

# Directed Containers

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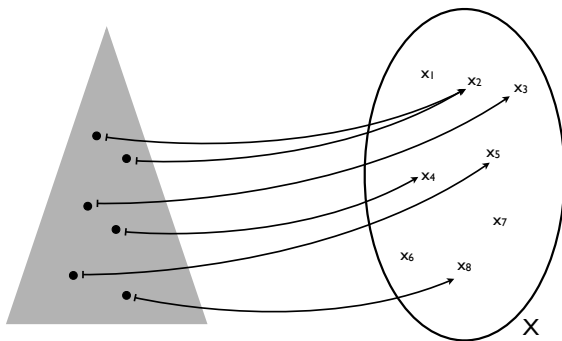
# Today's plan

- 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 [BX](#)
- Directed containers and [categories](#)

# Prelude

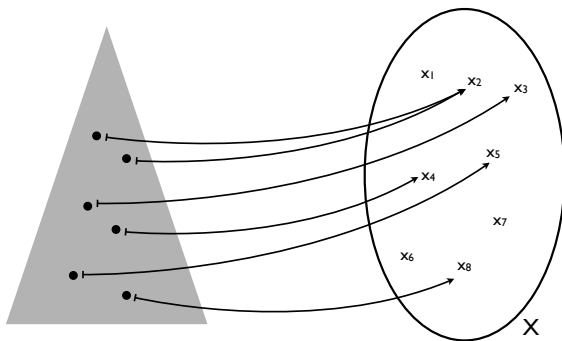
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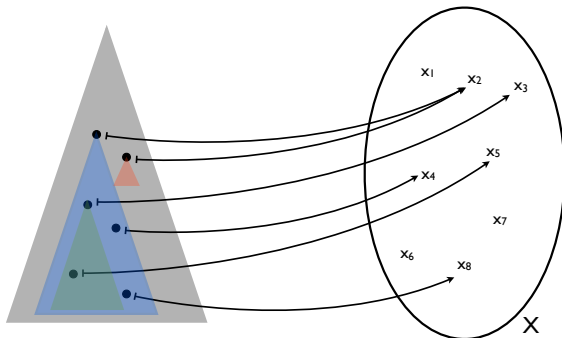
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- **Examples:** lists, streams, trees, zippers, ...
- **Containers** provide us with a handy **syntax** to analyse them

# 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 **mathematical theory**?
  - What else is this structure **useful** for?

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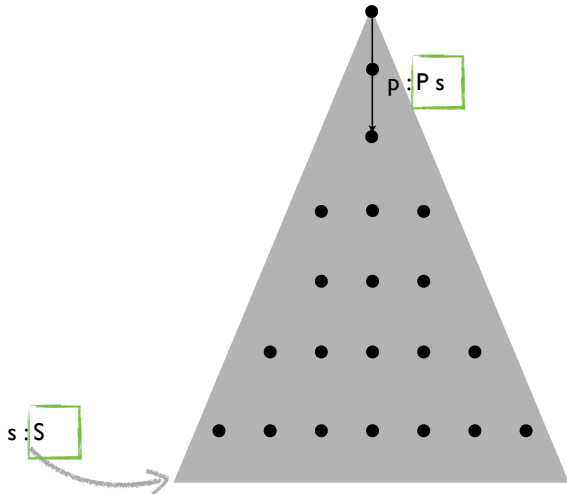
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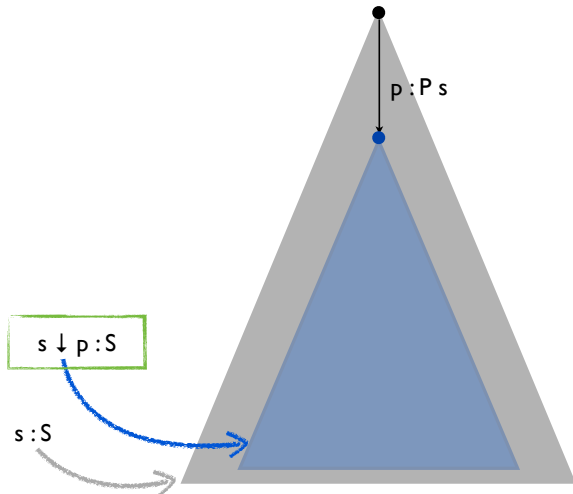
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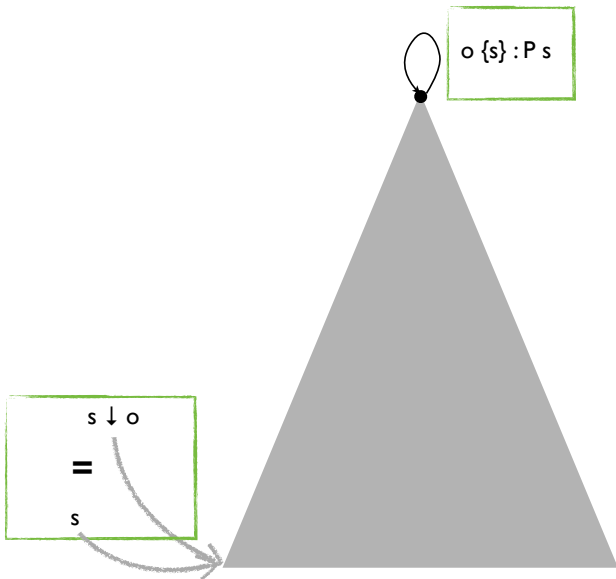
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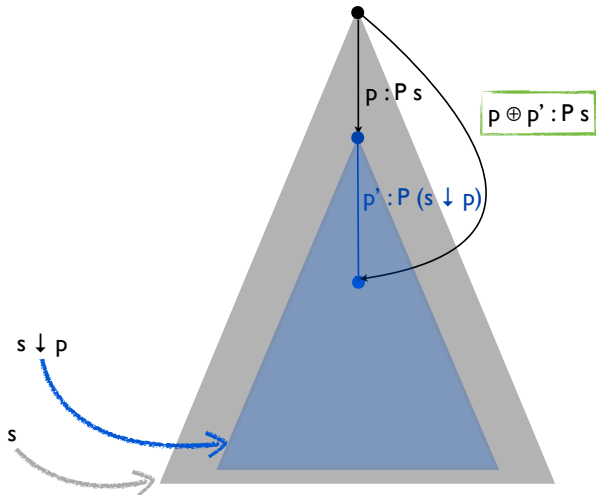
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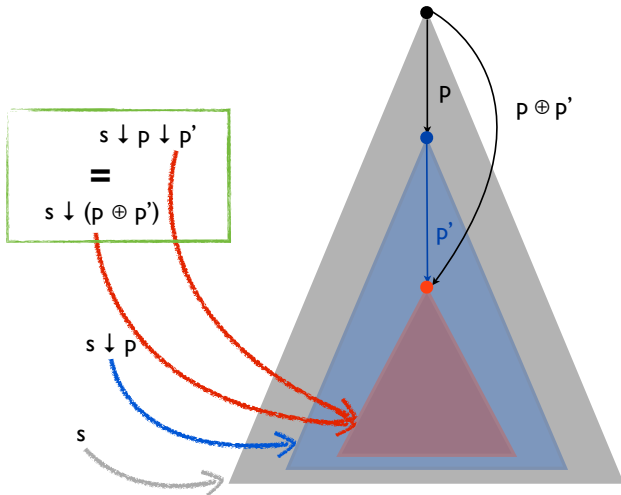
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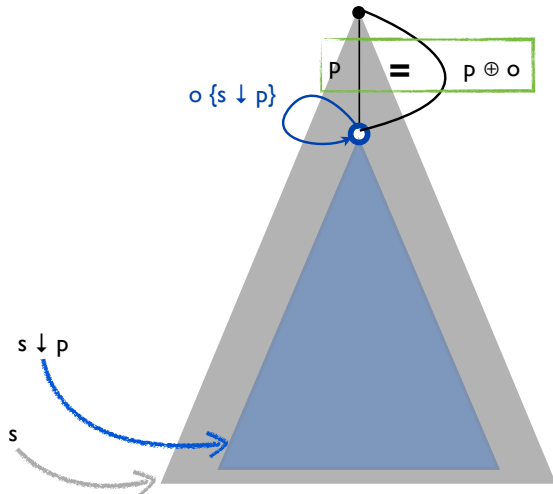
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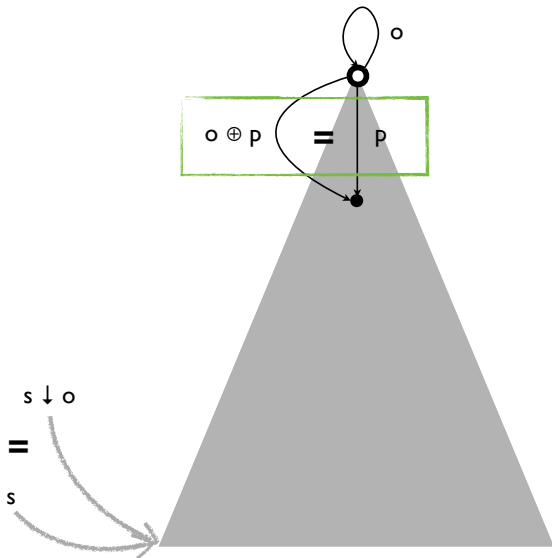
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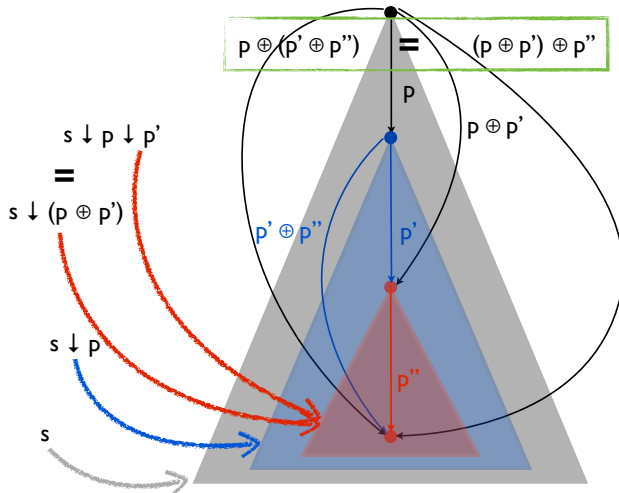


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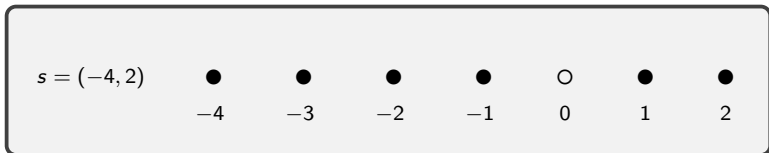
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- $S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Nat} \times \text{Nat}$  *(shapes)*

- $P(n_0, n_1) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{-n_0, \dots, n_1\} = \{-n_0, \dots, -1\} \cup \{0, \dots, n_1\}$  *(pos.)*



- $(n_0, n_1) \downarrow m \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (n_0 + m, n_1 - m)$  *(subshapes)*

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- $t : S \rightarrow S'$
- $q : \prod\{s : S\}. P'(ts) \rightarrow P s$  (note the direction!)

such that

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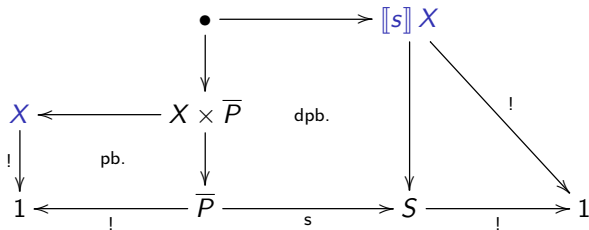
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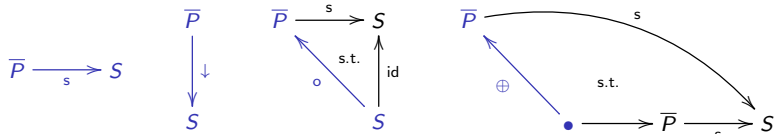
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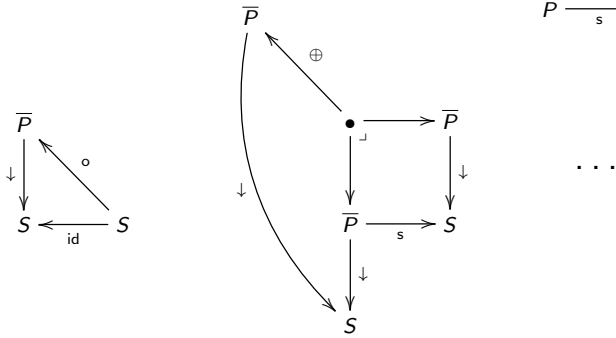


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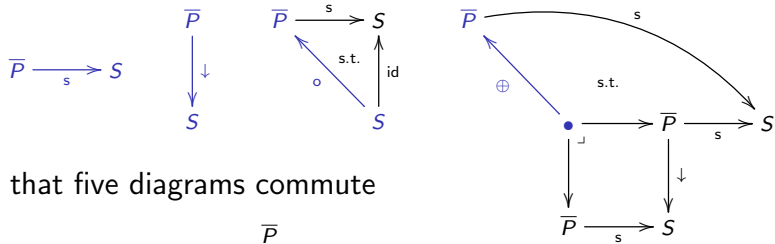


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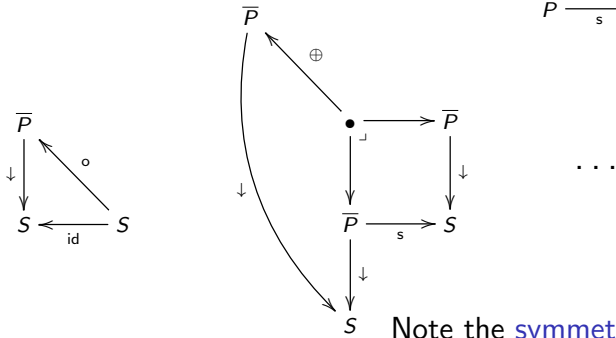


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Note the symmetry in  $s$  and  $\downarrow$  !

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{DCont} & \xrightarrow{U} & \mathbf{Cont} \\ \downarrow \llbracket - \rrbracket^{\text{dc}} \text{ f.f.} & & \downarrow \text{ f.f. } \llbracket - \rrbracket^c \\ \mathbf{Comonads}(\mathbf{Set}) & \xrightarrow{U} & [\mathbf{Set}, \mathbf{Set}] \end{array}$$

## **Some constructions on directed containers**



# Coproducts of directed containers

- Given  $(S_0 \triangleleft P_0, \downarrow_0, o_0, \oplus_0)$  and  $(S_1 \triangleleft P_1, \downarrow_1, o_1, \oplus_1)$ , their **coproduct** is  $(S \triangleleft P, \downarrow, o, \oplus)$  where
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- It interprets as  $\llbracket S_0 \triangleleft P_0, \downarrow_0, \mathbf{o}_0, \oplus_0 \rrbracket^{\text{dc}} + \llbracket S_1 \triangleleft P_1, \downarrow_1, \mathbf{o}_1, \oplus_1 \rrbracket^{\text{dc}}$

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- But analogously to the coprod. of (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 **directed container** determined by a strict dcon. has
  - $P s \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 + P^+ s$
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with

$$(\overline{P_0^+}, \overline{P_1^+}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mu(Z_0, Z_1). (\lambda(s_0, v_0). \Sigma p_0 : P_0^+ s_0. (1 + Z_1 (v_0 p_0)), \\ \lambda(s_1, v_1). \Sigma p_1 : P_1^+ s_1. (1 + Z_0 (v_1 p_1)))$$

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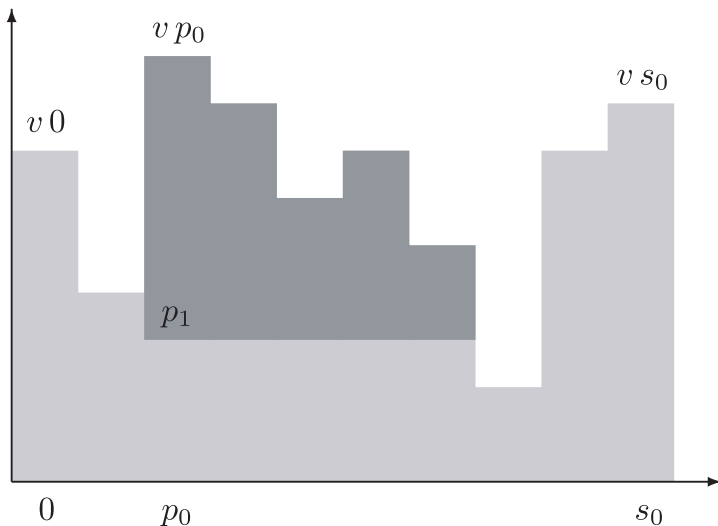
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# Cointerpretation of (directed) containers

- 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**

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- 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
  - $S : \mathbf{Set}$
  - $P_S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S$
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- Monotonic state as in  $F^*$

- $S : \mathbf{Set}$

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

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

- $\leq$  when  $S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Nat}$  and modelling **monotonic counters**
- transition relation of some **state machine** (with states in  $S$ )
- subset relation for **references** when  $S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{heap}$

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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 size buffer of length  $n$
- storing values of some type  $A$

- $S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A^{\leq n}$

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

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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  $P$  constant, 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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  - now both the database and the view have their own updates

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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}
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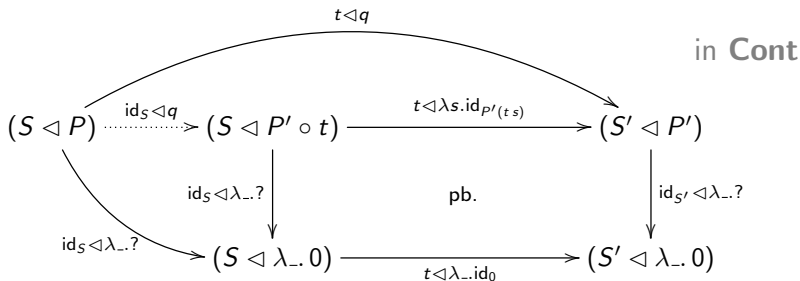
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we can factorise  $(t \triangleleft q)$  as  $(t \triangleleft \lambda s. \text{id}_{P'(t s)}) \circ (\text{id}_S \triangleleft q)$  where



inspired by the full image factorisation of ordinary functors

- Notably, this works for all pullback-preserving comonads

# Conclusions

- Directed containers
  - type-theoretic and polynomial presentations
  - their use in functional programming
  - why are they canonical such structure?
- Some constructions on directed containers
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  - strict directed containers and their products
  - focussing a container
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