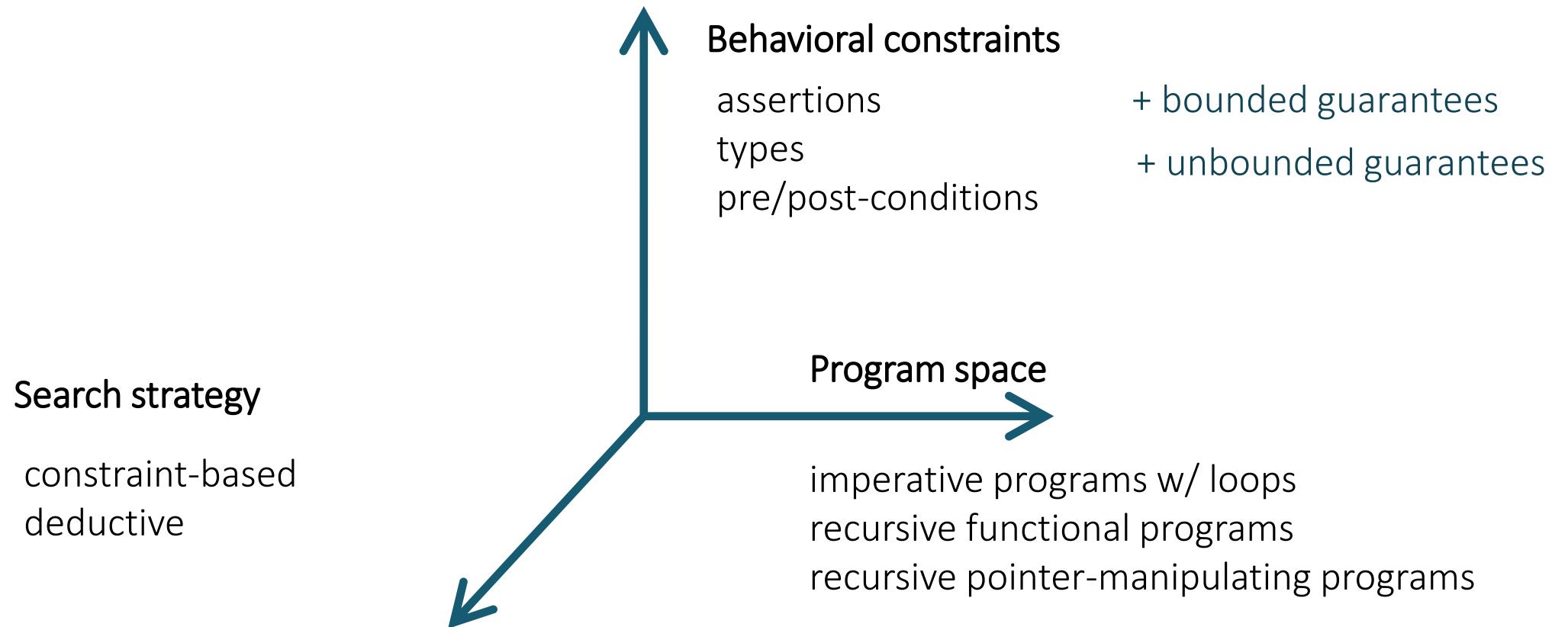


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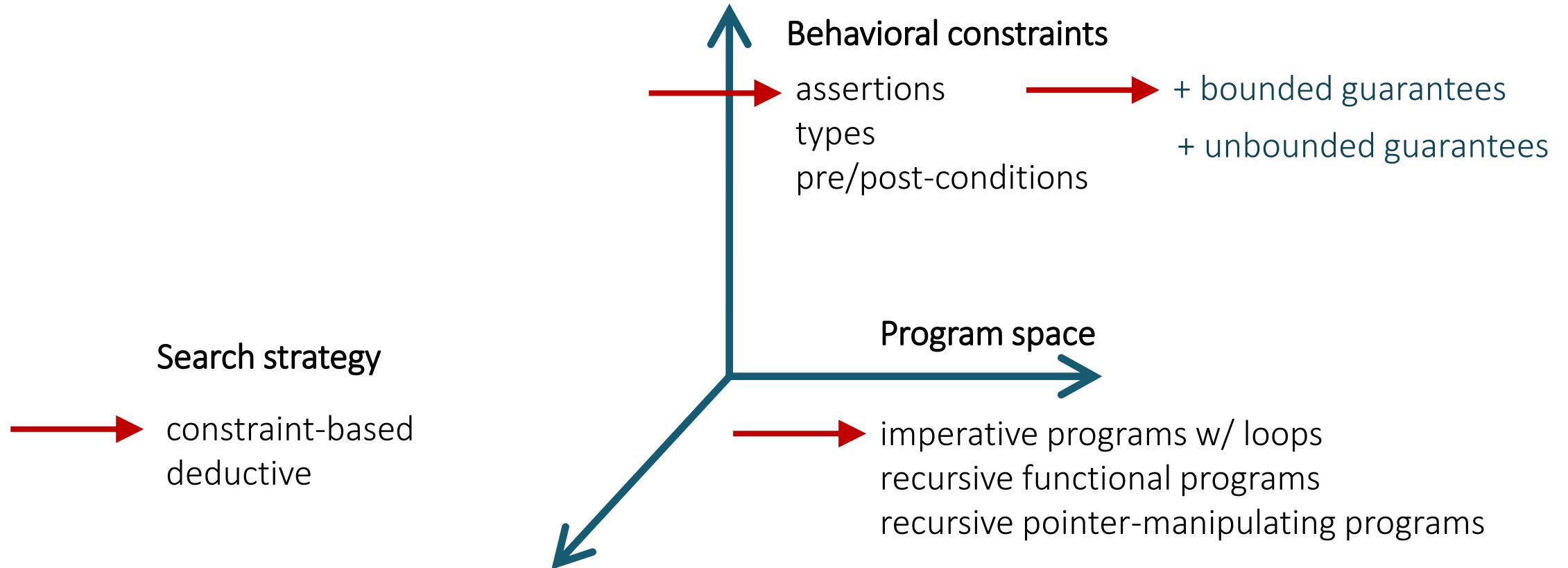
#14. Type Driven Synthesis

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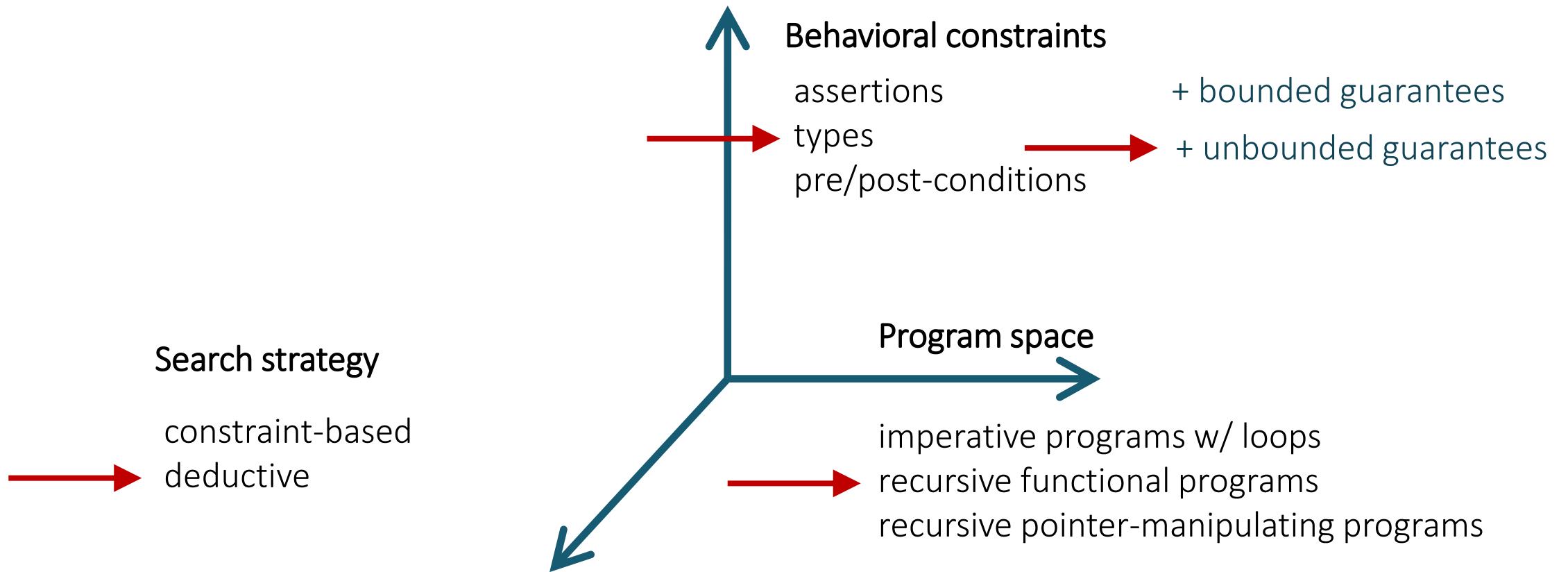
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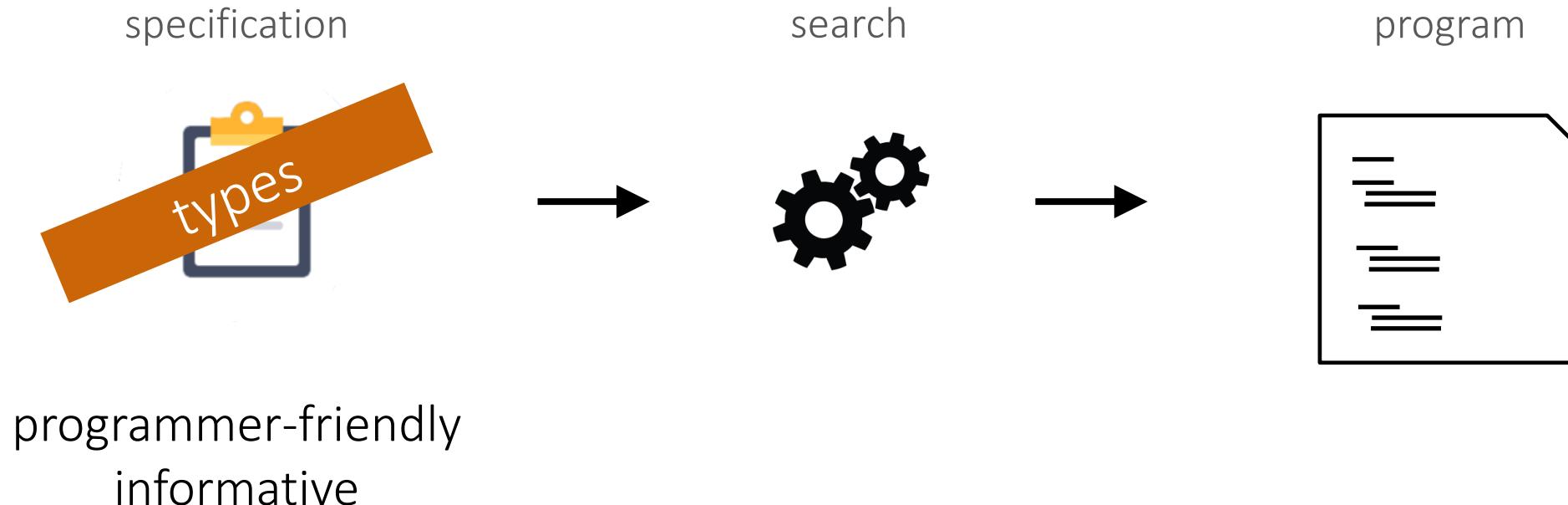
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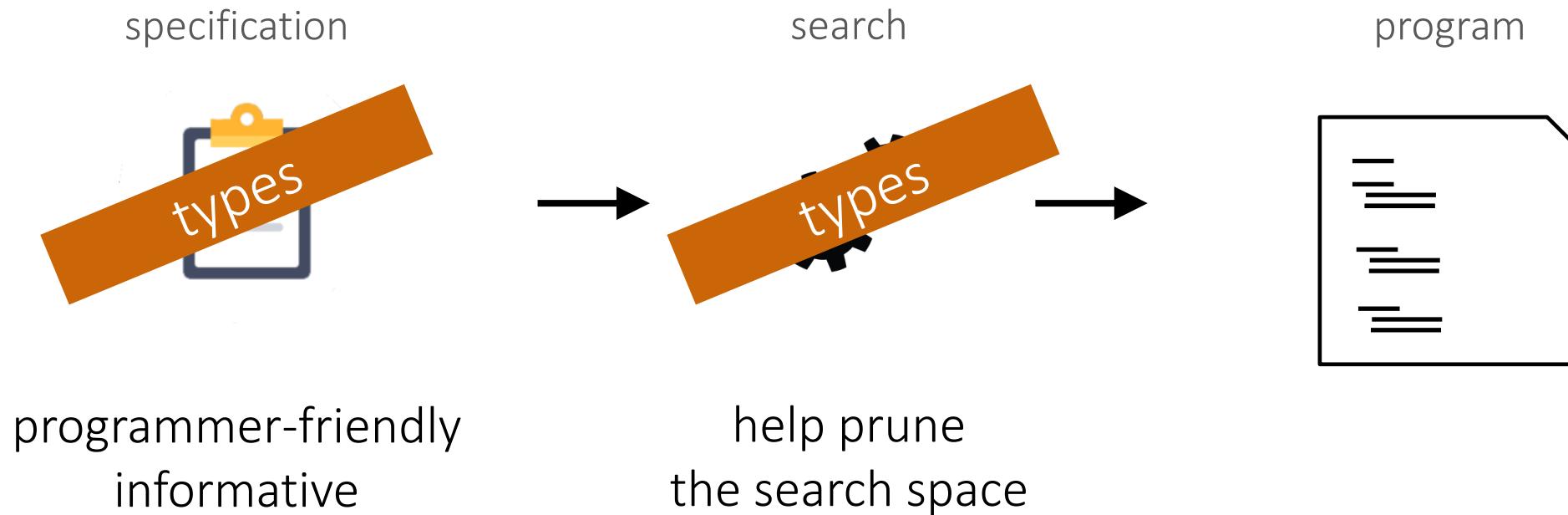
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Which program do I have in mind?

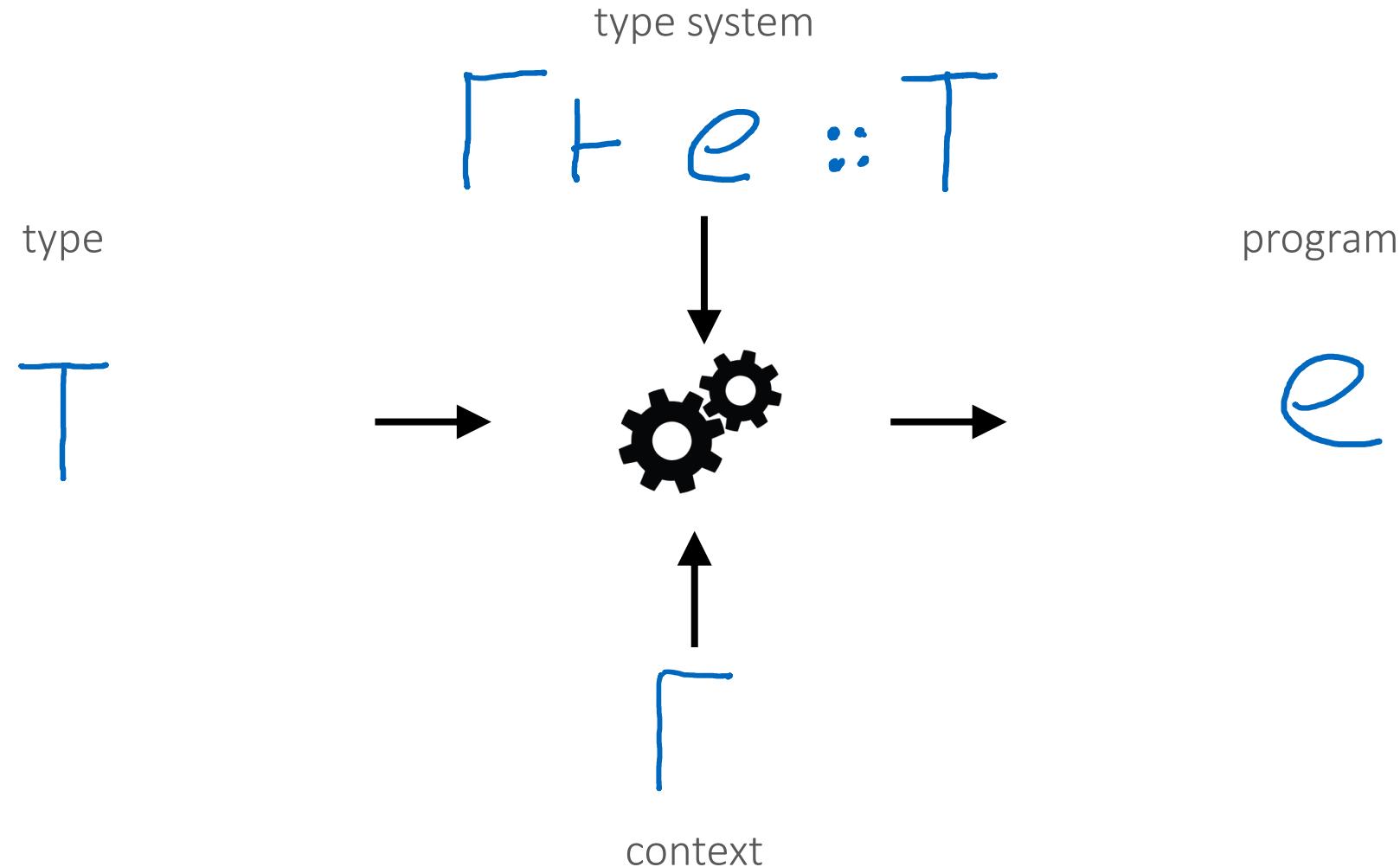
Char -> String -> [String]

split string at custom separator

a -> Int -> [a]

list with n copies of input value

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What is a type system?

Deductive system for proving facts about programs and types

Defined using *inference rules* over *judgments*

typing judgement

program / term
↓
context $\rightarrow \Gamma \vdash e :: T \leftarrow$ type

“under context Gamma, term e has type T”

A simple type system: syntax

$$e ::= 0 \mid e + \mid x \mid e \cdot e \mid \lambda x. e \quad \text{-- expressions}$$

example program: increment by two

$$\lambda x. (x + 1) + 1$$

A simple type system: syntax

$$e ::= 0 \mid e + \mid x \mid e e \mid \lambda x. e \quad \text{-- expressions}$$
$$T ::= \text{Int} \mid T \rightarrow T \quad \text{-- types}$$
$$\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid x:T, \Gamma \quad \text{-- contexts}$$

Inference rules = typing rules

$$\frac{t\text{-zero}}{\Gamma \vdash 0 :: \text{Int}}$$
$$\frac{t\text{-succ} \quad \Gamma \vdash e :: \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash e + 1 :: \text{Int}}$$
$$\frac{t\text{-var} \quad x : T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x :: T}$$

$$t\text{-abs} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : T_1 \vdash e :: T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e :: T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$

$$t\text{-app} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 :: T' \rightarrow T \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: T'}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 :: T}$$

Typing derivations

A derivation of $\Gamma \vdash e :: T$ is a tree where

1. the root is $\Gamma \vdash e :: T$
2. children are related to parents via inference rules
3. all leaves are axioms

Typing derivations

let's build a derivation of

$$\cdot \vdash \lambda x. x + 1 :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

we say that $\lambda x. x + 1$ is **well-typed** in the empty context
and has type $\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

Typing derivations

$$\frac{t-zero}{\Gamma \vdash 0 :: \text{Int}}$$
$$\frac{t+e}{\Gamma \vdash e + 1 :: \text{Int}}$$
$$\frac{t-var}{\Gamma \vdash x :: T}$$
$$\frac{t-abs}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e :: T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$
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$\cdot \vdash \lambda x. x + 1 :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

Typing derivations

is $(\lambda x. x) + 1$ well-typed (in the empty context)?

no! no way to build a derivation of $\cdot \vdash (\lambda x. x) + 1 :: _$

we say that $(\lambda x. x) + 1$ is ill-typed

Let's add lists!

$e ::= \dots | [] | e:e | \text{match } e \text{ with } [] \rightarrow e | x:x \rightarrow e$

$T ::= \text{Int} | \text{List} | T \rightarrow T$

Example program: head with default

$$\lambda x. \text{match } x \text{ with } nil \rightarrow 0 \mid y: ys \rightarrow y$$

Typing rules

$$\frac{t\text{-nil}}{\Gamma \vdash [] :: \text{List}}$$

$$\frac{t\text{-cons} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \text{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: \text{List}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : e_2 :: \text{List}}$$

what should the t-match rule be?

$$\frac{t\text{-match} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash e_0 :: \boxed{1} \\ \Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \boxed{2} \quad \Gamma \vdash \boxed{4} \quad + e_2 :: \boxed{3} \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{match } e_0 \text{ with } [] \rightarrow e_1 \mid x:xs \rightarrow e_2 :: T}$$

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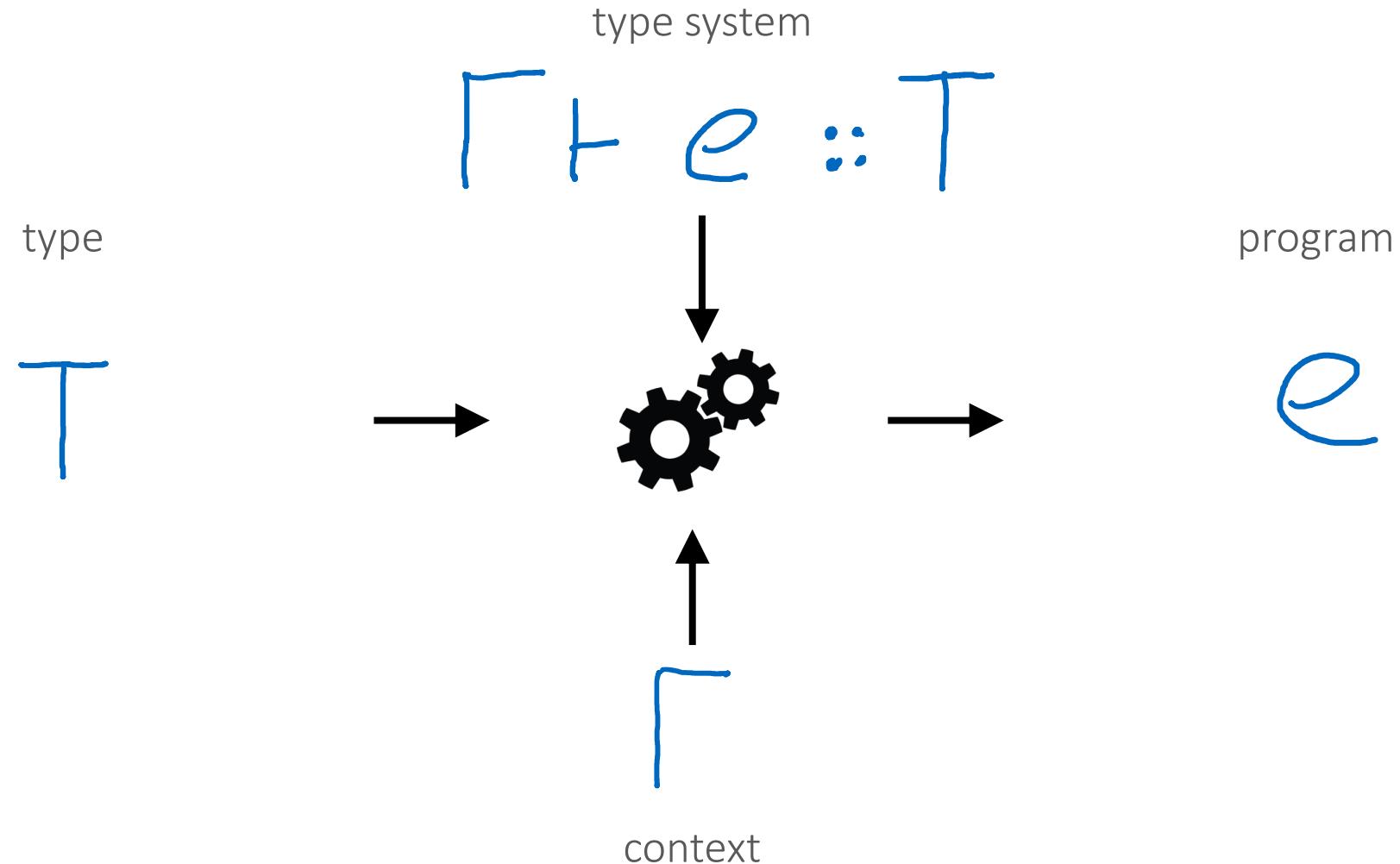
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$$\frac{t\text{-match} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_0 :: \text{List} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_1 :: T \quad \Gamma, x:\text{Int}, xs:\text{List} \vdash e_2 :: T}{\Gamma \vdash \text{match } e_0 \text{ with } [] \rightarrow e_1 \mid x:xs \rightarrow e_2 :: T}$$

Example: head with default

- $\vdash \lambda x. \text{match } x \text{ with } nil \rightarrow 0 \mid y: ys \rightarrow y :: \text{List} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

Type system → synthesis



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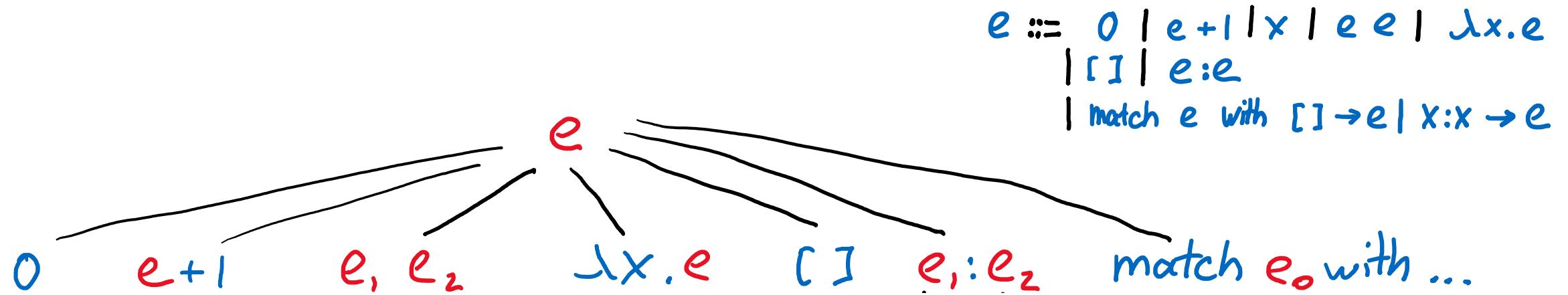
Enumerating well-typed terms

how should I enumerate all terms of type **List** → **List**?
(up to depth 2, in the empty context)

naïve idea: syntax-guided enumeration

1. enumerate all terms *generated by the grammar*
2. type-check each term and throw away ill-typed ones

Syntax-guided enumeration



31 complete programs enumerated
only 2 have the type $\text{List} \rightarrow \text{List}$!
can we do better?

Enumerating well-typed terms

how should I enumerate all terms of type $\text{List} \rightarrow \text{List}$?
(up to depth 2, in the empty context)

better idea: type-guided enumeration
enumerate all derivations *generated by the type systems*
extract terms from derivations (well-typed by construction)

Synthesis as proof search

input: synthesis goal $\Gamma \vdash ? :: T$

output: derivation of $\Gamma \vdash e :: T$ for some e

search strategy: top-down enumeration of derivation trees

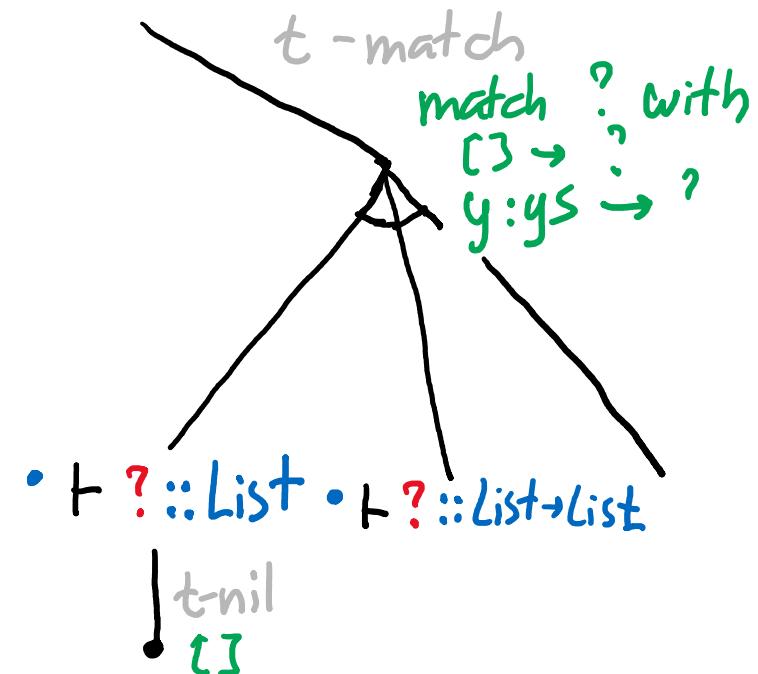
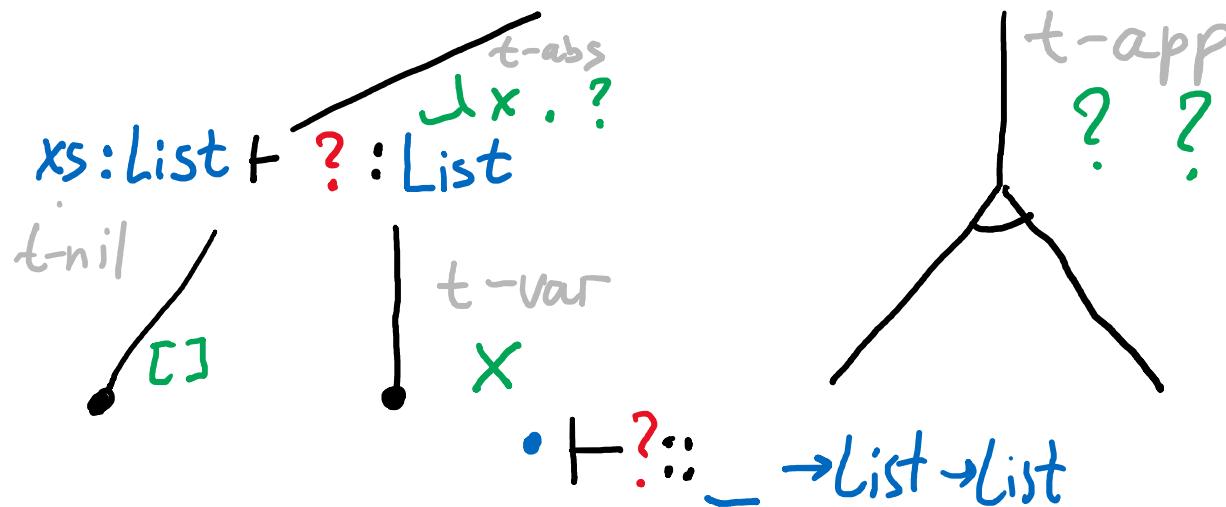
like syntax-guided top-down enumeration but
derivation trees instead of ASTs
typing rules instead of grammar

Type-guided enumeration

only 2 programs fully constructed!
all other programs *rejected early*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{x:T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T} \quad t-zero \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : Int}{\Gamma \vdash 0 : Int} \quad t+ \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : Int}{\Gamma \vdash e + 1 : Int} \\
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 \end{array}$$

- $\vdash ? : List \rightarrow List$



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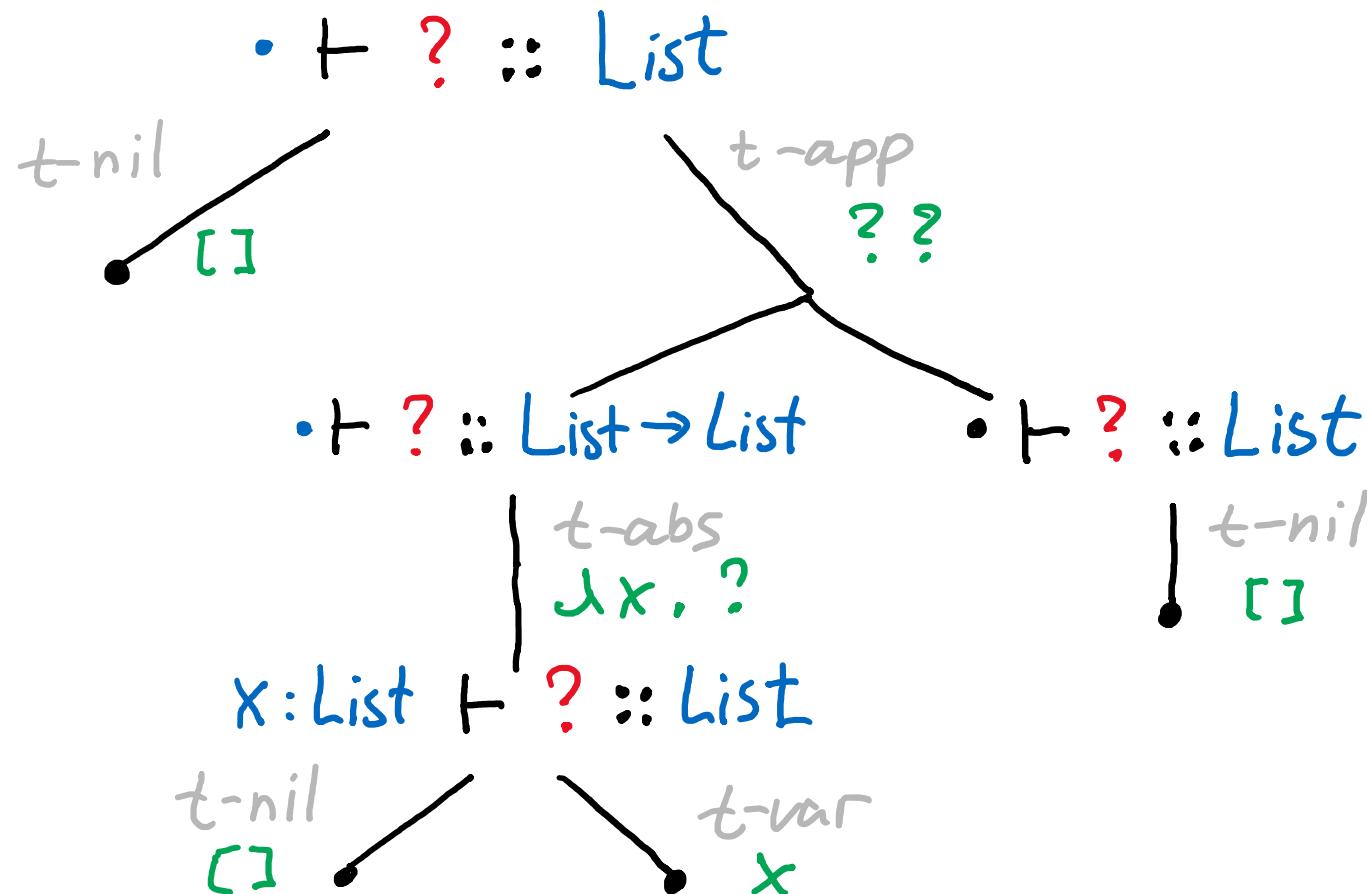
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Bidirectional type system

Makes top-down propagation of types explicit
Helps with equivalence reduction

What's wrong with this search?



Enumerated 3 programs:

nil

$(\lambda x. x) \text{ nil}$

$(\lambda x. \text{nil}) \text{ nil}$

They are all equivalent!

Redundant programs

$$(\lambda x. e_1) e_2 \xrightarrow{\beta\text{-reduction}} e_1 [x := e_2]$$

Generating programs on the left
is a waste of time!

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{match } [] \text{ with} \\ [] \rightarrow e_1, \\ y:ys \rightarrow e_2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{match-nil}} e_1$$

Idea: only generate programs *in
normal form*

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{match } e_1 : e_2 \text{ with} \\ [] \rightarrow e_3, \\ y:ys \rightarrow e_4 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{match-cons}} e_4 [y := e_1, ys := e_2]$$

Restrict type system
to make redundant programs *ill-typed*

Normal-form programs

$$e ::= x \mid e_i$$

elimination forms

$$i ::= 0 \mid i+1 \mid \lambda x. i \mid [] \mid i:i$$

| match e with $[] \rightarrow i \mid x:x \rightarrow i$

introduction forms

$$B ::= \text{Int} \mid \text{List}$$

base types

$$T ::= B \mid T \rightarrow T$$

types

Bidirectional typing judgments

$$\Gamma \vdash i \Leftarrow T$$

“under context Gamma, i checks against type T”

$$\Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow T$$

“under context Gamma, e generates type T”

[Pierce, Turner. Local Type Inference. 2000]

Bidirectional typing rules

$$\text{e-var} \frac{x:T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T}$$

$$\text{e-app} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow T' \rightarrow T \quad \Gamma \vdash i \Leftarrow T'}{\Gamma \vdash e i \Rightarrow T}$$

$$\text{i-e} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash e \Leftarrow B}$$

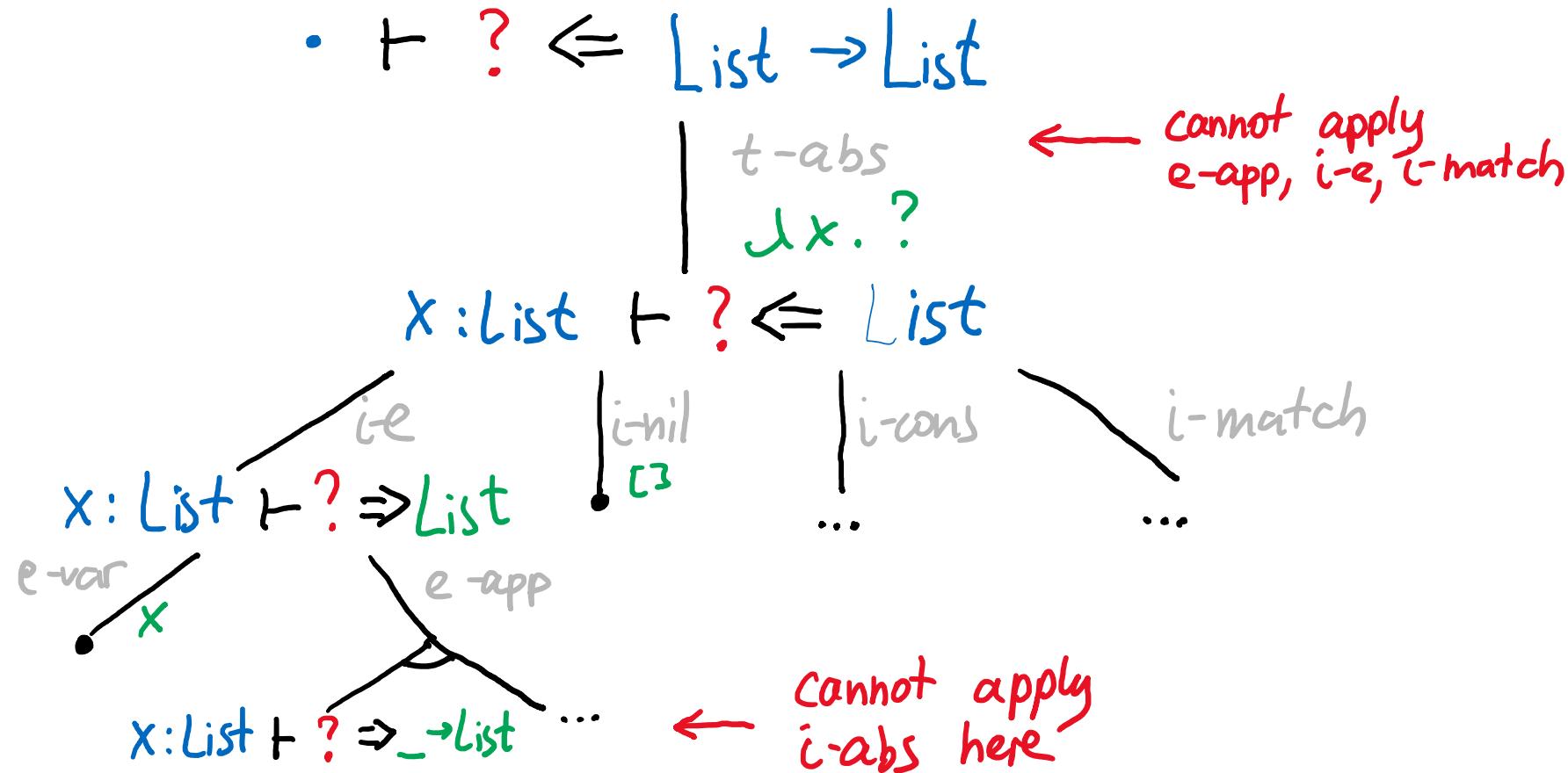
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$$\text{i-match} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow \text{List} \quad \Gamma \vdash i_1 \Leftarrow B \quad \Gamma, y:\text{Int}, ys:\text{List} \vdash i_2 \Leftarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{match } e \text{ with } [] \Rightarrow i_1 \mid y:ys \Rightarrow i_2 \Leftarrow B}$$

Type-guided enumeration



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Simple types are not enough

specification

“duplicate every
element in a list”

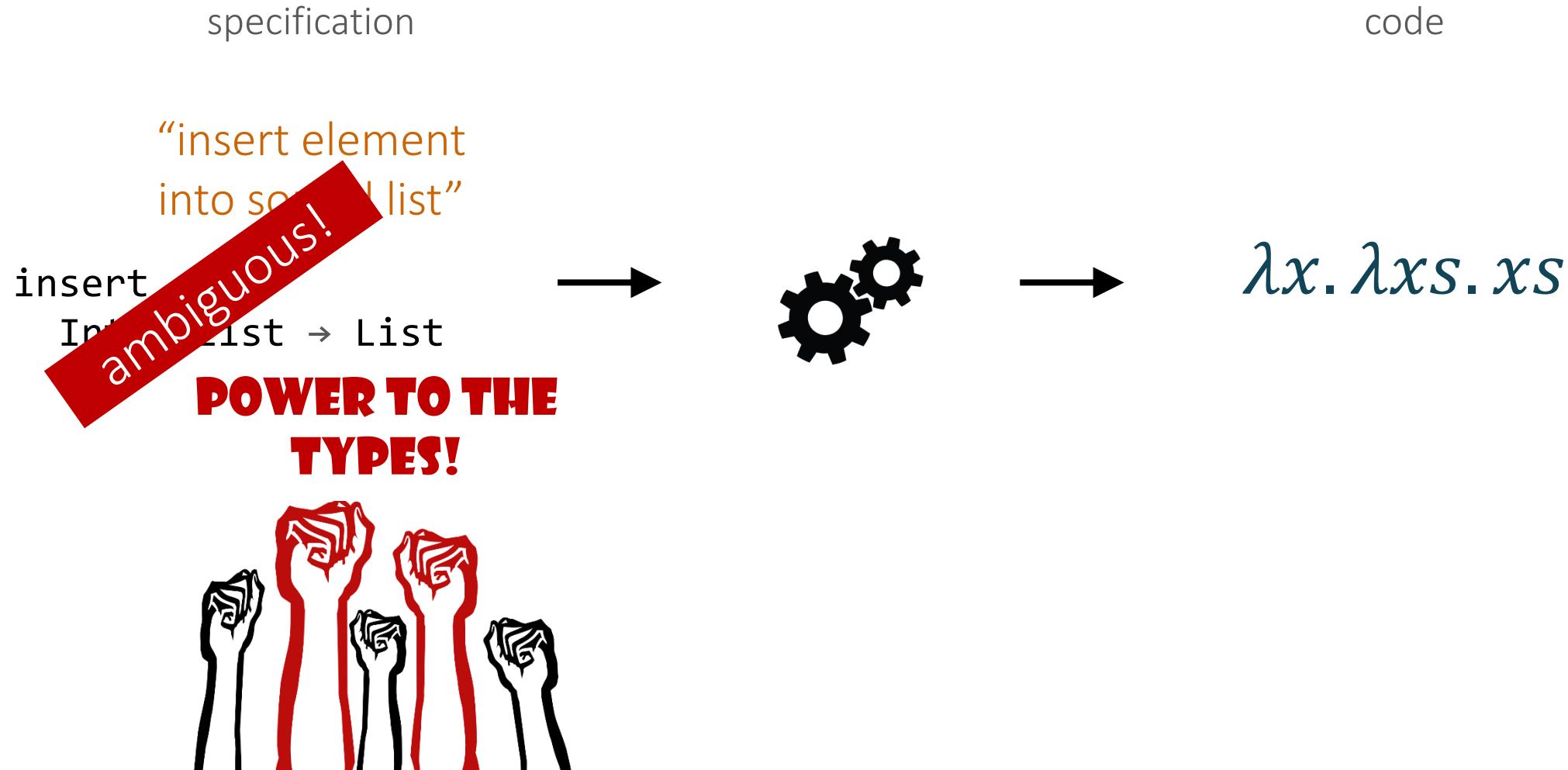
stutter :: List \rightarrow List \rightarrow



code

$\lambda xs. xs$

Simple types are not enough



Type-driven synthesis in 3 easy steps

1. Annotate types with extra specs
examples, logical predicates, resources, ...
2. Design a type system for annotated types
propagate as much info as possible from conclusion to premises
3. Perform type-directed enumeration as before

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Type + examples

specification

“duplicate every element in a list”

List → List 



Myth

code

fix $f(xs)$. match xs with
 $nil \rightarrow nil$
| $y: ys \rightarrow y: y: f(ys)$

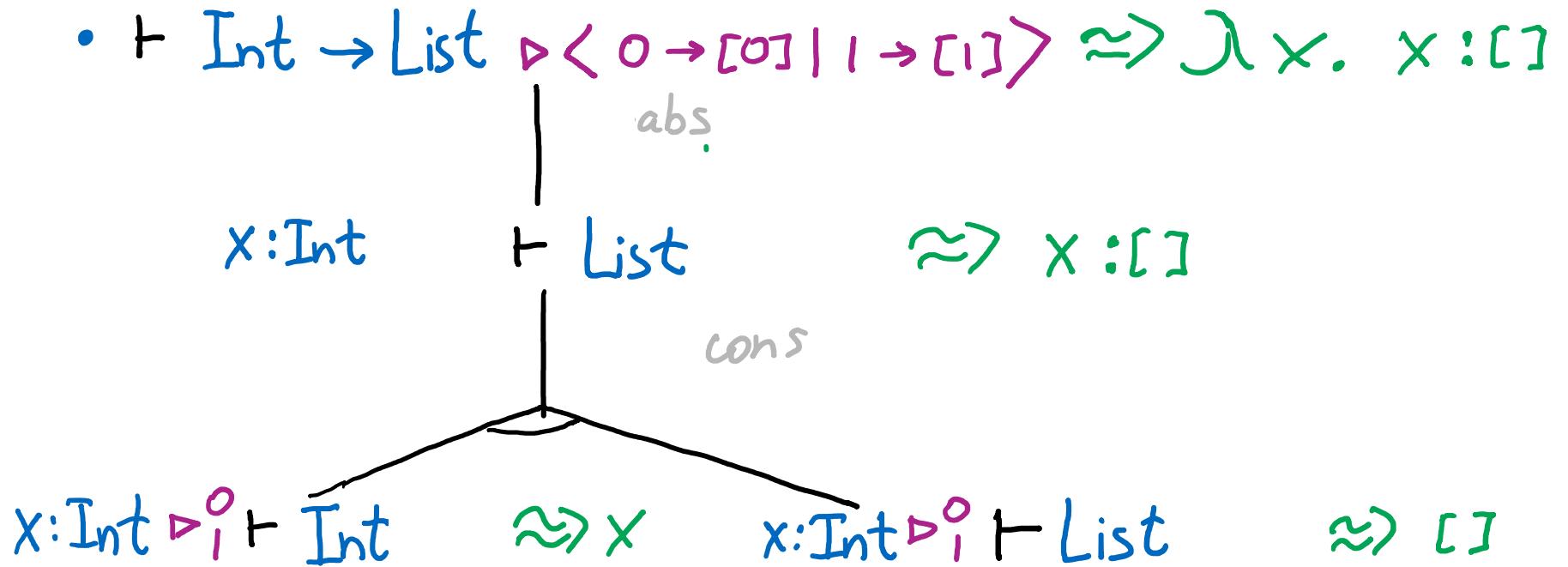
$\triangleright \langle [] \rightarrow [] \mid [0] \rightarrow [0, 0] \mid [1, 0] \rightarrow [1, 1, 0, 0] \rangle$

[Osera, Zdancewic , Type-and-Example-Directed Program Synthesis. 2015]

Types + examples: syntax

$v ::= 0 \mid v+1 \mid [] \mid v:v \mid \overline{v \rightarrow v}$	values
$X ::= \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{matrix}$	vectors of examples
$R ::= T \triangleright X$	type refined with examples
$\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid x:R, \Gamma$	context

Example: singleton



no search! simply propagate the spec top-down

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Polymorphic types

$\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \text{List } \alpha$

Polymorphic types for synthesis

• $\vdash ? :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{List Int}$

$\lambda x. \text{nil}$

$\lambda x. [0], \lambda x. [1], \dots$

$\lambda x. [x]$

$\lambda x. [\text{double } 0], \lambda x. [\text{dec } 0]$

$\lambda x. [0,0], \lambda x. [0,1], \dots$

$\lambda x. [x, x]$

• $\vdash ? :: \forall d. d \rightarrow \text{List } d$

which of these programs
match the polymorphic type?

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• $\vdash ? :: \forall d. d \rightarrow \text{List } d$

1. $\lambda x. \text{nil}$

eliminate ambiguity!

2. $\lambda x. [x]$

prune the search!

3. $\lambda x. [x, x]$

Polymorphic types

$$B ::= \text{Int} \mid \text{List } B \mid \lambda$$

base types

$$T ::= B \mid T \rightarrow T$$

types

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

type schemas (polytypes)

$$\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid x : S, \Gamma \mid \lambda \lambda, \Gamma$$

contexts

Judgments

$$\Gamma \vdash i \leqslant S$$

type checking:

“under context Gamma, i checks against a schema S”

$$\Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow T$$

type inference:

“under context Gamma, e generates type T”

Typing rules

$$\frac{i\text{-nil}}{\Gamma \vdash [] \Leftarrow \text{List } B}$$

$$\frac{i\text{-cons} \quad \Gamma \vdash i_1 \Leftarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash i_2 \Leftarrow \text{List } B}{\Gamma \vdash i_1 : i_2 \Leftarrow \text{List } B}$$

$$\frac{i\text{-gen} \quad \Gamma, d \vdash i \Leftarrow S}{\Gamma \vdash i \Leftarrow \forall d. S}$$

$$\frac{e\text{-var} \quad x : \overline{\forall d. T} \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x \Rightarrow \overline{[\alpha \mapsto T']} T}$$

how do we guess T' ?
Hindley-Milner type inference!

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Refinement types

Nat

base types

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

dependent
function types

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

polymorphic
datatypes

Refinement types: measures

```
data List α where
  Nil   :: { List α | Len v = 0 }
  Cons  :: x: α → xs: List α
            → { List α | Len v = Len xs + 1 }
```

syntactic sugar:

```
measure Len :: List α → Int
  Len Nil = 0
  Len (Cons _ xs) = Len xs + 1
```

example: duplicate every element in a list

```
stutter :: ??
```

Refinement types: sorted lists

```
data SList α where
  Nil   :: SList α
  Cons  :: x: α → xs: SList {α | x ≤ v }
                           → SList α
```

example: insert an element into a sorted list

```
insert :: ??
```

Refinement types

$$B ::= \text{Int} \mid \text{List } B \mid d$$

base types

$$T ::= \{\nu:B. \mid \varphi\} \mid x:T \rightarrow T$$

types

$$S ::= T \mid \#d. S$$

type schemas (polytypes)

$$\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid x:S, \Gamma \mid d, \Gamma$$

contexts

Example: increment

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Nat} &= \{\nu: \text{Int} \mid \nu \geq 0\} \\ \Gamma &= [\text{inc}: y: \text{Int} \rightarrow \{\nu: \text{Int} \mid \nu = y + 1\}] \end{aligned}$$

we need subtyping!

$$\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. \text{inc } x \Leftarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$$

Subtyping

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 $\{\nu: \text{Int} \mid \nu = 5\} <: \text{Nat}$

$$\text{sub-base} \quad \frac{[\![\Gamma]\!] \wedge \phi' \Rightarrow \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \{\nu: B \mid \phi'\} <: \{\nu: B \mid \phi\}}$$

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

Pos <: Nat 

Int → Int <: Int → Nat 

Int → Int <: Nat → Int 

x:Int → {Int | ν = x + 1} <: Nat → Nat 

Typing rules

$$\text{i-e} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow T \quad \Gamma \vdash T \leq \{B | \varphi\}}{\Gamma \vdash e \Leftarrow \{B | \varphi\}}$$

$$\text{e-app} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e \Rightarrow y:T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash i \Leftarrow T_1}{\Gamma \vdash e \ i \Rightarrow [y \mapsto i]T_2}$$

Example: increment

$\frac{e\text{-var}}{\Gamma, x:\text{Nat} \vdash \text{inc} \Rightarrow y:\text{Int} \rightarrow \{\text{Int} \mid v=y+1\}}$	$\frac{e\text{-var}}{\Gamma, x:\text{Nat} \vdash x \geq \text{Nat}} \quad \frac{e\text{-var}}{\Gamma, x:\text{Nat} \vdash \text{Nat} < \text{Int}}$
$\frac{e\text{-app}}{\Gamma, x:\text{Nat} \vdash \text{inc } x \Rightarrow \{\text{Int} \mid v=x+1\}}$	$\frac{e\text{-app}}{\Gamma, x:\text{Nat} \vdash x \leq \text{Int}} \quad \frac{e\text{-app}}{\Gamma, x:\text{Nat} \vdash \{\text{Int} \mid v=x+1\} < \text{Nat}}$
$\frac{e\text{-abs}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. \text{inc } x \Leftarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}}$	

subtyping constraints

$x:\text{Nat} \vdash \{v:\text{Int} \mid v = x + 1\} <:\text{Nat}$

$$x \geq 0 \wedge v = x + 1 \Rightarrow v \geq 0$$

implications

$$\nu \geq 0 \Rightarrow true$$

SMT solver: VALID!

Refinement type checking

idea: separate type checking into
subtyping constraint generation and **subtyping constraint solving**

1. Generate a constraint for every subtyping premise in derivation
2. Reduce subtyping constraints to implications
3. Use SMT solver to check implications

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Synthesis from refinement types

specification

“duplicate every
element in a list”

```
stutter ::  
  xs:List a →  
  {v:List a | len v =  
    2 * len xs}
```



code

```
match xs with  
  Nil → Nil  
  Cons h t →  
    Cons h (Cons h (stutter t))
```

[Polikarpova, Kuraj, Solar-Lezama, Program Synthesis from Polymorphic Refinement Types. 2016]

Synthesis from refinement types

specification

“insert element
into sorted list”

```
insert :: x:a →  
  xs:SList a →  
  {v:SList a | elems v =  
    elems xs ∪ {x}}
```



code

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

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1. Annotate types with logical predicates
2. Design a type system for annotated types
3. Perform type-directed enumeration as before

Type-directed enumeration for insert

```
x:a → xs:SList a →  
{v:SList a | elems v = elems xs ∪ {x}}
```



```
insert = ??
```

Type-directed enumeration

```
{v:SList a | elems v = elems xs ∪ {x}}
```



```
insert x xs = ??
```

context:
x: a
xs: SList a

Type-directed enumeration

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Type-directed enumeration

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{v:SList a | elems v = elems xs ∪ {x}}
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    Cons h t → ???
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context:
x: a
xs: SList a
elems xs = {}

Type-directed enumeration

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{v:SList a | elems v = elems xs ∪ {x}}
```



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```



context:
x: a
xs: SList a
elems xs = {}

Constraints:
 $\forall x: \{\} = \{\} \cup \{x\}$

SMT solver: INVALID!

The hard part: application

```
x:a → xs:SList a →  
{v:SList a | elems v = elems xs ∪ {x}}
```



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

should this program be rejected?
yes!
cannot guarantee output is sorted!

Round-trip type-checking (RTTC)

$$\Gamma \vdash i \leqslant S$$

type checking:

“under context Gamma, i checks against schema S”

$$\Gamma \vdash e \leqslant T \Rightarrow T'$$

type strengthening:

“under context Gamma, e checks against type T and generates a stronger type T’”

RTTC rules

$$\text{ie } \frac{\Gamma \vdash e \Leftarrow \{B|\varphi\} \Rightarrow T}{\Gamma \vdash e \Leftarrow \{B|\varphi\}}$$

$$e-\forall\forall\Gamma \frac{x:T' \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \vdash T' \leqslant T}{\Gamma \vdash x \Leftarrow T \Rightarrow T'}$$

$$e\text{-app} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e \Leftarrow \perp \Rightarrow T \Rightarrow y:T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash i \Leftarrow T_1}{\Gamma \vdash e i \Leftarrow T \Rightarrow [y \mapsto i]T_2}$$

The hard part: application

elems will depend on the missing part...

but sortedness we can already check!

```
{v:SList a | elems v = elems xs ∪ {x}}
```



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

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$$\{v:a \mid h \leq v\}$$


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Constraints:
 $\forall x, h: h \leq x$

insert :: $x:\tau \rightarrow$
 $xs:SList \tau \rightarrow$
 $SList \tau$

SMT solver: INVALID!

context:
 $x: a$
 $xs: SList a$
 $h: a$
 $t: SList \{a \mid h \leq v\}$