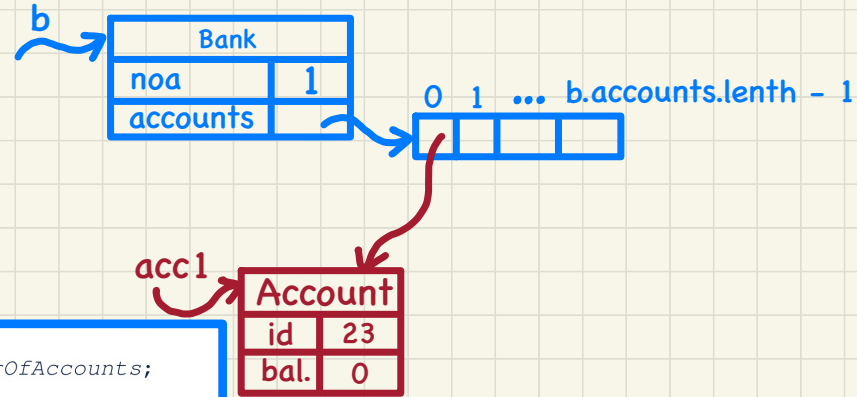
Error Handling via Exceptions: Banks

```
public class InvalidTransactionException extends Exception {  
    public InvalidTransactionException(String s) {  
        super(s);  
    }  
}
```

```
class Account {  
    int id; double balance;  
    Account() { /* balance defaults to 0 */ }  
    void withdraw(double a) throws InvalidTransactionException {  
        if (a < 0 || balance - a < 0) {  
            throw new InvalidTransactionException("Invalid withdraw.");  
        }  
        else { balance -= a; }  
    }  
}
```

```
class Bank {  
    Account[] accounts; int numberOfAccounts;  
    Account(int id) { ... }  
    void withdraw(int id, double a)  
        throws InvalidTransactionException {  
        for(int i = 0; i < numberOfAccounts; i++) {  
            if(accounts[i].id == id) {  
                accounts[i].withdraw(a);  
            }  
        }  
    } /* end for */  
}
```

```
class BankApplication {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Bank b = new Bank();  
        Account accl = new Account(23);  
        b.addAccount(accl);  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
        double a = input.nextDouble();  
        try {  
            b.withdraw(23, a);  
            System.out.println(accl.balance);  
        } catch (InvalidTransactionException e) {  
            System.out.println(e);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Test Case:

User enters **-5000000**

Error Handling via Exceptions: Banks

Test Case:

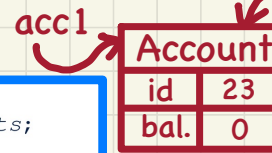
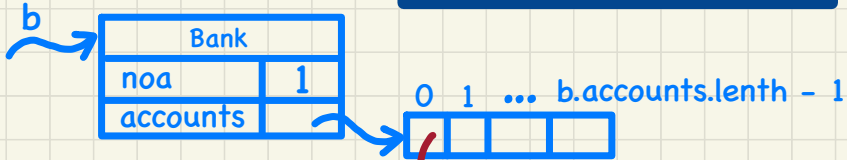
User enters **-5000000**

```
public class InvalidTransactionException extends Exception {  
    public InvalidTransactionException(String s) {  
        super(s);  
    }  
}
```

```
class Account {  
    int id; double balance;  
    Account() { /* balance defaults to 0 */ }  
    void withdraw(double a) throws InvalidTransactionException {  
        if (a < 0 || balance - a < 0) {  
            throw new InvalidTransactionException("Invalid withdraw.");  
        }  
        else { balance -= a; }  
    }  
}
```

```
class Bank {  
    Account[] accounts; int numberOfAccounts;  
    Account(int id) { ... }  
    void withdraw(int id, double a)  
        throws InvalidTransactionException {  
        for(int i = 0; i < numberOfAccounts; i++) {  
            if(accounts[i].id == id) {  
                accounts[i].withdraw(a);  
            }  
        }  
    } /* end for */  
}
```

```
class BankApplication {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Bank b = new Bank();  
        Account accl = new Account(23);  
        b.addAccount(accl);  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
        double a = input.nextDouble();  
        try {  
            b.withdraw(23, a);  
            System.out.println(accl.balance);  
        } catch (InvalidTransactionException e) {  
            System.out.println(e);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



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call stack

More Example: Multiple Catch Blocks

```
double r = ...;
double a = ...;
try{
    Bank b = new Bank();
    b.addAccount(new Account(34));
    b.deposit(34, 100);
    b.withdraw(34, a);
    Circle c = new Circle();
    c.setRadius(r);
    System.out.println(r.getArea());
}
catch (NegativeRadiusException e) {
    System.out.println(r + " is not a valid radius value.");
    e.printStackTrace();
}
catch (InvalidTransactionException e) {
    System.out.println(r + " is not a valid transaction value.");
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

Test Case 1:

a: **-5000000**

r: **23**

Test Case 2:

a: **100**

r: **-5**

More Example: Parsing **Strings** as **Integers**

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
boolean validInteger = false;
while (!validInteger) {
    System.out.println("Enter an integer:");
    String userInput = input.nextLine();
    try {
        int userInteger = Integer.parseInt(userInput);
        validInteger = true;
    }
    catch (NumberFormatException e) {
        System.out.println(userInput + " is not a valid integer.");
        /* validInteger remains false */
    }
}
```

Test Case:

User Enters: **twenty-three**

User Then Enters: **23**

Error Handling via Console Messages: Circles

```
1 class Circle {  
2     double radius;  
3     Circle() { /* radius defaults to 0 */ }  
4     void setRadius(double r) {  
5         if ( r < 0 ) { System.out.println( "Invalid radius." ); }  
6         else { radius = r; }  
7     }  
8     double getArea() { return radius * radius * 3.14; }  
9 }
```

Caller?
Callee?

call stack

```
1 class CircleCalculator {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         Circle c = new Circle();  
4         c.setRadius( -10 );  
5         double area = c.getArea();  
6         System.out.println("Area: " + area);  
7     }  
8 }
```

Error Handling via Console Messages: Banks

```
class Account {
    int id; double balance;
    Account(int id) { this.id = id; /* balance defaults to 0 */ }
    void deposit(double a) {
        if (a < 0) { System.out.println("Invalid deposit."); }
        else { balance += a; }
    }
    void withdraw(double a) {
        if (a < 0 || balance - a < 0) {
            System.out.println("Invalid withdraw."); }
        else { balance -= a; }
    }
}
```

Caller?
Callee?

call stack

```
class Bank {
    Account[] accounts; int numberOfAccounts;
    Bank(int id) { ... }
    void withdrawFrom(int id, double a) {
        for(int i = 0; i < numberOfAccounts; i++) {
            if(accounts[i].id == id) {
                accounts[i].withdraw(a);
            }
        }
    }
}

class BankApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
        Bank b = new Bank(); Account acc1 = new Account(23);
        b.addAccount(acc1);
        double a = input.nextDouble();
        b.withdrawFrom(23, a);
        System.out.println("Transaction Completed.");
    }
}
```

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Review: Specify-or-Catch Principle

Approach 1 – Specify: Indicate in the method signature that a specific exception might be thrown.

Example 1: Method that throws the exception

```
class C1 {  
    void m1(int x) throws ValueTooSmallException {  
        if(x < 0) {  
            throw new ValueTooSmallException("val " + x);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Example 2: Method that calls another which throws the exception

```
class C2 {  
    C1 c1;  
    void m2(int x) throws ValueTooSmallException {  
        c1.m1(x);  
    }  
}
```

Catch-or-Specify Requirement

The “Catch” Solution: A `try` statement that *catches* and *handles* the *exception* (without propagating that exception to the method's *caller*).

```
main(...) {  
    Circle c = new Circle();  
    try {  
        c.setRadius(-10);  
    }  
    catch (NegativeRadiusException e) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

The “Specify” Solution: A method that specifies as part of its *header* that it may (or may not) *throw* the *exception* (which will be thrown to the method's *caller* for handling).

```
class Bank {  
    Account[] accounts; /* attribute */  
    void withdraw (double amount)  
        throws InvalidTransactionException {  
        ...  
        accounts[i].withdraw(amount);  
        ...  
    }  
}
```