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```
Case 4: x = x1::xs \land y = y1::ys \land x1 > y1.
```

We deduce:

Case 4.1: vs = []

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Discussion



- Again, we have implicitly assumed that all calls of app, rev and rev1 terminate.
- Termination of these can be proven by induction on the length of their first arguments.
- The claim:

```
rev x = rev1 x \sqcap
```

follows from:

```
app (rev x) y = rev1 x y
```

by setting: y = [] and assertion (1) from example 1.

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Discussion

- Again, we have assumed for the proof that all calls of the functions sorted and merge terminate.
- As an additional techniques, we required a sorrow case distinction over the various possibilities for arguments in calls.
- The case distinction made the proof longish and cumbersome.

```
// The case n = 0 is in fact superfluous.
```

// since it is covered by the cases 1 and 2



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Comments

- The module <u>Thread</u> collects basic functionality for the creation of concurrency.
- The function create: ('a -> 'b) -> 'a -> t creates a new thread with the following properties:
 - ☐ The thread evaluates the function for its argument.
 - ☐ The creating thread receives the thread id as the return value and proceeds independently.
 - □ By means of the functions: self: unit -> t and id
 : t -> int, the own thread id can be queried and turned into an int, respectively.

Further useful Functions

- The function join: t -> unit blocks the current thread until the evaluation of the given thread has terminated.
- The function kill: t -> unit stops a given thread (not implemented);
- The function delay: float -> unit delays the current thread by a time period in seconds;
- The function exit: unit -> unit terminates the current thread

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8.1 Channels

Threads communicate via channels.

The module **Event** provides basic functionality for the creation of channels, sending and receiving:

```
type 'a channel
new_channel : unit -> 'a channel
type 'a event
always : 'a -> 'a event
sync : 'a event -> 'a
send : 'a channel -> 'a -> unit event
receive : 'a channel -> 'a event
```

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 Within the interactive environment, threads can be enabled via the option #thread;; !

Alternatively, we can compile with the option -thread :

> ocamlc -thread unix.cma threads.cma Echo.ml

• The library threads.cma requires auxiliary functionality from the library unix.cma.

// for Windows, the situation might be different

• The program can then be tested via the call

> ./a.out

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- Each call <u>new_channel()</u> creates another channel.
- Arbitrary data may be sent across a channel !!!
- always wraps a value into an event.
- Sending and receiving generates events ...
- Synchronization on event returns their values.

Discussion

- sync (send ch str) exposes the event of sending to the outside world and blocks the sender, until another thread has read the value from the channel ...
- sync (receive ch) blocks the receiver, until a value has been made available on the channel. Then this value is returned as the result.
- Synchronous communication is one alternative for exchange of data between threads as well as for orchestration of concurrency
 rendezvous
- In particular, it can be use to realize as inchronous communication between threads.

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This task is delegated to a server thread that reacts to get and put:

```
type 'a req = Get of 'a channel | Put of 'a
type 'a cell = 'a req channel
```

The channel transports requests to the memory cell, which either provide the new value or the back channel ...

Cell

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