



## Evaluation à la Carte Non-Strict Evaluation via Compositional Data Types

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#### Injection and projection functions

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{inject} :: (g \prec f) \Rightarrow g \; (\textit{Term } f) \rightarrow \textit{Term } f \\ \textit{project} :: (g \prec f) \Rightarrow \textit{Term } f \rightarrow \textit{Maybe} \; (g \; (\textit{Term } f)) \end{array}$ 



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### Applying a function recursively to a term

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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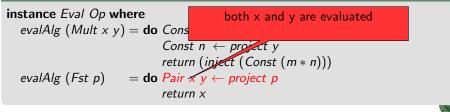
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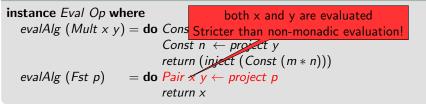


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