

Key Error Handling Operators in the Observable Class

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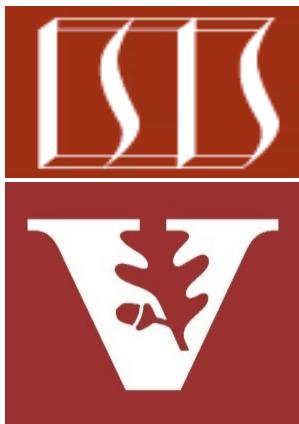
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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Recognize key Observable operators
 - Factory method operators
 - Transforming operators
 - Concurrency & scheduler operators
 - Error handling operators
 - These operators handle errors that occur in an Observable chain
 - e.g., `onErrorReturn()` & `onErrorResumeNext()`



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All Known Subinterfaces:

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Functional Interface:

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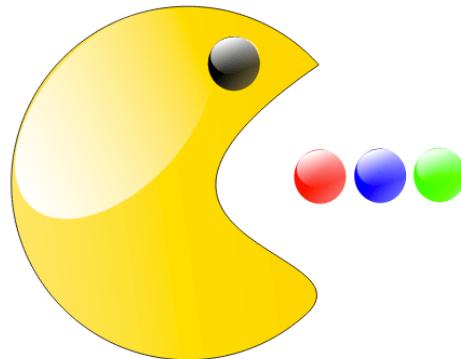
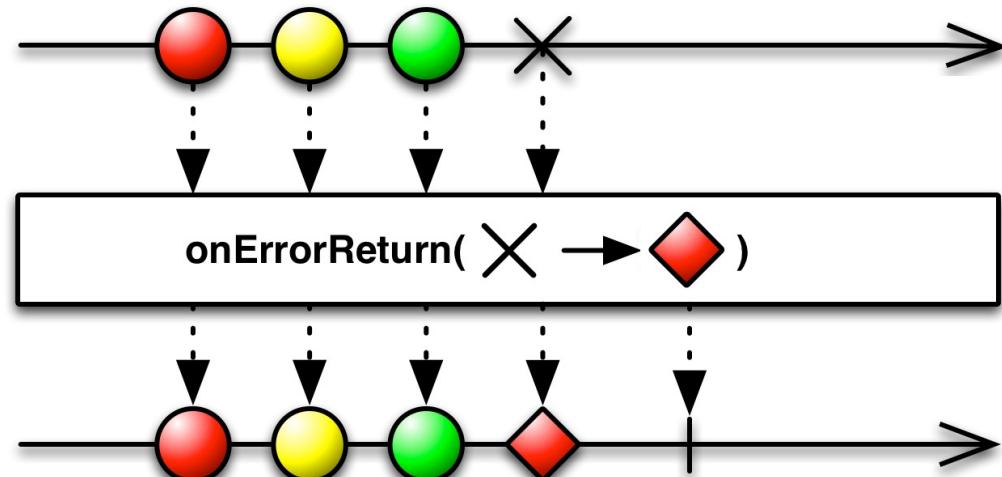
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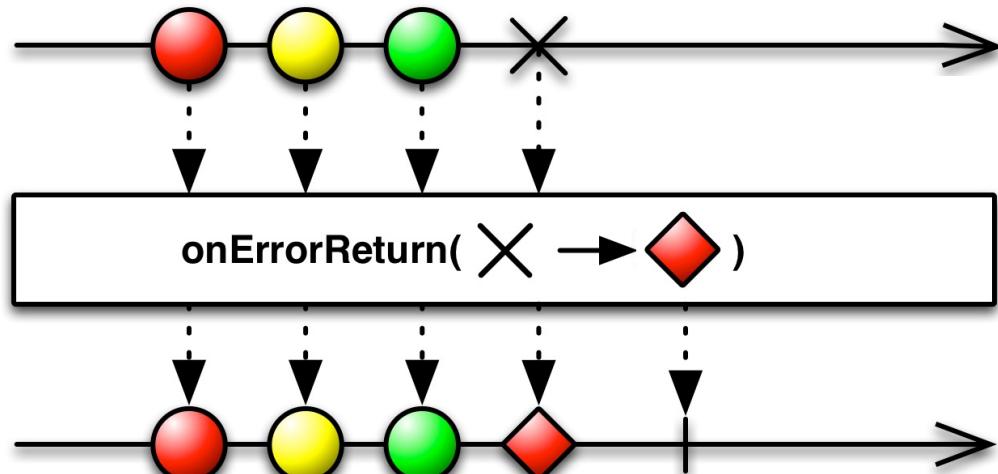


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return Observable
    .fromCallable(BigFraction
        .valueOf(Math.abs(sRANDOM.nextInt()), 
            denominator))
    .subscribeOn(Schedulers.computation())
    .onErrorReturn(errorHandler)
    .map(multiplyBigFractions);
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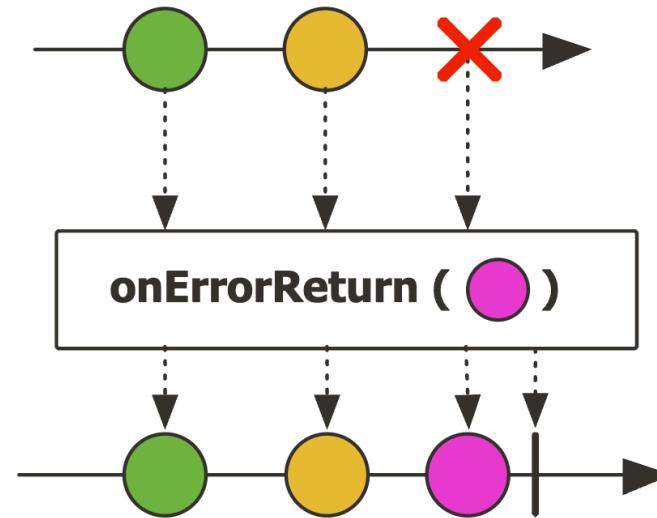


*Convert ArithmeticException
to 0 when denominator == 0*

See [Reactive/observable/ex3/src/main/java/ObservableEx.java](#)

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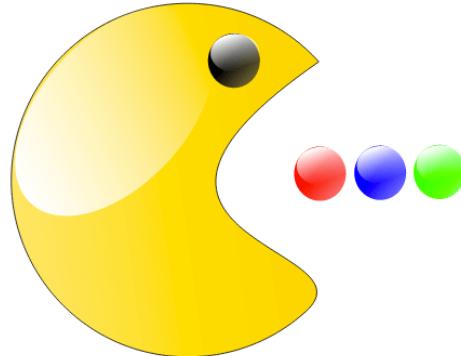
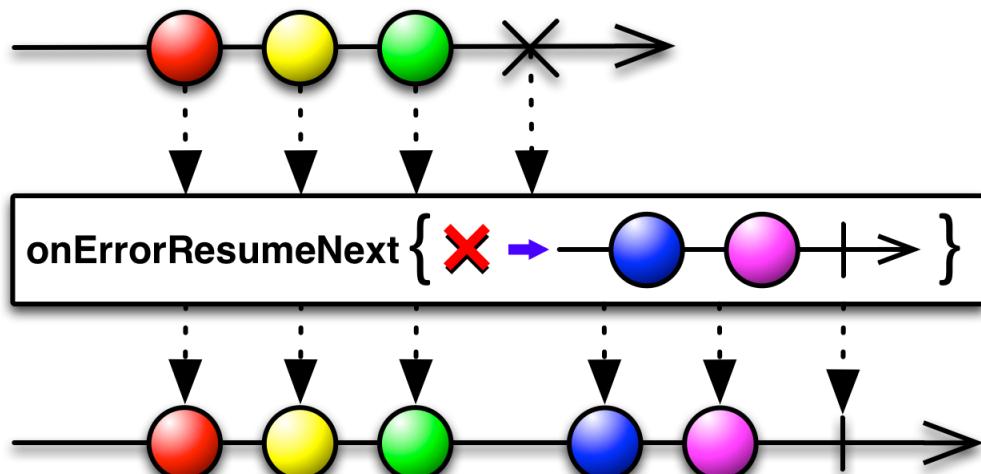
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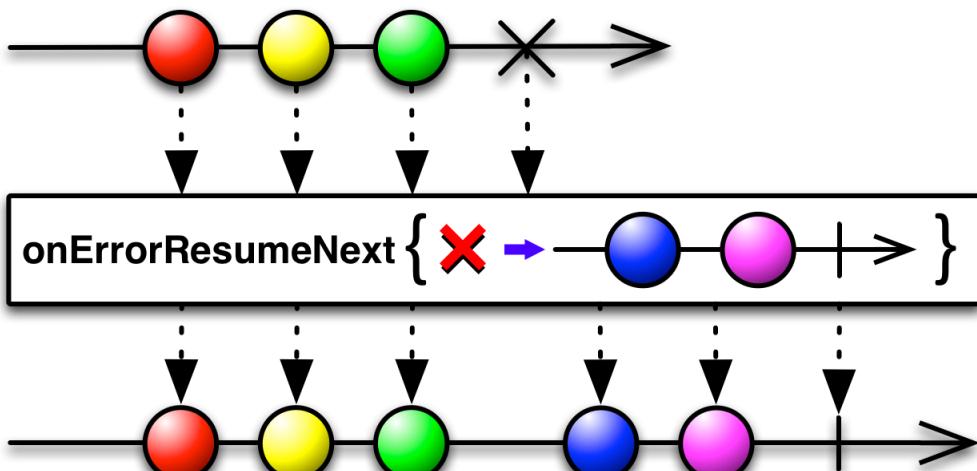


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.fromIterable(denominators)
.map(denominator -> BigFraction
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.onErrorResumeNext(_ -> Observable.empty())
.collect(toList())
...  
Convert the thrown ArithmeticException
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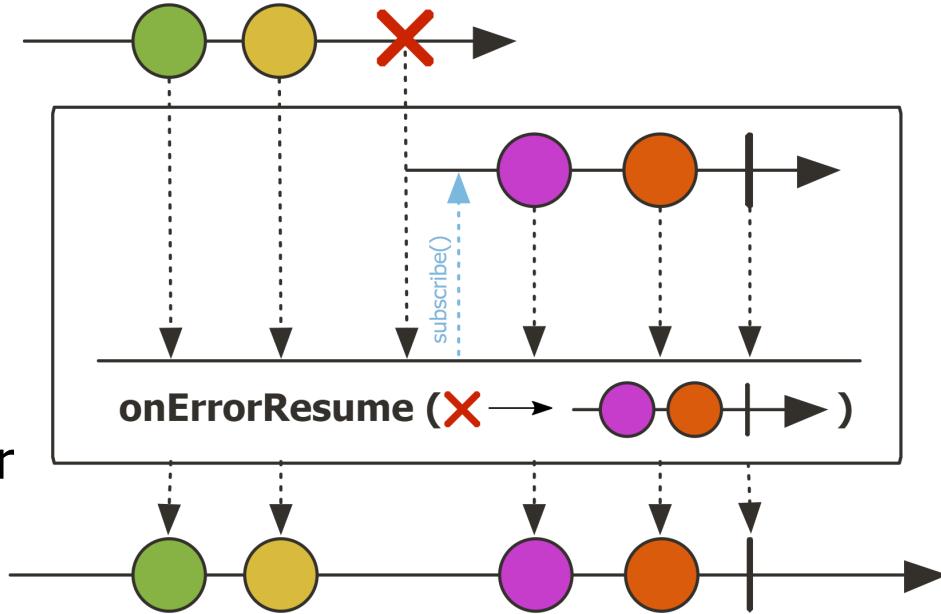


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