



# Isomorphisms on inductive types

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Using ideas from:

**Abbott, A., Ghani 05** *Containers - Constructing Strictly Positive Types*,  
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we define a notion of morphisms on the multiset semantics. Using our representation theorem we can show that  $f = g$ , if  $\text{pow } f \simeq \text{pow } g$ .

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- Can we use  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) to decide the isomorphism problem for regular expressions? E.g. interpret  $x^* = \frac{1}{1-x}$ .