

# CSE 331

# **Specifications**

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- Correctness requires a <u>definition</u> of the correct answer
- Description must be <u>precise</u>
  - can't have disagreement about what is correct
- Informal descriptions (English) are usually imprecise
  - necessary to "formalize" the English

turn the English into a precise *mathematical* definition

professionals are very good at this

usually just give English definitions

important skill to practice

- we will start out completely formal to make it easier

- Imperative specification says how to calculate the answer
  - lays out the exact steps to perform to get the answer
- **Declarative** specification says <u>what</u> the answer looks like
  - does not say how to calculate it
  - up to us to ensure that our code satisfies the spec
- Can implement a *different* imperative specification
  - again, up to us to ensure that our code satisfies the spec

## **Example: Imperative Specification**

- <u>Absolute value</u>: |x| = x if  $x \ge 0$  and -x otherwise
  - definition is an "if" statement

```
const abs = (x: bigint): bigint => {
  if (x >= 0n) {
    return x;
  } else {
    return -x;
  }
  just translating math to TypeScript
}
```

## **Example: Declarative Specification**

- Subtraction (a b): return x such that b + x = a
  - can see that b + (a b) = b + a b = a

```
const sub = (a : bigint, b: bigint): bigint => {
    ??
}
we are left to figure out how to do this...
and convince ourselves it satisfies the spec
```

## **Example: Declarative Specification**

- Square root of x is number y such that  $y^2 = x$ 
  - not all positive integers have integer square roots, so... let's round up

$$- (y-1)^2 \le x \le y^2$$

smallest integer y such that  $x \le y^2$ 

```
const sqrt = (x: bigint): bigint => {
```

??

}

we are left to figure out how to do this... and convince ourselves it satisfies the spec

## **Example: Declarative Specification**

- Absolute value |x| is an integer y such that
  - $y \ge x$ - y \ge -x - y = x or y = -x

```
const abs = (x: bigint): bigint => {
  if (x >= 0) {
    return x;
  } else {
    return -x;
  }
    requires some thinking to make sure this code
  returns a number with the properties above
```

## **Example: Imperative Specification**

### From HW3: Dijkstra's Algorithm

```
add a 0-step (empty) path from start to itself to active
while active is not empty:
 minPath = active.removeMin() // shortest active path
  if minPath.end is end:
   return minPath // shortest path from start to end!
  if minPath.end is in finished:
   continue // longer path to minPath.end than the one we found before
  add minPath.end to finished // just found shortest path to here!
 // add all paths that have one step added to this shortest path
 for each edge e in adjacent.get(minPath.end):
   if e.end is not in finished:
                                                    steps are described fully
      newPath = minPath + e
                                                    (iust translate to TypeScript)
      add newPath to active
```

return undefined // no path from start to end :(

- If imperative, just translate math into code
  - TypeScript here, but could also be Java
  - we often call this "straight from the spec"
- if declarative (or implementing different imperative spec), then we will need new tools for checking its correctness

## **Recall: Kinds of Specifications**

- Imperative specification says how to calculate the answer
  - lays out the exact steps to perform to get the answer
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## java.util.Map — set of (key, value) pairs

```
default V replace(K key, V value)
```

Replaces the entry for the specified key only if it is currently mapped to some value.

#### **Implementation Requirements:**

The default implementation is equivalent to, for this map:

```
if (map.containsKey(key)) {
    return map.put(key, value);
} else
    return null;
```

#### Imperative

### java.util.Map — set of (key, value) pairs

void putAll(Map<? extends K,? extends V> m)

Copies all of the mappings from the specified map to this map (optional operation). The effect of this call is equivalent to that of calling put(k, v) on this map once for each mapping from key k to value v in the specified map. The behavior of this operation is undefined if the specified map is modified while the operation is in progress.

#### Imperative

boolean containsKey(Object key)

Returns true if this map contains a mapping for the specified key. More formally, returns true if and only if this map contains a mapping for a key k such that Objects.equals(key, k). (There can be at most one such mapping.)

#### **Declarative**

### java.util.Object

public int hashCode()

Returns a hash code value for the object. This method is supported for the benefit of hash tables such as those provided by HashMap.

The general contract of hashCode is:

- If two objects are equal according to the equals(Object) method, then calling the hashCode method on each of the two objects must produce the same integer result.
- It is *not* required that if two objects are unequal according to the equals(java.lang.Object) method, then calling the hashCode method on each of the two objects must produce distinct integer results. However, the programmer should be aware that producing distinct integer results for unequal objects may improve the performance of hash tables.

#### **Declarative**

- Toolkit for writing imperative specifications
  - define math for data and code
    - write specifications that are <u>language independent</u> (don't want a toolkit that only works for TypeScript)
  - describe how to translate imperative specs into TypeScript
     try to make the translations as *straightforward* as possible (fewer mistakes)

#### mention new TypeScript features when related

critical to understand what bugs the type system caches and which it does not

• Will look at declarative specifications later

# **Math Notation**

- In math, the basic data types are "sets"
  - sets are collections of objects called elements
  - write  $x \in S$  to say that "x" is an element of set "S", and  $x \notin S$  to say that it is not.

## • Examples:

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$	x is an integer	
$x \in \mathbb{N}$	x is a non-negative integer (natural)	
$x \in \mathbb{R}$	x is a real number	
$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{B}$	x is T or F (boolean)	
$x \in S$	x is a character hon-standard name	es
$x \in S^*$	x is a string	

# **Basic Data Types in TypeScript**

Condition	Math	TypeScript	Up to Us
integer	$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{Z}$	bigint	
natural	$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{N}$	bigint	non-negative
real	$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}$	number	
boolean	$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{B}$	boolean	
character	$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{S}$	string	length 1
string	$x \in S^*$	string	

we will often write  $x : \mathbb{Z}$  instead of  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

- only subtraction on non-negative can produce negative

## Ways to Create New Types In Math

- Union Types  $\mathbb{S}^* \cup \mathbb{N}$ 
  - contains every object in either (or both) of those sets
  - e.g., all strings and natural numbers
- If  $x \in \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{S}^*$ , then x could be a natural or string
- Two sets can contain common elements
  - in this case, the sets are disjoint

## Ways to Create New Types in TypeScript

- Union Types string | bigint
  - can be either one of these
- How do we work with this code?

```
const x: string | bigint = ...;
// can I call isPrime(x)?
```

- We can check the type of x using "typeof"
  - TypeScript understands these expressions
  - will "narrow" the type of  $\boldsymbol{x}$  to reflect that information

## **Type Narrowing With "If" Statements**

- Union Types string | bigint
  - can be either one of these
- How do we work with this code?

```
const x: string | bigint = ...;
if (typeof x === "bigint") {
   console.log(isPrime(x)) // okay! x is a bigint
} else {
   ... // x is a string
}
```

## **Type Narrowing vs Casting**

```
const x: string | bigint = ...;
if (typeof x === "bigint") {
   console.log(isPrime(x)) // okay! x is a bigint
} else {
   ... // x is a string
}
```

- Note that this does not require a type cast
  - TypeScript knows x is a bigint inside the "if" (narrowing)
- 331: there are **no type casts** (won't even show syntax)
  - unlike Java, TypeScript casts are unchecked at runtime
  - seem designed to create extremely painful debugging

```
const f = (x: bigint): string | bigint => ...;
if (typeof f(x) === "bigint") {
    console.log(isPrime(f(x))) // why not allowed?
}
```

• TypeScript will (properly) reject this

– no guarantee that f(x) returns the same value both times!

## **Type Narrowing of Function Calls**

```
const f = (x: bigint): string | bigint => ...;
const y = f(x);
if (typeof y === "bigint") {
   console.log(isPrime(y)) // this works now
}
```

- TypeScript can see that the two values are the same
- Functions that return different values for the same inputs are confusing!
  - maybe better to avoid that

## **Compound Types In Math**

- Compound types combine multiple data types
  - multiple ways build them
- **Record Types**  $\{x : \mathbb{N}, y : \mathbb{N}\}$ 
  - record with fields "x" and "y" each containing a number
  - **e.g.**, {x: 3, y: 5}
- Note that {x: 3, y: 5} = {y: 5, x: 3} in math
  - field names matter, not order
  - note that these are not "==" in JavaScript

in math, "=" means same values

in JavaScript, "==" is reference equality

- Record Types {x: bigint, y: bigint}
  - anything with at least fields "x" and "y"
- Retrieve a part by name:

```
const t: {x: bigint, y: bigint} = ... ;
console.log(t.x);
```

## **Optional Fields in TypeScript**

Records can have optional fields

type T = {x: bigint, y?: bigint}; const t: T = {x: ln};

- type of "t.y" is "bigint | undefined"

• Functions can have optional arguments

```
const f = (a: bigint, b?: bigint): bigint => {
   console.log(b);
  };
- type of " b " is " bigint | undefined "
```

## **Compound Types In Math**

- **Record Types**  $\{x : \mathbb{N}, y : \mathbb{N}\}$ 
  - record with fields "x" and "y" each containing a number
  - **e.g.**, {x: 3, y: 5}
- Tuple Types  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ 
  - pair of two natural numbers, e.g., (5, 7)
  - can do tuples of 3, 4, or more elements also
- Mostly equivalent alternatives
  - both let us put parts together into a larger object
  - record distinguishes parts by name
  - tuple distinguishes parts by order

## **Retrieving Part of a Tuple**

- To refer to tuple parts, we must give them names
- Tuple Types  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$

Let (a, b) := t. Suppose we know that t = (5, 7)

":=" means a definition Then, we have a = 5 and b = 7

• Tuple Types [bigint, bigint]

```
const t: [bigint, bigint] = ...;
const [a, b] = t;
console.log(a); // first part of t
```

# **Simple Functions in Math**

- Simplest function definitions are single expressions
- Will write them in math like this:

double :  $\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ 

double(n) := 2n

first line declares the type of double function

takes a natural number input to a natural number output

#### second line shows the calculation

know that "n" is a natural number from the *first* line

#### - will often put the type in the text before the definition, e.g.,

The function double :  $\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  is defined by...

double(n) := 2n

## **Simple Functions in Math**

• Another example:

dist : {x:  $\mathbb{R}$ , y:  $\mathbb{R}$ }  $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ dist(p) := (p.x<sup>2</sup> + p.y<sup>2</sup>)<sup>1/2</sup>

- first line tells us that "p" is a record and "p.x" is a real number
- Can define short-hand for types in math also

type Point := {x:  $\mathbb{R}$ , y:  $\mathbb{R}$ } dist : Point  $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ dist(p) := (p.x<sup>2</sup> + p.y<sup>2</sup>)<sup>1/2</sup>

- Most interesting functions are not simple expressions
  - need to use different expressions in different cases
- Can use side-conditions to split into cases

$abs: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$	
abs(x) := x	if $x \ge 0$
abs(x) := -x	if x < 0

- conditions must be <u>exclusive</u> and <u>exhaustive</u>
   we do not want to require on *order* to determine which applies
- there is a **better** way to do this in many cases...

Can also define functions by "pattern matching"

double :  $\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ double(0) := 0 double(n+1) := double(n) + 2

- first case matches only 0
- second case matches numbers 1 more than some  $n: \ensuremath{\mathbb{N}}$  ...

```
double(6) = double(5+1) so it matches with n = 5
```

```
since n \ge 0, we have n+1 \ge 1, so it matches 1, 2, 3, ...
```

- pattern "n+2" would match 2, 3, 4, ...
- Simplifies the math in multiple ways...

## **Pattern Matching on Natural Numbers**

Pattern matching definition

double(0) := 0double(n+1) := double(n) + 2

### is simpler than using side conditions

double(n):= 0if n = 0double(n):= double(n-1) + 2if n > 0

- e.g., need to explain why double(n-1) is legal
   easy in this case, but it gets harder
- We will prefer pattern matching whenever possible

## **Pattern Matching on Booleans**

- Booleans have only two legal values: T and F
- Can pattern match just by listing the values:
  - the function  $\operatorname{not} : \mathbb{B} \to \mathbb{B}$  is defined as follows:

not(T) := Fnot(F) := T

- negates a boolean value
- no simpler way to define this function!

Can pattern match on individual fields of a record

**type** Steps :=  $\{n : \mathbb{N}, fwd : \mathbb{B}\}$ 

change : Steps  $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ change({n: m, fwd: T}) := m change({n: m, fwd: F}) := -m

- clear that the rules are exclusive and exhaustive
- Can match on multiple parameters
  - e.g., change({n: m+5, fwd: T}) := 2m
  - just make sure the rules are exclusive and exhaustive
# Pattern Matching in TypeScript

- TypeScript does not provide pattern matching
  - some other languages do! (see 341)
- We must translate into "if"s on our own

```
type Steps = {n: number, fwd: boolean};
const change = (s: Steps) => {
    if (s.fwd) {
        return s.n;
    } else {
        return -s.n;
    }
    still s
};
```

still straight from the spec but easy to make mistakes double(0) := 0double(n+1) := double(n) + 2

Also need to be careful with natural numbers

```
// m is non-negative
const double = (m: bigint) => {
    if (m === 0n) {
        return 0n;
    } else {
        return double(m - 1n) + 2n;
    };
};
```

 pattern matching uses "n+1" but the code uses "m" (or "n") sadly, TypeScript will not let "n+1" be the argument value

#### **Code Without Mutation**

- Saw all types of code without mutation:
  - straight-line code
  - conditionals
  - recursion
- This is all that there is!
  - can write anything computable with just these
- Saw TypeScript syntax for these already...

**Example function with all three types** 

```
// n must be a non-negative integer
const f = (m: bigint): bigint => {
    if (m === 0n) {
        return 1n;
    } else {
        const n = m - 1n;
        return 2n * f(n);
    }
};

What does this compute?
    f(m) = 2<sup>m</sup>
    f: N \rightarrow N
};
```

# **Inductive Data Types**

#### **Inductive Data Types**

- Previous saw records, tuples, and unions
  - very useful but limited

can only create types that are "small" in some sense

- missing one more way of defining types
   arguably the most important
- One critical element is missing: recursion

Java classes can have fields of same type, but records cannot

- Inductive data types are defined recursively
  - combine union with recursion

#### **Inductive Data Types**

- Describe a set by ways of creating its elements
  - each is a "constructor"

**type**  $T := C(x : \mathbb{Z}) | D(x : \mathbb{Z}, y : T)$ 

- second constructor is recursive
- can have any number of arguments (even none)
   will leave off the parentheses when there are none
- Examples of elements

```
C(1)
D(2, C(1)) in math, these are <u>not</u> function calls
D(3, D(2, C(1)))
```

• Each element is a description of how it was made

C(1) D(2, C(1)) D(3, D(2, C(1)))

• Equal when they were made *exactly* the same way

$$- C(1) \neq C(2)$$

- D(2, C(1)) ≠ D(3, C(1))
- D(2, C(1)) ≠ D(2, C(2))
- D(1, D(2, C(3))) = D(1, D(2, C(3)))

**type**  $\mathbb{N} := \text{zero} \mid \text{succ}(n:\mathbb{N})$ 

• Inductive definition of the natural numbers

zero	0
succ(zero)	1
succ(succ(zero))	2
<pre>succ(succ(zero)))</pre>	3

The most basic set we have is defined inductively!

**type**  $\mathbb{E} := \text{zero} \mid \text{two-more}(n : \mathbb{E})$ 

Inductive definition of the even natural numbers

zero	0	
two-more(zero)	2	much better notation
two-more(two-more(zero))	4	much better notation
two-more(two-more(two-more(zero)))	6	

**type** List := nil |  $cons(x : \mathbb{Z}, L : List)$ 

#### Inductive definition of lists of integers

```
nil
cons(3, nil)
cons(2, cons(3, nil))
cons(1, cons(2, cons(3, nil)))
```

$$1 \longrightarrow 2 \longrightarrow 3$$

**type** List := nil |  $cons(x : \mathbb{Z}, L : List)$ 

- We will use:
  - "x :: L" to mean "cons(x, L)"
  - "[1, 2, 3]" to mean "1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil"
- Examples:

nil	nil	[]
cons(3, nil)	3 :: nil	[3]
cons(2, cons(3, nil))	2 :: 3 :: nil	[2, 3]
cons(1, cons(2, cons(3, nil)))	1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil	[1, 2, 3]

- TypeScript does not natively support inductive types
  - some "functional" languages do (e.g., OCaml and ML)
- We must think of a way to cobble them together...
  - our answer is a design pattern...

# **Design Patterns**

- Introduced in the book of that name
  - written by the "Gang of Four"
     Gamma, Helm, Johnson, Vlissides
  - worked in C++ and SmallTalk



- Found that they independently developed many of the same solutions to recurring problems
  - wrote a book about them
- Many are problems with OO languages
  - authors worked in C++ and SmallTalk
  - some things are **not easy** to do in those languages

# **Type Narrowing with Records**

- Use a literal field to distinguish records types
  - require the field to have one specific value
  - called a "tag" field

cleanest way to make unions of records

```
type T1 = {kind: "T1", a: bigint, b: number};
type T2 = {kind: "T2" a: bigint, b: string};
const x: T1 | T2 = ...;
if (x.kind === "T1") { // legal for either type
console.log(x.b); // must be T1... x.b is a number
} else {
console.log(x.b); // must be T2... x.b is a string
}
```

**type** T :=  $C(x : \mathbb{Z}) | D(x : \mathbb{S}^*, t : T)$ 

• Implement in TypeScript as

 **type** T := A | B |  $C(x : \mathbb{Z})$  |  $D(x : \mathbb{S}^*, t : T)$ 

• Implement in TypeScript as

**type** List := nil |  $cons(x : \mathbb{Z}, L : List)$ 

• Implemented in TypeScript as

• How do I check if my list is empty?

```
if (mylist.kind === "nil") {
    ...
}
```

• Make this look more like math notation...

- use <u>only</u> these two functions to create Lists
   do not create the records directly
- note that we only have one instance of nil

this is called a "singleton" (there is a **design pattern** for ensuring this)

• Make this look more like math notation...

```
const nil: Readonly<List> = {kind: "nil"};
```

```
const cons = (hd: bigint, tl: List): List => { .. };
```

• Can now write code like this:

const L: List = cons(1, cons(2, nil));

• Make this look more like math notation...

```
const nil: Readonly<List> = {kind: "nil"};
```

```
const cons = (hd: bigint, tl: List): List => { .. };
```

- Still not perfect:
  - JS "===" (references to same object) does not match "="

cons(1, cons(2, nil)) === cons(1, cons(2, nil)) // false!

– need to define an  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{equal}}$  function for this

will see this later...

# **Functions Defined on Inductive Data Types**

- We need recursion to define interesting functions
  - we will primarily use structural recursion
- Inductive types fit esp. well with *pattern matching* 
  - every object is created using some constructor
  - match based on which constructor was used

**type** List := nil | cons(hd: **Z**, tl: List)

• Mathematical definition of list length:

len : List  $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ len(nil) := 0 len(x :: L) := 1 + len(L)

- any list is either nil or x :: L for some x and L
- cases are exclusive and exhaustive

### Length of a List

Mathematical definition of length

len(nil) := 0len(x :: L) := 1 + len(L)

Translation to TypeScript

```
const len = (S: List): bigint => {
  if (S.kind === "nil") {
    return On;
  } else {
    return ln + len(S.tl);
  }
};
TypeScript will see that this is valid
  since S.kind != "nil"
```

**type** List := nil | cons(hd: **Z**, tl: List)

• Function that swaps adjacent elements in a list:

swap : List  $\rightarrow$  List swap(nil) := nil swap(x :: nil) := x :: nil swap(x :: y :: L) := y :: x :: swap(L)

- any list is either nil or x :: nil or x :: y :: L for some x, y and L
- cases are exclusive and exhaustive

### **Swapping Elements in a List**

```
swap(nil) := nil
swap(x :: nil) := x :: nil
swap(x :: y :: L) := y :: x :: swap(L)
```

Translation to TypeScript

Examples only recurse on parts of the input

len(x :: L) := 1 + len(L)

– call on x :: L recurses on L

swap(x :: y :: L) := y :: x :: swap(L)

- call on x :: y :: L recurses on L
- such cases are called "structural recursion"
- Guarantees no infinite recursion!
  - one argument gets *strictly smaller* on each call
  - restrict ourselves to structural recursion in math and TS

# **Formalizing Specifications**

- Sometimes the instructions are written in English
  - English is often imprecise or ambiguous
- First step then is to "formalize" the specification:
  - translate it into math with a precise meaning
- Best to start by looking at some examples
  - try to spot a pattern
  - that usually indicates recursion

- Sum of a List: "add up all the values in the list"
- Look at some examples...

L	sum(L)
nil	0
3 :: nil	3
2 :: 3 :: nil	2+3
1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil	1+2+3

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• Mathematical definition of sum:

sum(nil) := sum(x :: L) :=

L	sum(L)
1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil	1 + 2 + 3

• Mathematical definition of sum:

sum(nil) := 0sum(x :: L) := x + sum(L)

• Check that this works on the examples...

sum(1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil)= 1 + sum(2 :: 3 :: nil)= 1 + 2 + sum(3 :: nil)= 1 + 2 + 3 + sum(nil)= 1 + 2 + 3

def of sum (2<sup>nd</sup> line) def of sum (2<sup>nd</sup> line) def of sum (2<sup>nd</sup> line) def of sum (1<sup>st</sup> line)

#### Sum of Values in a List

Mathematical definition of sum

sum(nil) := 0sum(x :: L) := x + sum(L)

Translation to TypeScript

```
const sum = (L: List): bigint => {
    if (L.kind === "nil") {
        return On;
    } else {
        return L.hd + sum(L.tl);
    }
};
```

# **Definition of List Equality**

- Equal lists: "built with same steps"
- Look at some examples...

L	R	equal(L, R)
nil	nil	
nil	1 :: nil	
1 :: nil	nil	
1 :: nil	1 :: nil	
1 :: nil	2 :: nil	
1 :: 2 :: nil	1 :: 3 :: nil	l

# **Definition of List Equality**

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nil	nil	Т
nil	1 :: nil	F
1 :: nil	nil	F
1 :: nil	1 :: nil	Т
1 :: nil	2 :: nil	F
1 :: 2 :: nil	1 :: 3 :: nil	F

• Mathematical definition of equal : (List, List)  $\rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ 

equal(nil, nil) := Tequal(nil, y :: R) := Fequal(x :: L, nil) := Fequal(x :: L, y :: R) := (x = y) and equal(L, R)

L	R	equal(L, R)
1 :: 2 :: nil	1 :: 3 :: nil	F

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equal(nil, nil) := Tequal(nil, y :: R) := Fequal(x :: L, nil) := Fequal(x :: L, y :: R) := (x = y) and equal(L, R)

• Check that this works on the examples...

equal(1 :: 2 :: nil, 1 :: 3 :: nil)def of equal (4<sup>th</sup> line)= (1 = 2) and equal(2 :: nil, 3 :: nil)def of equal (4<sup>th</sup> line)= (1 = 2) and (2 = 3) and equal(nil, nil)def of equal (4<sup>th</sup> line)= T and T and Fdef of equal (1<sup>st</sup> line)
## Inductive Data Types in TypeScript

#### Translation to TypeScript

```
type List = {kind: "nil"}
          {kind: "cons", hd: bigint, tl: List};
const equal = (L: List, R: List): boolean => {
  if (L.kind === "nil") {
    return R.kind === "nil";
  } else {
    if (R.kind === "nil") {
      return false;
    } else {
      return L.hd === R.hd && equal(L.tl, R.tl);
    }
  }
};
                   math definition may be easier to read
```

- Concatenate L and R: "list containing the elements of L followed by the elements of R"
- Look at some examples...

L	R	concat(L, R)
nil	nil	nil
nil	3 :: nil	3 :: nil
1 :: nil	3 :: nil	1 :: 3 :: nil
1 :: 2 :: nil	3 :: nil	1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil
1 :: 2 :: nil	3 :: 4 :: nil	1 :: 2 :: 3 :: 4 :: nil

•••

L	R	concat(L, R)
nil	nil	nil
nil	3 :: nil	3 :: nil
1 :: nil	3 :: nil	1 :: 3 :: nil
1 :: 2 :: nil	3 :: nil	1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil
1 :: 2 :: nil	3 :: 4 :: nil	1 :: 2 :: 3 :: 4 :: nil

• Mathematical definition of concat : (List, List)  $\rightarrow$  List

concat(nil, R) := R concat(x :: L, R) := x :: concat(L, R)

1 :: 2 :: nil 3 :: 4 :: nil 1 :: 2 :: 3 :: 4 :: nil

• Mathematical definition of concat : (List, List) → List

concat(nil, R) := Rconcat(x :: L, R) := x :: concat(L, R)

• Check that this matches examples...

concat(1 :: 2 :: nil, 3 :: 4 :: nil) = 1 :: concat(2 :: nil, 3 :: 4 :: nil) = 1 :: 2 :: concat(nil, 3 :: 4 :: nil) = 1 :: 2 :: 3 :: 4 :: nil

def of concat (2<sup>nd</sup> line) def of concat (2<sup>nd</sup> line) def of concat (1<sup>st</sup> line)

• Mathematical definition of concat : (List, List)  $\rightarrow$  List

concat(nil, R) := R concat(x :: L, R) := x :: concat(L, R)

Translation to TypeScript

```
const concat = (L: List, R: List): List => {
    if (L.kind === "nil") {
        return R;
    } else {
        return cons(L.hd, concat(L.tl, R));
    }
};
```

## Notes on Lists Posted on the Website

- Shorter version of everything we've discussed
- In addition:
  - **1.** Defines a few more useful list functions
  - 2. Mentions important properties of concat:
    - operator notation "#"
    - associativity and identity
  - 3. Mentions important applications of lists
    - maps are lists of (key, value) pairs
    - sets can be defined defined as lists
- Lists are our most important data type!

## **Definition of List Reversal**

- Reversal of a List: "same values but in reverse order"
- Look at some examples...

...

·ev(L)	
nil	
[3]	3 :: nil
[3, 2]	3 :: 2 :: nil
3, 2, 1]	3 :: 2 :: 1 :: nil
	rev(L) nil [3] [3, 2] [3, 2, 1]

...

## **Definition of List Reversal**

• Look at some examples...

L	rev(L)
nil	nil
3 :: nil	3 :: nil
2 :: 3 :: nil	3 :: 2 :: nil
1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil	3 :: 2 :: 1 :: nil

- Where does rev([2, 3]) show up in rev([1, 2, 3])?
  - at the beginning, with 1 :: nil after it
- Where does rev([3]) show up in rev([2, 3])?
  - at the beginning, with 2 :: nil after it

#### **Definition of List Reversal**

1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil 3 :: 2 :: 1 :: nil

• Mathematical definition of rev : List → List

rev(nil) := nil rev(x :: L) := rev(L) # (x :: nil)

Check that this matches examples...

```
rev(1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil)
= rev(2 :: 3 :: nil) + [1]
= rev(3 :: nil) + [2] + [1]
= rev(nil) + [3] + [2] + [1]
= [] + [3] + [2] + [1]
= ... = [3, 2, 1]
```

def of rev def of rev def of rev def of rev def of concat (many times)

## **Reversing A Lists**

• Mathematical definition of rev : List  $\rightarrow$  List

rev(nil) := nil rev(x :: L) := rev(L) # (x :: nil)

- Other definitions are possible, but this is simplest
- Always make definitions as simple as possible

- Sometimes the instructions are written in English
  - English is often imprecise or ambiguous
- First step then is to "formalize" the specification:
  - translate it into math with a precise meaning
- How do we tell if the specification is wrong?
  - specifications can contain bugs!
     Is it obvious that equal, concat, & rev are correct? Maybe not.
- We can test our definition on some examples
  - what can we do to increase the odds we spot bugs?