

CSE 331

Loops & Recursion

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Administrivia

- Posted *updated* notes on testing
 - 0-1-many used for loops also
 - count number of times through the loop
- Posted notes on today's topic...

Checking Correctness with Loop Invariants

```
  {{ P }}  
  {{ Inv: I }}  
  while (cond) {  
    S  
  }  
  {{ Q }}
```

Formally, invariant split this into three Hoare triples:

1. $\{\{ P \}\} \{\{ I \}\}$ **I holds initially**
2. $\{\{ I \text{ and } \text{cond} \}\} S \{\{ I \}\}$ **S preserves I**
3. $\{\{ I \text{ and not cond} \}\} \{\{ Q \}\}$ **Q holds when loop exits**

Recall: Example Loop Correctness

- Recursive function to calculate $1 + 2 + \dots + n$

```
func sum-to(0) := 0
sum-to(n+1) := (n+1) + sum-to(n)    for any  $n : \mathbb{N}$ 
```

- This loop claims to calculate it as well

```
{{ }}
let i: number = 0;
let s: number = 0;
{{ Inv: s = sum-to(i) }}
while (i != n) {
  i = i + 1;
  s = s + i;
}
{{ s = sum-to(n) }}
```

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  let i: number = 0;
  let s: number = 0;
  ↓ {{ i = 0 and s = 0 }}
  {{ Inv: s = sum-to(i) }}
  while (i != n) {
    ...
  }
```

]

sum-to(i)
= sum-to(0)
= 0
= s

since $i = 0$
def of sum-to

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```
{ { Inv:  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  } }
while (i != n) {
  { {  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  and  $i \neq n$  } }
  i = i + 1;
  s = s + i;
  { {  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  } }
}
```

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    i = i + 1;
    ↓ {{  $s = \text{sum-to}(i-1)$  and  $i-1 \neq n$  }}
    s = s + i;
    {{  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  }}
  }
```

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{{ Inv:  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  }}
while (i != n) {
  {{  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  and  $i \neq n$  }}
  i = i + 1;
  {{  $s = \text{sum-to}(i-1)$  and  $i-1 \neq n$  }}
  s = s + i;
  {{  $s - i = \text{sum-to}(i-1)$  and  $i-1 \neq n$  }}
  {{  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  }}
}

```

$s = i + \text{sum-to}(i-1)$
 $= \text{sum-to}(i)$

since $s - i = \text{sum-to}(i-1)$
def of sum-to

Example Loop Correctness

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```
{ { Inv:  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  } }
while (i != n) {
  i = i + 1;
  s = s + i;
}
```

```
{ {  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$  and  $i = n$  } } ] sum-to(n)
{ {  $s = \text{sum-to}(n)$  } } ] = sum-to(i)    since  $i = n$ 
                                = s          since  $s = \text{sum-to}(i)$ 
```

Loops & Recursion

Loops and Recursion

- To check a loop, we need a loop invariant
- Where does this come from?
 - part of the algorithm idea / design
see 421 for more discussion
 - Inv and the progress step **formalize** the algorithm idea
most programmers can easily formalize an English description
(very tricky loops are the exception to this)
- Today, we'll focus on converting *recursion* into a loop
 - HW6 will fit these patterns
 - (more loops later)

Example Loop Correctness

- **Recursive function to calculate n^2 without multiplying**

```
func square(0) := 0
square(n+1) := square(n) + 2n + 1      for any  $n : \mathbb{N}$ 
```

- **We already proved that this calculates n^2**
 - we can implement it directly with recursion
- **Let's try writing it with a loop instead...**

Example Loop Correctness

func square(0) := 0
square(n+1) := square(n) + 2n + 1 for any n : \mathbb{N}

- **Loop idea** for calculating square(n):
 - calculate $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$
 - keep track of square(i) in “s” as we go along

i = 0 1 2 ... n

s = 0 1 4 ... n²

- **Formalize that idea in the loop invariant**
along with the fact that we make **progress** by advancing i to $i+1$ each step

Example Loop Correctness

`func square(0) := 0`
`square(n+1) := square(n) + 2n + 1` for any $n : \mathbb{N}$

- **Loop implementation**

```
let i: number = 0;  
let s: number = 0;  
{ { Inv: s = square(i) } }  
while (i != n) {  
    s = s + i + i + 1;  
    i = i + 1;  
}  
return s;
```

Loop invariant says how i and s relate
 s holds `square(i)`, whatever i

i starts at 0 and increases to n

Now we can check correctness...

Example Loop Correctness

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- Loop implementation

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let i: number = 0;
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{{ Inv: s = square(i) }}
while (i != n) {
  s = s + i + i + 1;
  i = i + 1;
}
{{ s = square(i) and i = n }}
{{ s = square(n) }}
return s;
```

square(n)
= square(i)
= s

since $i = n$
since $s = \text{square}(i)$

Example Loop Correctness

`func square(0) := 0`
`square(n+1) := square(n) + 2n + 1` for any $n : \mathbb{N}$

- Loop implementation

```
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  ↓
  let i: number = 0;
  let s: number = 0;
  {{ i = 0 and s = 0 }}
  {{ Inv: s = square(i) }}
  while (i != n) {
    s = s + i + i + 1;
    i = i + 1;
  }
  return s;
```

square(i)
= square(0)
= 0
= s


since $i = 0$
def of square
since $s = 0$

Example Loop Correctness

`func square(0) := 0`
`square(n+1) := square(n) + 2n + 1` for any $n : \mathbb{N}$

- **Loop implementation**

```
  {{ Inv: s = square(i) }}  
  while (i != n) {  
    {{ s = square(i) and i ≠ n }}  
    s = s + i + i + 1;  
    {{ s = square(i+1) }}  
    i = i + 1;  
    {{ s = square(i) }}  
  }  
  return s;
```




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    {{ s + 2i + 1 = square(i+1) }}  
    s = s + i + i + 1;  
    {{ s = square(i+1) }}  
    i = i + 1;  
    {{ s = square(i) }}  
  }  
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  while (i != n) {  
    {{ s = square(i) and i ≠ n }}  
    {{ s + 2i + 1 = square(i+1) }}  
    s = s + i + i + 1;  
    {{ s = square(i+1) }}  
    i = i + 1;  
    {{ s = square(i) }}  
  }  
  return s;
```

$s + 2i + 1 = \text{square}(i) + 2i + 1$ since $s = \text{square}(i)$
 $= \text{square}(i+1)$ def of square

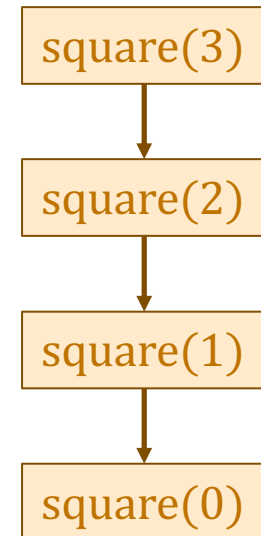
“Bottom Up” Loops on Natural Numbers

- Previous examples store function value in a variable

`{{ Inv: s = sum-to(i) }}`

`{{ Inv: s = square(i) }}`

- Start with $i = 0$ and work up to $i = n$
- Call this a “bottom up” implementation
 - evaluates in the same order as recursion
 - from the base case up to the full input



“Bottom Up” Loops on the Natural Numbers

`func f(0) := ...`
`f(n+1) := ... f(n) ...` for any $n : \mathbb{N}$

- Can be implemented with a loop like this

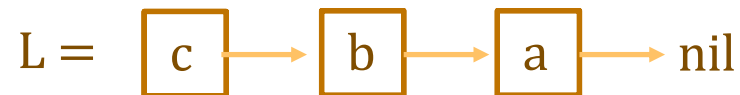
```
const f = (n: number) : number => {  
  let i: number = 0;  
  let s: number = "..."; // = f(0)  
  {{ Inv: s = f(i) }}  
  while (i != n) {  
    s = "... f(i) ..."[f(i) ↦ s] // = f(i+1)  
    i = i + 1;  
  }  
  return s;  
};
```

“Bottom Up” Loops on Lists

- Works nicely on \mathbb{N}
 - numbers are built up from 0 using succ (+1)
 - e.g., build $n = 3$ up from 0

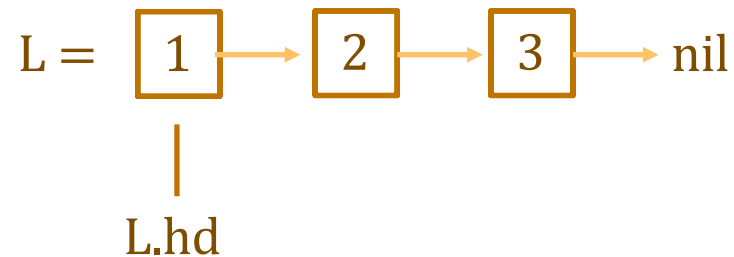
$$n = 3 \xleftarrow{+1} 2 \xleftarrow{+1} 1 \xleftarrow{+1} 0$$

- What about List?
 - lists are built up from nil using cons
 - e.g., build $L = \text{cons}(c, \text{cons}(b, \text{cons}(a, \text{nil})))$ from nil:



“Bottom Up” Loops on Lists?

- **What about List?**
 - lists are built up from nil using cons
 - e.g., build $L = \text{cons}(1, \text{cons}(2, \text{cons}(3, \text{nil})))$ from nil:



- **First step to build L is to build $\text{cons}(3, \text{nil})$ from nil**
 - how do we know what number to put in front of nil?
 - 3 is all the way at the end of the list!
 - how can we fix this?
 - reverse the list!

Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

```
func twice(nil)      := nil
twice(cons(x, L)) := cons(2x, twice(L)) for any x : ℤ and L : List
```

- **Loop idea** for calculating `twice(L)`:
 - store `rev(L)` in “R”



- watch what happens as we move R forward...


Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

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 - store `rev(L)` in “R”
 - moving forward in R is moving backward in L...

L = 

R = 

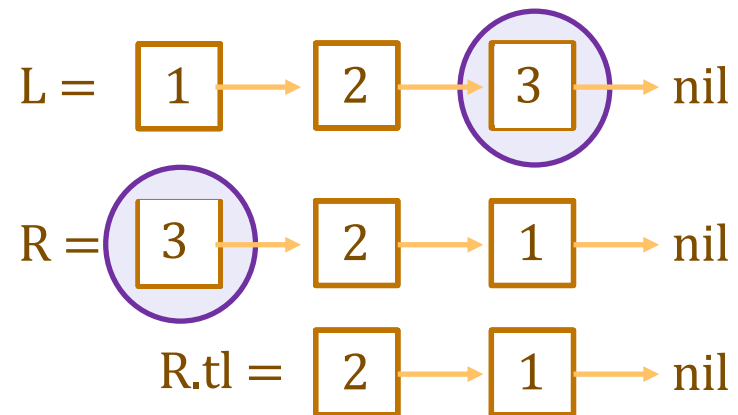
R.tl = 

- as R moves forward, `rev(R)` remains a **prefix** of L

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- **value dropped from R was `last(L) = 3`**
can use it to build `cons(3, nil)`

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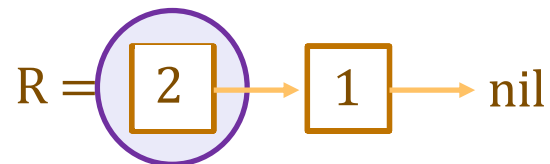
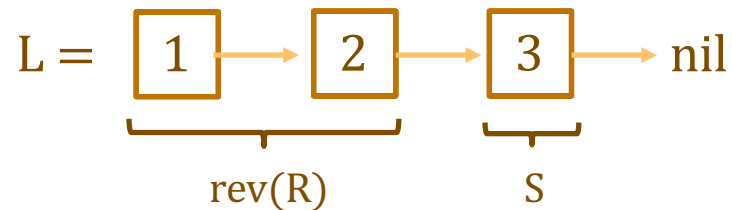
S = 

- as R moves forward, S stores a suffix of L

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```

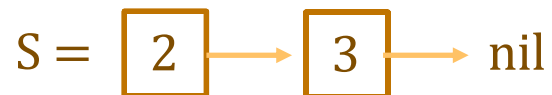
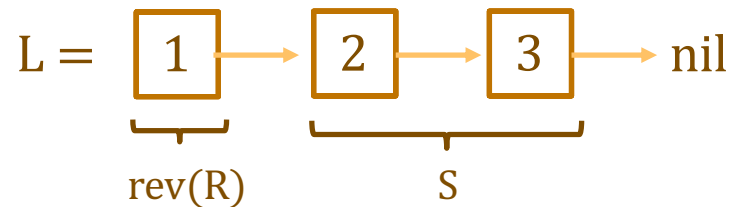
- **Loop idea** for calculating $\text{twice}(L)$:
 - store $\text{rev}(L)$ in “R” initially. move forward to $R.\text{tl}$, etc.
 - add items skipped over by R to the front of “S”



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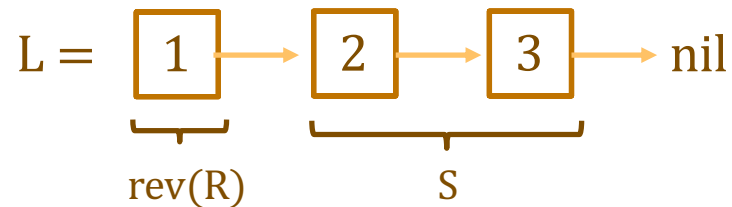
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- **Formalize that idea in the loop invariant**

`L = concat(rev(R), S)`

Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

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func twice(nil)      := nil
twice(cons(x, L)) := cons(2x, twice(L)) for any x : ℤ and L : List
```

- **Loop idea** for calculating `twice(L)`:
 - store `rev(L)` in “R” initially
 - add items skipped over by R to the front of “S”
 - advance by moving R forward (shrinking R, growing S)
S is built “bottom up” into the entire list L
 - calculate `twice(S)`, as we go, in “T”
- **Formalize that idea in the loop invariant**

$L = \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R), S)$ and $T = \text{twice}(S)$

Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

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twice(cons(x, L)) := cons(2x, twice(L)) for any x : ℤ and L : List
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- This loop claims to calculate `twice(L)`...

```
let R: List = rev(L);
let S: List = nil;
let T: List = nil;
{{ Inv: L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) }}
while (R != nil) {
  T = cons(2 * R.hd, T);
  S = cons(R.hd, S);
  R = R.tl;
}
return T; // = twice(L)
```

Still need to check this.

Hopefully obvious that it could be wrong.
(Testing length 0, 1, 2, 3 is not enough!)

Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

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while (R != nil) {
  T = cons(2 * R.hd, T);
  S = cons(R.hd, S);
  R = R.tl;
}
{{ L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) and R = nil }}
{{ T = twice(L) }}
return T; // = twice(L)
```

Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

`func twice(nil) := nil`
`twice(cons(x, L)) := cons(2x, twice(L))` for any $x : \mathbb{Z}$ and $L : \text{List}$

- **Check that Inv is implies the postcondition:**

$\{\{ L = \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R), S) \text{ and } T = \text{twice}(S) \text{ and } R = \text{nil} \}\}$
 $\{\{ T = \text{twice}(L) \}\}$

$L = \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R), S)$
 $= \text{concat}(\text{rev}(\text{nil}), S)$ **since** $R = \text{nil}$
 $= \text{concat}(\text{nil}, S)$ **def of rev**
 $= S$ **def of concat**

$T = \text{twice}(S)$
 $= \text{twice}(L)$ **since** $L = S$

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```

- This loop claims to calculate twice(L)

```
{}
let R: List = rev(L);
let S: List = nil;
let T: List = nil;
{{ R = rev(L) and S = nil and T = nil }}
{{ Inv: L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) }}
while (R != nil) {
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Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

`func twice(nil) := nil`
`twice(cons(x, L)) := cons(2x, twice(L))` for any $x : \mathbb{Z}$ and $L : \text{List}$

- Check that `Inv` is true initially:

`{{ R = rev(L) and S = nil and T = nil }}`

`{{ Inv: L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) }}`

`concat(rev(R), S)`

`= concat(rev(rev(L)), S)`

`= concat(L, S)`

`= concat(L, nil)`

`= L`

since `R = rev(L)`

Lemma 3

since `S = nil`

Lemma 2

`twice(S)`

`= twice(nil)`

`= nil`

`= T`

since `S = nil`

def of twice

since `T = nil`

Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

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{ { Inv: L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) } }
while (R != nil) {
  { { L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) and R ≠ nil } }
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  S = cons(R.hd, S);
  R = R.tl;
  { { L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) } }
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  T = cons(2 * R.hd, T);
  S = cons(R.hd, S);
  ↑ { { L = concat(rev(R.tl), S) and T = twice(S) } }
  R = R.tl;
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}
```

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  S = cons (R.hd, S);
  { { L = concat(rev(R.tl), S) and T = twice(S) } }
  R = R.tl;
  { { L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) } }
}
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Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

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  T = cons(2 * R.hd, T);
  { { L = concat(rev(R.tl), cons(R.hd, S)) and T = twice(cons(R.hd, S)) } }
  S = cons(R.hd, S);
  { { L = concat(rev(R.tl), S) and T = twice(S) } }
  R = R.tl;
  { { L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) } }
}
```


Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

`func twice(nil) := nil`
`twice(cons(x, L)) := cons(2x, twice(L))` for any $x : \mathbb{Z}$ and $L : \text{List}$

- **Check that Inv is preserved by the loop body:**

$\{\{ L = \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R), S) \text{ and } T = \text{twice}(S) \text{ and } R \neq \text{nil} \}\}$

$\{\{ L = \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R.\text{tl}), \text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, S)) \text{ and } \text{cons}(2 \cdot R.\text{hd}, T) = \text{twice}(\text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, S)) \}\}$

`twice(cons(R.hd, S))`

`= cons(2 R.hd, twice(S))` **def of twice**

`= cons(2 R.hd, T)` **since $T = \text{twice}(S)$**

Note that $R \neq \text{nil}$ means $R = \text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, R.\text{tl})$

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- **Check that Inv is preserved by the loop body:**

$\{\{ L = \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R), S) \text{ and } T = \text{twice}(S) \text{ and } R \neq \text{nil} \}\}$

$\{\{ L = \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R.\text{tl}), \text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, S)) \text{ and } \text{cons}(2 \cdot R.\text{hd}, T) = \text{twice}(\text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, S)) \}\}$

$L = \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R), S)$

$= \text{concat}(\text{rev}(\text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, R.\text{tl})), S)$

$= \text{concat}(\text{concat}(\text{rev}(R.\text{tl}), \text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, \text{nil})), S)$

$= \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R.\text{tl}), \text{concat}(\text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, \text{nil}), S))$

$= \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R.\text{tl}), \text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, \text{concat}(\text{nil}, S)))$

$= \text{concat}(\text{rev}(R.\text{tl}), \text{cons}(R.\text{hd}, S))$

since $R \neq \text{nil}$

def of rev

Lemma 2

def of concat

def of concat

Example “Bottom Up” List Loop

```
func twice(nil)      := nil
twice(cons(x, L)) := cons(2x, twice(L)) for any x : ℤ and L : List
```

- This loop claims to calculate twice(L)

```
let R: List = rev(L);
let S: List = nil;
let T: List = nil;
{{ Inv: L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = twice(S) }}
while (R != nil) {
  T = cons(2 * R.hd, T);
  S = cons(R.hd, S);
  R = R.tl;
}
return T; // = twice(L)
```

“S” is unused! We could remove it.

“S” is useful for proving correctness
but it is not needed at run-time.
(Example of a “ghost” variable.)

“Bottom Up” Loops on Lists

`func f(nil) := ...`
`f(cons(x, L)) := ... f(L) ...` for any $x : \mathbb{Z}$ and $L : \text{List}$

- Can be implemented with a loop like this

```
const f = (L: List): List => {
  let R: List = rev(L);
  let S: List = nil;
  let T: List = ...; // = f(nil)
  {{ Inv: L = concat(rev(R), S) and T = f(S) }}
  while (R != nil) {
    T = "... f(L) ..." [f(L) ↦ T]
    S = cons(R.hd, S);
    R = R.tl;
  }
  return T; // = f(L)
};
```

Tail Recursion

func twice(nil) := nil
twice(cons(x, L)) := cons(2x, twice(L)) for any $x : \mathbb{Z}$ and $L : \text{List}$

- **To calculate** twice(cons(x, L)):
 - recursively calculate $S = \text{twice}(L)$
 - when that returns, construct and return $\text{cons}(2x, S)$
- **Not all functions require work *after* recursion:**

func rev-acc(nil, R) := R for any $R : \text{List}$
rev-acc(cons(x, L), R) := rev-acc(L, cons(x, R)) for any $x : \mathbb{Z}$ and
any $L, R : \text{List}$

- such functions are called “tail recursive”

“Top Down” List Loop

```
func rev-acc(nil, R)      := R
  rev-acc(cons(x, L), R) := rev-acc(L, cons(x, R))
```

- Tail recursion can be implemented top-down
 - no need to reverse the list

```
const rev_acc = (S: List, R: List): List => {
  {{ Inv: rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) }}
  while (S != nil) {
    R = cons(S.hd, R);
    S = S.tl;
  }
  return R; // = rev-acc(S0, R0)
};
```

Easy to see that Inv holds initially
since $S = S_0$ and $R = R_0$

“Top Down” List Loop

```
func rev-acc(nil, R)      := R
  rev-acc(cons(x, L), R) := rev-acc(L, cons(x, R))
```

- Check that the postcondition holds upon exit:

```
const rev_acc = (S: List, R: List): List => {
  {{ Inv: rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) }}
  while (S != nil) {
    R = cons(S.hd, R);
    S = S.tl;
  }
  {{ rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) and S = nil }}
  {{ R = rev-acc(S0, R0) }}
  return R; // = rev-acc(S0, R0)
};
```

“Top Down” List Loop

```
func rev-acc(nil, R)      := R
  rev-acc(cons(x, L), R) := rev-acc(L, cons(x, R))
```

- Check that the postcondition holds upon exit:

```
{ { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) and S = nil } }
{ { R = rev-acc(S0, R0) } }
```

```
rev-acc(S0, R0)
  = rev-acc(S, R)
  = rev-acc(nil, R)           since S = nil
  = R                        def of rev-acc
```


“Top Down” List Loop

```
func rev-acc(nil, R)      := R
  rev-acc(cons(x, L), R) := rev-acc(L, cons(x, R))
```

- **Check that Inv is preserved by the loop body:**


```
{ { Inv: rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) } }
while (S != nil) {
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) and S ≠ nil } }
  R = cons(S.hd, R);
  S = S.tl;
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) } }
}
```

“Top Down” List Loop

```
func rev-acc(nil, R)      := R
  rev-acc(cons(x, L), R) := rev-acc(L, cons(x, R))
```

- Check that Inv is preserved by the loop body:

```
{ { Inv: rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) } }
while (S != nil) {
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) and S ≠ nil } }
  R = cons(S.hd, R);
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S.tl, R) } }
  S = S.tl;
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) } }
}
```




“Top Down” List Loop

```
func rev-acc(nil, R)      := R
  rev-acc(cons(x, L), R) := rev-acc(L, cons(x, R))
```

- **Check that Inv is preserved by the loop body:**

```
{ { Inv: rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev_acc(S, R) } }
while (S != nil) {
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) and S ≠ nil } }
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S.tl, cons(S.hd, R)) } }
  R = cons(S.hd, R);
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S.tl, R) } }
  S = S.tl;
  { { rev-acc(S0, R0) = rev-acc(S, R) } }
}
```



“Top Down” List Loop

func rev-acc(nil, R) := R
 rev-acc(cons(x, L), R) := rev-acc(L, cons(x, R))

- **Check that Inv is preserved by the loop body:**

{ { rev-acc(S₀, R₀) = rev-acc(S, R) and S ≠ nil } }

{ { rev-acc(S₀, R₀) = rev-acc(S.tl, cons(S.hd, R)) } }

rev-acc(S.tl, cons(S.hd, R))
= rev-acc(cons(S.hd, S.tl), R)
= rev-acc(S, R)
= rev-acc(S₀, R₀)

def of rev-acc
since S ≠ nil
since rev-acc(S, R) = rev-acc(S₀, R₀)

Tail Recursion Elimination

- **Most functional languages eliminate tail recursion**
 - acts like a loop at run-time
 - true of JavaScript as well
- **Alternatives for reducing space usage:**
 - 1. Find a loop that implements it**
check correctness with Floyd logic
 - 2. Find an equivalent tail-recursive function**
check equivalence with structural induction