

# A Concrete Introduction to Abstract (Co)Inductive Datatypes TABLEAUX 2015

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# Overview

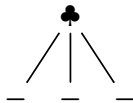
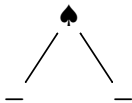
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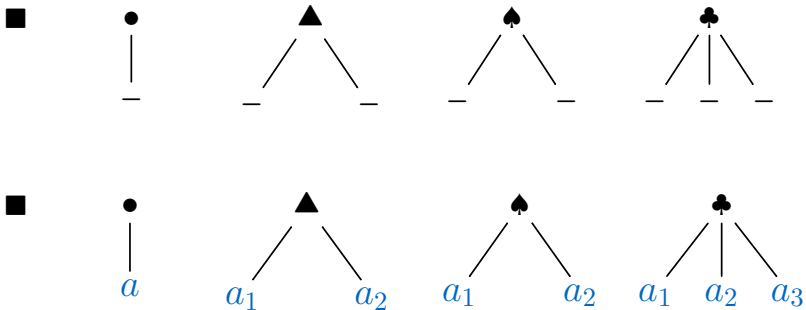
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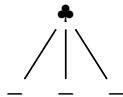
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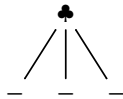
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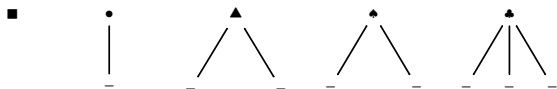


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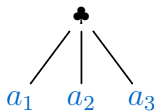
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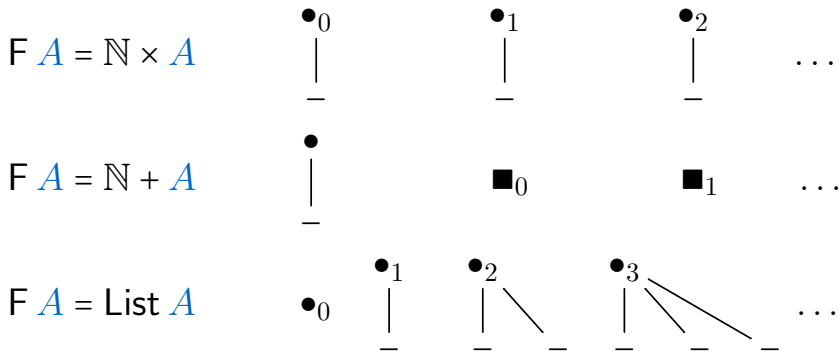
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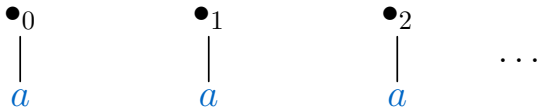
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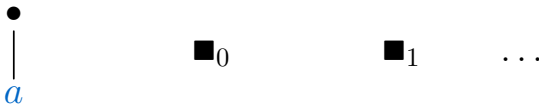


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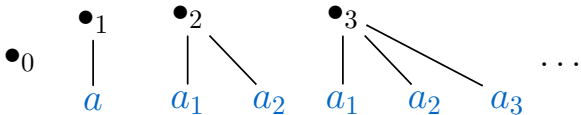
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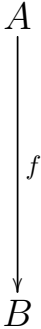
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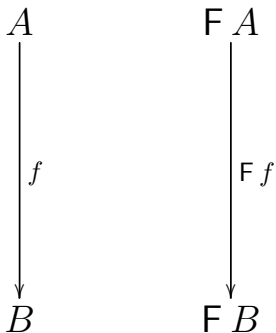


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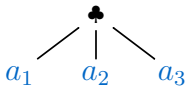
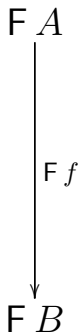
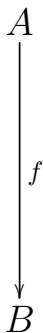




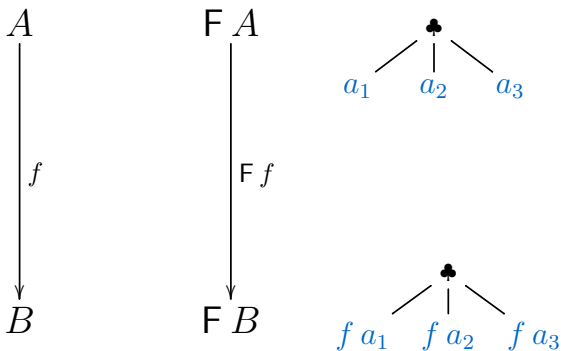
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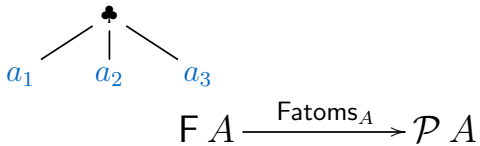


Keep the same shape  
Apply  $f$  to the content

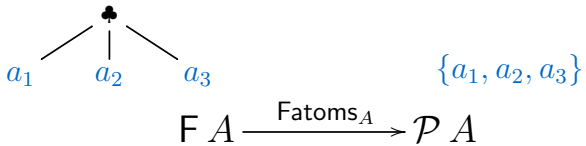
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$F : \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

**Functoriality:** For all  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ , we have  $F A \xrightarrow{F f} F B$  such that:

$$F \text{id}_A = \text{id}_{FA}$$

$$F (g \circ f) = F g \circ F f$$

**Naturality:** For all  $A$ , we have  $F A \xrightarrow{\text{Fatoms}_A} \mathcal{P} A$  such that, for all  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ :

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$$F f (n, a) = (n, f a)$$

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$$F A = \mathbb{N} + A$$

$$F f (\text{Left } n) = \text{Left } n$$

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$$F f (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n) = f a_1 \cdot f a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot f a_n$$

$$\text{Fatoms} (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$$



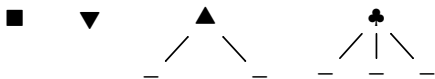
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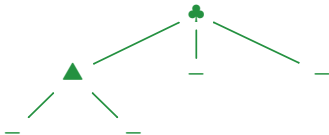
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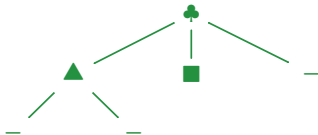
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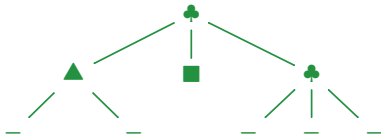
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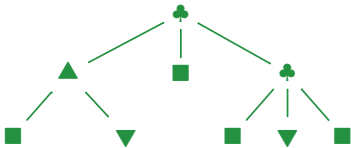
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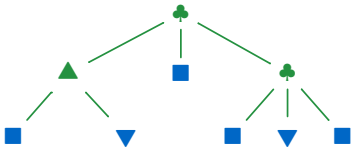
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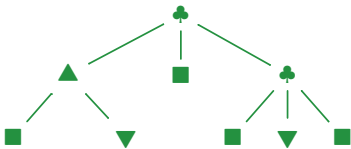
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## Recall: Properties of $I_F$

Given a natural functor  $F$ ,  $(I_F, \text{ctor} : F I_F \rightarrow I_F)$  satisfies:

ctor bijection

$I_F = \text{the datatype of } F$

**Iteration (Initial Algebra Property):** For all  $(A, s : F A \rightarrow A)$ , there exists a unique function  $\text{iter}_s$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F I_F & \xrightarrow{F \text{iter}_s} & F A \\ \text{ctor} \downarrow & & \downarrow s \\ I_F & \xrightarrow{\text{iter}_s} & A \end{array}$$

**Induction:** Given any predicate  $\varphi$  on  $I_F$

$$\frac{\forall x \in F I_F. (\forall i \in \text{Fatoms } x. \varphi i) \Rightarrow \varphi (\text{ctor } x)}{\forall i \in I_F. \varphi i}$$

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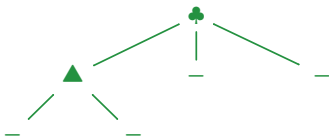
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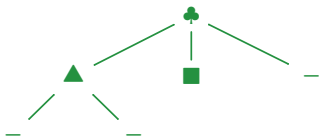
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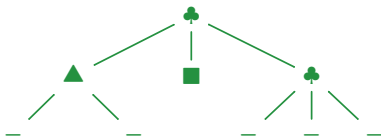
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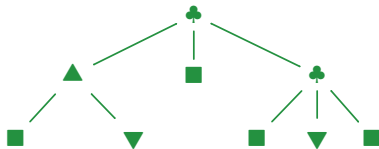
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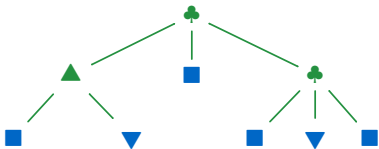
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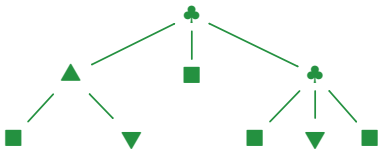
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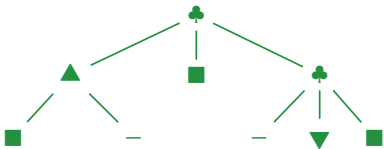
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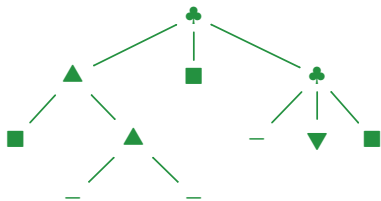
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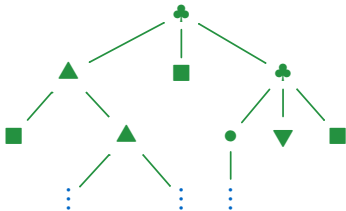
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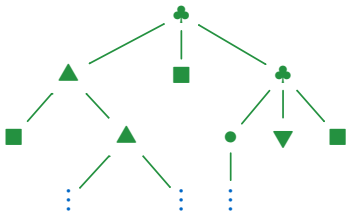
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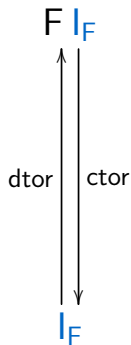
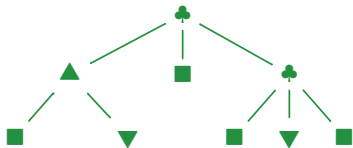
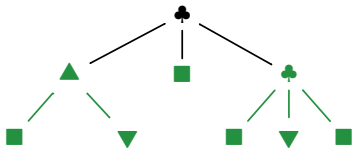


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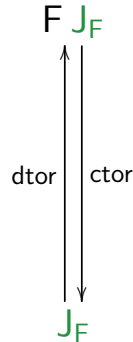
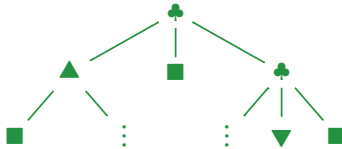
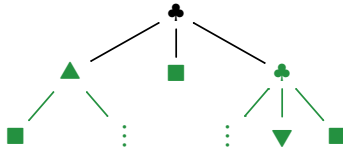
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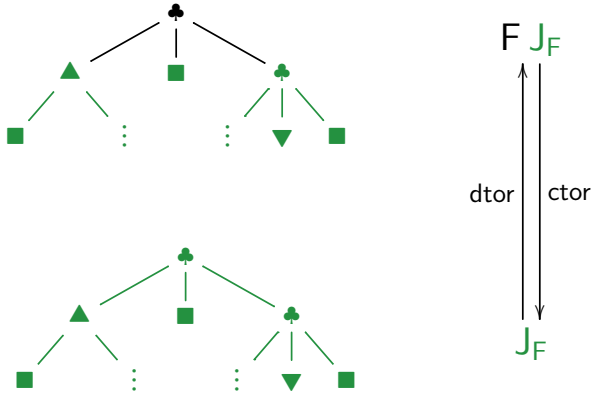
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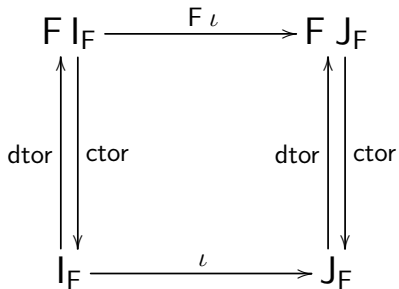
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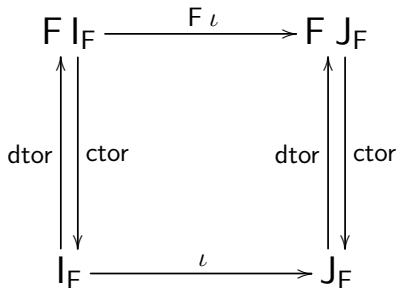
A similar property holds for  $J_F$ , where we use the same notations for constructor and destructor

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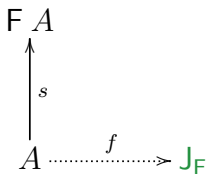
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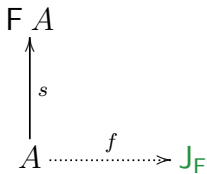
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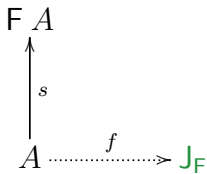
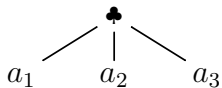


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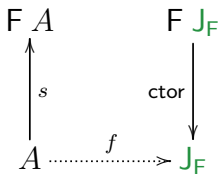
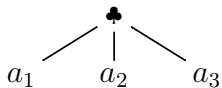
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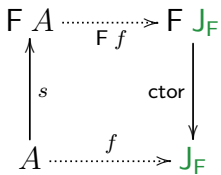
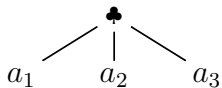
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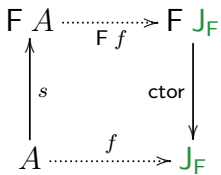
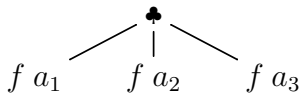
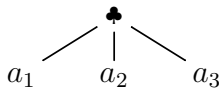
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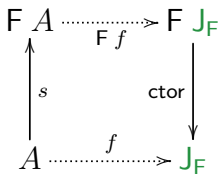
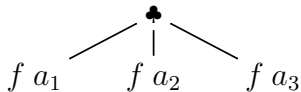
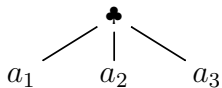
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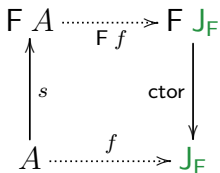
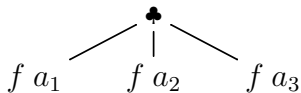
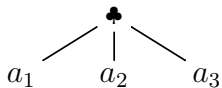
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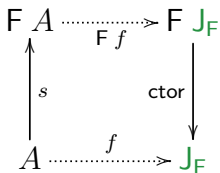
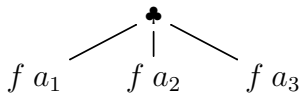
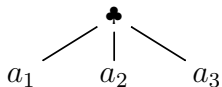


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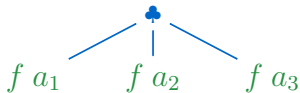


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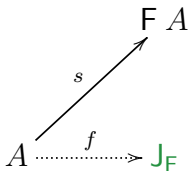


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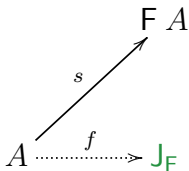


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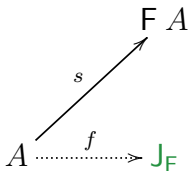
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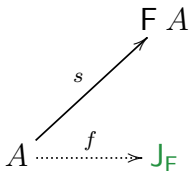
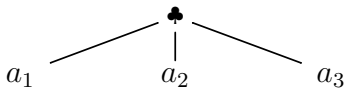
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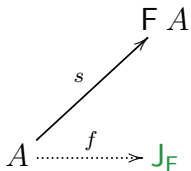
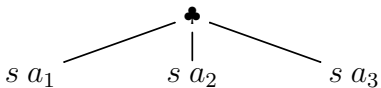
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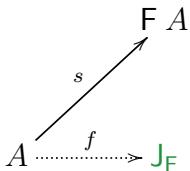
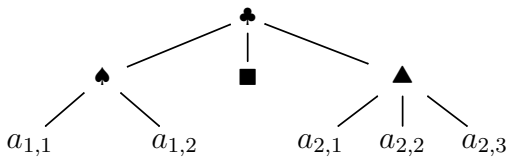
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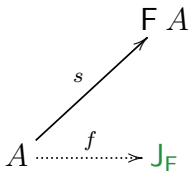
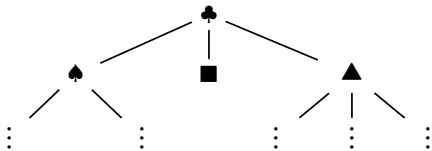


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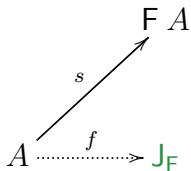
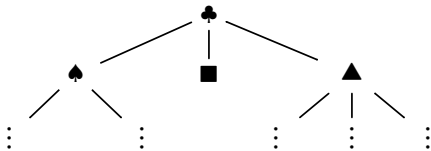
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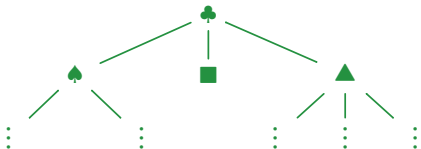


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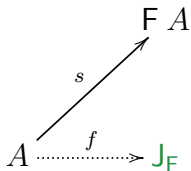
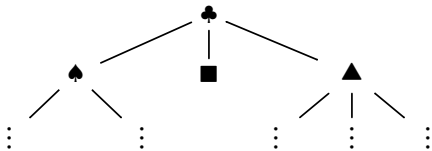
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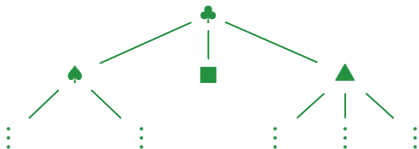


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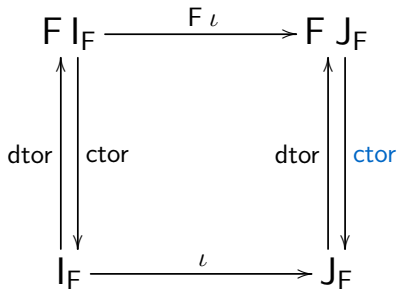
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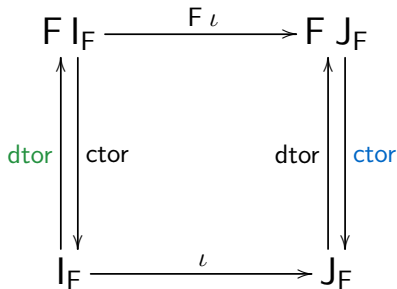


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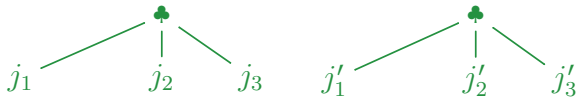
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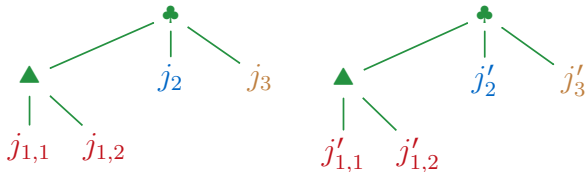
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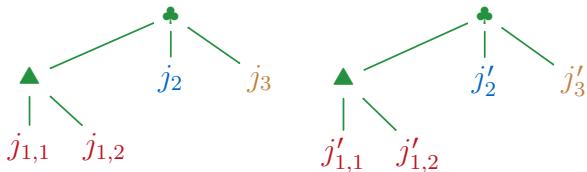
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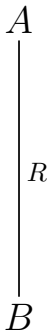
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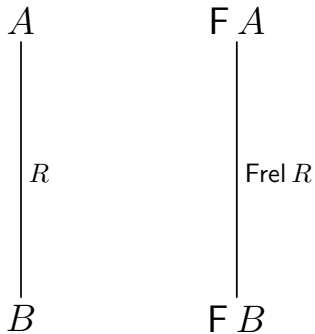
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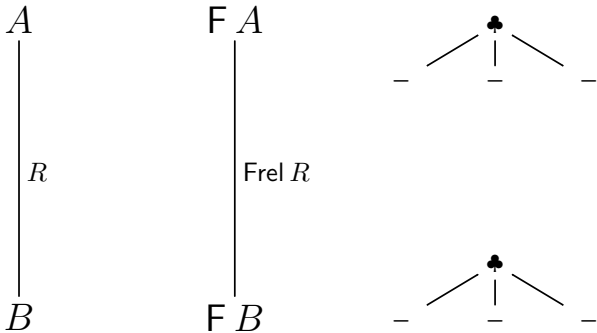
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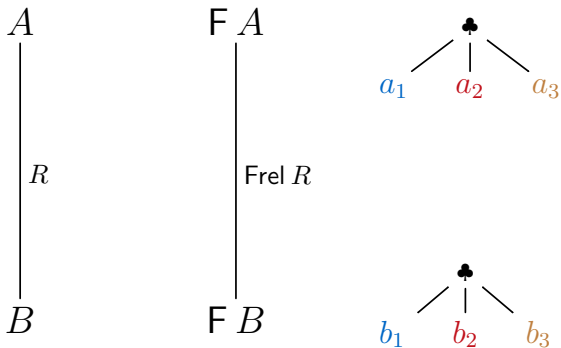
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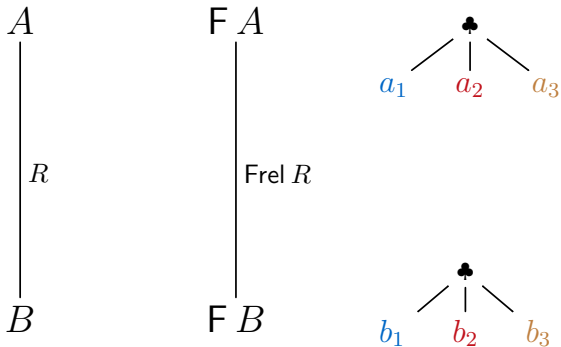


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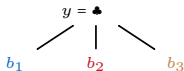
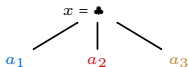
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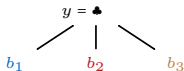
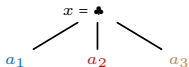
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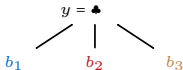
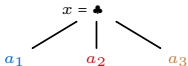
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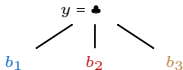
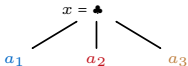
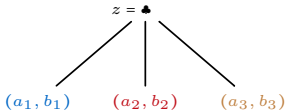


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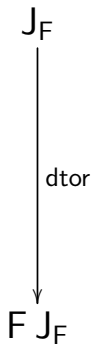
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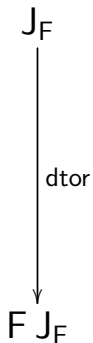
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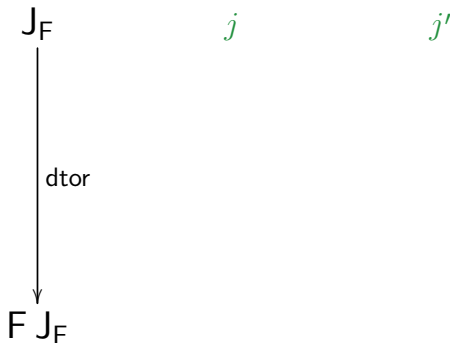


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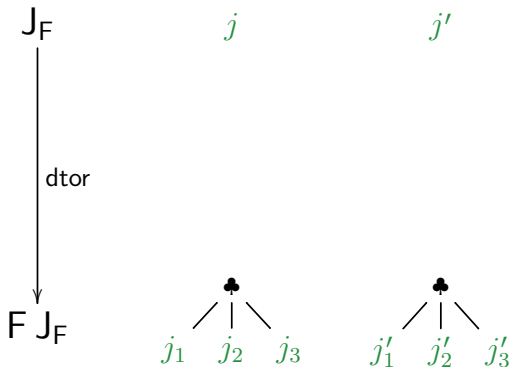
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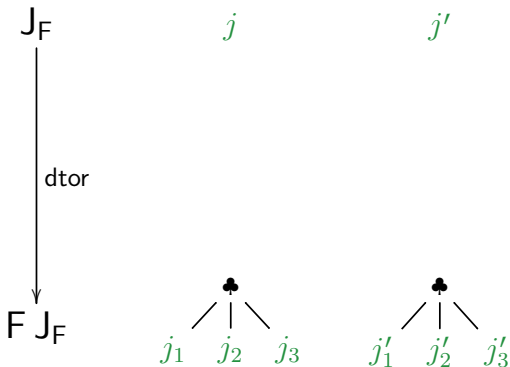
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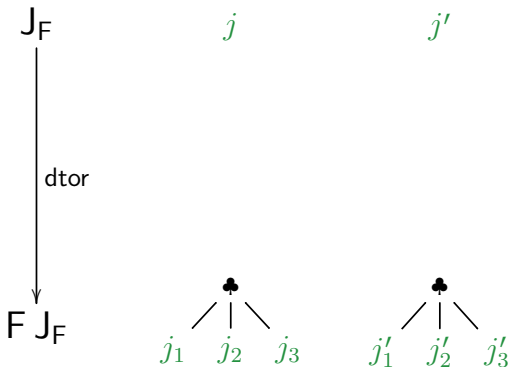


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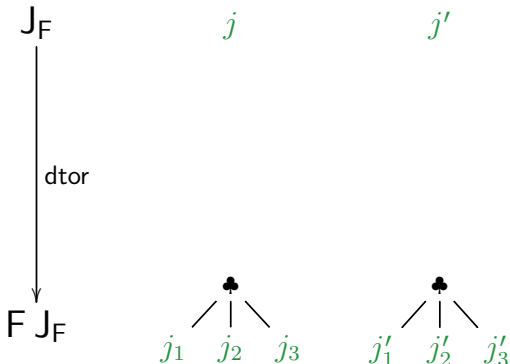


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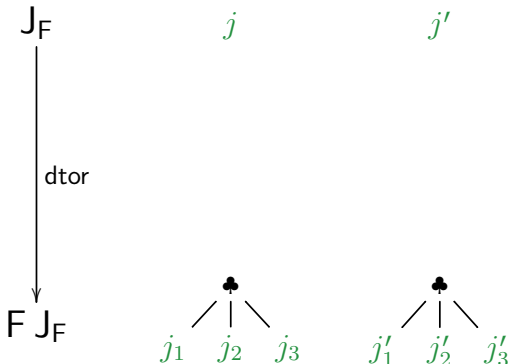


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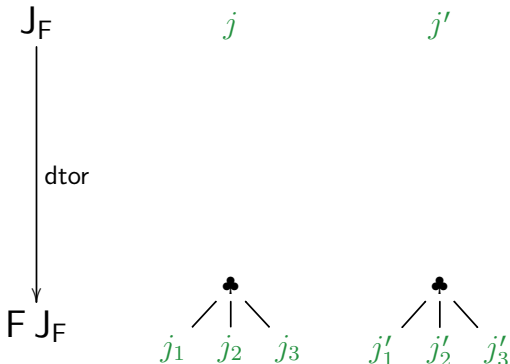
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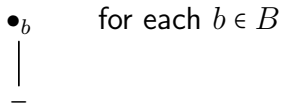
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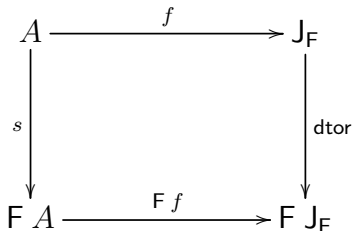
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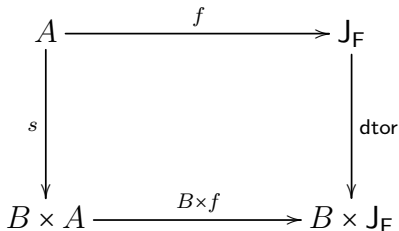


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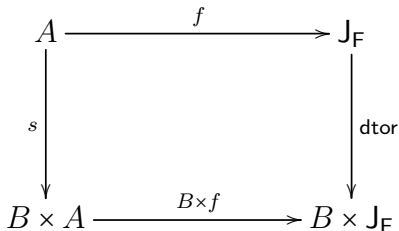


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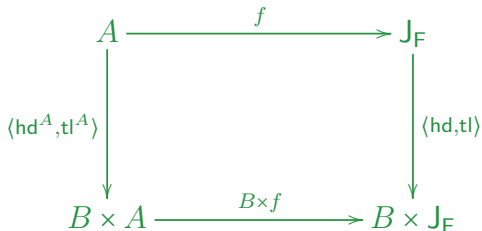


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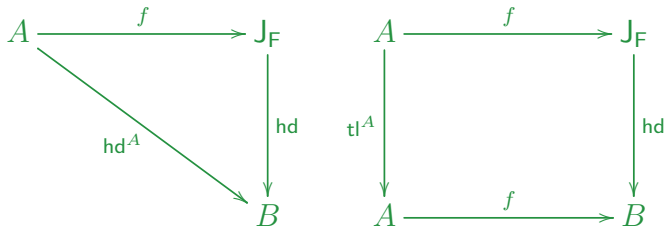


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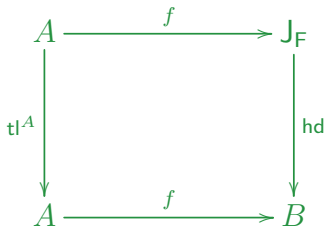
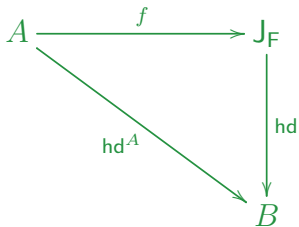


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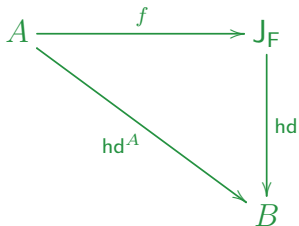


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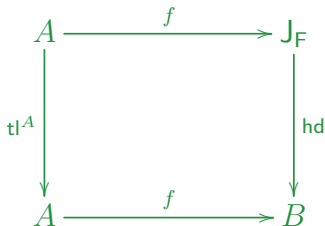
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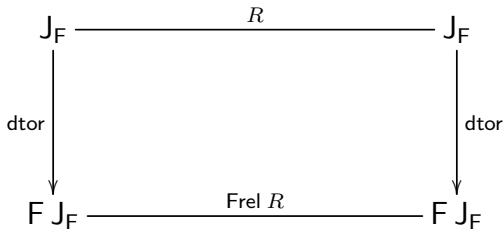
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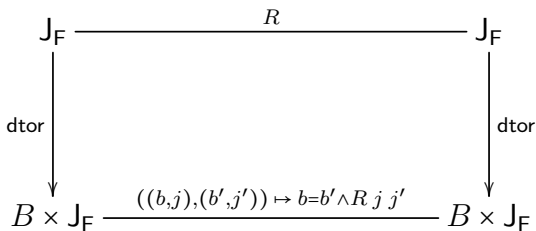
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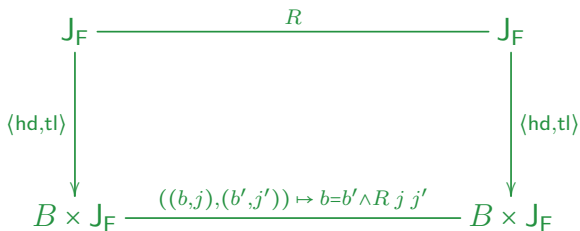
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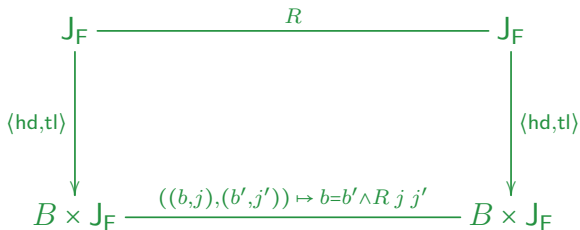
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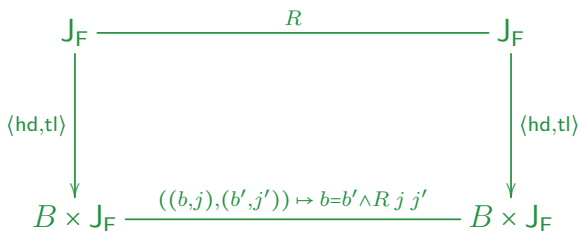


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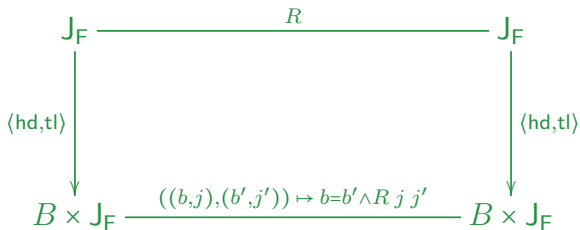


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In the background:

- Isabelle parses this into a natural functor:  $B \mapsto B \times A$
- Then infers high-level principles for (co)recursion and (co)induction for `Stream`
- Finally, `Stream` is itself registered as a natural functor

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- Show a set operator to be a (bounded) natural functor
- Register it
- Then Isabelle will allow nesting it in (co)datatype expressions

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```
datatype  $X$   $A$  =  
  Elements (Finite_Set ( $X$   $A$ ))
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... in the presence of Aczel's Anti-Foundation Axiom

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The abstract reality can be very concrete



# Relevant Literature

## Our work:

Natural functors:

LICS'12, ESOP'15

Flexible corecursion:

ICFP'15

Isabelle implementation:

ITP'14

Case study:

IJCAR'14,

Incremental coinduction:

FOSSACS'10

Non-free datatypes:

LICS'10, ICFP'11, CPP'13

## Other people's work:

Isabelle/ZF codata (Paulson)

Containers

(Abbott, Altenkirch, Ghani)

Fibrations

(Hermida, Jacobs)

Flexible Corecursion

(Turi/Plotkin, Bartels, Jacobs,

Milius, Hinze, Atkey/McBride)

Flexible Coinduction

(Rot, Bonsangue, Rutten, Silva,

Roşu, Endrullis, Hendriks,

Hur/Dreyer/Vafeiadis)

Corecursion in MiniAgda, Agda

(Abel)

