

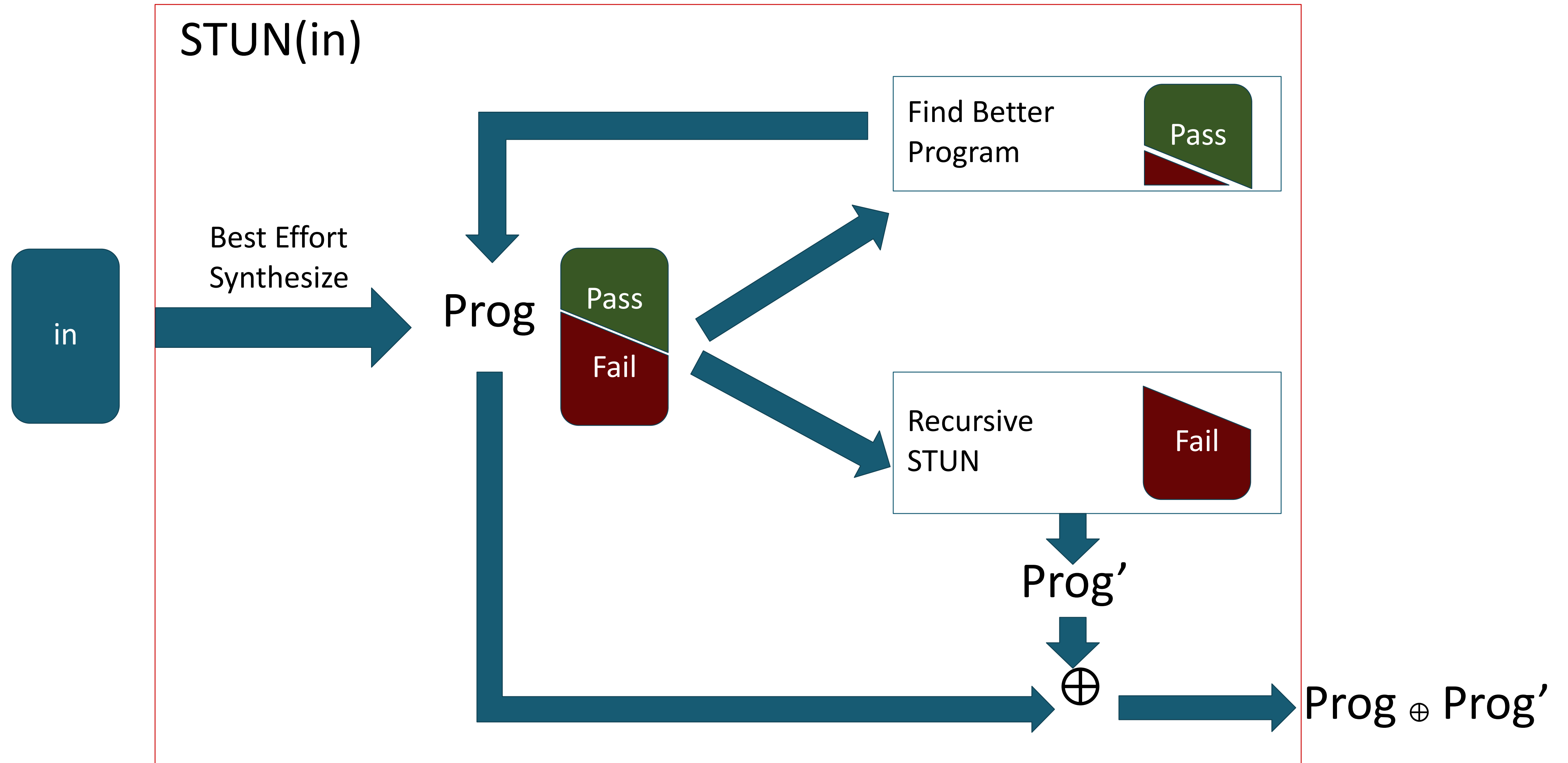
# CS5733 Program Synthesis

## #4. Other Search Techniques

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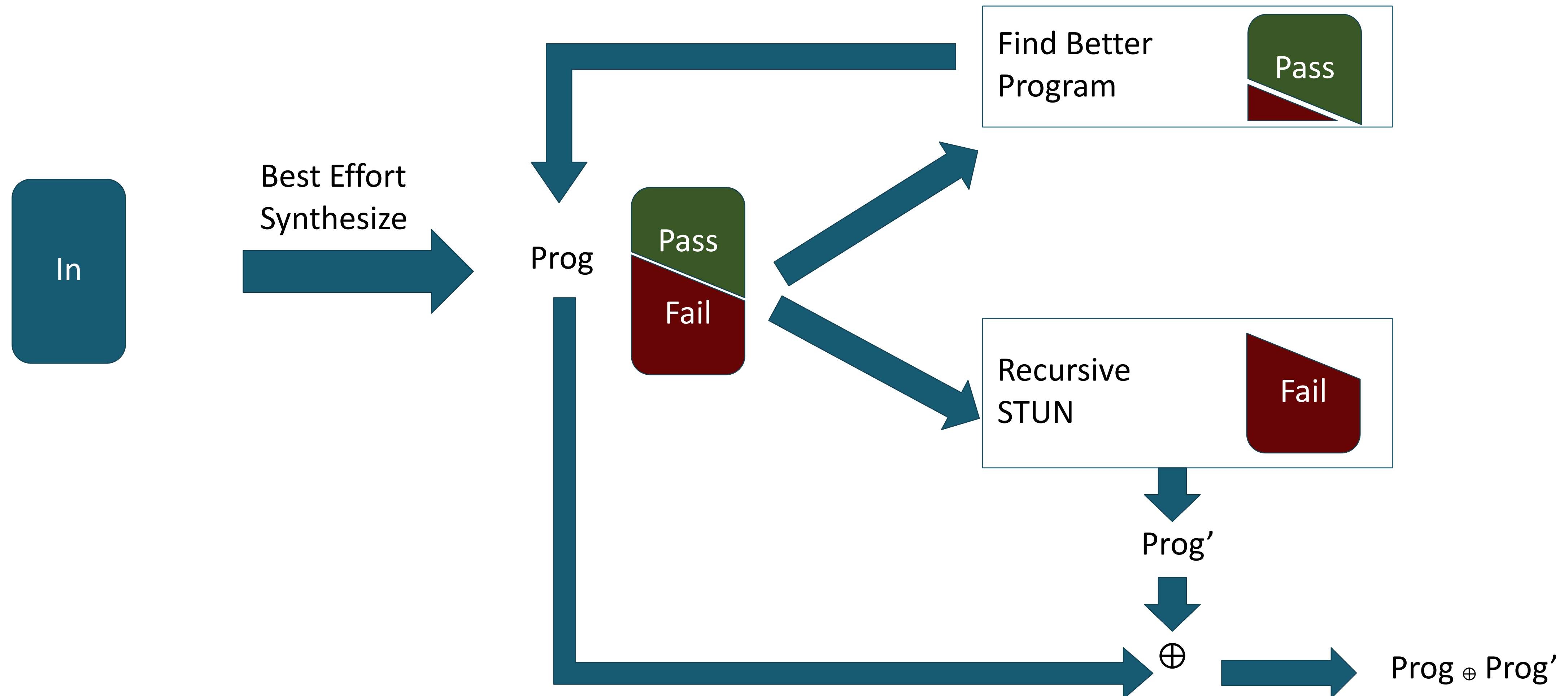
# Revisit: Optimizing the Bottom-up Search

# STUN at a glance



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(1,2) -> 1  
(2,3) -> 2  
(4,3) -> 3  
(8,1) -> 8



# Simple case: $(a,b) * c \Rightarrow \text{out}$

## Examples

$(5,10) * 3 \Rightarrow 15$

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Eliminate Observationally equivalent ones

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Identify an expression that works for a subset of the inputs

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Identify an expression that works for the rest of the inputs

## Grammar

```

expr = expr + expr
      | expr * expr
      | a | b | c
      | - expr
      | if(bexp) expr else expr
bexp = expr > expr | expr > 0
    
```

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$$P_1 \oplus P_2 = \text{if}(c > 0) a * c \text{ else } b * c$$

# Another approach: Hierarchical Search

- When can we separate a problem into simpler subproblems?
  - What if separating based on input examples is infeasible?
  - Chenglong Wang, Alvin Cheung, Rastislav Bodik, Synthesizing Highly Expressive SQL Queries from Input-output Examples, 2017.
  - **Key insight:** the problem can be decomposed in a hierarchical way.

# Example: SQL

## Input

Employee

-----  
Name, Dept  
-----

Todd, Sales

Joe, Engineering

Alice, Engineering

Sally, Operations

Depts

-----  
Dept, Building  
-----

Sales, A1

Engineering, A2

Operations, A1



## Output

Output

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XX

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Todd

Sally

## Language

*Rel* := T | *Rel* , *Rel*  
          | **Select** *Fields* **from** *Rel* **where** *Pred*

*Pred* := *exp* = *exp* | *exp* > *exp* | *Pred* & *Pred*

*Fields* := table.name **as** name | table.name as name, *Fields*

# Hierarchical Search

- Key idea:
  - First search for the *structure* of the query
  - Then search for the details of the predicates
- Observation:
  - If a query has the wrong structure we can see it has the wrong structure before instantiating the details

These structures are also called Hypothesis space.

# Language with holes

The key idea is to define a semantics for queries with holes that is guaranteed to produce a superset of the records that any instantiation of the holes may produce

$Rel \quad := \ T \mid Rel, Rel$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \mid \text{Select } Fields \text{ from } Rel \text{ where } \square$

$Fields \quad := \ table.name \text{ as } name \mid table.name \text{ as } name,$   
 $Fields$

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## Query

## Superset of output

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Name, Dept

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Joe, Engineering

Alice, Engineering

Sally, Operations

Depts

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Dept, Building

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Sales, A1

Engineering, A2

Operations, A1

## Query

Employee, Depts

## Superset of output

Todd, Sales, Sales, A1

Todd, Sales, Engineering, A2

Todd, Sales, Operations, A1

Joe, Engineering, Sales, A1

Joe, Engineering, Engineering, A2

Joe, Engineering, Operations, A1

Alice, Engineering, Sales, A1

Alice, Engineering, Engineering, A2

Alice, Engineering, Engineering, A3

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Alice, Engineering, Engineering, A2

Alice, Engineering, Engineering, A3

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# Viabile Queries

Select Name from Employee

**where** □

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Can we find the right predicate?

This is an inductive synthesis problem too!

**Select Name from**

Employee, Depts

**where** □

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Todd, Sales, Engineering, A2

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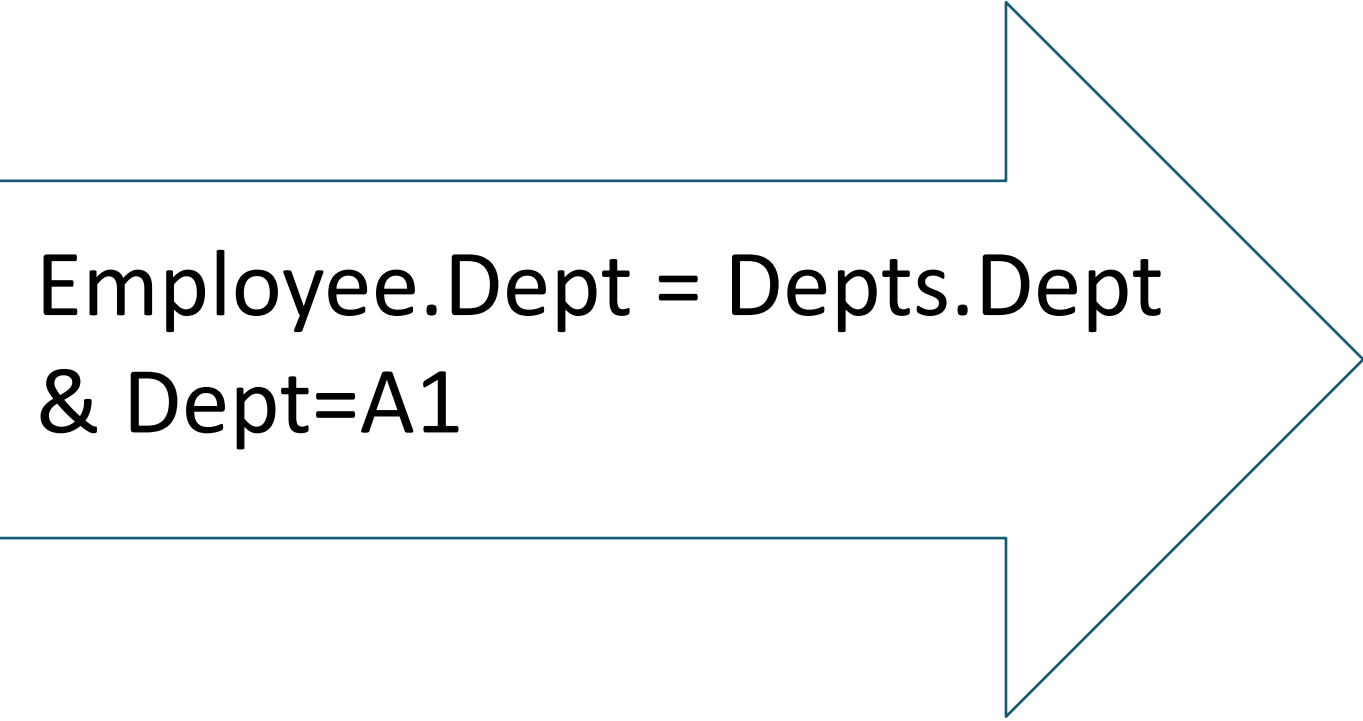
Alice, Engineering, Engineering, A2

Alice, Engineering, Engineering, A3

Sally, Operations, Sales, A1

Sally, Operations, Engineering, A2

Sally, Operations, Operations, A1



Employee.Dept = Depts.Dept  
& Dept=A1

Todd, Sales, Sales, A1

Sally, Operations, Operations, A1

**Pruning in Top-down enumeration using specs**

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**Top-down Propagation**

# Top-down vs Bottom-up: Basic Philosophy

Guiding the enumeration + Pruning using Outputs

Guiding the enumeration + Pruning using Inputs



# Top-down search: reminder

Worklist w

iter 0: L

iter 1: x<sup>✗</sup> L[N..N]

iter 2: L[N..N]

iter 3: x[N..N] L[N..N][N..N]

iter 4: x[0..N] x[find(L,N)..N] L[N..N][N..N]

iter 5: x[0..0]<sup>✗</sup> x[0.. find(L,N)] x[find(L,N)..N] ...

iter 6: x[0.. find(L,N)] x[find(L,N)..N] ...

iter 7: x[0.. find(x,N)] x[0.. find(L[N..N],N)] ...

iter 8: x[0.. find(x,0)]<sup>✓</sup> x[0.. find(x,find(L,N))] ...

iter 9:

L ::= L[N..N] |

x

N ::= find(L,N) |

0

[[1,4,0,6] → [1,4]]

# Top-down: example (depth-first)

Worklist w

Generates a lot of incomplete terms while only discards complete terms

iter 0: L

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iter 7: x[0.. find(x,N)] x[0.. find(L[N..N],N)] ...

iter 8: x[0.. find(x,0)]  x[0.. find(x,find(L,N))] ...

iter 9:

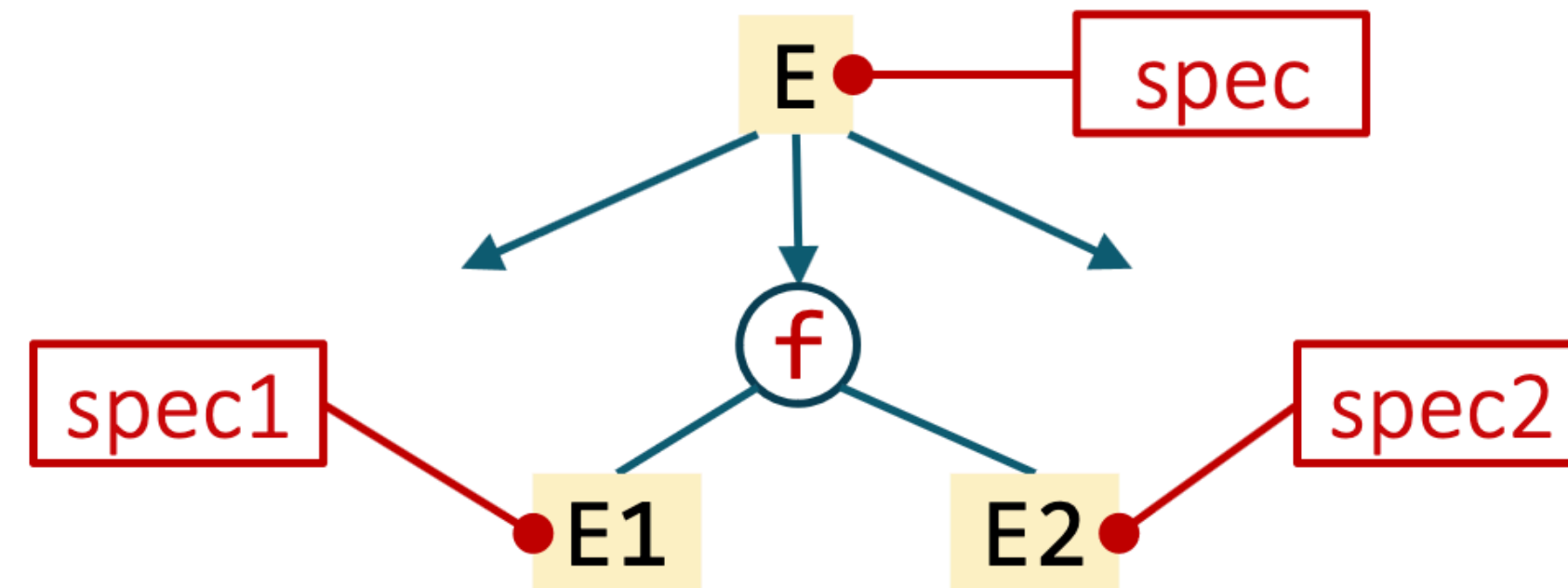
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 ::= L[N..N] |
 x
 N ::= find(L,N) |
 0
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```

Need to reject useless programs early in the search!

# Top-down propagation of the spec

- Idea: once we pick the production, infer specs for subprograms

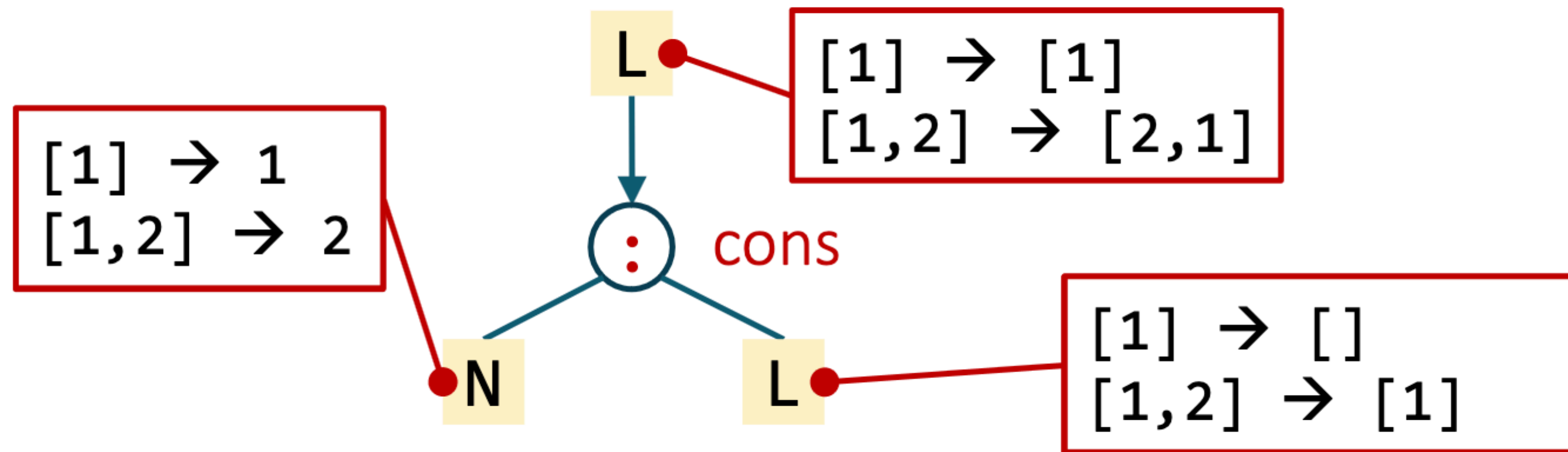


Now if  $\text{spec1} = \perp$  or  $\text{spec2} = \perp$  then discard the expansion of the set of terms of the form  $f(E1, E2)$ .

Currently : Spec = examples

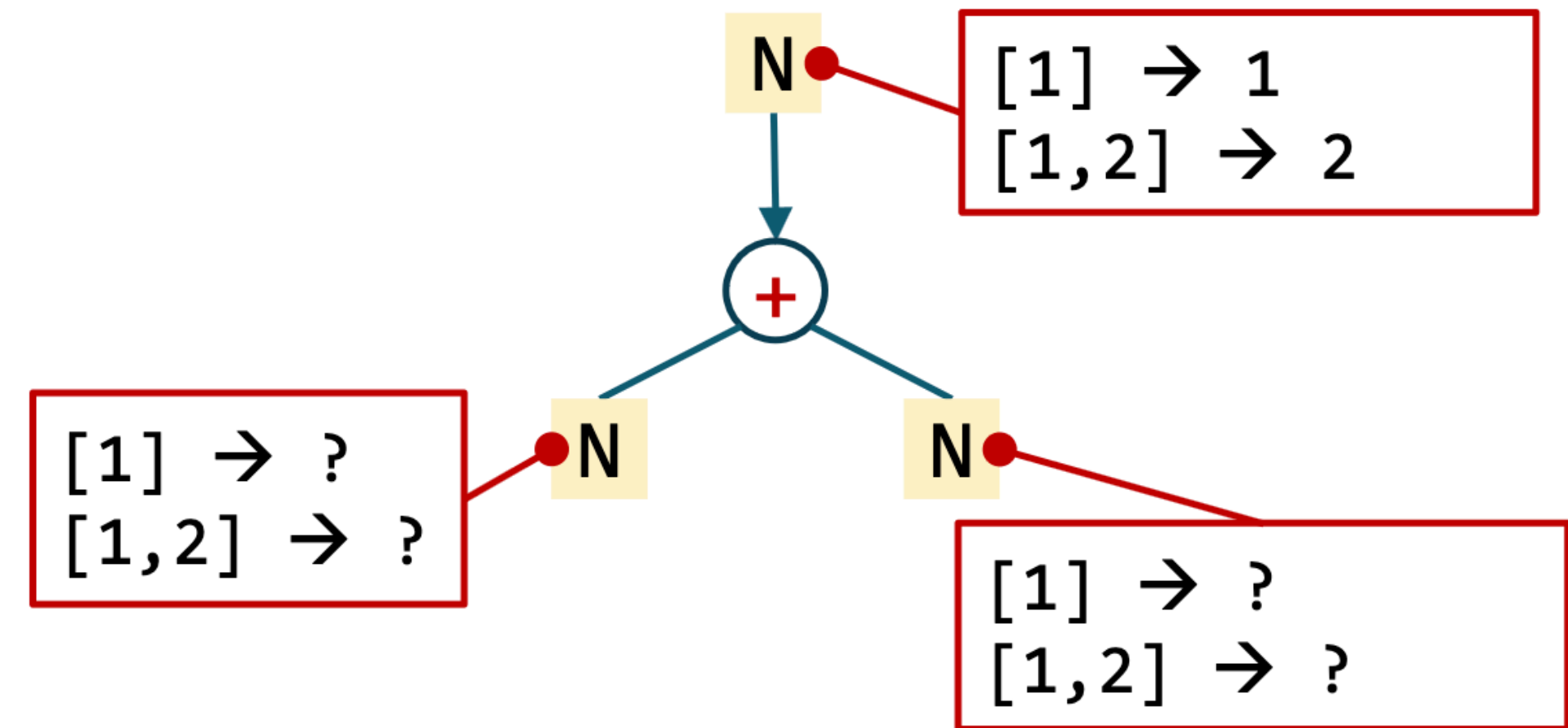
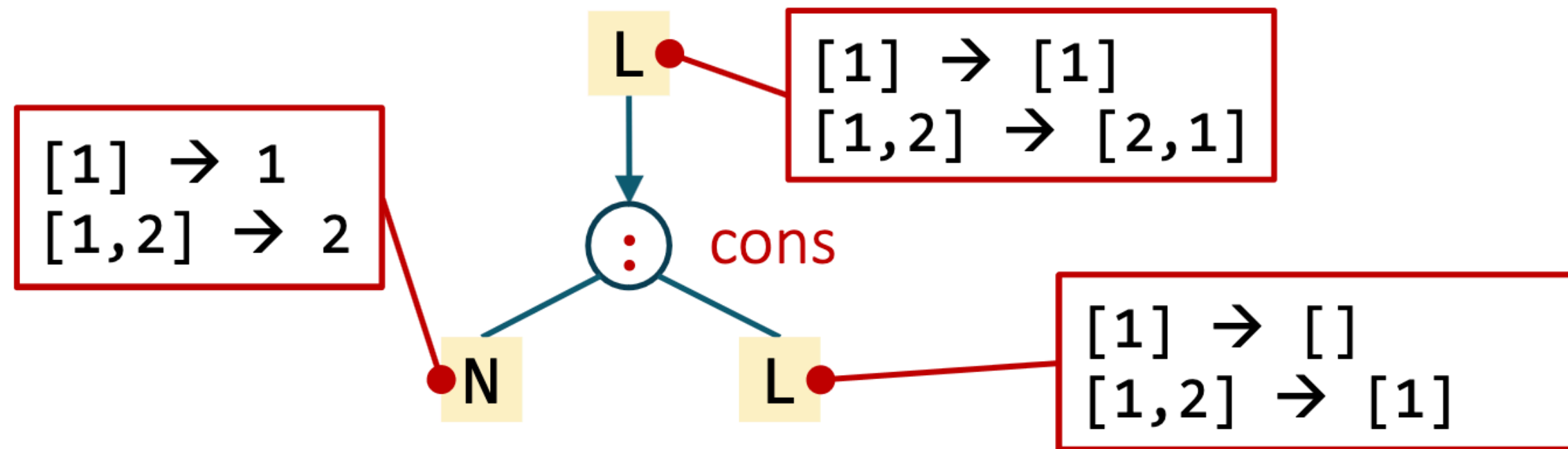
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Depends on  $f$ !



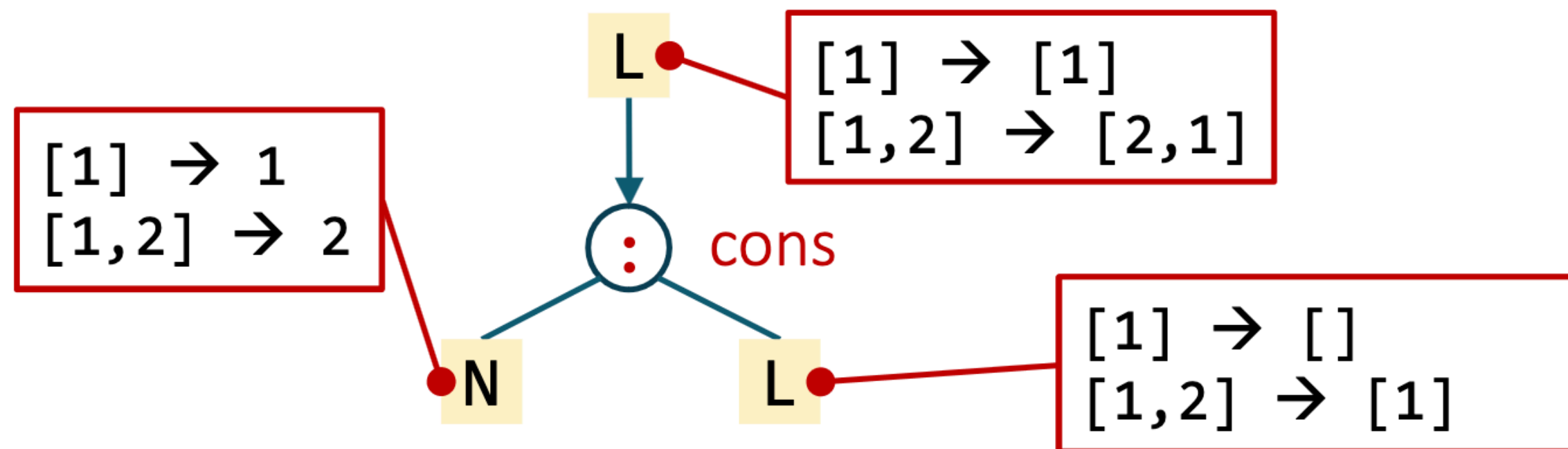
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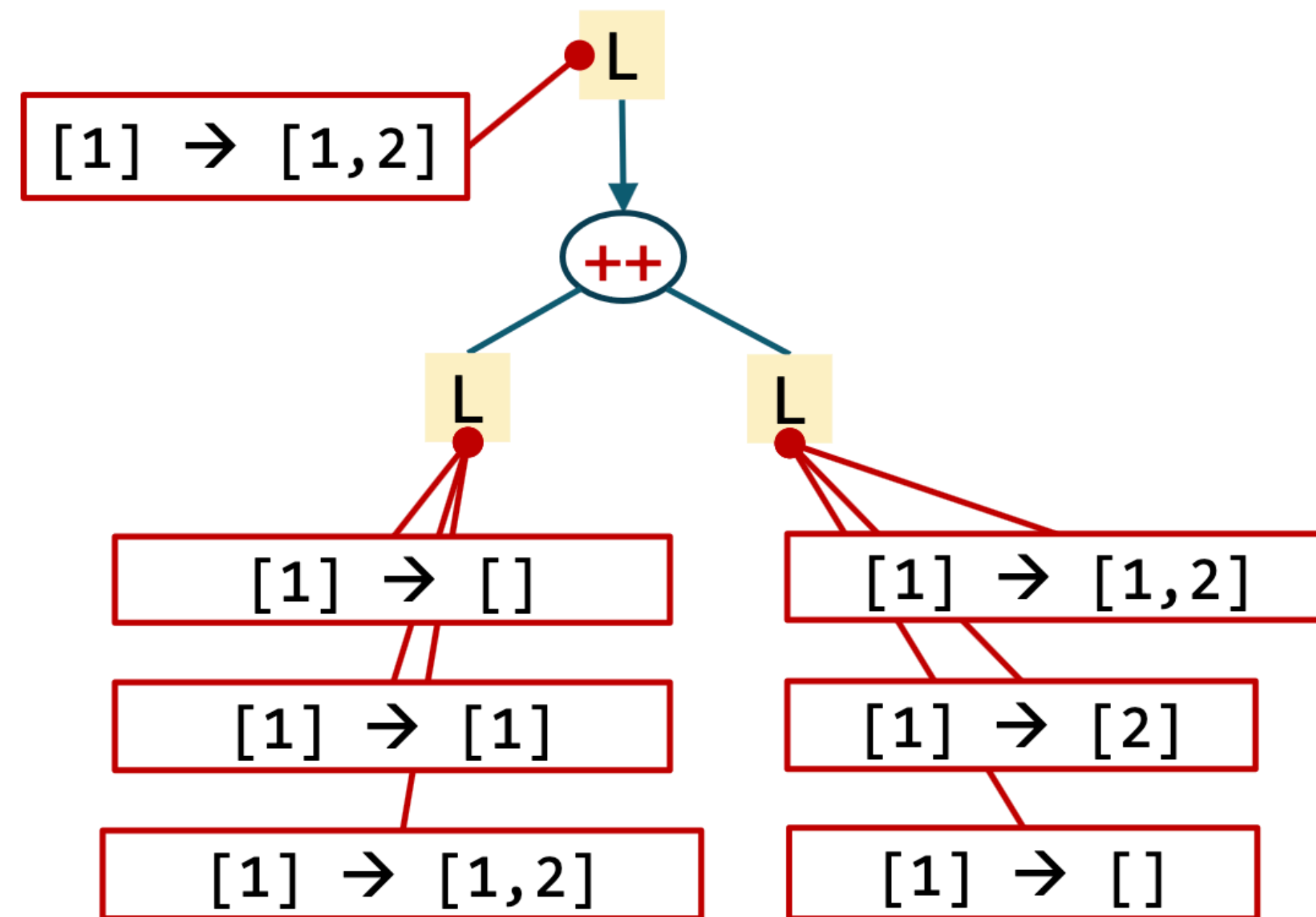
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The inverse semantics is uniquely defined

Works when the function is injective!

# Something less strict



Works when the function has a “small inverse”

- or just the output examples have a small inverse

FlashFill work uses this property for functions over spreadsheets.

# $\lambda^2$ : TDP for list combinators

[Feser, Chaudhuri, Dillig '15]

map **f** x

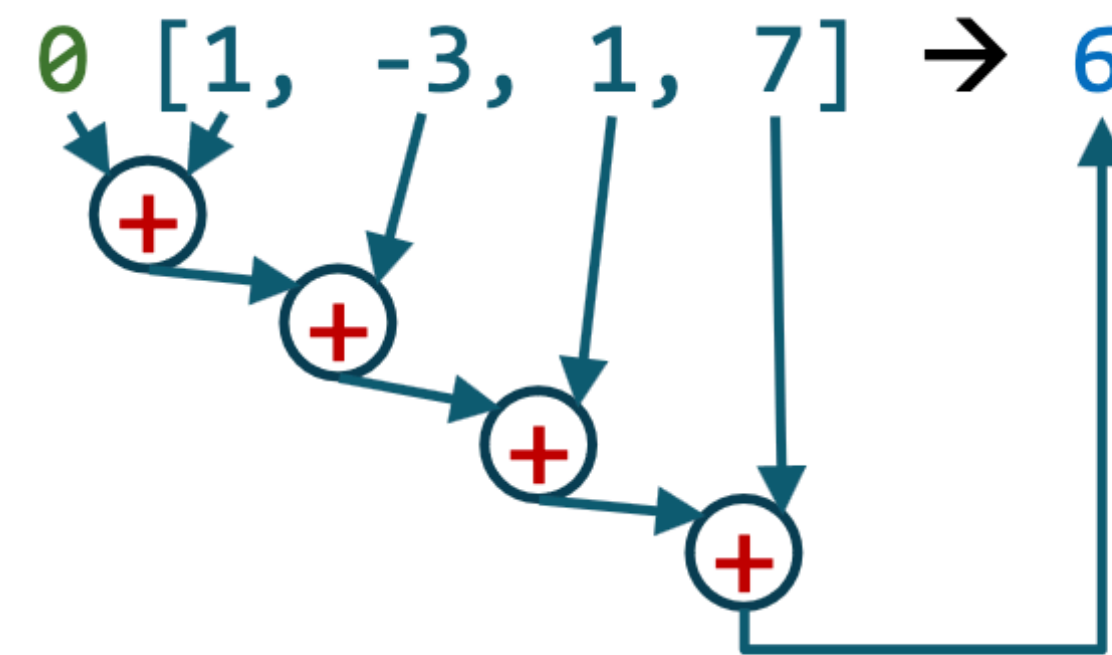
map ( $\backslash y . y + 1$ ) [1, -3, 1, 7]  $\rightarrow$  [2, -2, 2, 8]

filter **f** x

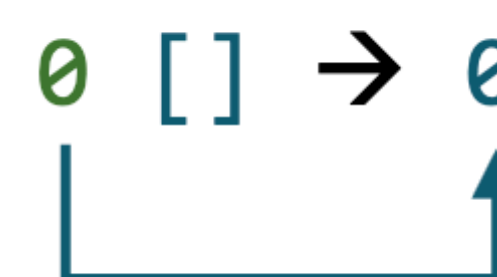
filter ( $\backslash y . y > 0$ ) [1, -3, 1, 7]  $\rightarrow$  [1, 1, 7]

fold **f** **acc** x

fold ( $\backslash acc y . acc + y$ ) 0 [1, -3, 1, 7]  $\rightarrow$  6



fold ( $\backslash acc y . acc + y$ ) 0 []  $\rightarrow$  0





# Functional Idioms

$\text{map } f \text{ lst} = \text{case lst of}$

$[] \rightarrow []$

$\text{head:rest} \rightarrow f(\text{head}) : (\text{map } f \text{ rest})$

- Applies  $f$  to every element in the list

$\text{filter } p \text{ lst} = \text{case lst of}$

$[] \rightarrow []$

$\text{head:rest} \rightarrow \text{if } p(\text{head}) \text{ then } \text{head:} (\text{filter } p \text{ rest})$   
 $\text{else } (\text{filter } p \text{ rest})$

- Removes any element  $x$  for which  $p(x)$  is false

# foldl definition

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foldl binop start lst = case lst of

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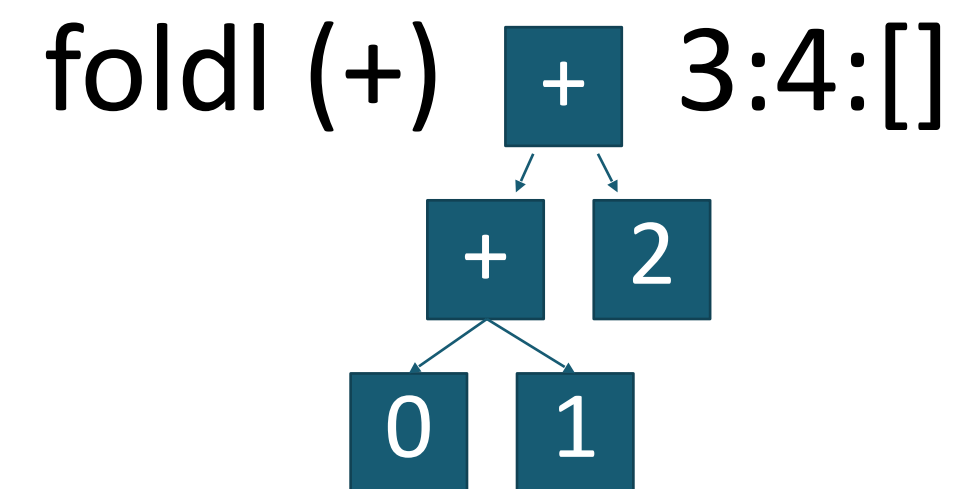
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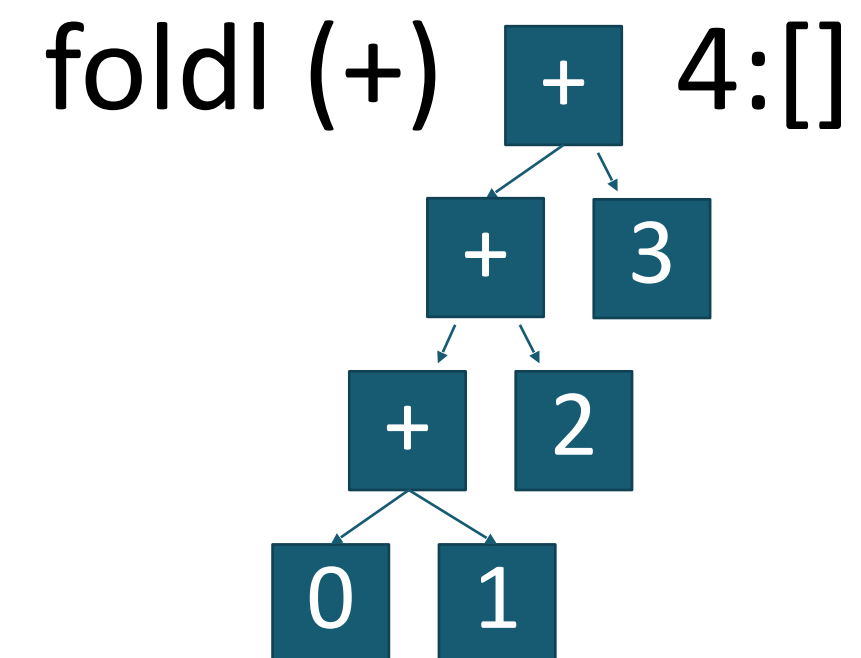
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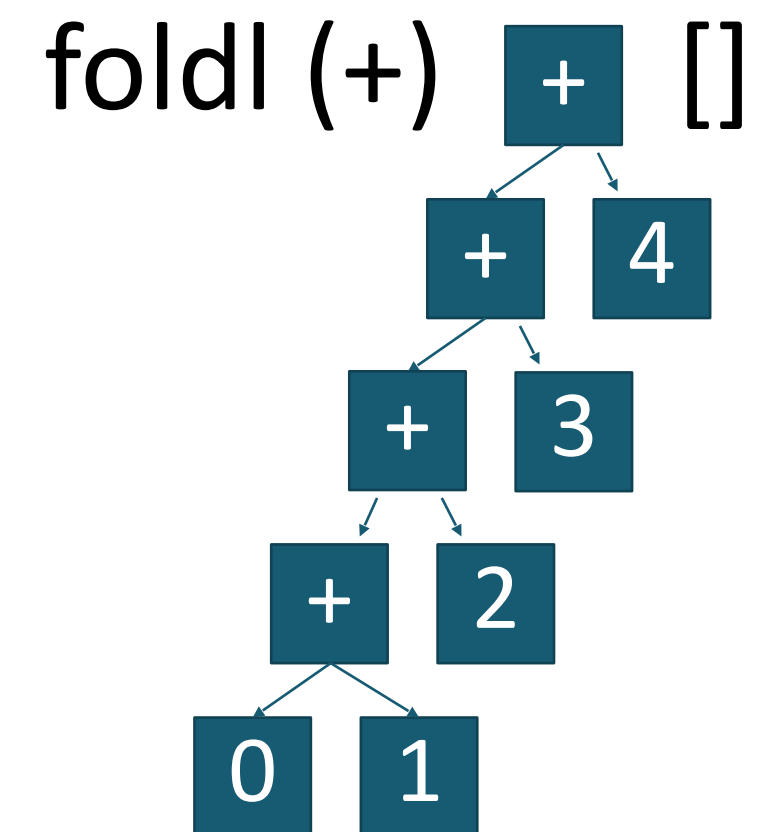
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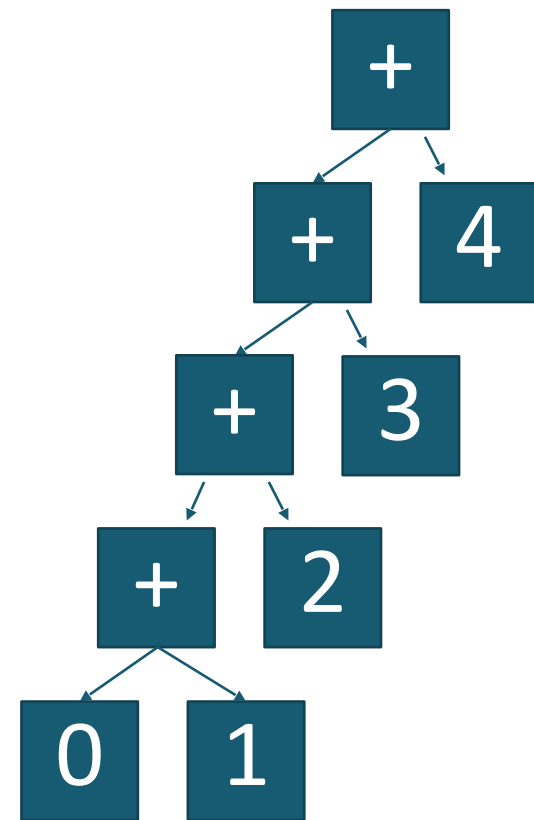
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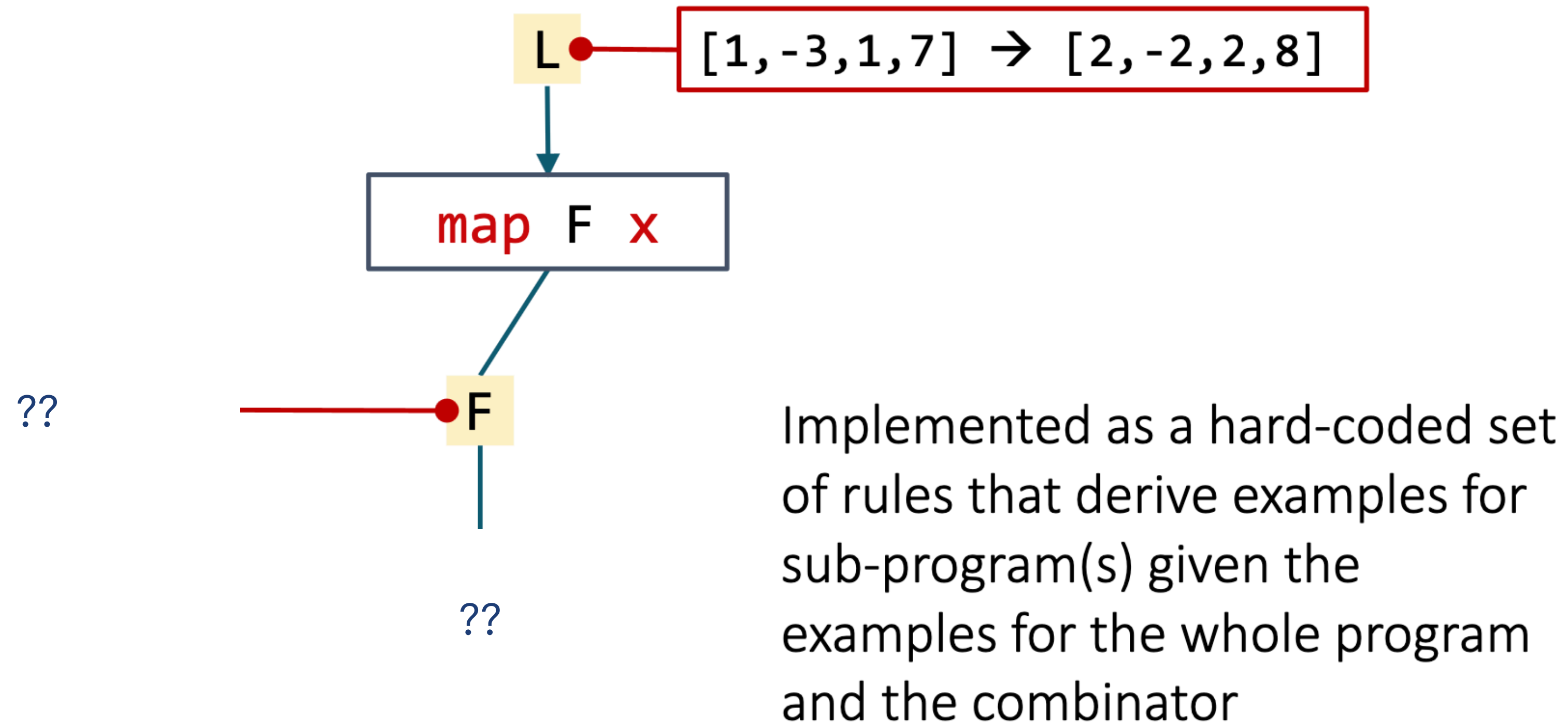
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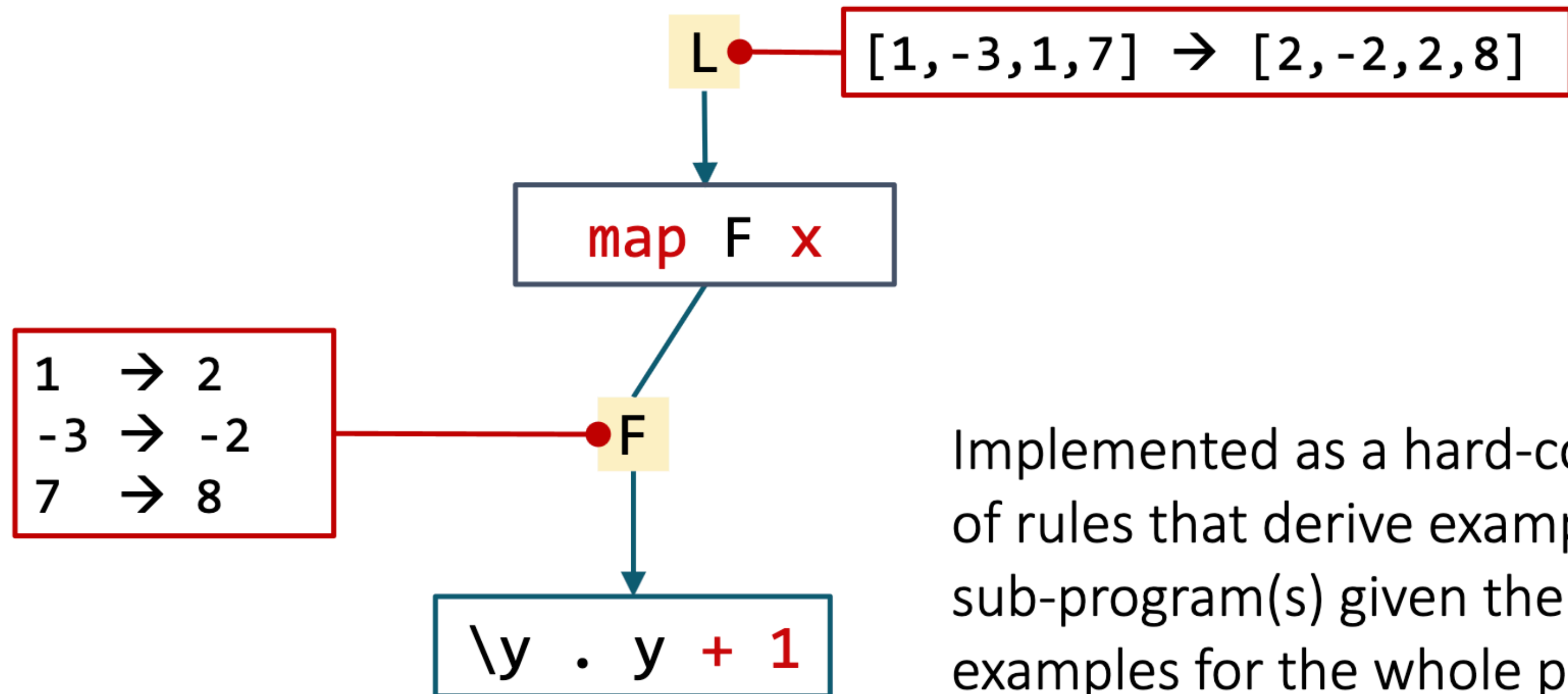
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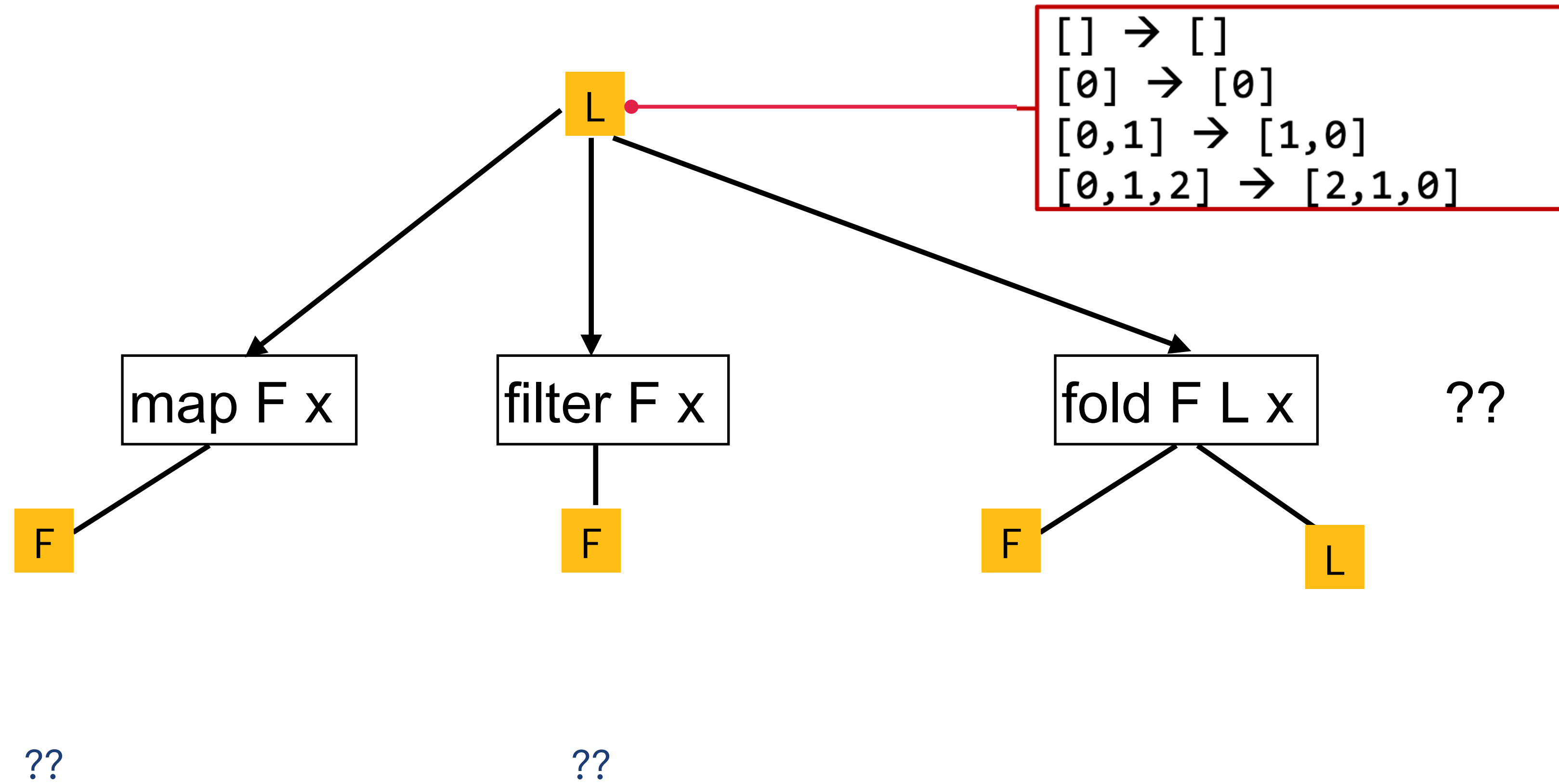
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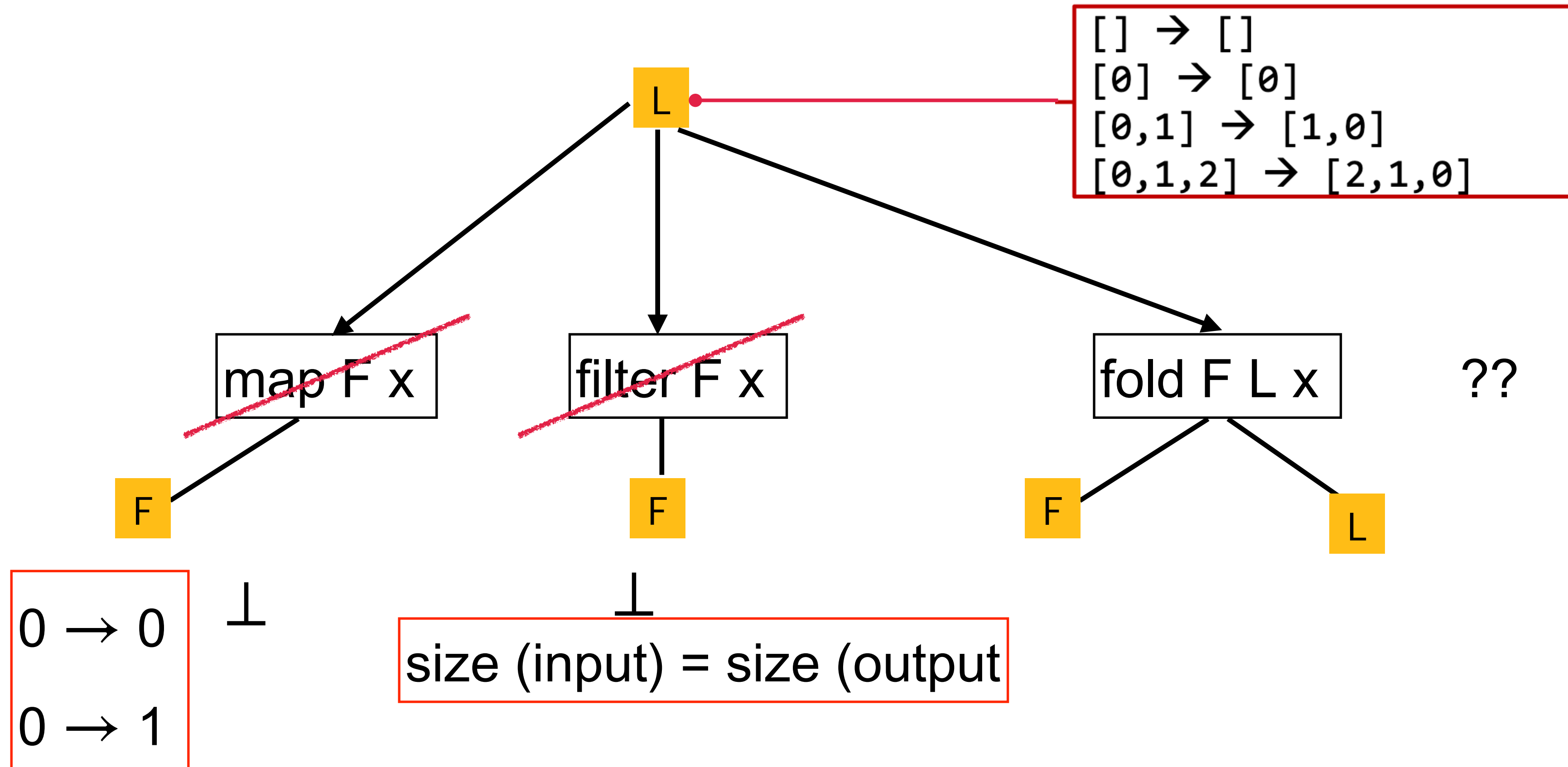


Implemented as a hard-coded set of rules that derive examples for sub-program(s) given the examples for the whole program and the combinator

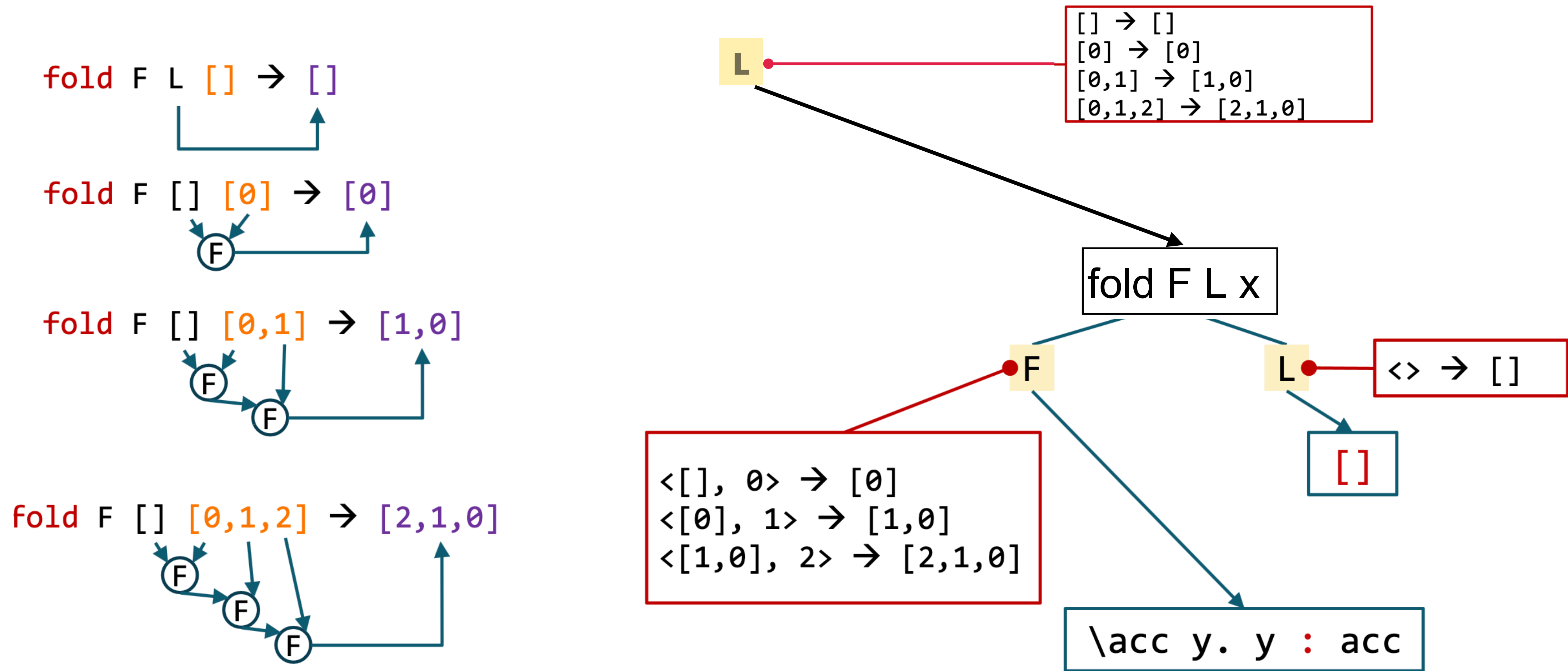
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# Condition abduction

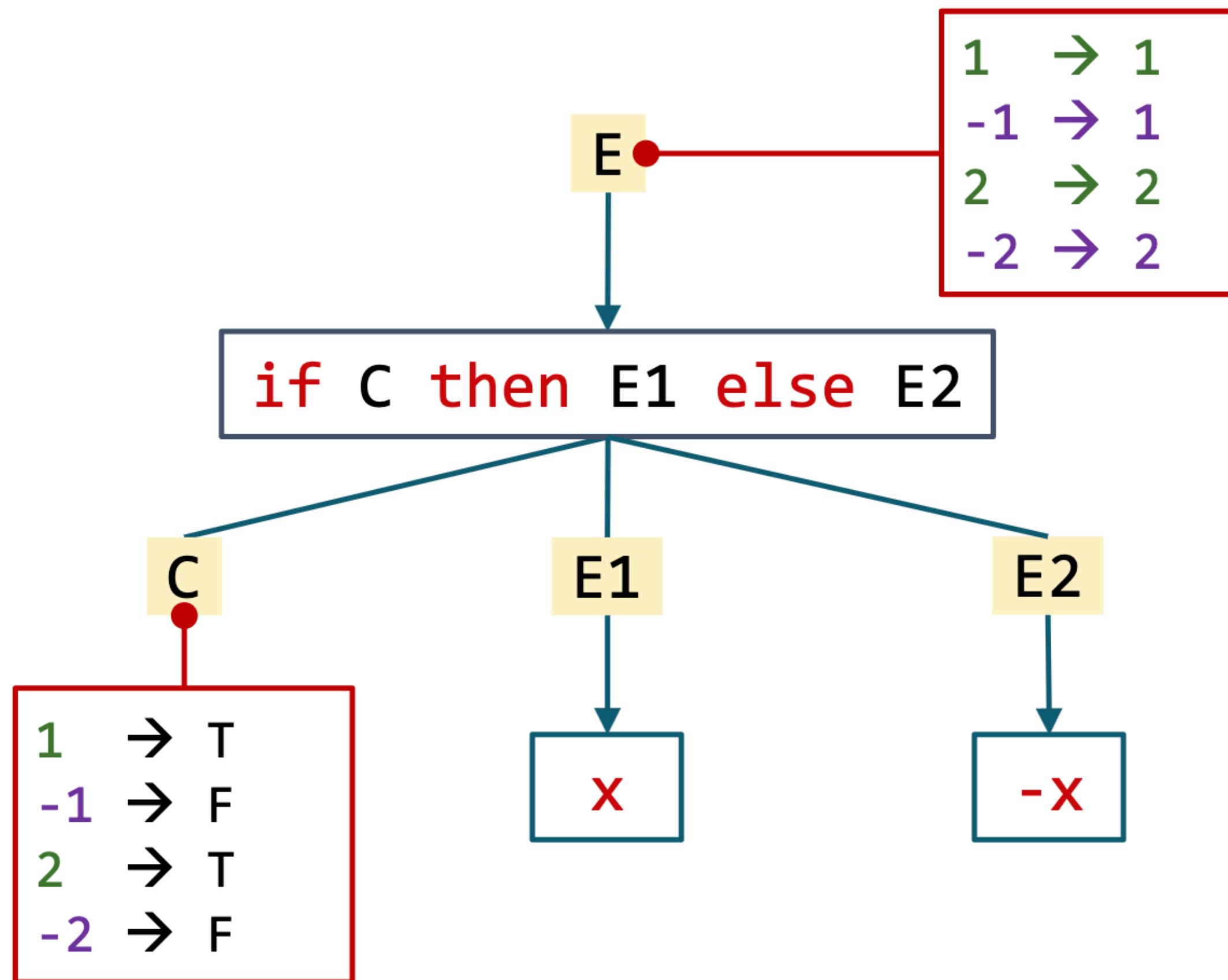
Smart way to synthesize conditionals

Used in many tools (under different names):

- FlashFill [Gulwani '11]
- Escher [Albarghouthi et al. '13]
- Leon [Kneuss et al. '13]
- Synquid [Polikarpova et al. '16]
- EUSolver [Alur et al. '17]

In fact, an instance of TDP!

# Condition abduction



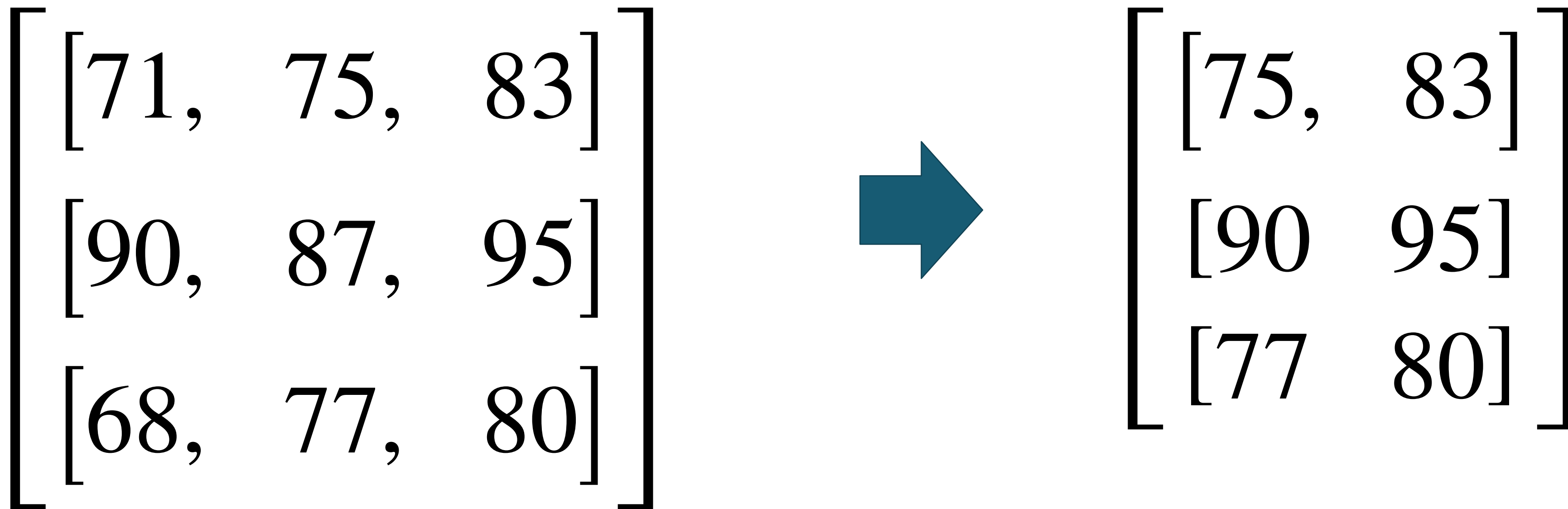
# **Types and Type based Top-down pruning**



# Example

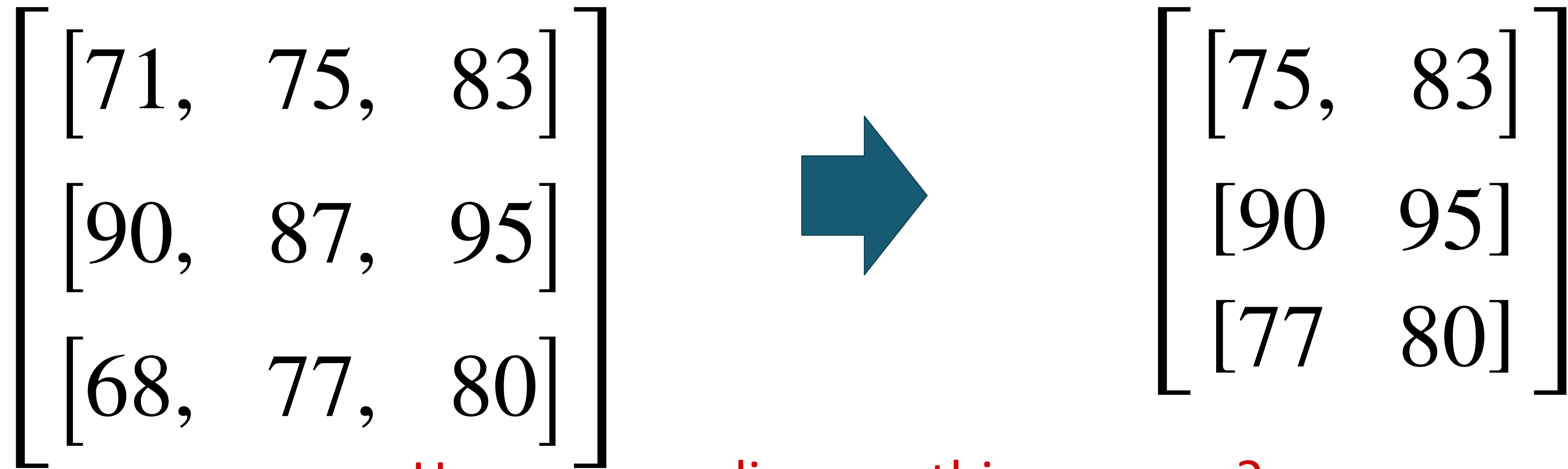
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Drop the smallest element from each list



# Example

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How can we discover this program?

```
dropmins x = map dropmin x
  where dropmin y = filter isNotMin y
        where isNotMin z = foldl h False y
              where h t w = t || (w < z)
```

# Defining the language

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*expr* = var

|  $\lambda x . \text{expr}$

| **filter** *expr expr*

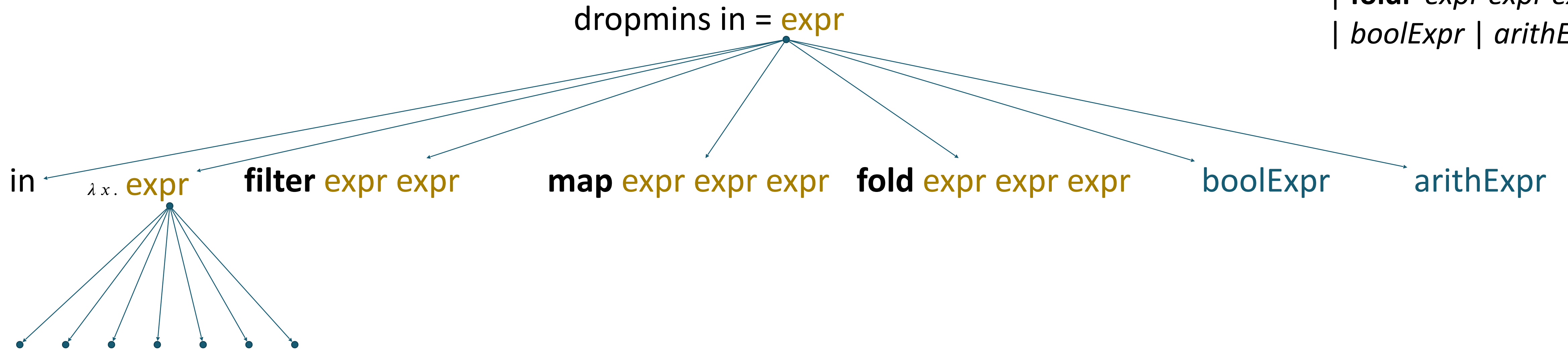
| **map** *expr expr*

| **foldl** *expr expr expr*

| *boolExpr* | *arithExpr*

# Top-down search

*expr* = var  
|  $\lambda x. \text{expr}$   
| **filter** *expr expr*  
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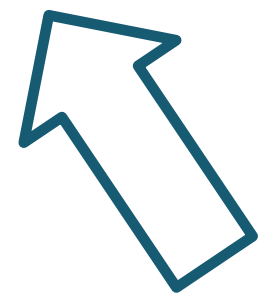
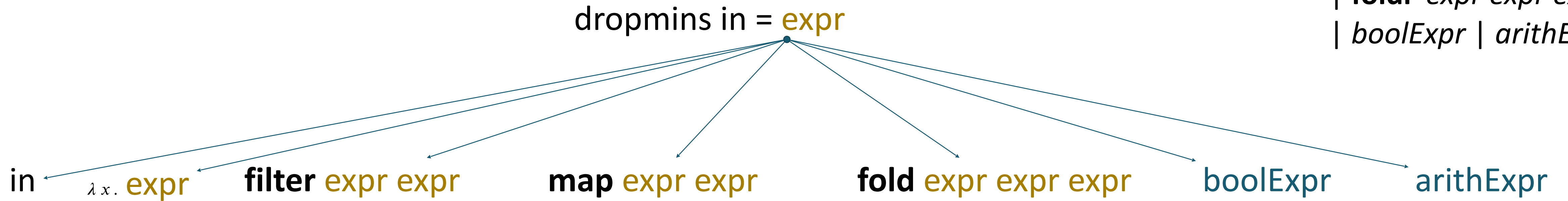
Many of these programs can be eliminated before having to complete them!

How?

# Top-down search

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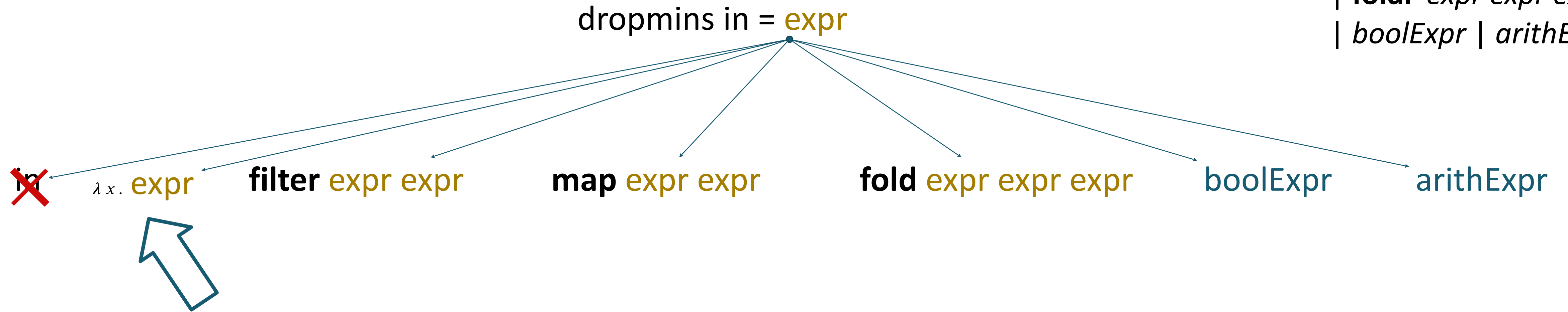
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| **filter** *expr expr*  
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This is a fully concrete program, and it clearly doesn't match the examples

# Top-down search

```
expr = var  
      |  $\lambda x. expr$   
      | filter expr expr  
      | map expr expr  
      | foldl expr expr expr  
      | boolExpr | arithExpr
```

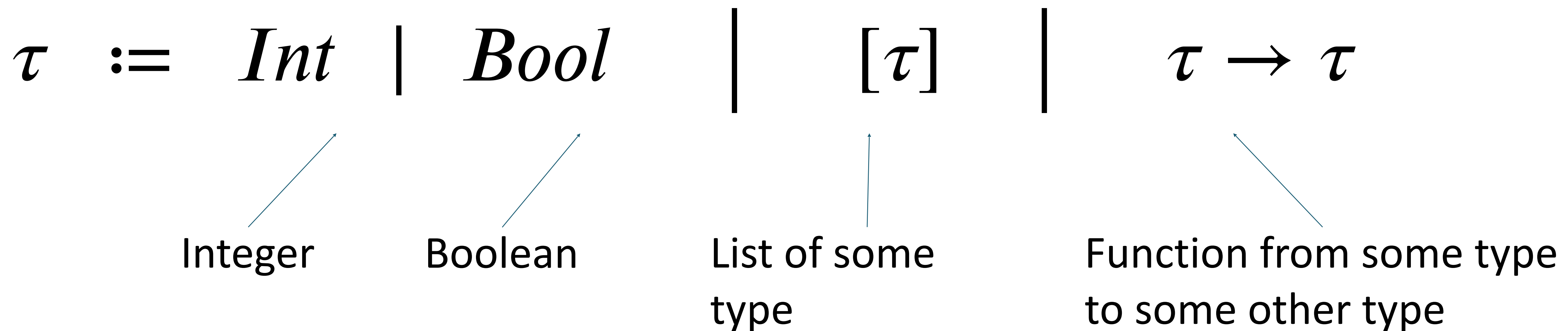


This program has a missing expression, but we can already tell it will not work. Why not?

# Types

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Our simple language supports an infinite set of types of 3 basic kinds



# Types

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$$\begin{bmatrix} [71, 75, 83] \\ [90, 87, 95] \\ [68, 77, 80] \\ [ [Int] ] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} [75, 83] \\ [90, 95] \\ [77, 80] \\ [ [Int] ] \end{bmatrix}$$

Input and output types are lists of lists of integers



# Types

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Each element in our language has a type given by a *typing rule*

$$\frac{\textit{premises}}{C \vdash \textit{expr} : \tau}$$

A typing rule like the one above states that  $\textit{expr}$  has type  $\tau$  in a context  $C$  as long as all the premises are satisfied

- A context simply tracks information about the type of any variables

# Types

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Each element in our language has a type given by a *typing rule*

$$\frac{C \text{ says var} \\ \text{has type } \tau}{C \vdash \text{var} : \tau}$$

$$\frac{f : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2 \quad \text{expr} : \tau_1}{C \vdash f \text{ expr} : \tau_2}$$

$$\frac{C, x : \tau_1 \vdash \text{expr} : \tau_2}{C \vdash \lambda x. \text{expr} : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$$

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$$\text{map} : (\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2) \rightarrow [\tau_1] \rightarrow [\tau_2]$$

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$$\text{foldl} : (\tau_{start} \rightarrow \tau_{lst} \rightarrow \tau_{start}) \rightarrow \tau_{start} \rightarrow [\tau_{lst}] \rightarrow \tau_{start}$$

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$$\text{bool Expr} : \text{Bool}$$

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$$\text{filter} : (\tau \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow [\tau] \rightarrow [\tau]$$

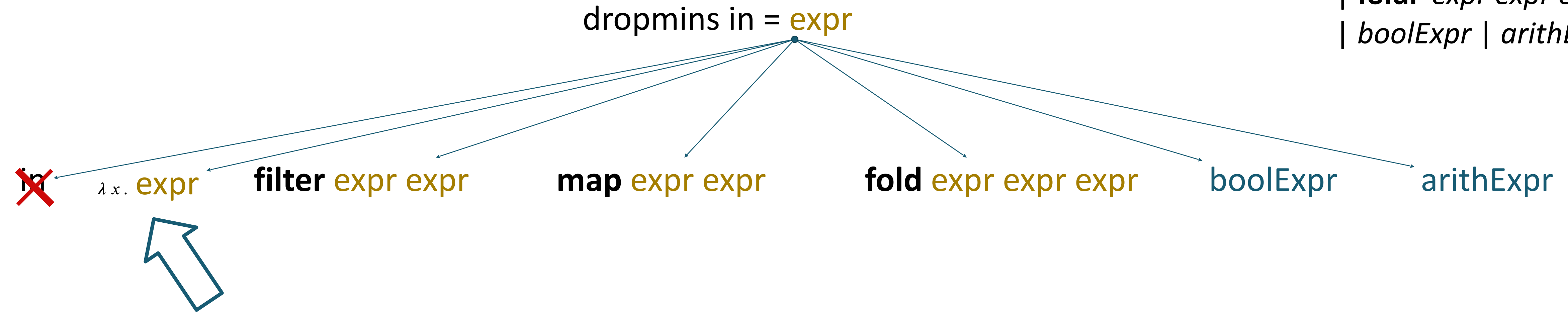
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$$\text{int Expr} : \text{Int}$$

# Type-based pruning

```

expr = var
      |  $\lambda x. \textit{expr}$ 
      | filter expr expr
      | map expr expr
      | foldl expr expr expr
      | boolExpr | arithExpr
  
```



$$\frac{\textit{expr} : \tau_2 \textit{ assuming } x : \tau_1}{\lambda x. \textit{expr} : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$$

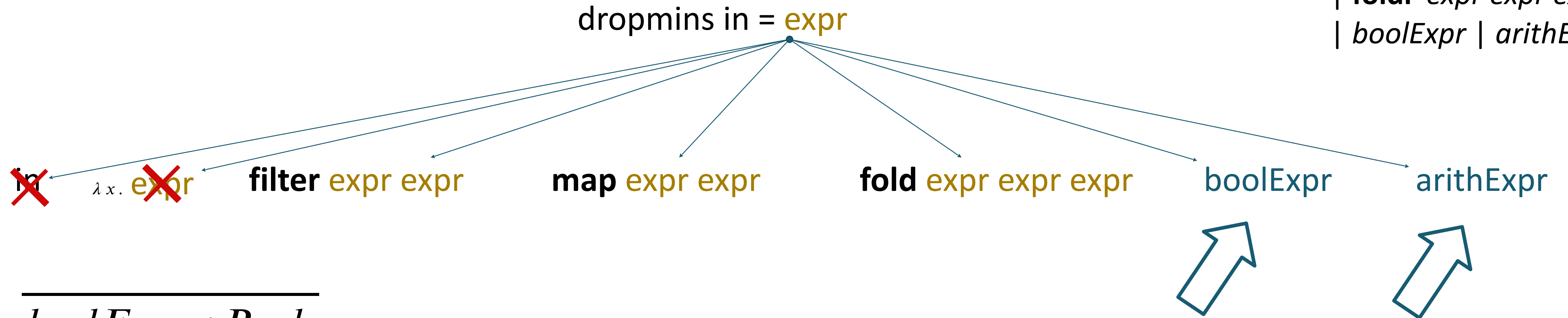
Based on the rule, this expression will have a type  $\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$

But we know the output must have type  $[[Int]]$

There is no way those types can be made equal, so we can discard this expression!

# Type-based pruning

*expr* = `var`  
| `λx. expr`  
| `filter expr expr`  
| `map expr expr`  
| `foldl expr expr expr`  
| `boolExpr` | `arithExpr`



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*bool Expr* : *Bool*

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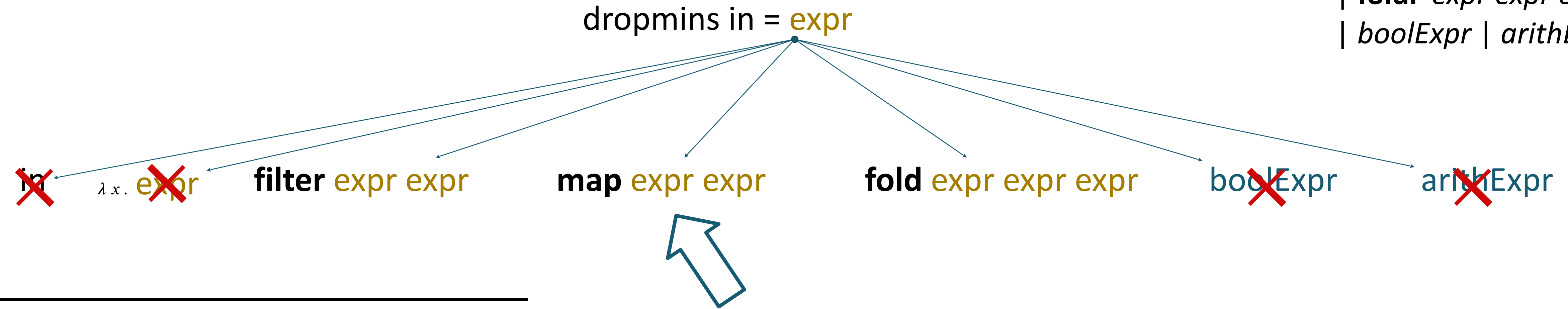
*int Expr* : *Int*

With the same reasoning we can discard both of these expressions

They cannot possibly have the correct type

# Type-based pruning

*expr* = var  
|  $\lambda x. \text{expr}$   
| **filter** *expr* *expr*  
| **map** *expr* *expr*  
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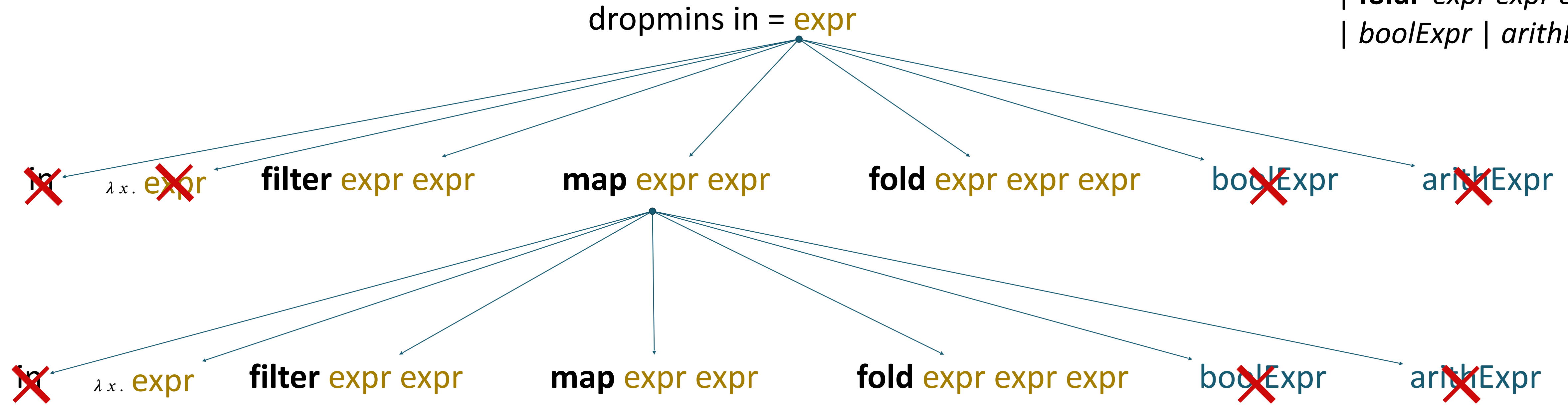
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*map*:  $(\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2) \rightarrow [\tau_1] \rightarrow [\tau_2]$

We know the output should be  $[[Int]]$   
This means the first *expr* must be  $\tau_1 \rightarrow [Int]$   
otherwise the types won't match

# Type-based pruning

*expr* = var  
|  $\lambda x. expr$   
| **filter** *expr* *expr*  
| **map** *expr* *expr*  
| **foldl** *expr* *expr* *expr*  
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We can quickly dismiss many possible expressions because they cannot produce the type  $\tau_1 \rightarrow [Int]$

# The Paper

# EUSolver

- Q1: What does EUSolver use as behavioral constraints? Structural
  - constraint? Search strategy?
  - First-order formula
  - Conditional expression grammar
  - Bottom-up enumerative with OE + pruning
- Why do they need the specification to be pointwise?
  - How would it break the enumerative solver?



# EUSolver

- Q2: What are pruning/decomposition techniques EUSolver used to speed up the search?
  - Condition abduction + (special form of) equivalence reduction
- Why does EUSolver keep generating additional terms when all inputs are covered?
- How is the EUSolver equivalence reduction differ from observational equivalence we saw in class?
- Can we discard a term that covers a subset of the points covered by another term?

# EUSolver: strengths

Divide-and-conquer (aka condition abduction)

- scales better on conditional expressions
- but: they didn't invent it

Neat application of decision tree learning

- leverages the structure of Boolean expressions

Empirically does well, especially on PBE

# EUSover: weaknesses

Only applies to conditional expressions

Does not always generate the smallest expression

- in the limit, can find the smallest solution
- but unclear when to stop

Only works for pointwise specifications

- but so do ALL CEGIS-based approaches

No solution size evaluation beyond those solved by ESolver

No ablation of DT repair / branch-wise verification

Counterexample-Guided Quantifier Instantiation for Synthesis in SMT, CAV '15

# Next Week.

- Review of logic:
  - Propositional and FO logic.
  - Satisfiability and Validity of Logical Formulas.
- SAT solvers.
- SMT solvers.
  
- I will assign a reading for this by tomorrow!

**End**