

CSE 331

Mutable ADTs

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Specifying & Using Mutable ADTs

Recall: Immutable Map

- An "association list" also called a "map"

```
// List of (key, value) pairs
interface Map<K, V> {

    // @returns contains-key(x, obj)
observer   containsKey(x: K): boolean;

    // @requires contains-key(x, obj)
    // @returns get-value(x, obj)
observer   getValue(x: K): V;

    // @returns set-value(x, v, obj)
producer   setValue(x: K, v: V): Map<K, V>;
}
```

Using the **Immutable** Map

```
// @returns a positive number
const f = (M: Map<string, number>): number => {
  const M1 = M.setValue("one", 2);
  const r = M1.getValue("one");
  return r;
};
```

- Let's check that this code is correct...

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const f = (M: Map<string, number>): number => {
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  {{ Post: r > 0 }}
  return r;
};
```

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getValue(x: K): V;
```

Using the **Immutable Map**

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  ↑ {{ get-value("one", M1) > 0 }}
  const r = M1.getValue("one");
  {{ Post: r > 0 }}
  return r;
};
```

```
// @returns set-value(x, v, obj)
setValue(x: K, v: V): Map<K, V>;
```

Using the **Immutable Map**

```
// @returns a positive number
const f = (M: Map<string, number>): number => {
  ↑ {{ get-value("one", set-value("one", 2, M)) > 0 }}
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  {{ get-value("one", M1) > 0 }}
  const r = M1.getValue("one");
  {{ Post: r > 0 }}
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  {{ get-value("one", M1) > 0 }}
  const r = M1.getValue("one");
  {{ Post: r > 0 }}
  return r;
};
```

```
get-value("one", set-value("one", 2, M))
= get-value("one", ("one", 2) :: M)
= 2
> 0
```

def of set-value
def of get-value

set-value(x, v, L) := (x, v) :: L

get-value(x, (y, v) :: M) := v if x = y
get-value(x, (y, v) :: M) := get-value(x, M) if x ≠ y

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    getValue(x: K): V;

    // @returns set-value(x, v, obj)
    setValue(x: K, v: V): Map<K, V>;
}
```

observer

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producer

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observer  getValue(x: K): V;

    // @modifies obj
    // @effects obj = set-value(x, v, obj)
mutator  setValue(x: K, v: V): void;
}
```

We still need the immutable math functions
(e.g., set-value) to *define* a mutable ADT

Using the **Mutable** Map

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const f = (M: Map<string, number>): number => {
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  const r = M.getValue("one");
  return r;
};
```

- **Let's check that this code is correct...**
 - try this forward this time...

Using the **Mutable** Map

```
// @returns a positive number
const f = (M: Map<string, number>): number => {
  M.setValue("one", 2);
  const r = M.getValue("one");
  return r;
};
```

```
// @modifies obj
// @effects obj = set-value(x, v, obj)
setValue(x: K, v: V): void;
```

Using the **Mutable** Map

```
// @returns a positive number
const f = (M: Map<string, number>): number => {
  M.setValue("one", 2);
  {{ M = set-value("one", 2, M0) }}
  const r = M.getValue("one");
  return r;
};
```

Notice that two versions (M_0 vs M_1)
show up in the *reasoning*
even though our code has one version!

Using the **Mutable** Map

```
// @returns a positive number
const f = (M: Map<string, number>): number => {
  M.setValue("one", 2);
  {{ M = set-value("one", 2, M0) }}
  const r = M.getValue("one");
  ↓ {{ M = set-value("one", 2, M0) and r = get-value("one", M) }}
  return r;
};
```

Using the **Mutable** Map

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// @returns a positive number
const f = (M: Map<string, number>) : number => {
  M.setValue("one", 2);
  const r = M.getValue("one");
  {{ M = set-value("one", 2, M0) and r = get-value("one", M) }}
  {{ Post: r > 0 }}
  return r;
};
```

```
r = get-value("one", M)
  = get-value("one", set-value("one", 2, M0))   since M = set-value("one", 2, M0)
  = get-value("one", ("one", 2) :: M0)         def of set-value
  = 2                                             def of get-value
  > 0
```

set-value(x, v, L) := (x, v) :: L

get-value(x, (y, v) :: M) := v if x = y
get-value(x, (y, v) :: M) := get-value(x, M) if x ≠ y

Implementing Mutable ADTs

ADTs

- **Main place we have heap state is in an ADT**
- **Previously:**
 - **state was immutable**
 - **set in the constructor and then never changed**
 - only need to confirm RI holds at the end of the constructor
 - if RI holds there, then it holds forever
- **Now:**
 - **allow state to be changed by methods**

ADTs

- **Main place we have heap state is in an ADT**
- **New Power:**
 - allow state to be changed by methods
- **New Responsibilities:**
 - **more complex specifications**
add `@effects` and `@modifies`
 - **must check the RI holds after any method that mutates**
often a good idea to write code to check this at runtime
 - **more responsibilities we will meet later...**

Recall: List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
// Represents an (immutable) list of numbers.
interface FastList {

    // @returns x :: obj
    cons: (x: bigint) => FastList;

    // @returns last(obj)
    getLast: () => bigint | undefined;

    // @returns obj
    toList: () => List<bigint>;
};

const makeFastList = (): FastList => {
    return new FastListImpl(nil);
};
```

producer method

Mutable List ADT with a Fast `getLast`

```
// Represents a mutable list of numbers.
interface MutableFastList {

    // @modifies obj
    // @effects obj = x :: obj_0                mutator method
    cons: (x: bigint) => void;
    ...
}
```

- **Method `cons` changes the list, putting `x` in front**
 - now returns `void`
 - mutation explained in `@modifies` and `@effects`
abstract state is the old abstract state with `x` put in front

Recall: One Concrete Rep for FastList

```
class FastListImpl implements FastList {
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)
  // AF: obj = this.list
  readonly last: bigint | undefined;
  readonly list: List<bigint>;

  constructor(list: List<bigint>) {
    this.list = list;
    this.last = last(this.list);
  }
}
```

- We can use the same rep for a mutable version

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)
  // AF: obj = this.list
  last: bigint | undefined;
  list: List<bigint>;

  // @modifies obj
  // @effects obj = x :: obj_0
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);
  };
};
```

- Let's check correctness...

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)
  // AF: obj = this.list
  last: bigint | undefined;
  list: List<bigint>;

  // @modifies obj
  // @effects obj = x :: obj_0
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {
    ↓ this.list = cons(x, this.list);
    {{ this.list = x :: this.list_0 }}
    ↑ {{ Post: obj = x :: obj_0 }}
  };
}
```

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {  
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)  
  // AF: obj = this.list  
  last: bigint | undefined;  
  list: List<bigint>;  
  
  // @modifies obj  
  // @effects obj = x :: obj_0  
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {  
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);  
    {{ this.list = x :: this.list_0 }}  
    {{ Post: obj = x :: obj_0 }}  
  };
```

What is missing?

Also, need the RI to hold!

obj = this.list
= x :: this.list₀
= x :: obj₀

by AF
since this.list = cons(x, this.list₀)
by AF

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)
  // AF: obj = this.list
  last: bigint | undefined;
  list: List<bigint>;

  // @modifies obj
  // @effects obj = x :: obj_0
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);
    {{ this.list = x :: this.list_0 }}
    {{ Post: obj = x :: obj_0 and
      this.last = last(this.list) }}
  };
```

Also, need the RI to hold!

Does it? No!

- Postcondition is @returns, @effects, and RI

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)
  // AF: obj = this.list
  last: bigint | undefined;
  list: List<bigint>;

  // @modifies obj
  // @effects obj = x :: obj_0
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);
    this.last = last(this.list);
    {{ this.list = x :: this.list0 and this.last = last(this.list) }}
    {{ Post: obj = x :: obj0 and this.last = last(this.list) }}
  };
```

Rep Invariant now holds

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)
  // AF: obj = this.list
  last: bigint | undefined;
  list: List<bigint>;

  // @modifies obj
  // @effects obj = x :: obj_0
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {
    this.last = last(this.list);
    {{ this.last = last(this.list) }}
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);
    {{ this.list = x :: this.list0 and this.last = last(this.list0) }}
    {{ Post: obj = x :: obj0 and this.last = last(this.list) }}
  };
```

Rep Invariant would not hold if we switched the order

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)
  // AF: obj = this.list
  last: bigint | undefined;
  list: List<bigint>;

  // @modifies obj
  // @effects obj = x :: obj_0
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);
    this.last = last(this.list);
    {{ this.list = x :: this.list_0 and this.last = last(this.list) }}
    {{ Post: obj = x :: obj_0 and this.last = last(this.list) }}
  };
```

This version is obviously correct, but $O(n)$.

Can we do it faster?

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {
  // RI: this.last = last(this.list)
  // AF: obj = this.list
  last: bigint | undefined;
  list: List<bigint>;

  // @modifies obj
  // @effects obj = x :: obj_0
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {
    if (this.list === nil)
      this.last = x;
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);
    {{ _____ }}
    {{ Post: obj = x :: obj_0 and this.last = last(this.list) }}
  };
}
```

O(1) version, but more complex reasoning (two branches)

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {  
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {  
    if (this.list == nil)  
      this.last = x;  
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);  
    {{ this.list = x :: this.list0 and this.list0 = nil and this.last = x }}  
    {{ Post: obj = x :: obj0 and this.last = last(this.list) }}  
  };  
}
```

Case “then”:

last(this.list) = last(x :: this.list₀)
= last(x :: nil)
= x
= this.last

since this.list = x :: this.list₀
since this.list₀ = nil
def of last
since x = this.last

last(x :: nil) := x

last(x :: y :: L) := last(y :: L)

Mutable List ADT with a Fast getLast

```
class MutableFastListImpl implements MutableFastList {  
  cons = (x: bigint): void => {  
    if (this.list == nil)  
      this.last = x;  
    this.list = cons(x, this.list);  
    {{ this.list = x :: this.list0 and this.list0 ≠ nil and  
      this.last = this.last0 and this.last0 = last(this.list0) }}  
    {{ Post: obj = x :: obj0 and this.last = last(this.list) }}  
  }  
}
```

from the RI
(will need this)

Case “else”:

last(this.list) = last(x :: this.list₀)
= last(this.list₀)
= this.last₀
= this.last

since this.list = x :: this.list₀

since this.list₀ ≠ nil

since this.last₀ = last(this.list₀)

since this.last = this.last₀

last(x :: nil) := x

last(x :: y :: L) := last(y :: L)

More Using Mutable ADTs

Mutable List ADT with a Fast `getLast`

```
// Represents a mutable list of numbers.
interface MutableFastList {

    // @modifies obj
    // @effects obj = x :: obj_0
    cons: (x: bigint) => void;

    // @returns first(obj), where
    //     first(nil)      := 0
    //     first(x :: L) := x
    getFirst: () => bigint | undefined;

    // @returns last(obj), where ...
    getLast: () => bigint | undefined;

};
```

Using the **Immutable Map**

```
// @requires L /= nil
// @modifies R
// @effects R = (m+k) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0,
//     where m = first(L)
const g = (L: MutableFastList, k: bigint,
          R: MutableFastList): void => {
  let i = 1;
  // Inv: R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0
  while (i <= k) {
    const m = L.getFirst();
    R.cons(m + i);
    i++;
  }
};
```

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  let i = 1;
  // Inv: R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0
  while (i <= k) {
    {{ R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0 }}
    const m = L.getFirst();
    R.cons(m + i);
    i++;
    {{ R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0 }}
  }
}
```

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          R: MutableFastList): void => {
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  // Inv: R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0
  while (i <= k) {
    {{ R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0 }}
    const m = L.getFirst();
    ↓ {{ R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0 and m = first(L) }}
    R.cons(m + i);
    i++;
    {{ R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0 }}
  }
}
```

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//     where m = first(L)
const g = (L: MutableFastList, k: bigint,
          R: MutableFastList): void => {
  let i = 1;
  // Inv: R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0
  while (i <= k) {
    const m = L.getFirst();
    {{ R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0 and m = first(L) }}
    R.cons(m + i);
    ↓
    {{ R = (m+i) :: R_1 and R_1 = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0 and m = first(L) }}
    i++;
    {{ R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0 }}
  }
}
```

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          R: MutableFastList): void => {
  let i = 1;
  // Inv: R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0
  while (i <= k) {
    const m = L.getFirst();
    R.cons(m + i);
    {{ R = (m+i) :: R1 and R1 = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R0 and m = first(L) }}
    {{ R = (m+i) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R0 }}
    i++;
    {{ R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R0 }}
  }
}
```

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const g = (L: MutableFastList, k: bigint,
          R: MutableFastList): void => {
  // Inv: R = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0
  for (let i = 1; i <= k; i++) {
    const m = L.getFirst();
    R.cons(m + i);
    [
      {{ R = (m+i) :: R1 and R1 = (m+i-1) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R0 and m = first(L) }}
      {{ R = (m+i) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R0 }}
    ]
    i++;
  }
};
```

$R = (m+i) :: R_1$
 $= (m+i) :: (m+i-1) :: \dots :: (m+1) :: R_0$ **since** $R_1 = \dots$

Using the **Immutable** Map

```
const g = (L: MutableFastList, k: bigint,  
          R: MutableFastList): void
```

- We have proven this code correct, but...



**“Beware of bugs in the above code;
I have only proved it correct, not tried it.”**

Donald Knuth, 1977

- We should also try it...

Using the **Immutable** Map

```
// @effects R = (m+k) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0,  
//     where m = first(L)  
const g = (L: MutableFastList, k: bigint,  
          R: MutableFastList): void
```

- Try out the code:

```
... // L = 2 :: 1  
... // R = 2 :: 1  
g(L, 3, R)  
console.log(R);
```

- What list should this print?

```
5 :: 4 :: 3 :: 2 :: 1 :: nil
```

Using the **Immutable Map**

```
// @effects R = (m+k) :: ... :: (m+1) :: R_0,  
//     where m = first(L)  
const g = (L: MutableFastList, k: bigint,  
          R: MutableFastList): void
```

- Try out the code:

```
... // L = 2 :: 1  
... // R = 2 :: 1  
g(L, R, 3)  
console.log(R);
```

- Instead, it prints **8 :: 5 :: 3 :: 2 :: 1 :: nil ! How?!?**

L and R are aliases to the same MutableFastList

Reasoning with Aliases

- Aliasing **breaks** reasoning!
 - there was nothing wrong with our math
 - our math did not correctly describing the program
modeling programs with aliasing is basically impossible
- Isn't this just a weird, special case?
 - just double check that $L \neq R$
- How about a more practical example?

Demo: New HW8 Features

Reasoning with Aliasing

- Aliasing **breaks** reasoning!
 - there was nothing wrong with our math
 - our math did not correctly model the program
modeling programs with aliasing is basically impossible
- Aliasing is rampant in applications!
 - no way to easily check that there are no aliases
 - cannot reason about or debug individual functions
- Only option is to prevent unexpected aliasing...

Aliasing and Mutation Don't Mix

- **Aliasing breaks reasoning!**
 - Root cause: mutating aliased data
 - Fix: allow **mutation XOR aliasing** (i.e., not both)
- **Option 1: data is immutable**
 - program can't tell if data is aliased
- **Option 2: data is not aliased**
 - local reasoning principles work great
 - new responsibility: no aliases of *my* data
- **See also: Rust enforces this rule with type checker**

Implementing *More* Mutable ADTs

Recall: Immutable Queue ADT

- A queue is a list that can *only* be changed two ways:
 - add elements to the front
 - remove elements from the back

```
// List that only supports adding to the front and
// removing from the end
interface NumberQueue {
  // @returns len(obj)
observer    size: () => bigint;

  // @returns [x] ++ obj
producer    enqueue: (x: bigint) => NumberQueue;

  // @requires len(obj) > 0
producer    dequeue: () => [bigint, NumberQueue];
}
```


Mutable Queue ADT

- Mutable versions has mutators instead of producers

```
// Mutable array that only supports adding to the front
// and removing from the end.
interface MutableNumberQueue {

    // @returns obj
observer elements(): bigint[];

    // @modifies obj
mutator // @effects obj = [x] ++ obj_0
enqueue(x: bigint): void;

    // @requires len(obj) > 0
mutator // @modifies obj
// @effects obj_0 = obj ++ [x]
// @returns x
dequeue(): bigint;
}
```

Recall: Implementing a Queue with Two Lists

```
// Implements a queue using two lists.
class ListPairQueue implements NumberQueue {

    // AF: obj = this.front ++ rev(this.back)
    // RI: if this.back = nil, then this.front = nil
    readonly front: List;
    readonly back: List;

    // makes obj = concat(front, rev(back))
    constructor(front: List, back: List) {
        ...
    }
}
```

- Queue was in two parts, front and back
 - back stored in reverse order
 - full list was this.front # rev(this.back)

Implementing Mutable Queue with Two Arrays

```
// Implements a mutable queue using two arrays.
class ArrayPairQueue implements MutableNumberQueue {

    // AF: obj = rev(this.front) ++ this.back
    front: bigint[];
    back: bigint[];

    // makes obj = vals
    constructor(vals: bigint[]) {
        this.front = [];
        this.back = vals;
    }
}
```

We should check this...

Implementing Mutable Queue with Two Arrays

```
// Implements a mutable queue using two arrays.
class ArrayPairQueue implements MutableNumberQueue {

    // AF: obj = rev(this.front) ++ this.back
    front: bigint[];
    back: bigint[];

    // makes obj = vals
    constructor(vals: bigint[]) {
        this.front = [];
        this.back = vals;
        {{ this.front = [] and this.back = vals }}
        {{ Post: obj = vals }}
    }
}
```

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  // makes obj = vals
  constructor(vals: bigint[]) {
    this.front = [];
    this.back = vals;
    {{ this.front = [] and this.back = vals }}
    {{ Post: obj = vals }}
  }
}
```

Is this really correct?

No way to say!

obj = rev(this.front) # this.back
= rev([]) # this.back
= [] # this.back
= this.back = vals

by AF
since this.front = []
def of rev
since this.back = vals

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    }
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- **Must make a copy of the array!**
 - then, we have the only reference to it (no aliases)

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        revFront.reverse();
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This is $O(n)$...

We can optimize it if front = [].

rev([]) # this.back = [] # this.back = this.back

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            return this.back; // O(1) when this.front = []
        } else {
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                this.front.slice(0, this.front.length);
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- Cannot return an alias to `this.back`
 - must make a copy in all cases

Moral of the Story for Mutable Heap State

- More mutation gave us better efficiency
 - saved memory
 - immutable version could be just as fast
- More mutation means more complex reasoning
 - more facts to keep track of
 - more ways to make mistakes
 - more work to make sure we did it right
- New possibilities for **exciting** bugs!
 - must avoid aliasing of anything mutable
 - we call this “**representation exposure**”

Need for Mutable Heap State

- **Saw that mutable heap state is complex**
 - better to avoid when possible
- **Cannot be avoided in some cases**
 1. server-side data storage
 2. client-side UI
- **In both cases, we try to constrain its use**
 - including coding conventions to keep ourselves sane