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 - a set of axioms (preconditions and postconditions) that define the semantics of the operations (i.e., what the operations do to instances of the ADT, but not how)



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Abstract Data Types (ADTs) Types of operations: Constructors

- Access functions
- · Manipulation procedures

Abstract Data Types

- Why do we need to talk about ADTs in a DS course?
 - They serve as specifications of requirements for the building blocks of solutions to algorithmic problems
 - Provides a language to talk on a higher level of
 - ADTs encapsulate data structures and algorithms that implement them
 - Separate the issues of correctness and efficiency

Example - Dynamic Sets

- We will deal with ADTs, instances of which are sets of some type of elements.
 - Operations are provided that change the set
- We call such class of ADTs dynamic sets



Dynamic Sets (2)

- An example dynamic set ADT
 - Methods:
 - · New():ADT
 - . Insert(S:ADT, v:element):ADT
 - . Delete(S:ADT, v:element):ADT
 - Isin(S:ADT, v:element):boolean
 - Insert and Delete manipulation operations
 - IsIn Access method method

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