

Directed Containers

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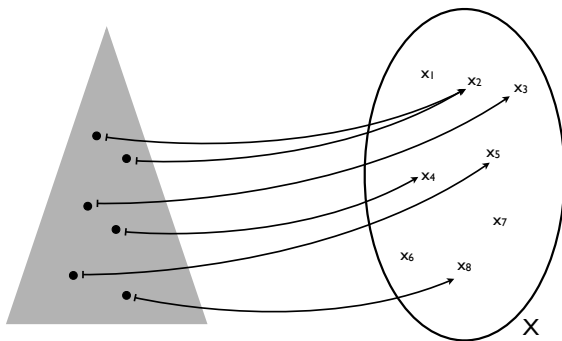
Today's plan

- Directed containers
 - type-theoretic and polynomial presentations
 - their use in functional programming
 - why are they canonical such structure?
- Some constructions on directed containers (see more in papers)
 - coproducts of directed containers
 - strict directed containers and their products
 - focussing a container
- Directed containers and computational effects
- Directed containers and \mathbf{BX}
- Directed containers and categories

Prelude

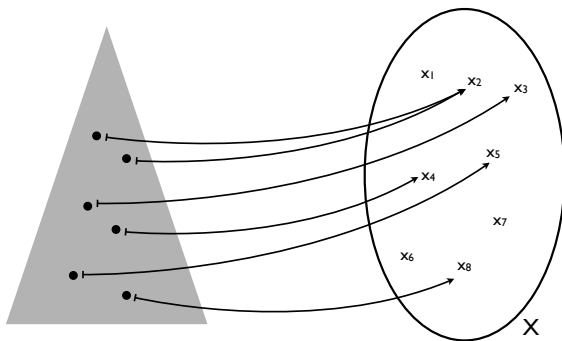
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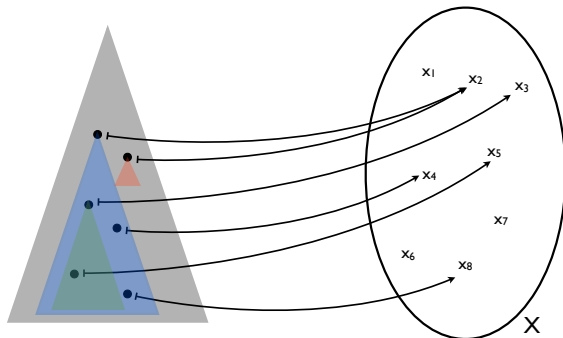
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- **Examples:** lists, streams, colists, trees, zippers, etc.
- **Containers** provide us with a handy **syntax** to analyse them

Directing containers?

- Containers often exhibit a natural notion of **subshape**



- Natural questions arise:
 - What is the appropriate **specialisation** of containers?
 - Does this admit a nice **categorical** theory?
 - What else is this structure **useful** for?

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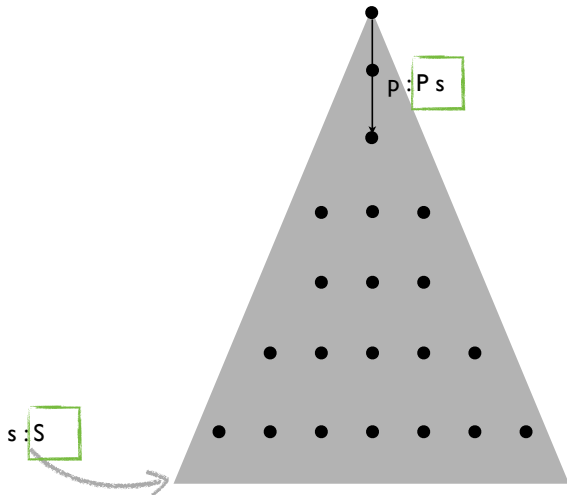
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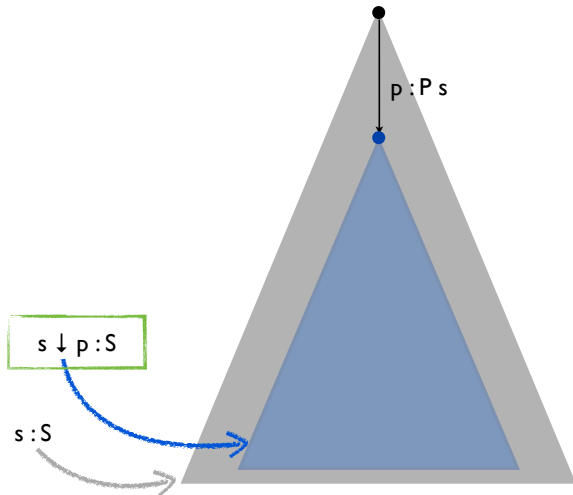
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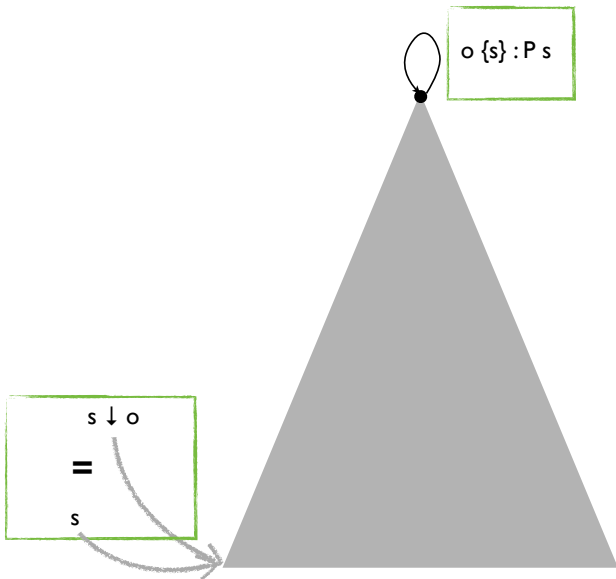
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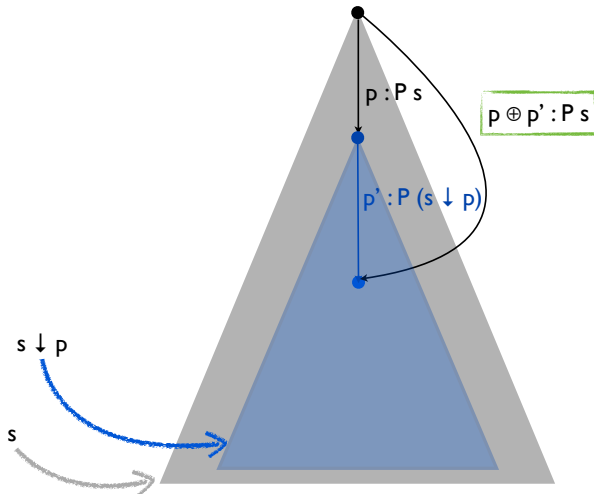
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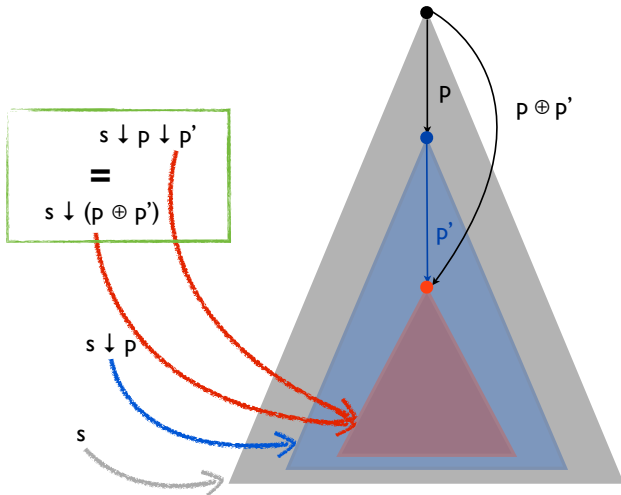
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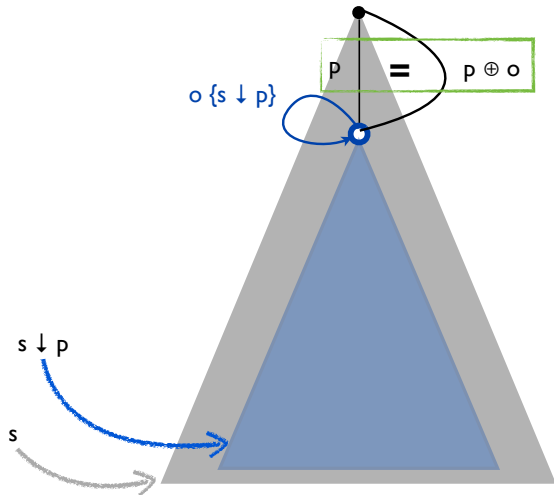
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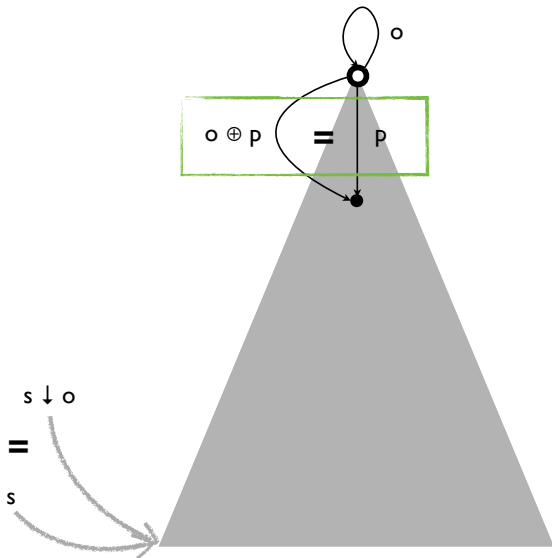
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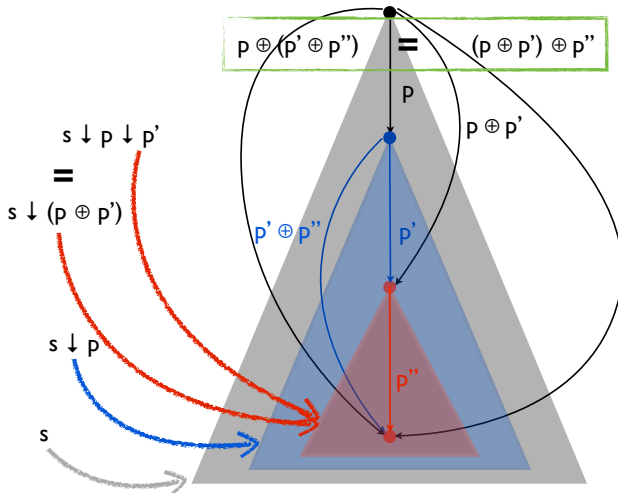
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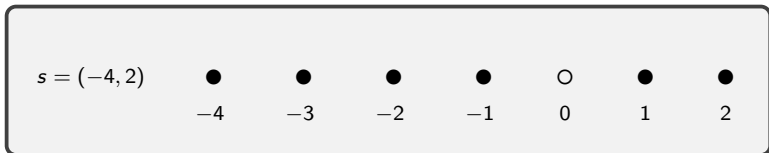
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- Non-empty lists with a **focus**

- $S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Nat} \times \text{Nat}$ *(shapes)*

- $P(s_0, s_1) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [-s_0..s_1] = [-s_0..-1] \cup [0..s_1]$ *(positions)*



- $(s_0, s_1) \downarrow p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (s_0 + p, s_1 - p)$ *(subshapes)*

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 - def. is remarkably **symmetric in s and \downarrow**

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- $t : S \rightarrow S'$
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such that

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- The following is a **pullback** in **CAT**:

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Some constructions on directed containers

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 - $S \triangleleft P = (S_0 \triangleleft P_0) + (S_1 \triangleleft P_1) = (S_0 + S_1 \triangleleft [\lambda s. P_0 s, \lambda s. P_1 s])$
 - $\text{inl } s \downarrow p = \text{inl } (s \downarrow_0 p)$
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- But analogously to (ideal) monads, the product exists for strict directed containers/coideal comonads:
 - $S : \mathbf{Set}$
 - $P^+ : S \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$
 - $\downarrow^+ : \prod s : S. P^+ s \rightarrow S$
 - $\oplus^+ : \prod \{s : S\}. \prod p : P^+ s. P^+ (s \downarrow^+ p) \rightarrow P^+ s$
 - satisfying two laws (omitted)
- The dcon. determined by a strict dcon. has
 - $P s = 1 + P^+ s$
 - ...

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$$(\overline{S_0}, \overline{S_1}) = \nu(Z_0, Z_1). (\Sigma s_0 : S_0. P_0^+ s_0 \rightarrow Z_1, \Sigma s_1 : S_1. P_1^+ s_1 \rightarrow Z_0)$$

- $P^+(s_0, s_1) = \overline{P_0^+ s_0} + \overline{P_1^+ s_1}$

with

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{P_0^+ s_0}, \overline{P_1^+ s_1}) = \mu(Z_0, Z_1). & (\lambda(s_0, v_0). \Sigma p_0 : P_0^+ s_0. 1 + Z_1 (v_0 p_0), \\ & \lambda(s_1, v_1). \Sigma p_1 : P_1^+ s_1. 1 + Z_0 (v_1 p_1)) \end{aligned}$$

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- This gives the **product** of the given strict dcons. in **DCont**
- It interprets as a **product** of the corresponding coideal comonads

Focussing a container

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- This dcon. interprets into a comonad on $\partial \llbracket S_0 \triangleleft P_0 \rrbracket^c \times \text{Id}$
- Focussing forms a functor from **Con**_{cart} to **DCon**

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- Distributive laws between directed containers
 - $t^\theta \triangleleft q^\theta : (S_0 \triangleleft P_0) \circ^c (S_1 \triangleleft P_1) \longrightarrow (S_1 \triangleleft P_1) \circ^c (S_0 \triangleleft P_0)$
satisfying 11 laws (and with $t_0^\theta(s, v) = v(o_{0\{s\}})$ forced)

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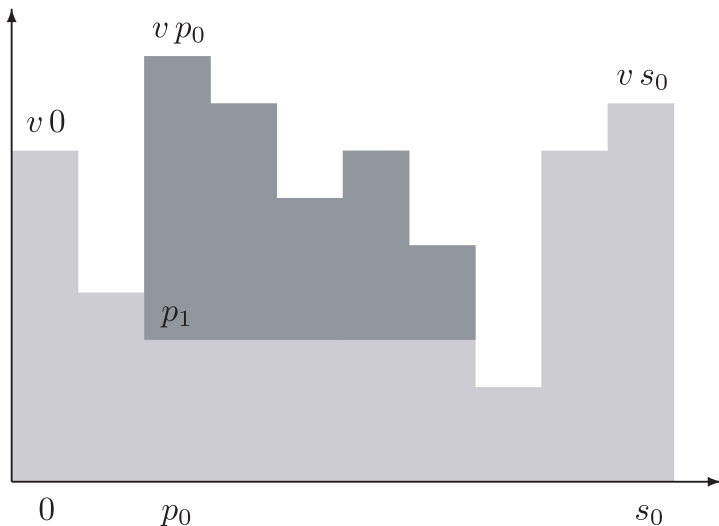
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Cointerpretation of (directed) containers

- In addition to the **interpretation** functor

$$\llbracket - \rrbracket^c : \mathbf{Cont} \longrightarrow [\mathbf{Set}, \mathbf{Set}]$$

one can also define a **cointerpretation** functor

$$\langle\langle - \rangle\rangle^c : \mathbf{Cont}^{\mathrm{op}} \longrightarrow [\mathbf{Set}, \mathbf{Set}]$$

given by

$$\langle\langle S \triangleleft P \rangle\rangle^c X \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \prod_{s : S} (P_s \times X)$$

which **lifts** to $\langle\langle - \rangle\rangle^{\mathrm{dc}}$, making the following a **pullback** in **CAT**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{DCont}^{\mathrm{op}} & \xrightarrow{U} & \mathbf{Cont}^{\mathrm{op}} \\ \langle\langle - \rangle\rangle^{\mathrm{dc}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \langle\langle - \rangle\rangle^c \\ \mathbf{Monads}(\mathbf{Set}) & \xrightarrow{U} & [\mathbf{Set}, \mathbf{Set}] \end{array}$$

Dependently typed update monads

- In more detail, given a **directed container** $(S \triangleleft P, \downarrow, \circ, \oplus)$, the corresponding **dependently typed update monad** is given by
 - $T : \mathbf{Set} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Set}$
$$T X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket^c X = \prod_{s : S} (P s \times X)$$
 - $\eta_X : X \longrightarrow T X$
$$\eta_X x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda s. (\circ_{\{s\}}, x)$$
 - $\mu_X : T T X \longrightarrow T X$
$$\mu_X f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda s. \mathbf{let} (p, g) = f s \mathbf{ in}$$
$$\mathbf{let} (p', x) = g (s \downarrow p) \mathbf{ in} (p \oplus_{\{s\}} p', x)$$
- Intuitively
 - S – set/type of **states**
 - (P, \circ, \oplus) – dependently typed monoid of **state updates**

Dependently typed update monads ctd.

- The dependently typed update monad

$$T X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod s : S. (P s \times X)$$

arises as the free-model monad for a (large) Lawvere theory, whose models are given by a carrier $M : \mathbf{Set}$ and two operations

$$\text{lkp} : (S \rightarrow M) \longrightarrow M \qquad \text{upd} : (\prod s : S. P s) \times M \longrightarrow M$$

subject to three natural equations

- $\text{lkp} (\lambda s. \text{upd}_{\lambda s. o_{\{s\}}} (m)) = m$
- $\text{lkp} (\lambda s. \text{upd}_f (\text{lkp} (\lambda s'. m s')))) = \text{lkp} (\lambda s. \text{upd}_f (m (s \downarrow (f s))))$
- $\text{upd}_f (\text{upd}_g (m)) = \text{upd}_{\lambda s. (f s) \oplus (g (s \downarrow f s))} (m)$

Examples of dep. typed update monads

- Global state
 - $S : \mathbf{Set}$
 - $P_S = S$
 - $s \downarrow s' = s'$
 - $0_{\{s\}} = s$
 - $s' \oplus_{\{s\}} s'' = s''$
 - $TX = S \rightarrow (S \times X)$

Examples of dep. typed update monads ctd.

- Monotonic state as in F^*

- $S : \mathbf{Set}$

- $P s = \{s' : S \mid s \mathcal{R} s'\}$

where \mathcal{R} is some fixed **preorder** on S , e.g.,

- \leq when $S = \mathbf{Nat}$ and modelling **monotonic counters**
- transition relation of some **state machine**
- subset relation for **references** when $S = \mathbf{heap}$

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- In F^* it is combined with a modal logic based Hoare logic

Examples of dep. typed update monads ctd.

- A non-overflowing (non-removal) buffer

- fixed sized buffer of length n
- storing values of some type A

- $S = A^{\leq n}$

- $P\ as = A^{\leq n - \text{len } as}$

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- A non-underflowing (unbounded) stack
 - $S = A^*$
 - $P\ as = \{ps : (1 + A)^* \mid \text{removes } ps \leq \text{len } as\}$

where

$$\text{removes } [] = 0$$

$$\text{removes } (\text{inl } * :: ps) = \text{removes } ps + 1$$

$$\text{removes } (\text{inr } a :: ps) = \text{removes } ps \div 1$$

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Simply typed update monads

- If $P : \mathbf{Set}$, then we get a simply typed update monad

$$T X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S \rightarrow (P \times X)$$

- In this case,
 - (P, o, \oplus) is a monoid in the standard sense
 - $\downarrow : S \times P \longrightarrow S$ is an action of (P, o, \oplus) on S
- This monad is the compatible composition of the monads

$$T_{\text{reader}} X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S \rightarrow X \qquad T_{\text{writer}} X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P \times X$$

- There is a one-to-one correspondence between
 - monoid actions $\downarrow : S \times P \longrightarrow S$
 - distributive laws $\theta : T_{\text{writer}} \circ T_{\text{reader}} \longrightarrow T_{\text{reader}} \circ T_{\text{writer}}$

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 \longrightarrow
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we do not get a functor, but instead a cofunctor [Aguiar'97]

$$F_{t \triangleleft q} : \mathcal{C}_{(S \triangleleft P, \downarrow, o, \oplus)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_{(S' \triangleleft P', \downarrow', o', \oplus')}$$

given by a mapping of objects

$$(F_{t \triangleleft q})_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} t : \text{ob}(\mathcal{C}) \longrightarrow \text{ob}(\mathcal{D})$$

and a lifting operation on morphisms (pre-opcleavage)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} s & \xrightarrow{(F_{t \triangleleft q})_1(s, p) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} q_{\{s\}} p} & \circledast & \text{in } \mathcal{C} \\ & \uparrow & & \\ (F_{t \triangleleft q})_0(s) & \xrightarrow[p]{} & s' & \text{in } \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

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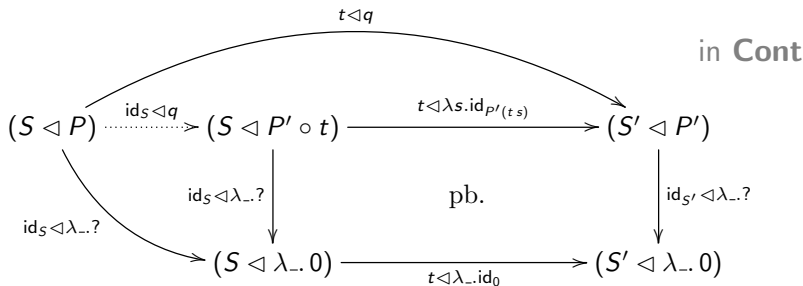
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inspired by the full image factorisation of ordinary functors

- Notably, this works for all pullback-preserving comonads

Conclusions

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 - their use in functional programming
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