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(a) 1,  $what+what$ ,  $what\times what$ : *what*

(b) 2,  $what+what$ ,  $what\times what$ : *what*

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

(a) 1, *what+what*, *what×what*: *what*  
§  $what_0 = null$   
 $what_1 = 1, null+null, null×null = 1$   
 $what_2 = 1, 1+1, 1×1 = 1, 2$   
 $what_3 = 1, (1, 2)+(1, 2), (1, 2)×(1, 2) = 1, 2, 3, 4$   
I guess  $what = nat+1$

(b) 2, *what+what*, *what×what*: *what*  
§  $what_0 = null$   
 $what_1 = 2, null+null, null×null = 2$   
 $what_2 = 2, 2+2, 2×2 = 2, 4$   
 $what_3 = 2, (2, 4)+(2, 4), (2, 4)×(2, 4) = 2, 4, 6, 8, 16$   
I guess  $what = 2×(nat+1)$