

Coalgebraic Logic Programming

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Syntax of Horn-clause Logic

First-order signature Σ

- constants;
- function symbols;
- predicates;

- variables;
- connectives \wedge, \vee, \neg ;
- quantifiers \forall, \exists

Standard definition of first-order term and formula. Atom is a formula containing no connectives or quantifiers; literal is an atom or a negation of an atom.

A clause is a formula $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n (L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_m)$,

where each L is a literal; and x_1, \dots, x_n – are all variables occurring in L_1, \dots, L_m .

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Notation for clauses

$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n (A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_m \vee \neg B_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg B_k)$

is denoted by

$A_1, \dots, A_m \leftarrow B_1, \dots, B_k$

Horn Clauses

- a definite clause $A \leftarrow B_1, \dots, B_k$ or
- a goal $\leftarrow B_1, \dots, B_k$

A (definite) logic program is a finite set of definite clauses

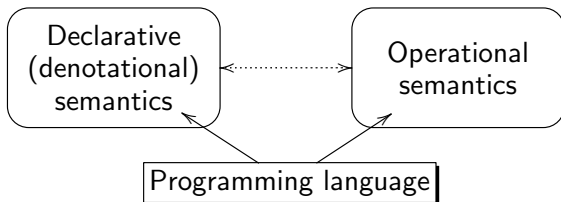
... Gives us a Turing-complete programming language.

Example: lists of natural numbers

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The Semantics game:



Herbrand models for Logic Programs

[70s-80s: Apt, van Emden, Kowalski]

Herbrand Universe and Herbrand Base for a program P

- U_P – the set of all ground terms formed from Σ
- B_P – the set of all ground atoms formed from Σ

Herbrand interpretation for P

- Domain of interpretation is U_P
- Constants in P are assigned themselves in U_P
- If $f^n \in P$, it is assigned the mapping $(U_P)^n \rightarrow U_P$ defined by $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$.
- If $Q^n \in P$, it is assigned a mapping $(U_P)^n \rightarrow \{true, false\}$.

Herbrand interpretation is often identified with a subset of the Herbrand base – the set of all ground atoms that are true under the interpretation.

Herbrand Models

Herbrand model for P is an Herbrand interpretation for atoms over Σ_P which is a model for P .

The model intersection property

given a set of non-empty Herbrand models $\{M_i\}$ for P , $\bigcap_i M_i$ is a model for P , also known as the *least Herbrand model* of P , denoted by M_P .

The set of all Herbrand interpretations for a program P forms a complete lattice under the partial order of set inclusion; the top element of this lattice is B_P and the bottom element is \emptyset .

Fixed point semantics

If HI is a Herbrand interpretation for P , define

$$T_P(HI) = \{t \in B_P \mid \\ t \leftarrow t_1, \dots, t_n \text{ is a ground instance of a clause in } P \text{ and} \\ t_1, \dots, t_n \subseteq HI\}.$$

Some properties; making use of Knaster-Tarski and Kleene theorems

T_P is monotonic and continuous

$$M_P = \text{lfp}(T_P) = T_P \uparrow \omega$$

$$\text{gfp}(T_P) = T_P \downarrow \alpha, \alpha \text{ may be greater than } \omega$$

With standard definitions:

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α is a successor ordinal

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Example:

For **NatList**:

$$\begin{aligned} T_P \uparrow \omega = & \\ & \{ \text{nat}(0), \text{nat}(s(0)), \text{nat}(s(s(0))), \dots \} \\ & \text{list}(\text{cons}(0, \text{nil})), \text{list}(\text{cons}(s(0), \text{nil})), \text{list}(\text{cons}(s(s(0)), \text{nil})), \dots \\ & \text{list}(\text{cons}(0, \text{cons}(0, \text{nil}))), \text{list}(\text{cons}(s(0), \text{cons}(0, \text{nil}))), \\ & \text{list}(\text{cons}(s(s(0)), \text{cons}(0, \text{nil}))), \dots \\ & \vdots \\ & \} \end{aligned}$$

“Operational Semantics” (?)

SLD resolution + Unification

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The answer is $x/O, y/nil$, but we can get more substitutions by backtracking. We can backtrack infinitely many times, but each time computation will terminate.

Soundness and Completeness

[70s-80s: Apt, van Emden, Kowalski]

Theorem (Soundness and Completeness of Derivations)

Soundness. *Given a logic program P , and an atom A , if there is a refutation for P and $\leftarrow A$, then there is a grounding substitution θ , such that $\theta(A) \in M_P$.*

Completeness. *Given a logic program P , and an atom $A \in M_P$, there is a refutation for A .*

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Semantics may go wrong as well: $\text{gfp}(T_P)$ will contain an infinite term corresponding to stream: so completeness fails.

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    |  
    ← stream(y)  
        |  
← bit(x1), stream(y1)  
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        |  
← bit(x2), stream(y2)  
    |  
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        |  
        ⋮
```

A quick look at Greatest Fixed point semantics

[80s: Abdallah, van Emden, Lloyd]

- Extend U'_P to contain infinite terms;
- Extend B'_P to contain infinite atoms;
- Amend T'_P and M'_P accordingly.

$$\begin{array}{l} M'_P = \text{lfp}(T'_P) = T'_P \uparrow \omega \\ \text{gfp}(T'_P) = T'_P \downarrow \omega \end{array}$$

Instead of SLD-resolution: – “computation of an infinite atom at infinity”.
Soundness, but not completeness...

Computation at infinity...

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                        |  
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                            |  
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At infinity, converges to `bitlist(scons(0, scons(0, scons(0, ...)))`

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What kind of semantic support for (co)recursion is possible?

Looking for Inspiration

Lets take a (hopefully useful) detour into typeful functional languages

Inductive Types and Recursive Functions

```
Inductive list (A : Type) : Type :=  
  | nil : list A  
  | cons : A -> list A -> list A.
```

Recursive functions have arguments of inductive types.

```
Fixpoint length (A:Type) (l: list A) : nat :=  
  match l with  
  | nil => 0  
  | cons _ l' => S (length l')  
end.
```


Termination

Universal Termination

A recursive function is terminating, if it terminates for all possible (legal) inputs.

“Easy” to reason about, as legal input is defined by constructors; checking for structural recursion is one elegant way to decide termination.

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Coinductive Types and Corecursive Functions

```
CoInductive stream (A:Set) : Set :=  
SCons: A -> stream A -> stream A.
```

Corecursive functions have outputs of coinductive types. (Type of input arguments is not important.)

```
CoFixpoint map (s:Stream A) : Stream B :=  
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The element of the stream at position n can be found by:

Definition

$$\begin{cases} \text{nth } 0 \text{ (SCons } a \text{ t1)} = a \\ \text{nth } (S \ n) \text{ (SCons } a \text{ t1)} = \text{nth } n \text{ t1} \end{cases}$$

A given stream s is productive if we can be sure that the computation of $\text{nth } n \ s$ is guaranteed to terminate, whatever the value of n is.

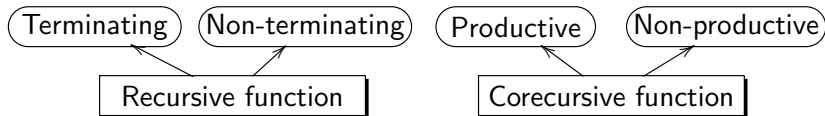
We call a function *productive*, if, for any given input, it outputs a productive value.

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To notice:

Syntactic decision: e.g. structural recursion

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- The role of inductive and coinductive types in definition of recursive and corecursive functions
- The role of constructors and (co)-pattern matching

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Example

`add(0,y,y) ←`
`add(s(x),y,s(z)) ← add(x,y,z)`

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May be we need a new operational semantics?

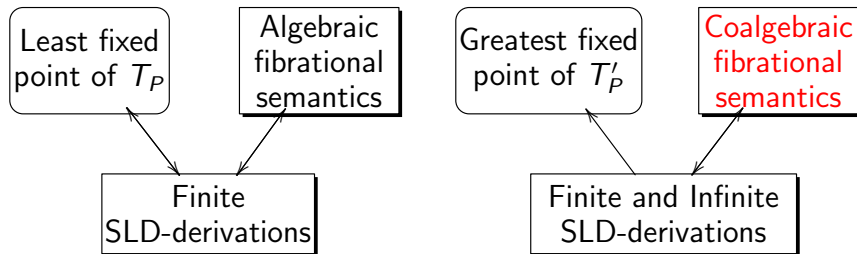
- ④ Our work, from 2010-14, – coalgebraic semantics for LP – a solution?

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Coalgebraic Logic programming...

An independent discovery



Fibrational Coalgebraic Semantics of CoALP in 3 ideas

Idea 1: Logic programs as coalgebras

Definition

For a functor F , a *coalgebra* is a pair (U, c) consisting of a set U and a function $c : U \rightarrow F(U)$.

- Let At be the set of all atoms appearing in a program P . Then P can be identified with a $P_f P_f$ -coalgebra (At, p) , where $p : At \rightarrow P_f(P_f(At))$ sends an atom A to the set of bodies of those clauses in P with head A .

Example

$$T \leftarrow Q, R$$
$$T \leftarrow S$$
$$p(T) = \{\{Q, R\}, \{S\}\}$$

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Idea 2: Derivations as Comonads

In general, if $U : H\text{-}coalg \rightarrow C$ has a right adjoint G , the composite functor $UG : C \rightarrow C$ possesses the canonical structure of a *comonad* $C(H)$, called the *cofree* comonad on H . One can form a *coalgebra* for a comonad $C(H)$.

- Taking $p : At \rightarrow P_f P_f(At)$, the corresponding $C(P_f P_f)$ -coalgebra where $C(P_f P_f)$ is the cofree comonad on $P_f P_f$ is given as follows: $C(P_f P_f)(At)$ is given by a limit of the form

$$\dots \rightarrow At \times P_f P_f(At \times P_f P_f(At)) \rightarrow At \times P_f P_f(At) \rightarrow At.$$

This gives a “tree-like” structure: we call them **&V-trees**.

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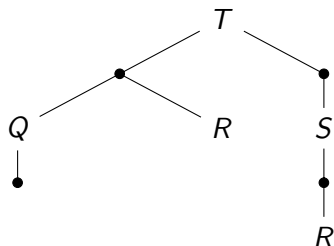
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This models and-or parallel trees known in LP [AMAST 2010]

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- model a program P by the $[\mathcal{L}_\Sigma^{op}, P_f P_f]$ -coalgebra $p : At \rightarrow P_f P_f At$ on the category $[\mathcal{L}_\Sigma^{op}, \text{Set}]$.

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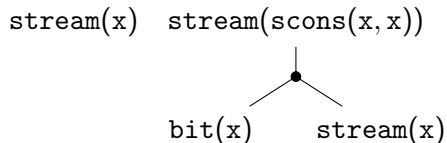
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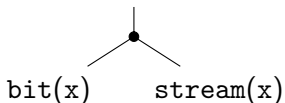
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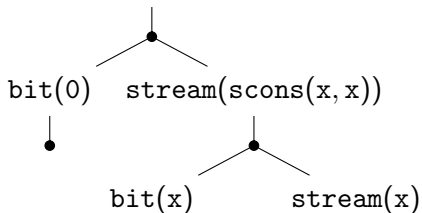
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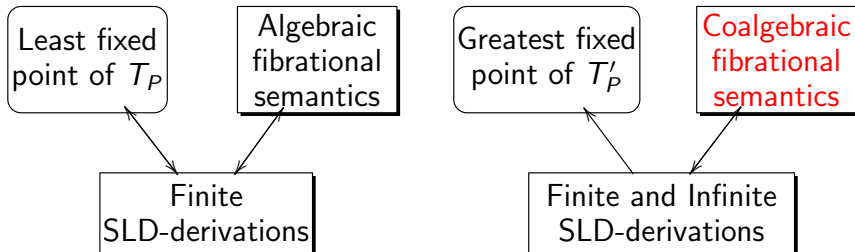
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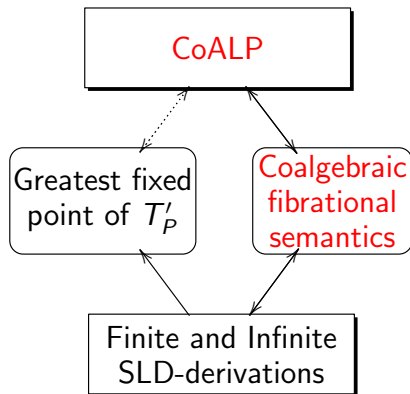
[CSL 2011, JLC 2014]

There is more structure in this fibrational coalgebraic semantics than in SLD-resolution!!!



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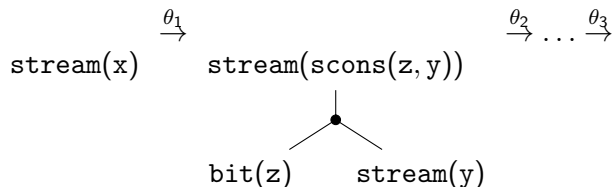
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1. \Rightarrow gives hope for a formalism to describe termination and productivity
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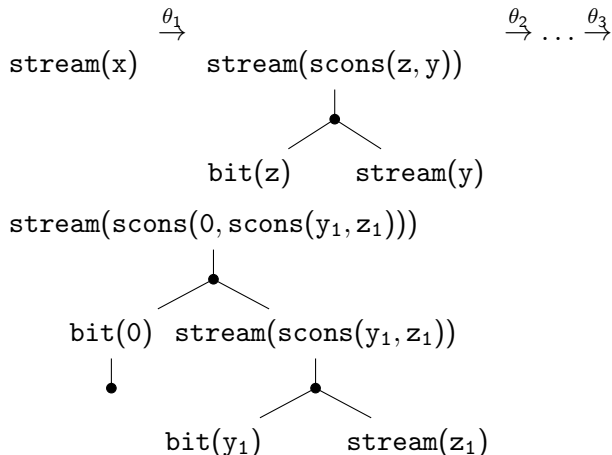
Lazy Corecursion in CoALP: Coinductive trees

`stream(x)` $\xrightarrow{\theta_1}$

Lazy Corecursion in CoALP: Coinductive trees



Lazy Corecursion in CoALP



The above would correspond to one-branch of SLD-derivations we have seen! The main driving force: separation of layers of computations into different Tiers.

CoALP: the three-tier calculus of trees

Inspired by Fibrational Coalgebraic Semantics, a new three-tier Calculus of Horn-Clause Logic

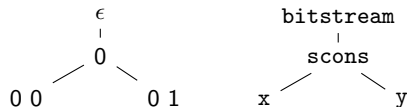
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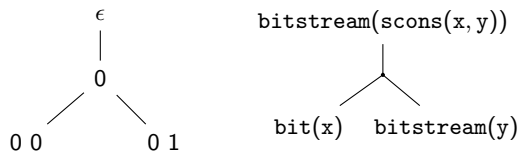
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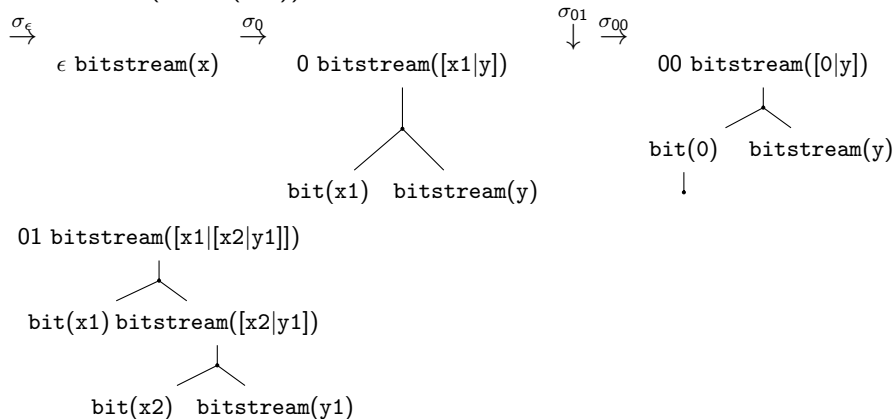
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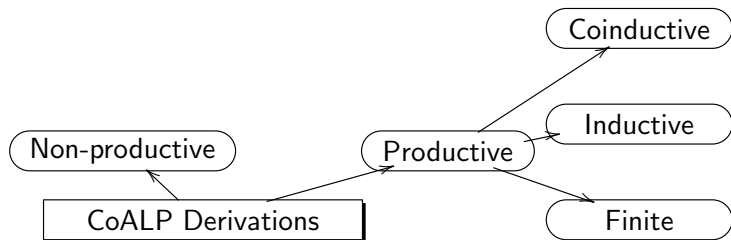
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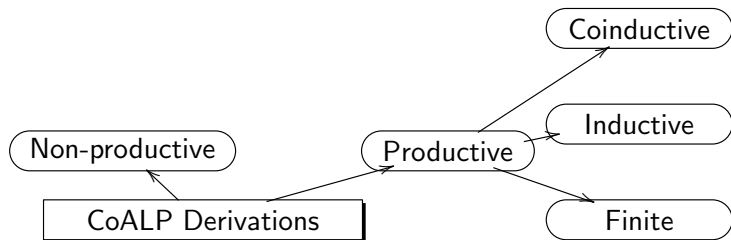
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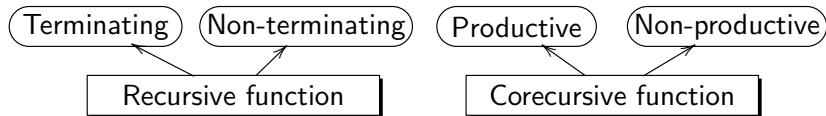
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Thank you!

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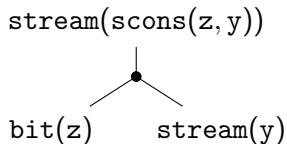
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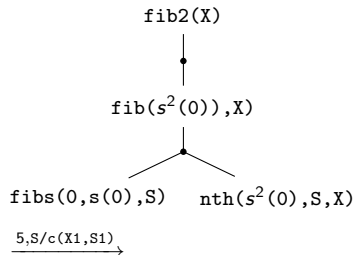
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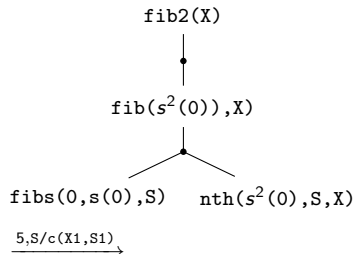
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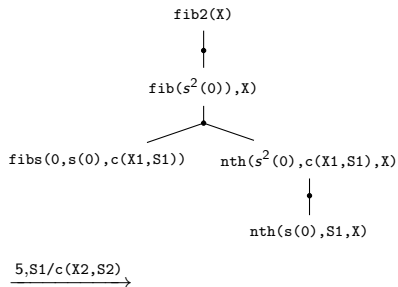


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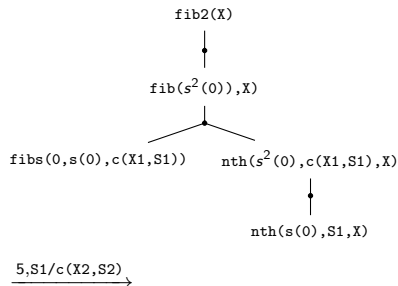


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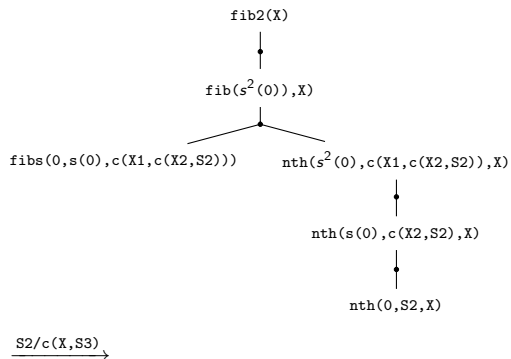


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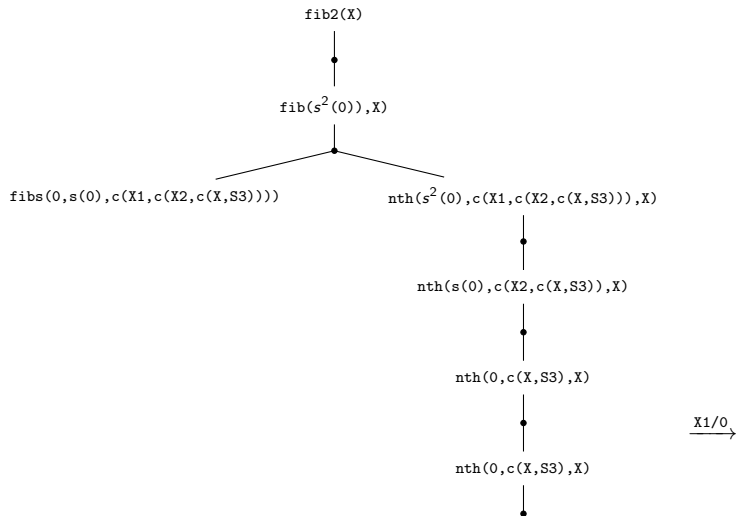


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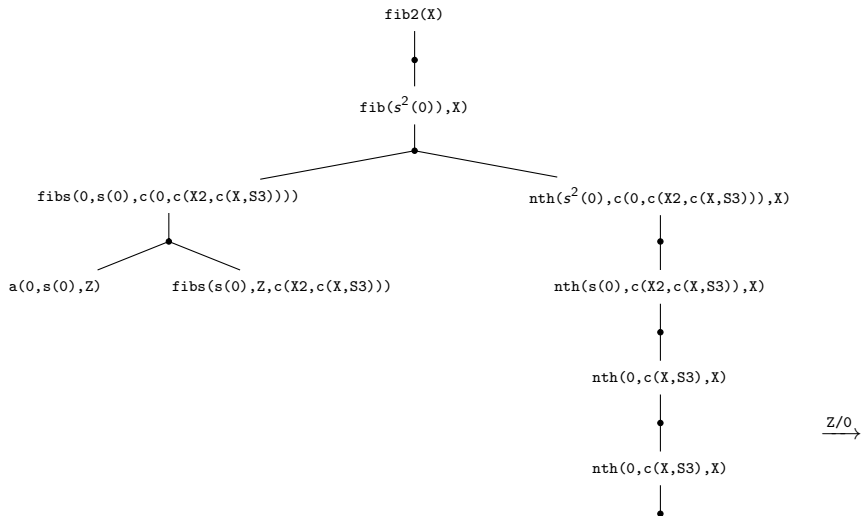
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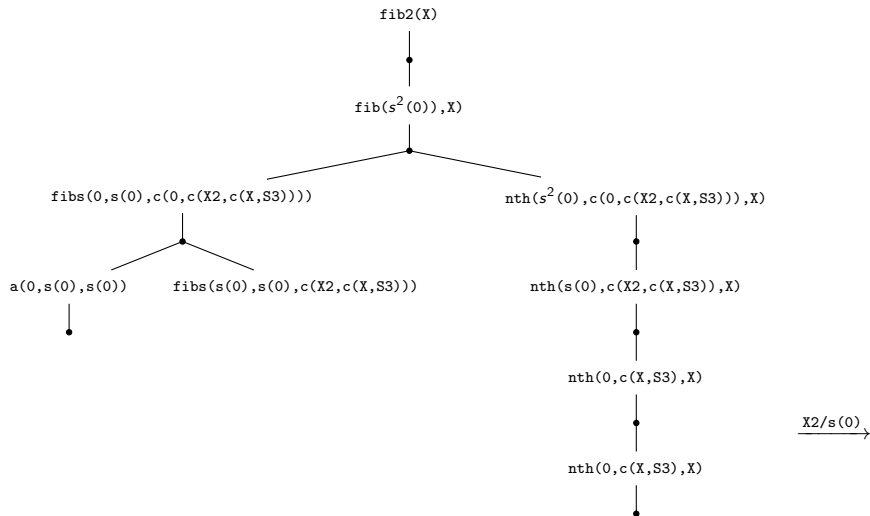
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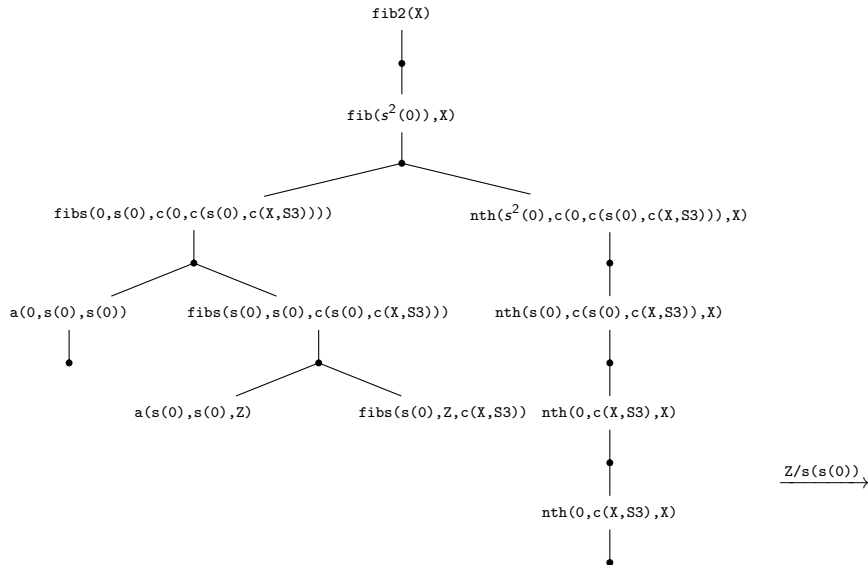
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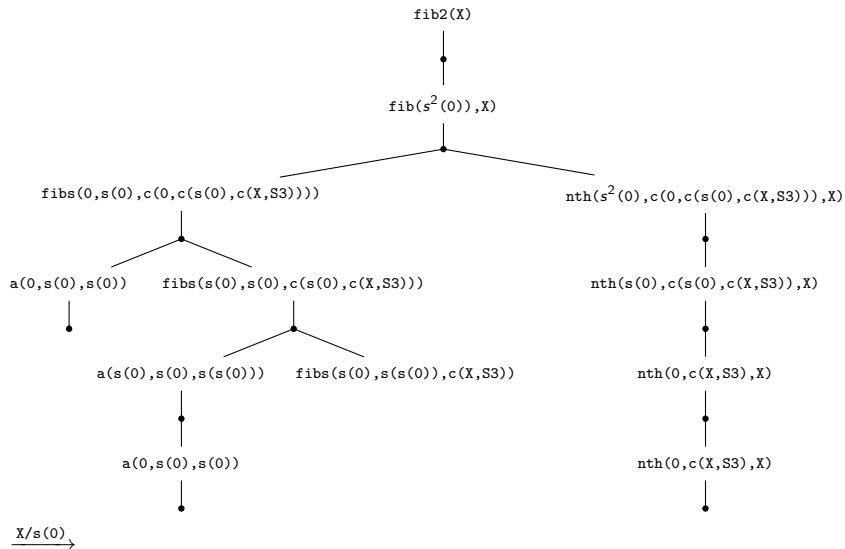
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Examples of derivations with Fib: lazy step 9

