Coding by Shape

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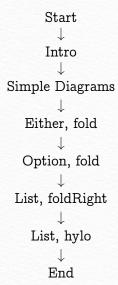
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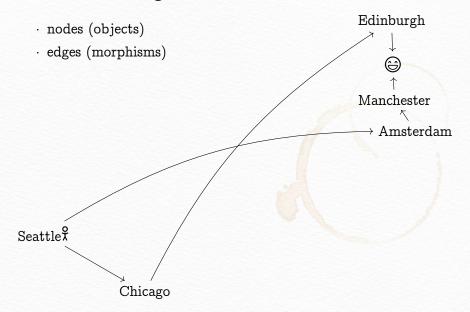


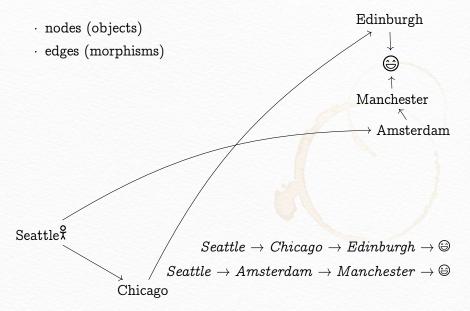
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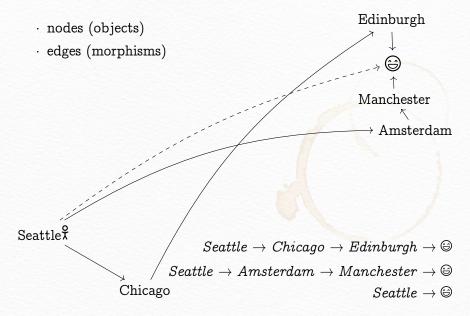


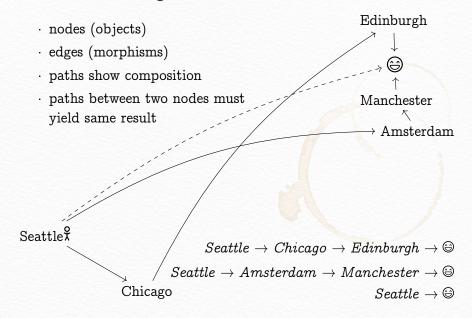
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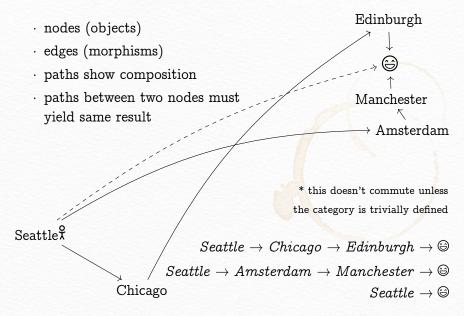












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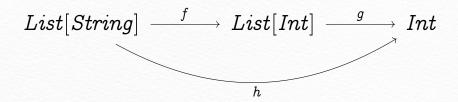
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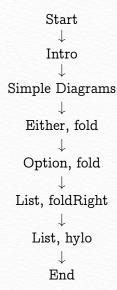
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• composition

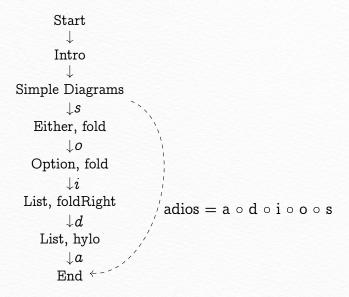
$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$$

$$h = g \circ f$$

$$def h(x: A): C = g(f(x))$$



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Start
       Intro
Simple Diagrams
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   Either, fold
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   Option, fold
          \downarrow i
 List, foldRight
          \downarrow d
    List, hylo
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        End
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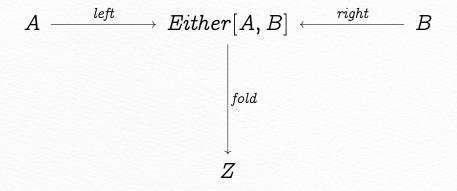
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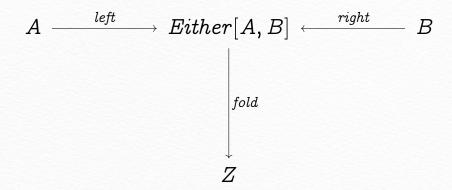
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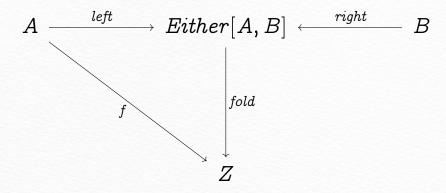
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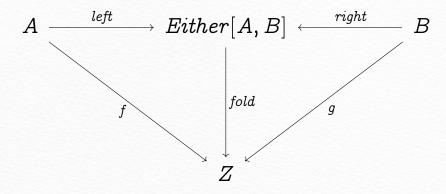




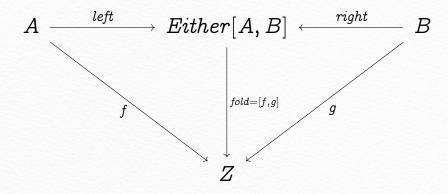
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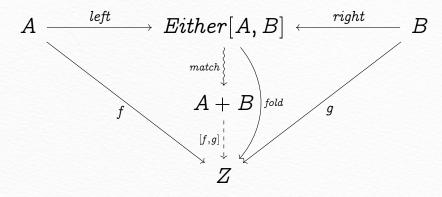
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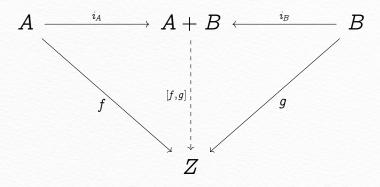
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two arrows

$$Either[A, B] \xrightarrow{match} A + B$$

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 $A \xrightarrow{left} A + B \leftarrow \xrightarrow{right} B$

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$$A \xrightarrow{some} Option[A]$$

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$$egin{aligned} A & \longrightarrow & Some & Option[A] \ & 1 & \longrightarrow & Option[A] \ & 1 + A & \longrightarrow & Option[A] \ & 1 + A & \longleftarrow & Option[A] \end{aligned}$$

```
def fold[A, B](x: Option[A])
                 (if Empty: B) (f: A \Rightarrow B): B \Rightarrow B
  x match {
    case None => ifEmpty
    case Some(a) => f(a)
```

$$Option[A] \longrightarrow B$$

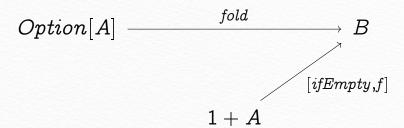
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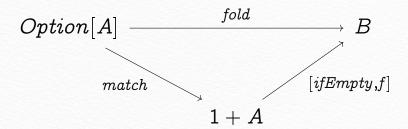
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$$Option[A] \longrightarrow B$$

$$1 + A \longrightarrow \underbrace{[\mathit{ifEmpty},f]}_{} B$$





Review

$$Either[A, B] \xrightarrow{match} A + B$$

unpack

$$Option[A] \xrightarrow{match} 1 + A$$

$$1 \longrightarrow A$$

• constants

```
val a: A = //...
def a: A = //...
def a(unit: Unit => A): A = //...
```

```
def foldRight[A, B](la: List[A])
  (z: B)(f: (A, B) \Rightarrow B): B = la match {
    case Nil \Rightarrow z
    case head :: tail => f(head,
        foldRight(tail)(z)(f))
  }
val list = "hello" :: "scala" :: "world" :: Nil
val f: (String, Int) => Int = _.length + _
foldRight(list)(0)(f)
// 15
```

creating/unpacking lists

$$A imes List[A] \longrightarrow List[A]$$

def nil[A]: List[A] = Nil
def cons[A](head: A, tail: List[A]): List[A] =
 head :: tail

$$1 + A imes List[A] \stackrel{[nil,cons]}{-----} List[A]$$

$$1 + A \times List[A] \leftarrow List[A]$$

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$$\mathit{List}[A] \xrightarrow{\mathit{foldRight}} B$$

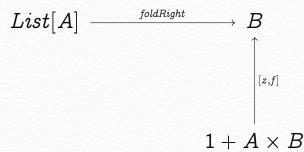
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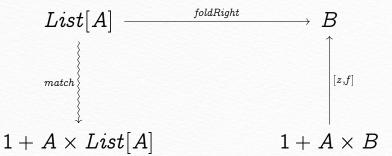
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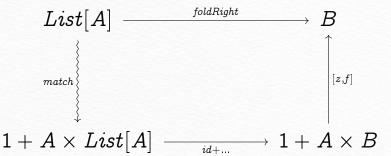
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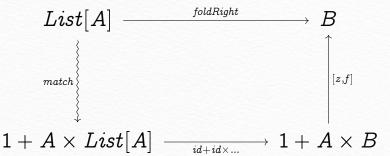
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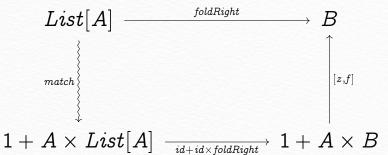
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                                         // 15 :)
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f(list.head,
                            // "hello".length +
  f(list.tail.head,
                    // "scala".length +
    f(list.tail.tail.head, // "world".length +
      0)))
                            // 0
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from foldRight

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// foldRight just for list
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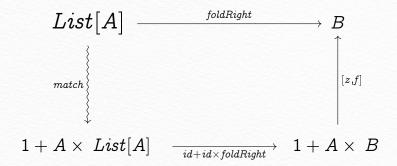
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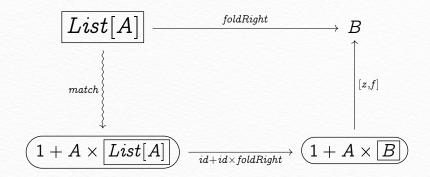
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// 'foldRight' (and lots more)
// for any recursive data structure
def hylo[F[_]: Functor, A, B](a: A)(
   alg : F[B] => B,
   coalg: A => F[A]
): B =
   alg(coalg(a).map(hylo(_)(alg, coalg)))
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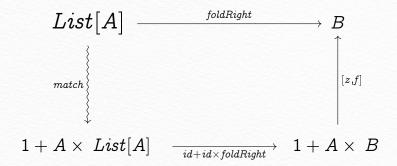
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val f: (String, Int) => Int = _.length + _
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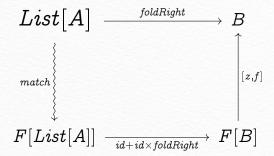
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def alg: Option[(String, Int)] => Int =
  _ match {
    case None \Rightarrow 0
    case Some((head, acc)) => head.length + acc
hylo(input)(alg, coalg) // coalg unpacks a list
// 15
```

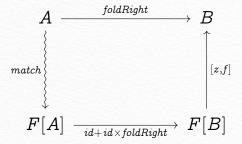
- · We're not going to prove anything
- · We're just going to use our understanding of Scala and foldRight to gain intuition for how recursion schemes work.

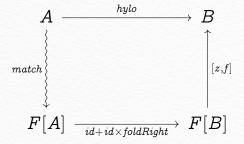




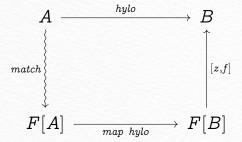




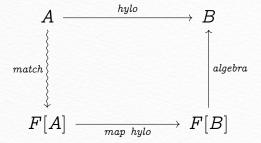




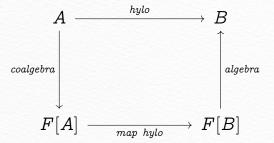
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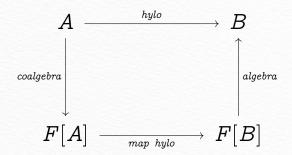


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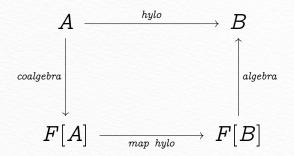


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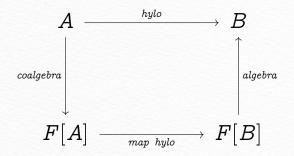




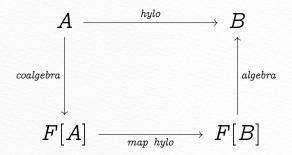
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): B =
  //...
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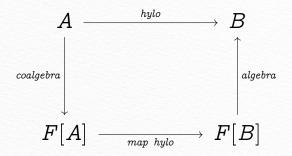
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    coalg(a)
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hylo intuition

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```
val input = List("hello", "scala", "world")
// F[A] = Option[(String, A)] = 1 + String x A
val coalg: List[String] =>
  Option[(String, List[String])] =
  match {
    case Nil => None
    case head :: tail => Some((head, tail))
val alg: Option[(String, Int)] => Int =
  _ match {
    case None
                      => 0
    case Some((head, acc)) => head.length + acc
```

hylo(input)(alg, coalg) // 15

hylo intuition

List foldRight & hylo

```
match
 1 + A \times List[A] \longrightarrow 1 + A \times B
            id+id \times foldRight
val list = "hello" :: "scala" :: "world" :: Nil
f(list.head,
                             // "hello".length +
                      // "scala".length +
  f(list.tail.head,
    f(list.tail.tail.head, // "world".length +
                             1/0
      z)))
alg(coalg(list).fmap(ist => // "hello".length +
  alg(coalg(ist).fmap(st => // "scala".length +
    alg(coalg(st).fmap(t => // "world".length +
      alg(coalg(t).map(_ => // 0
        ???)))))))
```

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SHAPES CLUB! BUT WE STILL I LIKE SQUARES. RESPECT AND I PREFER EACH OTH-CIRCLES. GET THAT DIRTY BULLSHIT OUT OF MY FACE.

thank you!