

# Lecture 15

## Refinement Types and Type-Driven Synthesis

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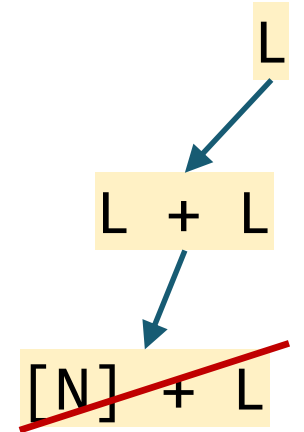
# Motivation

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- prune unverifiable candidates early
- need synthesis-friendly verification technique!

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# Running example

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  match xs with
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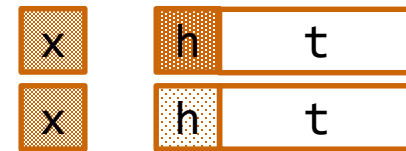
```
    Nil →
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    Cons h t →
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      if x ≤ h
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      then Cons x xs
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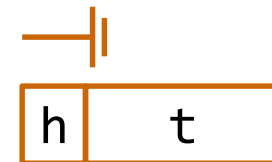
```
      else Cons h (insert x t)
```



```
data List e where
```

```
  Nil :: List e
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  Cons :: h:e → t:List e → List e
```



# Rejecting incomplete programs

[Pierce, Turner. TPLS'00]

```
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    ...
```



bidirectional  
type-checking!

Expected  
e  
and got  
List e

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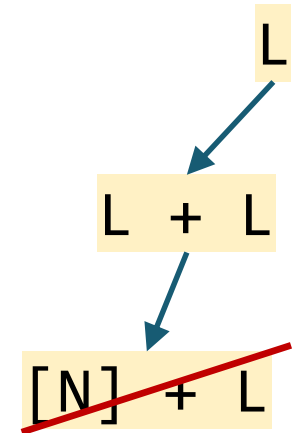
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**Idea:** can we use types as behavioral constraints for synthesis?



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# Refinement types

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[Rondon et al.'08, Kawaguchi et al.'09]

Nat

base types

$\text{max} :: x: \text{Int} \rightarrow y: \text{Int} \rightarrow \{ v: \text{Int} \mid x \leq v \wedge y \leq v \}$

dependent  
function types

$\text{xs} :: \{ v: \text{List Nat} \}$

polymorphic  
datatypes

**data** List  $\alpha$  **where**

Nil :: { List  $\alpha$  |  $\text{Len } v = 0$  }

Cons ::  $x: \alpha \rightarrow \{ \text{List } \alpha \mid \text{Len } v = \text{Len } xs + 1 \}$

**measure** Len :: List  $\alpha \rightarrow \text{Int}$

$\text{Len Nil} = 0$

$\text{Len (Cons } \_ \text{ xs)} = \text{Len } xs + 1$

# Refinement types

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$$e ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid n \mid e + e \\ \mid x \mid e \ e \mid \lambda x:T. e$$

Terms

$$T ::= \{v: B \mid e\} \quad (\text{basic types}) \\ \mid x: T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \quad (\text{function types}) \\ \mid \alpha \quad (\text{type variables})$$

Types

$$S ::= T \mid \forall \alpha. S$$

Type schemas

T-num 
$$\frac{(n = 0, 1, \dots)}{\Gamma \vdash n :: \{v: \text{Int} \mid v = n\}}$$

T-var 
$$\frac{(x: T \in \Gamma)}{\Gamma \vdash x :: \{v: T \mid v = x\}}$$

T-app 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 :: x: T \rightarrow T' \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: T}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \ e_2 :: T'[x \mapsto e_2]}$$



# Example

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Let's check that  $\Gamma \vdash \text{double } 5 :: \text{Nat}$

- $\text{Nat} = \{v: \text{Int} \mid v \geq 0\}$
- $\Gamma = [\text{double}: x: \text{Int} \rightarrow \{v: \text{Int} \mid v = 2 * x\}]$

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$$\text{T-abs} \quad \frac{\Gamma; x: T \vdash e :: T'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x: T. e :: T \rightarrow T'}$$

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We need subtyping!

# Subtyping

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Intuitively,  $T'$  is a subtype of  $T$  if all values of type  $T'$  also belong to  $T$

- written  $T' <: T$
- e.g.  $\text{Nat} <: \text{Int}$  or  $\{v: \text{Int} \mid v = 5\} <: \text{Nat}$

Defined via inference rules:

$$\text{Sub-base} \frac{[[\Gamma]] \wedge e' \Rightarrow e}{\Gamma \vdash \{v: B \mid e'\} <: \{v: B \mid e\}}$$

$$\text{Sub-fun} \frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 <: T'_1 \quad \Gamma; x: T_1 \vdash T'_2 <: T_2}{\Gamma \vdash x: T'_1 \rightarrow T'_2 <: x: T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$

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# Refinement types

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**data** *SList* *e* **where** sorted lists

*Nil* :: *SList* *e*


*Cons* :: *h*:*e* →

*t*:*SList*  $\{v:e \mid v \geq h\}$  →  
*SList* *e*



# Refinement types as specs

[Rondon et al. PLDI'08]

```
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        {v:SList e | elems v = elems xs ∪ {x}}
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   match xs with
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```

Expected

{v:SList e | elems v = elems xs ∪ {x}}

and got

{v:SList e | elems xs ⊆ elems v}

# Incomplete programs?

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# Bidirectional type checking

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$\{v:\text{SList } e \mid \text{elems } v = \{x\}\}$



insert x xs =  
 match xs with  
 Nil → Nil  
 Cons h t → ...



# Round-trip type checking

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$\{v:e \mid v \geq h\}$



```
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  match xs with  
  Nil → Cons x Nil  
  Cons h t →  
    Cons h (insert x ...)
```



**h** **(insert x ...)**



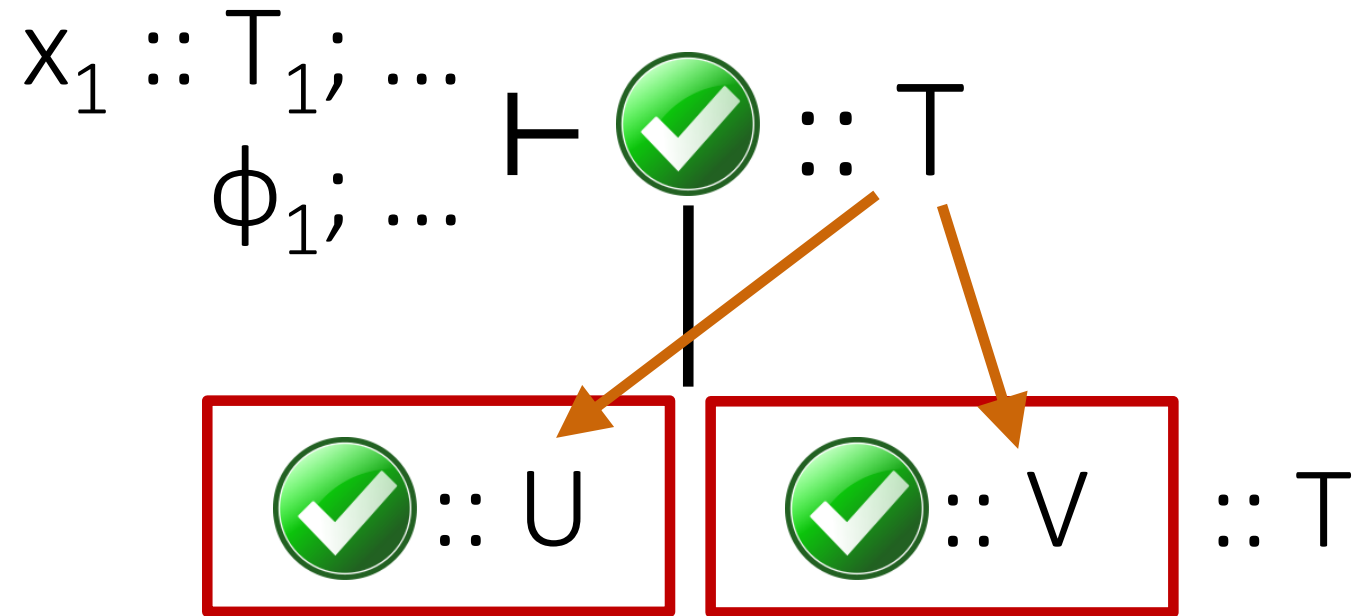
# Type-driven Synthesis



<http://tiny.cc/synquid>

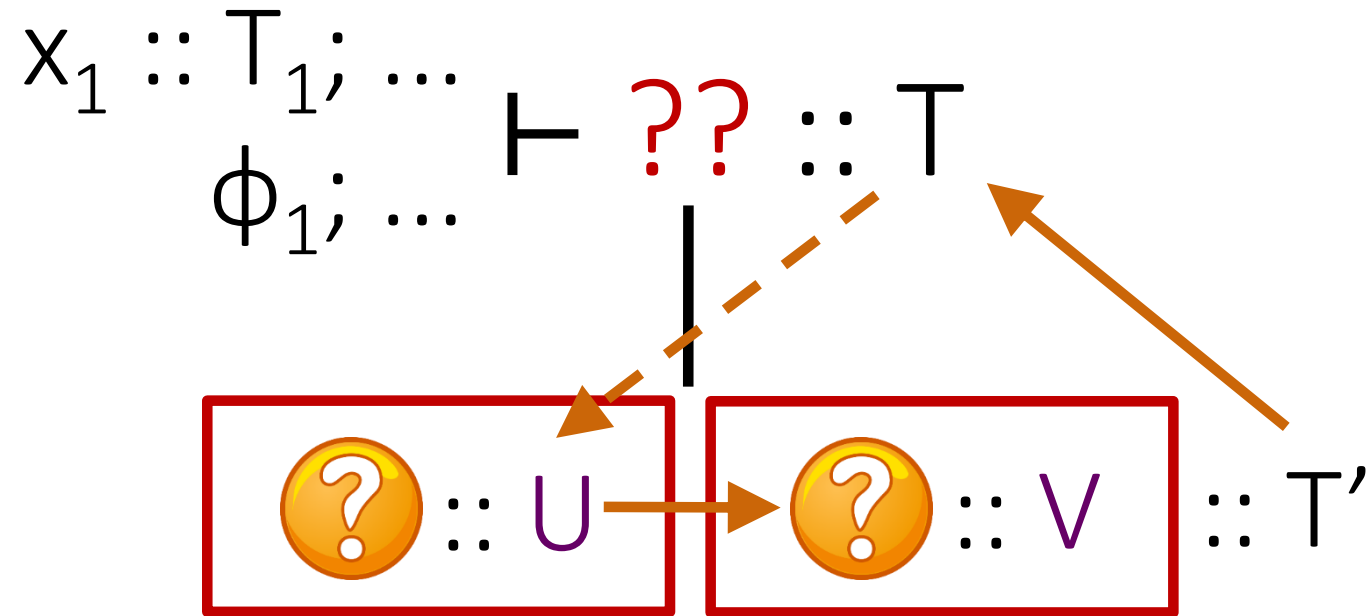
# Synthesis from refinement types

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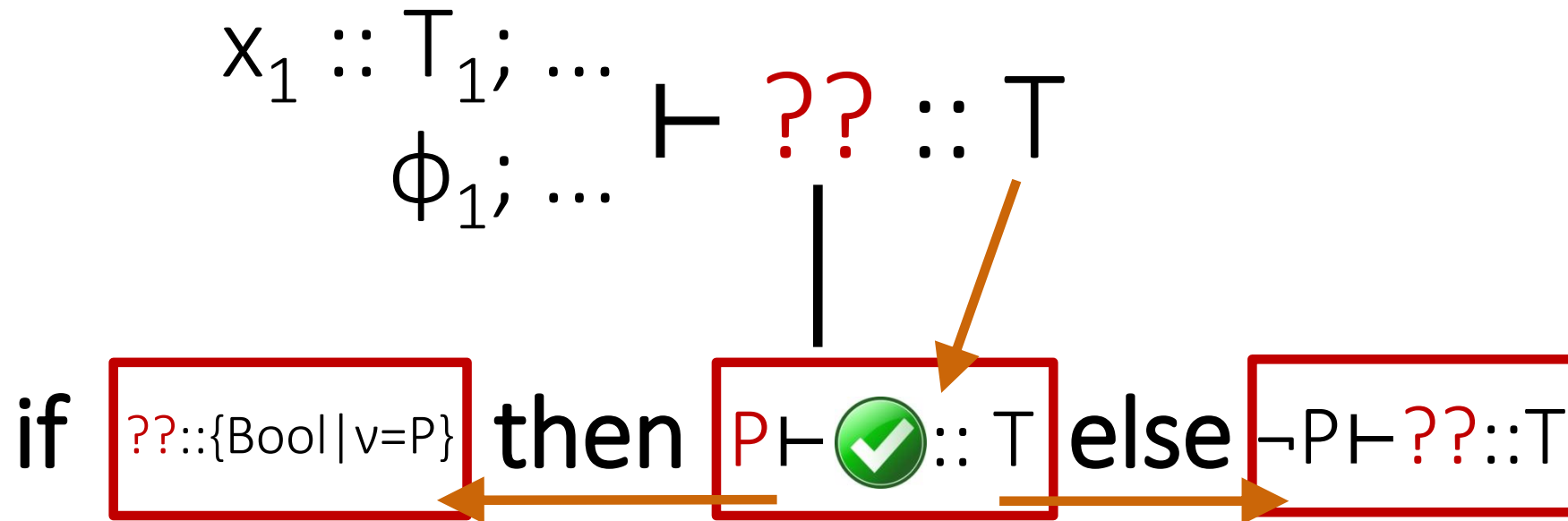
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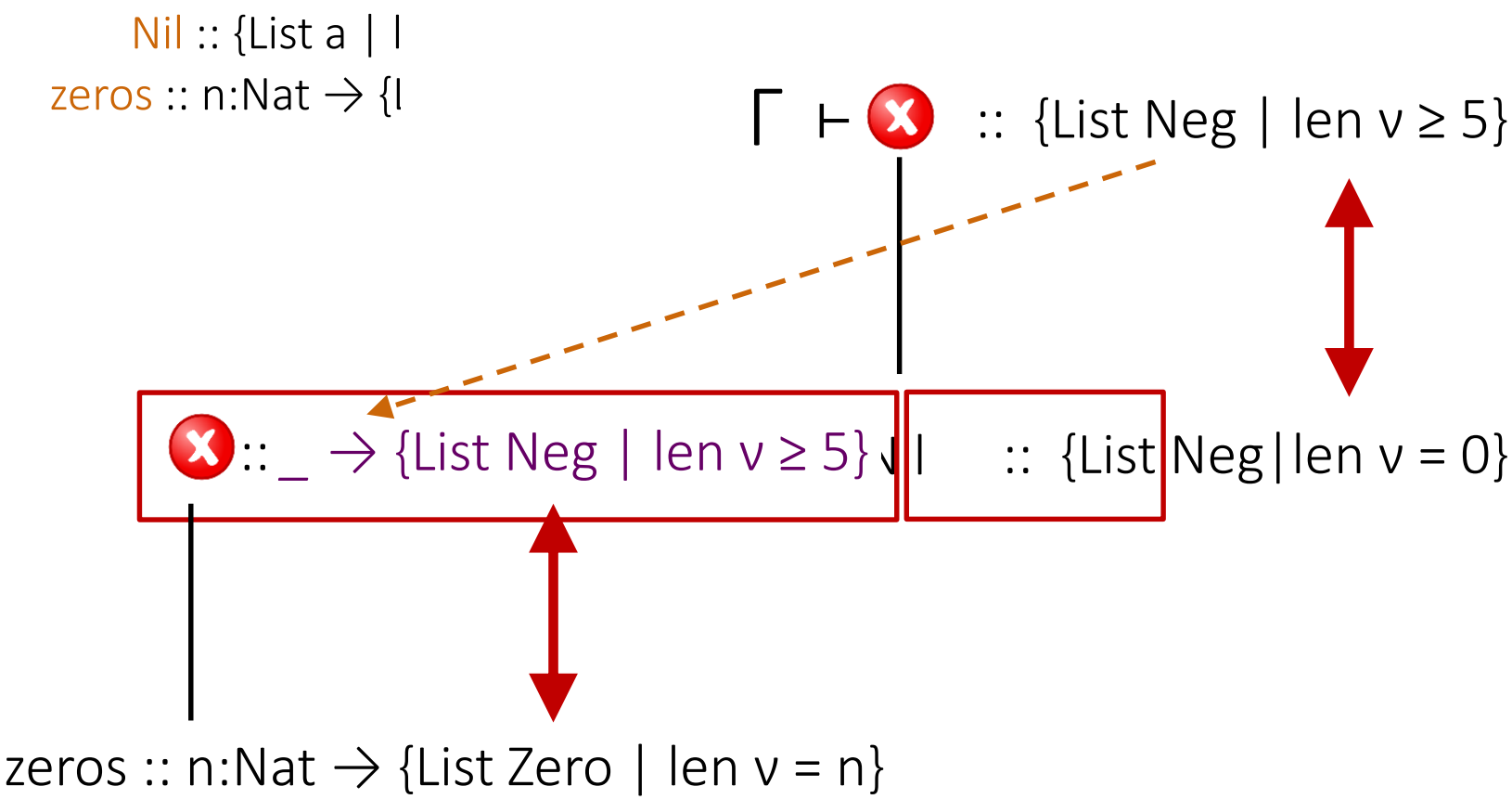


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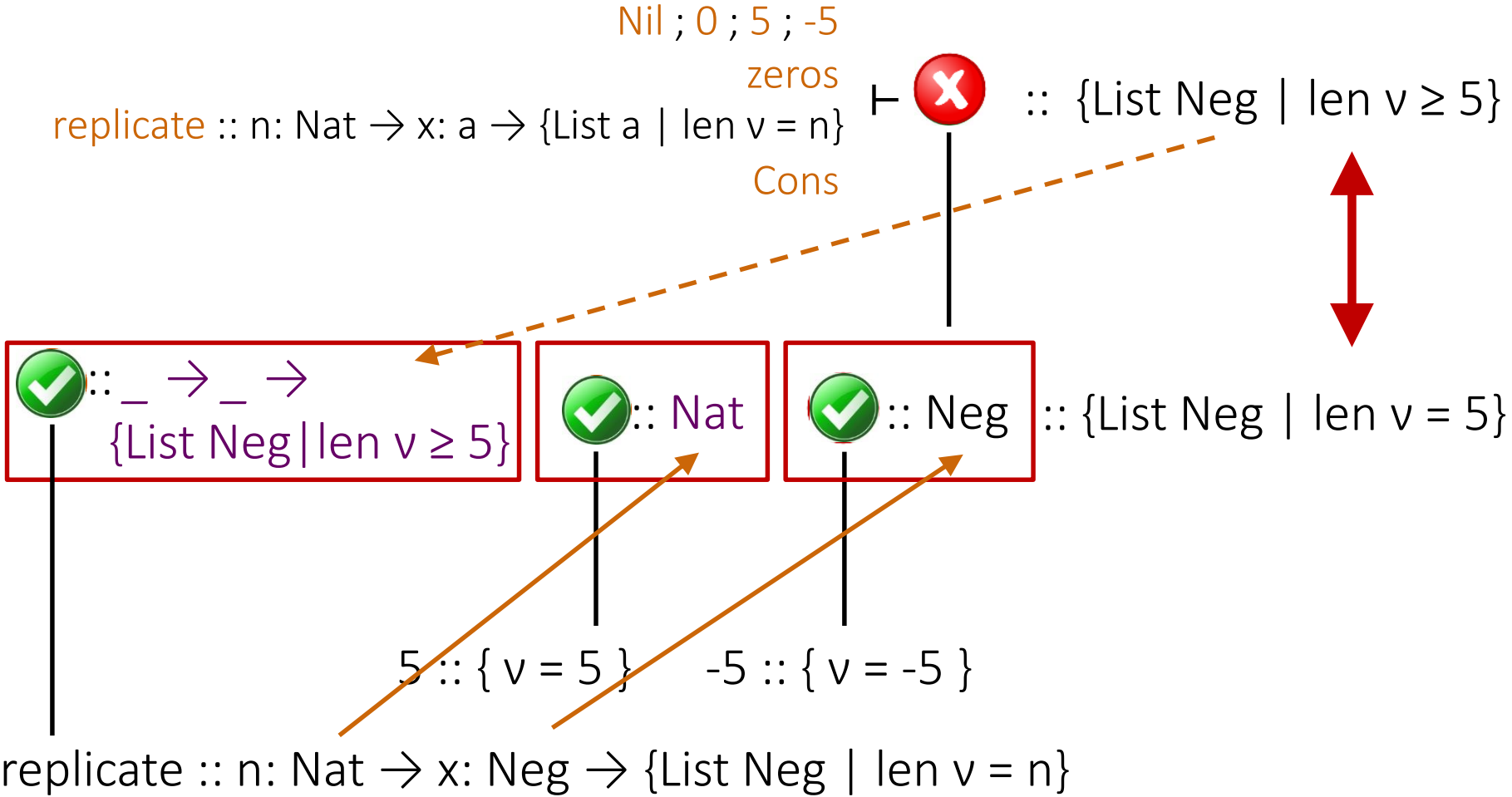
II. round-trip type checking

III. condition abduction

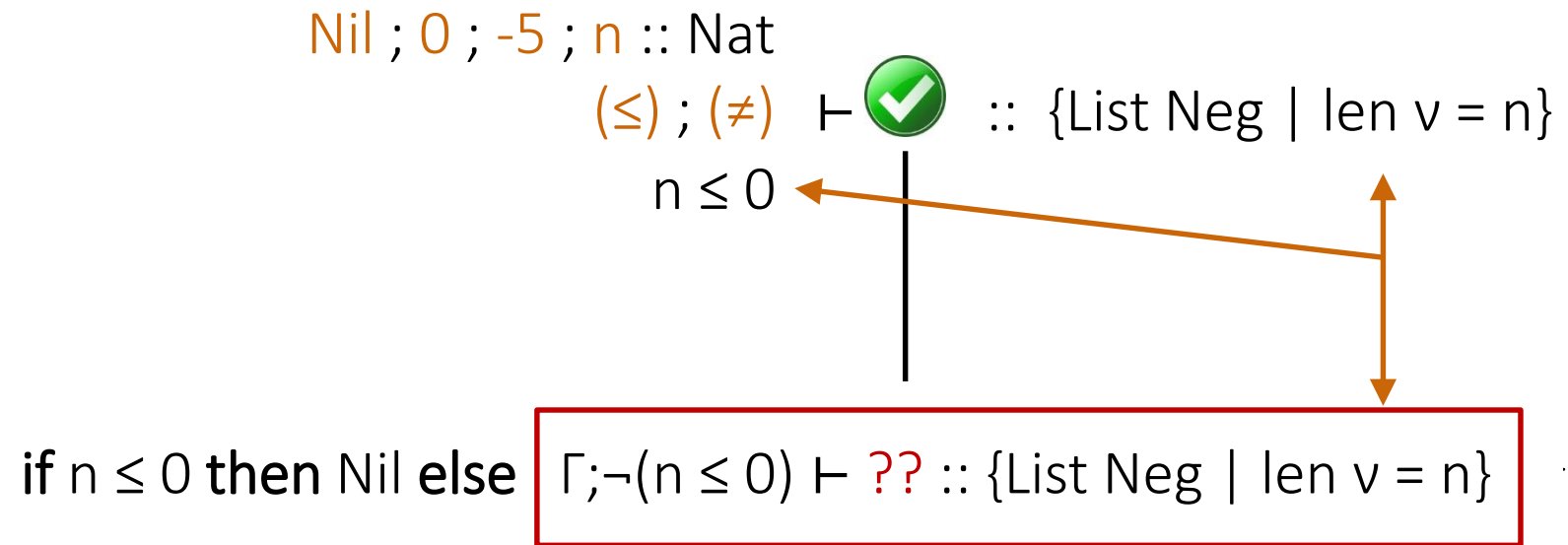
# Round-trip type checking



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# Condition abduction





# Liquid abduction

