## 0.0.1 Associate At

The Primitive associate At establishes a relationship between  $k?_j$  and v? at the nesting  $k?_i$  ... $k?_{j-1}$  within m!

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\begin{array}{c} k? = \langle k?_i \ .. \ k?_j \rangle \\ (k?_j \ , m?_{k?_j} \ ) \in m? \ \lor (k?_j \ , m?_{k?_j} \ ) \not \in m? \\ (k?_j \ , m?_{k?_j} \ ) \not \in m! \\ \hline \\ m! = associateAt(m? \ , k? \ , v? \ ) \end{array}
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This implies that any existing mapping at  $k?_j \in m$ ? will be overwritten by associateAt but an existing mapping is not a precondition. The following helper Operation getFirstKey is introduced to help with the recursive nature of associateAt.

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GetFirstKey[KV, Collection] \\ m?: KV \\ k?: Collection \\ v!: V \\ getFirstKey\_: KV \times Collection \twoheadrightarrow V \\ \\ v! = getFirstKey(m?, k?) \bullet v! = atKey(m?, head(k?))
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This allows for the recursive aspect of associate At to be defined as  $\langle getFirstKey\_, recur\_ \rangle^{\# k?-1}$ 

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AssociateAt[KV, Collection, V]
GetFirstKey, Recur
m?, m! : KV
k? : Collection \bullet \forall k?_n \in k?_{\langle i...j \rangle} \mid k_n : K
v? : V
associateAt = \langle \langle atFirstKey \ recur \ \rangle^{\# k?-1}, associate \ \rangle
m! = associateAt(m?, k?, v?) \bullet
\forall n: i..j - 1 \in k? \bullet j = first(last(k?)) \Rightarrow first(j, k?_j) \mid \exists_1 v_n \bullet
let \ c_n == tail(k?)^{n-i}
v_i == getFirstKey(m?, c_n) \Rightarrow
c_n = k? \iff n = i \bullet v_i = atKey(m?, head(k?))
v_n = recur(v_i, c_n, getFirstKey \ \rangle^{j-1}
v_{j-1} == getFirstKey(v_n, (j-1 \mid k?)) \iff n = j-2
v_j == associate(v_{j-1}, last(k?), v?) \Rightarrow \langle \langle k?_j \mapsto v? \rangle \rangle \cup v_{j-1} \triangleleft k?_j
= (v_j \cup v_{n-succ(1)} \triangleleft k?_{n-succ(0)})^{j-1} \bullet n \leq j-1 \Rightarrow
v_{j-4} \cup (v_{j-3} \cup (v_j \cup v_{j-2} \triangleleft k?_{j-1}) \triangleleft k?_{j-2}) \triangleleft k?_{j-3}
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No other mappings which exist at the various levels of depth will be altered