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Evaluation à la Carte

Non-Strict Evaluation via Compositional Data Types

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Injection and projection functions

$inject :: (g \prec f) \Rightarrow g \text{ (Term } f) \rightarrow \text{Term } f$

$project :: (g \prec f) \Rightarrow \text{Term } f \rightarrow \text{Maybe } (g \text{ (Term } f))$



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cata :: $Functor\ f \Rightarrow (f\ a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow Term\ f \rightarrow a$

cata *f* (*Term* *t*) = *f* (*fmap* (*cata* *f*) *t*)

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