Implementing the Standard Methods
Loose Ends

• In implementing several kernel interfaces so far, you have been given code in the skeletons for the **Standard** methods

• The code for these methods is very stylized and easy to adapt to a new situation, even if the code itself is hardly transparent!
  – Several new Java issues arise ...
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Throughout this set of slides, `TF` stands for the type family interface whose kernel you are implementing; it is not a generic type parameter!
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So, \text{is\_initial} means what it says above...
Implementing `newInstance`

• Java already offers a method to make a new instance that is “like” an existing object, but it is messy to call it.

• The reason for the `Standard` method `newInstance` is simply to make it easy to call Java’s method for doing this, by wrapping the mess inside a method body.

• The same code works for any type, so you can just copy the code that follows.

@ SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
@ Override
public final Queue<T> newInstance() {
    try {
        return this.getClass().newInstance();
    } catch (ReflectiveOperationException e) {
        throw new AssertionError(
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    }
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The return type is whatever type family interface you are implementing; `Queue<T>` is shown here for definiteness.
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This tells the compiler not to issue a warning about “unchecked conversion” ...
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... which it would otherwise warn you about on this statement (even though it cannot cause any trouble).
The \textbf{try/catch block} and \textbf{exceptions} are Java constructs to be explained later in the course.
clear

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So, the parameter mode clears means what it says above, i.e., is_initial is true for that parameter.
Implementing clear

• Because this code has to do the same thing as the no-argument (or maybe some other) constructor, it is a good idea to factor out the code that initializes the instance variables into a separate private method

• For the no-argument constructor (usual case):

```java
private void createNewRep() {
    // initialize instance variables
}
```
Code for `createNewRep`

- Again, code from `Queue2<T>` is shown:

```java
private void createNewRep() {
    this.preFront = new Node();
    this.preFront.next = null;
    this.rear = this.preFront;
    this.length = 0;
}
```
Code for `clear`

```java
@Override
public final void clear() {
    this.createNewRep();
}
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}

If there isn’t a no-argument constructor, then `createNewRep` needs some parameters (like a constructor with parameters); see a `SortingMachine` implementation for an example.
**void transferFrom(TF source)**

- Sets **this** to the incoming value of **source**, and resets **source** to an initial value; **source** must have the same *dynamic* type as **this**. If the type TF has a no-argument constructor, then **source** satisfies its contract. Otherwise, **source** satisfies the contract of the constructor call that was used to initialize #source.

- Replaces: **this**
- Clears: **source**
- Ensures:
  
  **this** = #source
Implementing `transferFrom`

- This code simply copies the values of all the instance variables from `source` to `this`, and then re-initializes `source`.
  - For an instance variable of a reference type, the reference value is copied—but aliases are eliminated before `transferFrom` returns.
Code (Pt 1) for `transferFrom`

```java
@Override
public final void transferFrom(Queue<T> source) {
    assert source != null : "Violation of:
    + " source is not null";
    assert source != this : "Violation of:
    + " source is not this";
    assert source instanceof Queue2<?> : "" +
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    + " type Queue2<?>>";
    ...
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First two `asserts` check for normal problems: `null` and repeated arguments.
This `assert` checks for a mismatch between the *dynamic* types of `source` and `this`, using the `instanceof` operator.
Because of a problem in Java called **type erasure**, you can check only that the dynamic type is `Queue2<?>`, meaning “Queue2 of something”; more on this later.
Code (Pt 2) for `transferFrom`

```java
@Override
public final void transferFrom(Queue<T> source) {
    ... Queue2<T> localSource = (Queue2<T>) source;
    this.preFront = localSource.preFront;
    this.rear = localSource.rear;
    this.length = localSource.length;
    localSource.createNewRep();
}
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}

This *cast* cannot fail since the *assert* above would have stopped execution in that case; so, *source must be of dynamic type Queue2<?, ?>*, and the *? must be T* or the call would not have compiled.
The Cast and Why It Works Here

preFront

rear

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length

this

some abstract value of type Queue<T>

source
The compiler thinks things look like this picture because of the *declared* types of `this` and `source`, shown below.
The initialization of `localSource` claims that the `dynamic` type of `source` is `Queue2<T>`, as shown here—and it is!
How transferFrom Works

Start here ...
How transferFrom Works

... update this ...

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How transferFrom Works

How transferFrom Works

... clear source ...
How `transferFrom` Works

... and return.
To check your understanding: could this code be used in place of the last line shown in the body?

```java
source.clear();
```