

A functor is an operator

that maps types to types

X type $\Rightarrow F X$ type

and functions to functions

$f: A \rightarrow B \Rightarrow F f: FA \rightarrow FB$

It must preserve identities and compositions

and compositions

$A \xrightarrow{id_A} A \Rightarrow FA \xrightarrow{F id_A} FA$

Examples:

$$F id_A = id_{FA}$$

$$FX = 1 + X$$

$$FX = 1 + A \times X$$

$$FX = A + X \times X$$

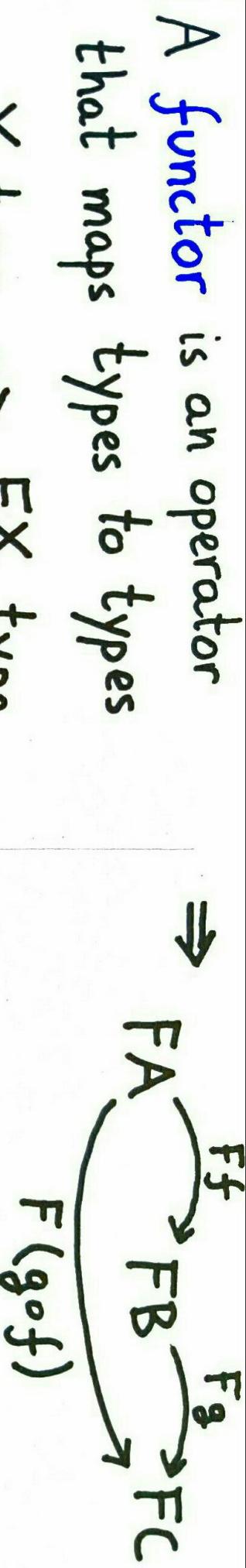
$$FX = (X \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$$

\uparrow not strictly positive

Strictly Positive Functor

FX is defined by an expression where X occurs only on the right of arrows

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



Every strictly positive functor specifies the structure of

a recursive type μF

$$F X = \mathbb{1} + X$$

one constant
one unary constructor
initial element

a constant for every element of A

leaf node

$$F X = A + X \times X$$

binary constructor

↑

μF corresponds to Tree_A

succ

↓

0

μF corresponds to Nat

$$F X = \mathbb{1} + A^* X$$

one constant

unary constructor with parameter A

nil

↓
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μF corresponds to List_A

Rules for the Inductive Type μF

Elements of $F\mu F = \mathbb{1} + \text{Nat}$

$$\mathbb{1} + \text{Nat}$$

Introduction

$$\frac{t : F\mu F}{in_F t : \mu F}$$

$$inl \star \quad inr n$$

↑
only element
of $\mathbb{1}$
any element
of Nat

$$" " "$$

$$\text{zero}$$

$$\text{succ } n$$

- Example: if $FX = \mathbb{1} + X$

then $\mu F \cong \text{Nat}$

The rule says:

if $t : \mathbb{1} + \text{Nat}$
then $in t : \text{Nat}$

$$F\mu F = \mathbb{1} + A \times \text{List}_A$$

$$inl \star$$

$$inr \langle a, \theta \rangle$$

$$a :: \theta$$

- Example: if $FX = \mathbb{1} + A \times X$

then $\mu F \cong \text{List}_A$

Elements of

$$F\mu F = \mathbb{1} + A \times \text{List}_A$$

$$inl \star$$

$$inr \langle a, \theta \rangle$$

$$a :: \theta$$

Elimination

For every type X

$$\frac{f : F X \rightarrow X}{\text{cata } f : \mu F \rightarrow X}$$

Reduction

cata f (in t)

$$\rightsquigarrow f(F(\text{cata } f) t)$$

So we can apply it to $t : \mu F$

$$F(\text{cata } f) t : F X$$

If we now apply f to it:

$$f(F(\text{cata } f) t) : X$$

Explanation:

f tells us how to compute on the constructors and the recursive calls

cata $f : \mu F \rightarrow X$ is called the catamorphism of f

Since the functor F can be applied to functions

$$\text{cata } f : \mu F \rightarrow X \Rightarrow F(\text{cata } f) : F \mu F \rightarrow F X$$

The elimination principle corresponds to iteration: we iterate f down the structure.

- Example:

For $FX = \mathbb{1} + X$
the elimination rule says

$$f : \mathbb{1} + X \rightarrow X$$

$$\text{cata } f : \text{Nat} \rightarrow X$$

equivalent to

$$x_0 : X \quad g : X \rightarrow X$$

$$\text{iterate } x_0 \ g : \text{Nat} \rightarrow X$$

$$\text{iterate } x_0 \ g^n \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{g(g \dots (g}_{n \text{ times}} x_0))$$

- Example

For $FX = \mathbb{1} + A \times X$
the elimination rule says

$$f : \mathbb{1} + A \times X \rightarrow X$$

$$\text{cata } f : \text{List}_A \rightarrow X$$

equivalent to

$$x_0 : X \quad g : A \rightarrow X \rightarrow X$$

$$\text{iterate } x_0 \ g : \text{List}_A \rightarrow X$$

(called `foldr` in Haskell)

$$x_0 = f(\text{inl } *)$$

$$g = \lambda x. f(\text{inr } x)$$