

Towards Complexity Analysis of Programs by Rewriting

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Example

```
public class Flatten {
    public static IntList flatten(TreeList list) {
        TreeList cur = list; IntList result = null;
        while (cur != null) {
            Tree tree = cur.value;
            if (tree != null) {
                IntList oldIntList = result;
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Overview

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- Main Result

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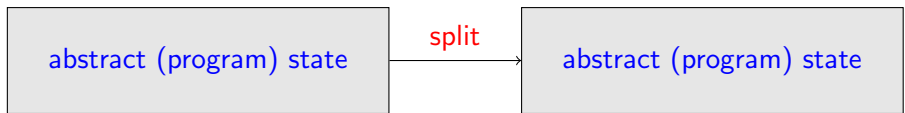
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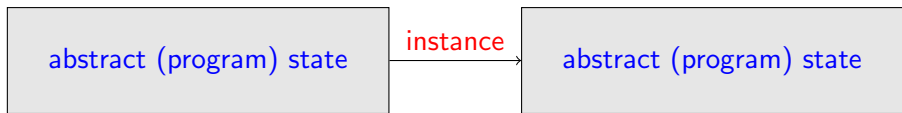
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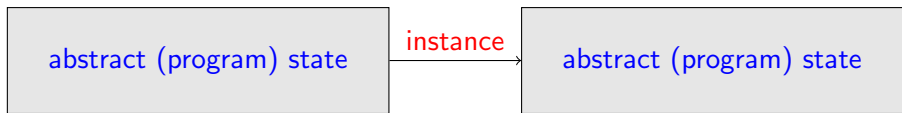
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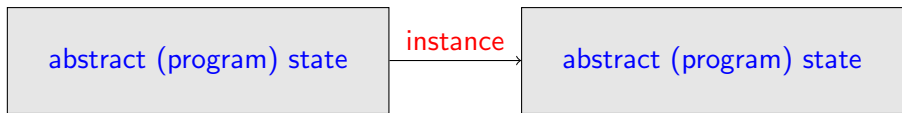
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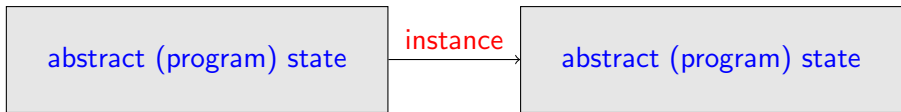
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