## The roadmap

#### The aim is to understand this:

In category theory, the concept of catamorphism denotes the unique homomorphism from an initial algebra into some other algebra.

#### To better understand this:

In functional programming, catamorphisms provide generalizations of folds of lists to arbitrary algebraic data types, which can be described as initial algebras. The dual concept is that of anamorphism that generalize unfolds. A hylomorphism is the composition of an anamorphism followed by a catamorphism.

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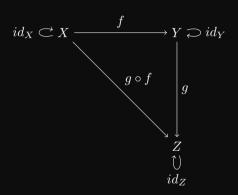


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## Functors, endofunctors

A functor is a mapping between categories that sends objects to objects (types to types) and arrows to arrows (terms to terms), preserving identity arrows and composition, possibly across categories.

```
fmap id = id
fmap f . fmap g = fmap (f . g)
```

Endofunctors map from a category to the same category.

In the case of Hask:

```
class Functor (f :: * -> *) where
fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

# Algebra "over" an endofunctor

For a category C and endofunctor F an algebra of F is an object X in C and a morphism:

$$alg: F(X) \rightarrow X$$

X is called the "carrier" of the algebra.

-- For a category and endofunctor
data F a = Zero | Succ a

-- An algebra of F is an X in C
type X = Natural

-- And a morphism

alg :: F X -> X

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## **F** Natural -> Natural

```
data F a = Zero | Succ a
alg :: F Natural -> Natural
alg Zero = 0
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> alg Zero
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## An alternate algebra, same F and C, different X

```
alg' :: F String -> String
alg' Zero = "!"
alg' (Succ s) = "QUACK" ++ s

> alg' $ Succ $ alg' $ Succ $ alg' Zero
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### Prescient fun fact

An initial object of a category C is an object I in C such that for every object X in C, there exists precisely one morphism  $I \to X$ . - Wikipedia

(up to isomorphism)

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## Homomorphisms between two algebras.

An arrow in the category of F-algebras of a given endofunctor e.g. between (Natural, alg) and (String, alg') is a function mapping the carrier in the underlying category (Hask, hom: Natural -> String), such that the following square commutes:

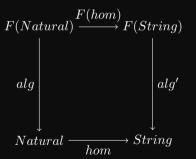


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## That is to say that

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fNat :: F Natural
fNat = Succ 1
hom :: Natural -> String
hom n = timesN n "QUACK" ++ "!"
> alg fNat
> hom $ alg fNat -- "QUACKQUACK!"
> alg' $ fmap hom fNat -- "QUACKQUACK!"
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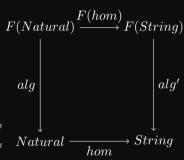


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#### Initial:

▶ There is a unique morphism from the initial algebra to all other algebras.

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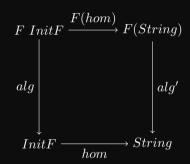


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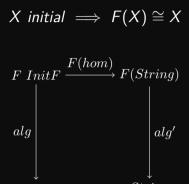


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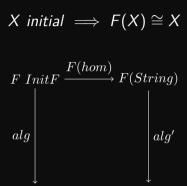


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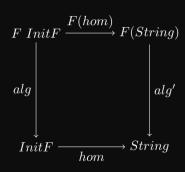


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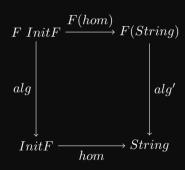


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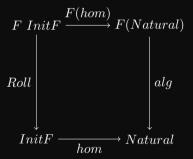


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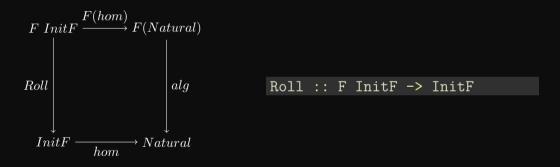


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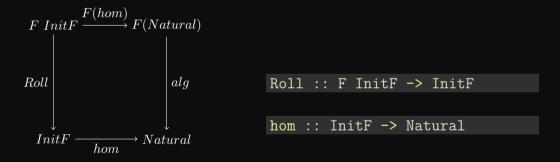
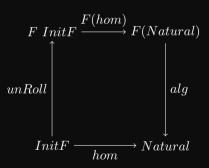


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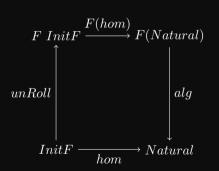
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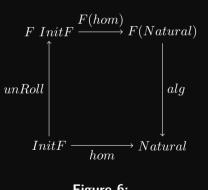


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# **Hutton's razor - final tagless**

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class Calculator a where
    lit :: Int -> a
    add :: a -> a -> a
    mult :: a -> a -> a
instance Calculator Int where
    lit = id
    add = (+)
    mult = (*)
instance Calculator String where
    lit = show
    add s1 s2 = s1 ++ " + \frac{"}{} ++ s2
    mult s1 s2 = s1 ++ "x" ++ s2
```

# Hutton's razor - F algebra

```
data Calculator a = Lit Int | Add a a | Mult a a deriving Functor
evalAlg :: Calculator Int -> Int
evalAlg (Lit i) = i
evalAlg (Add i1 i2) = i1 + i2
evalAlg (Mult i1 i2) = i1 * i2
ppAlg :: Calculator String -> String
ppAlg (Lit i) = show i
ppAlg (Add s1 s2) = s1 ++ " + " ++ s2
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pp :: Fix Calculator -> String
pp = cata ppAlg

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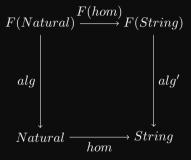


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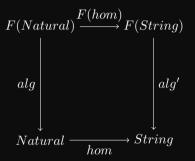


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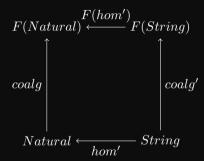


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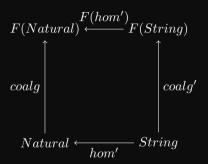


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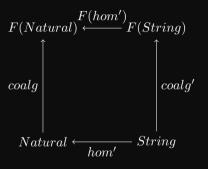


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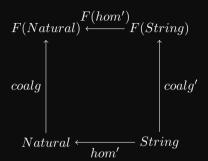


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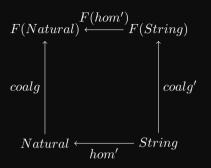


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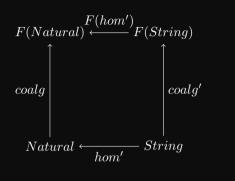


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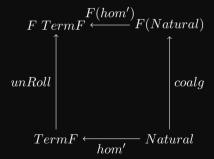


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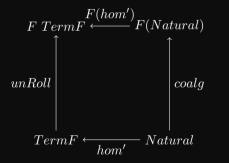


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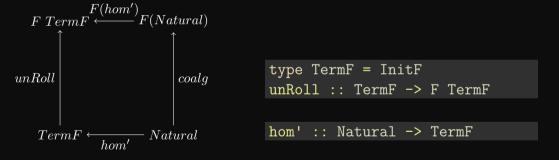


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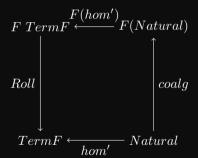
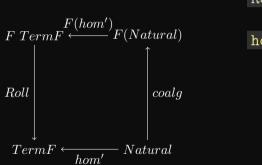


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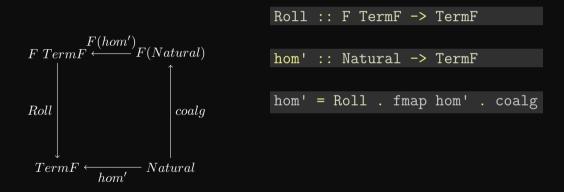
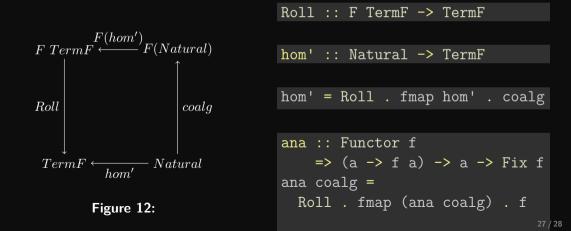


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