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# Automatic Generation of Free Theorems

At <http://linux.tcs.inf.tu-dresden.de/~voigt/ft>:

This tool allows to generate free theorems for sublanguages of Haskell as described [here](#).

The source code of the underlying library and a shell-based application using it is available [here](#) and [here](#).

Please enter a (polymorphic) type, e.g. "(a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]" or simply "filter":

Please choose a sublanguage of Haskell:

- no bottoms (hence no general recursion and no selective strictness)
- general recursion but no selective strictness
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Please choose a theorem style (without effect in the sublanguage with no bottoms):

- equational
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The theorem generated for functions of the type

```
g :: forall a . (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
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in the sublanguage of Haskell with no bottoms is:

```
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forall p :: t1 -> Bool.
forall q :: t2 -> Bool.
  (forall (x, y) in R. p x = q y)
==> (forall (z, v) in lift{[]}(R).
      (g p z, g q v) in lift{[]}(R))
```

The structural lifting occurring therein is defined as follows:

```
lift{[]}(R)
= {[[], []]}
  u {(x : xs, y : ys) |
      ((x, y) in R) && ((xs, ys) in lift{[]}(R))}
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Reducing all permissible relation variables to functions yields:

```
forall t1,t2 in TYPES, f :: t1 -> t2.
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  (forall x :: t1. p x = q (f x))
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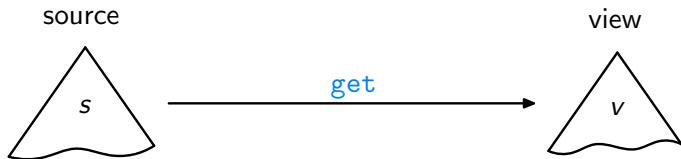
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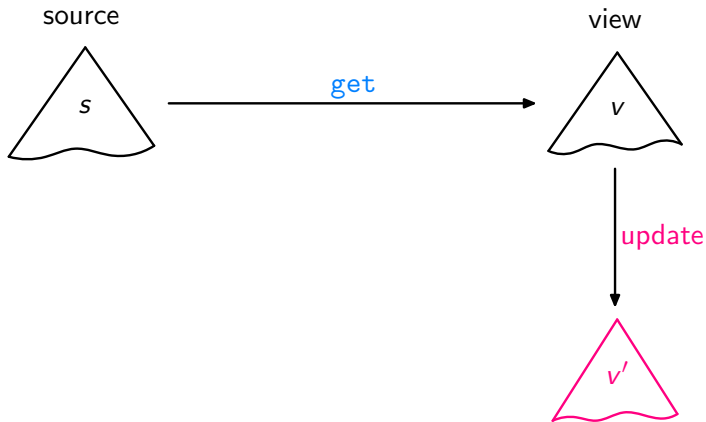
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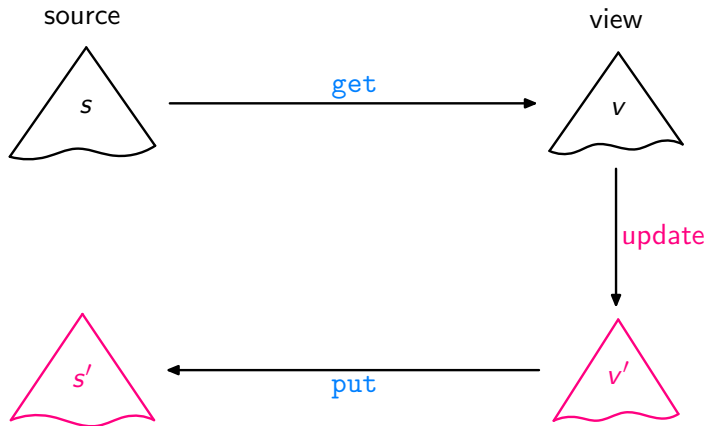
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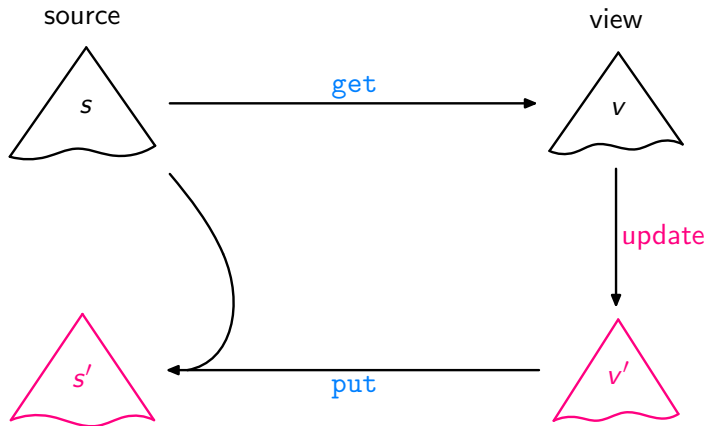
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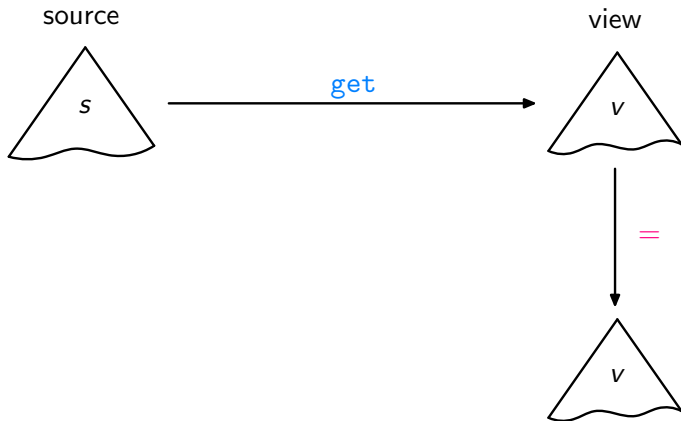
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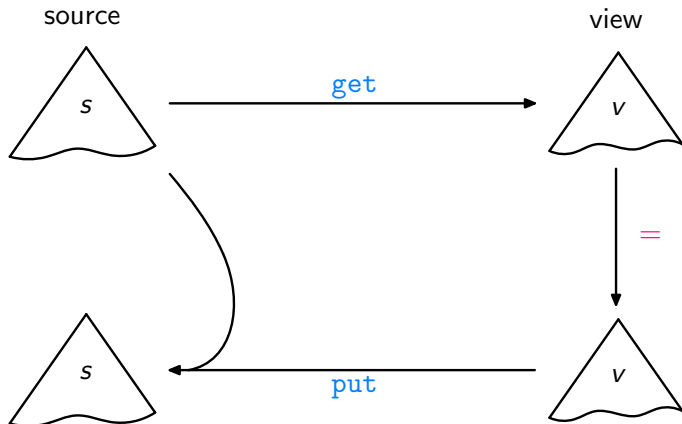
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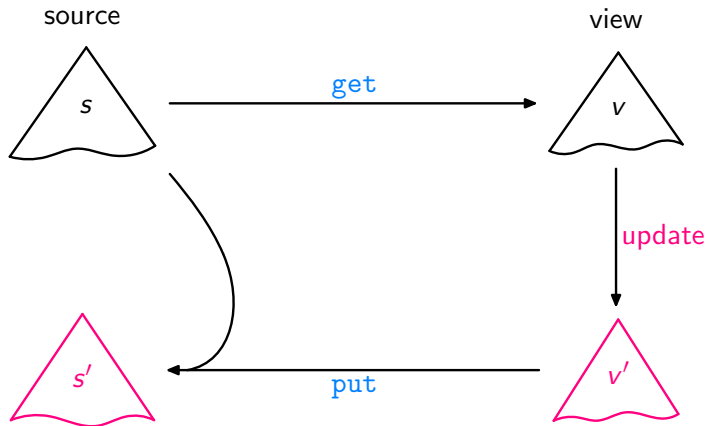


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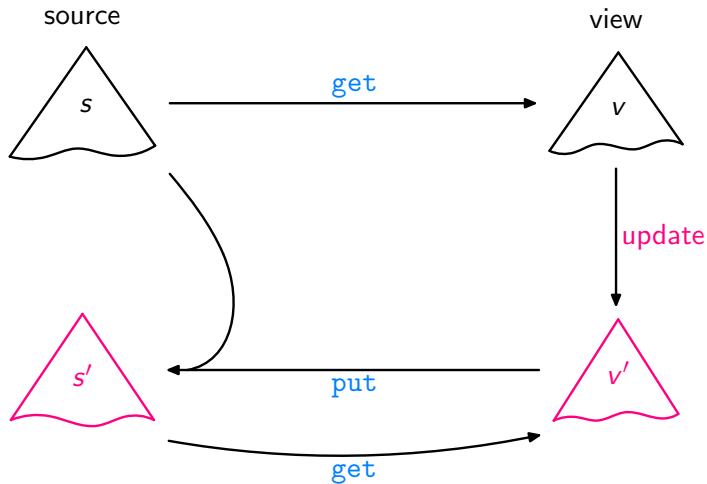
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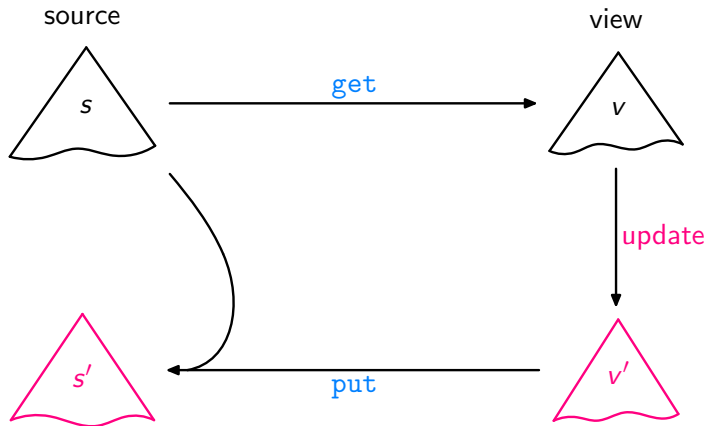
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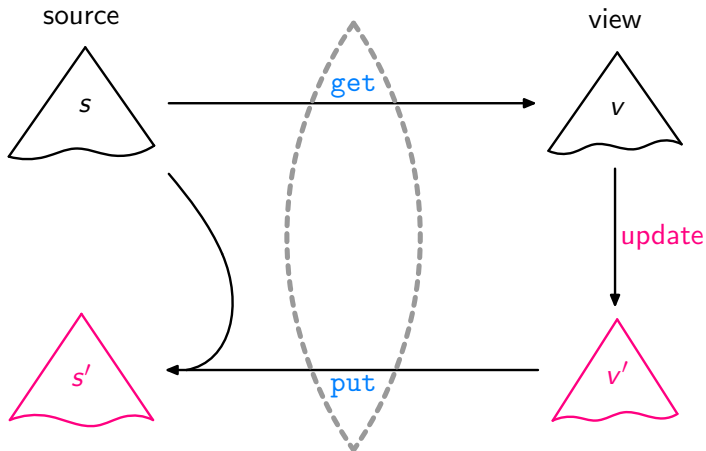


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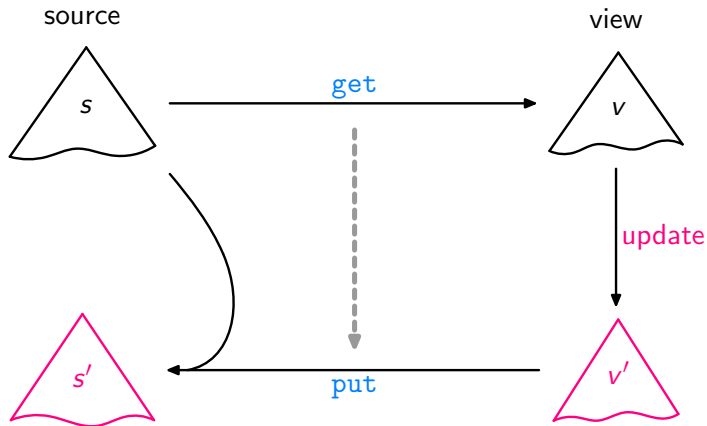
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Lenses, DSLs

[Foster et al., ACM TOPLAS'07, ...]

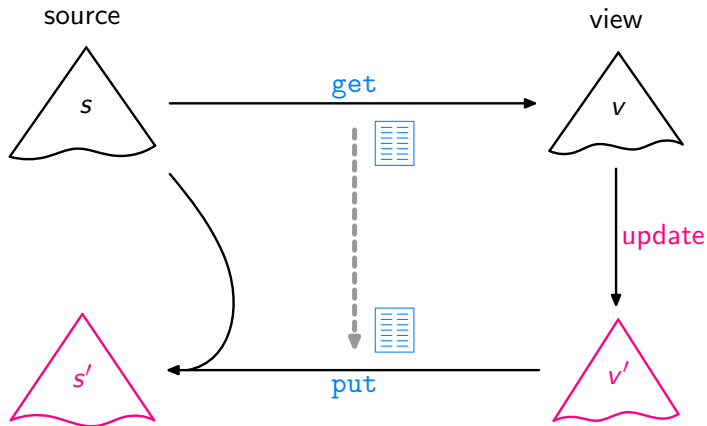
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[Matsuda et al., ICFP'07]

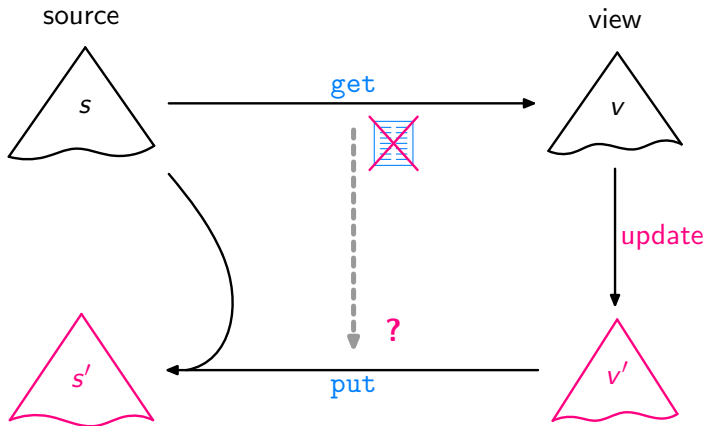
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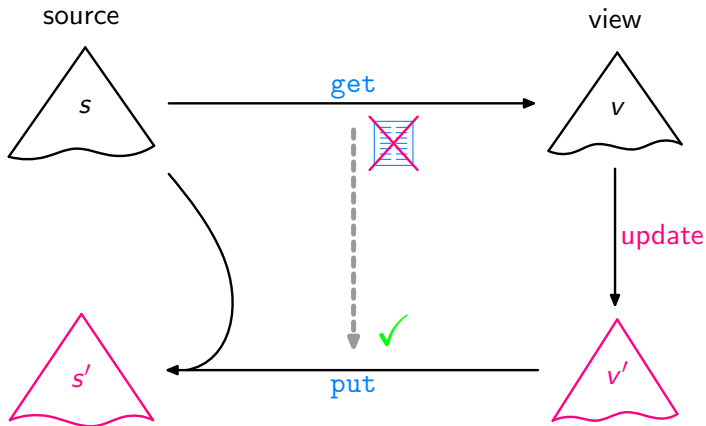
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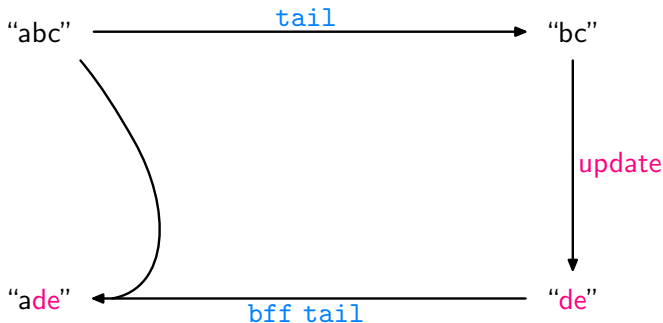


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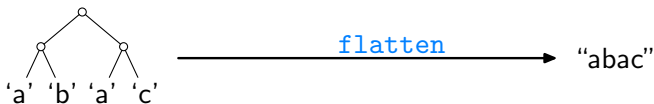


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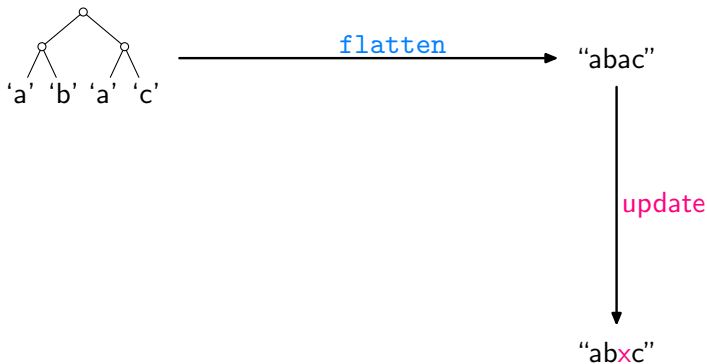


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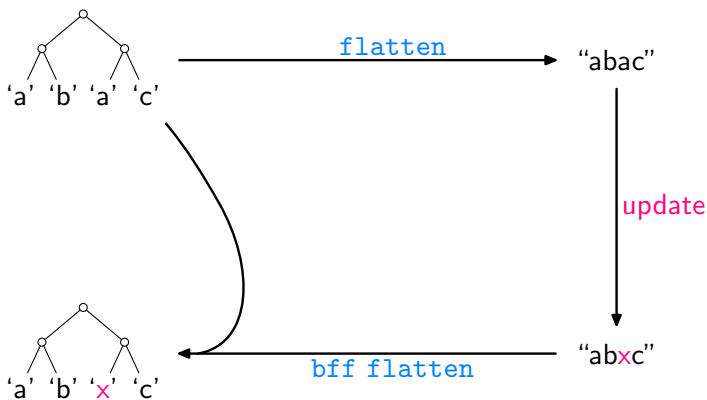
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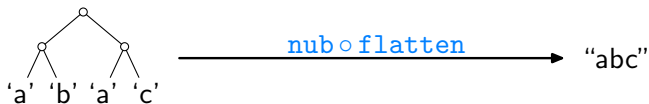


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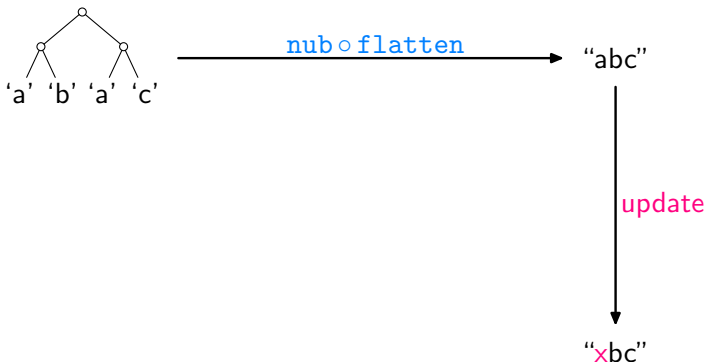


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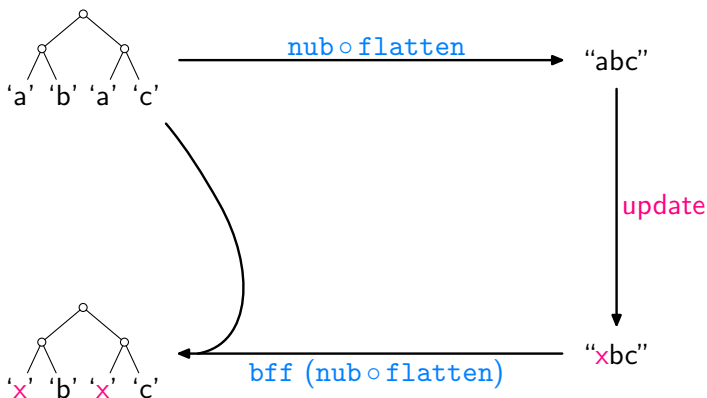


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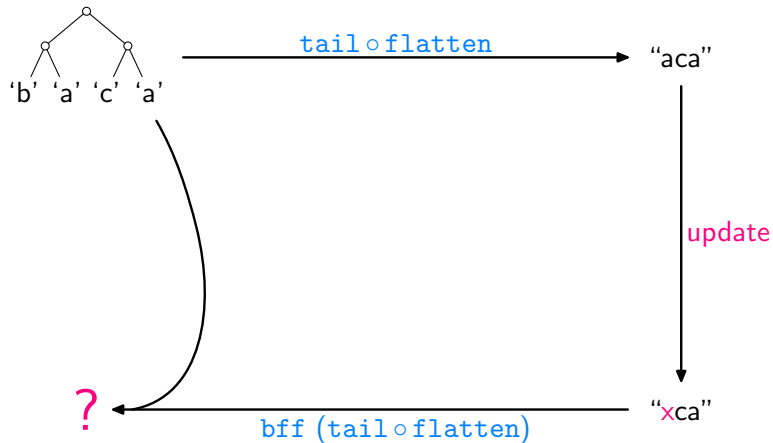
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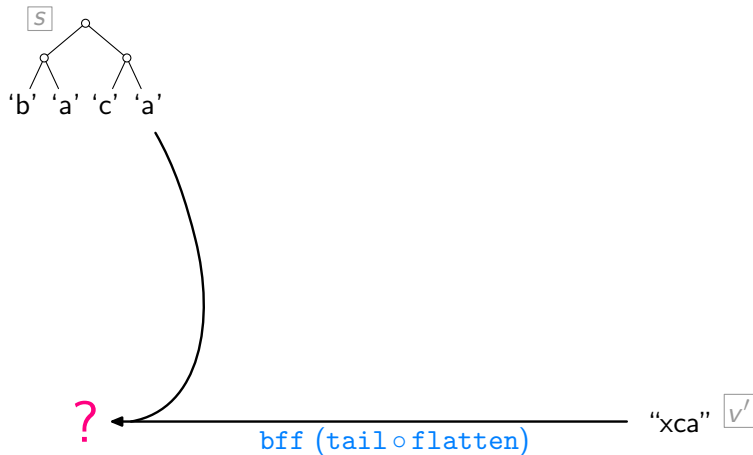
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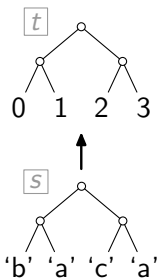


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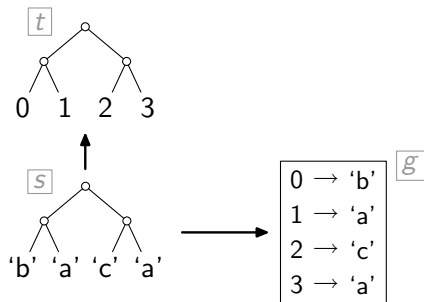


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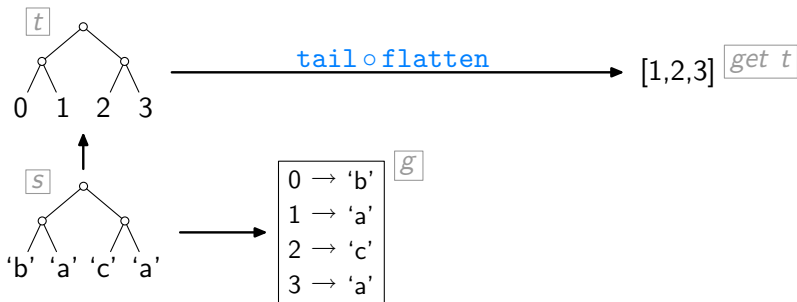
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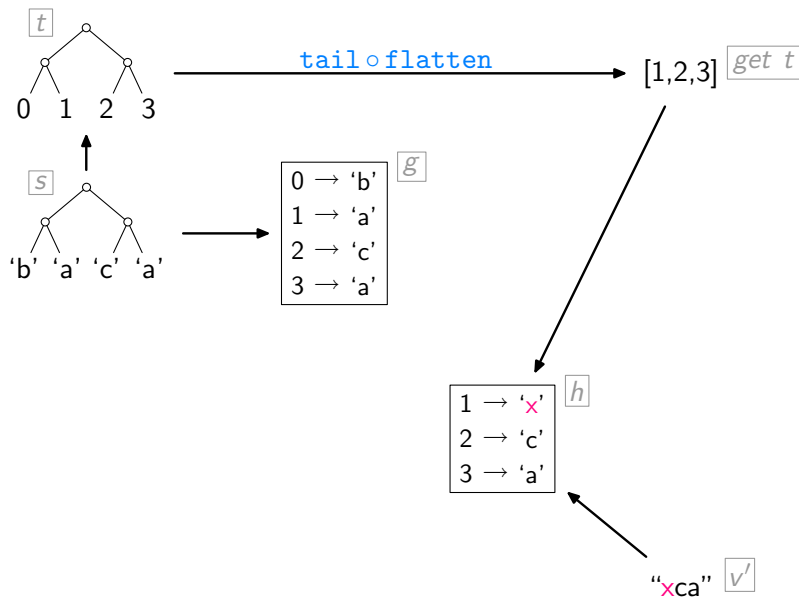
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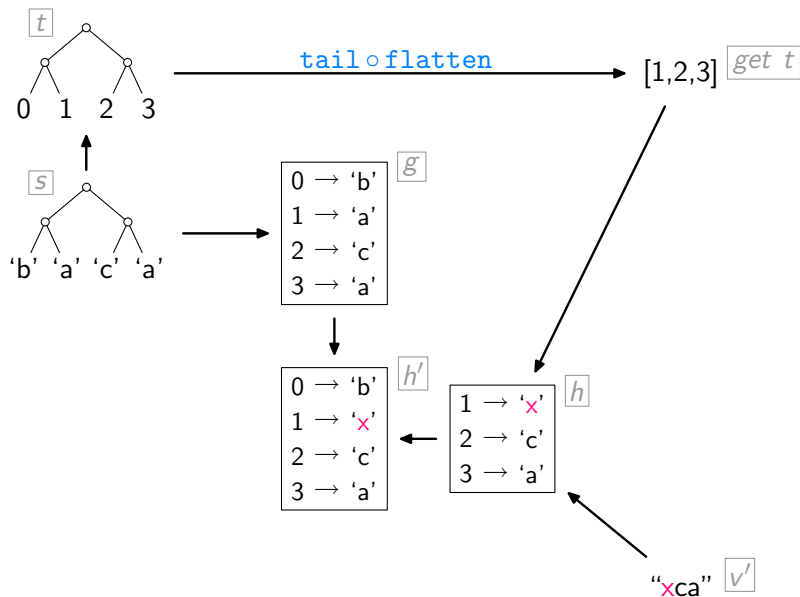


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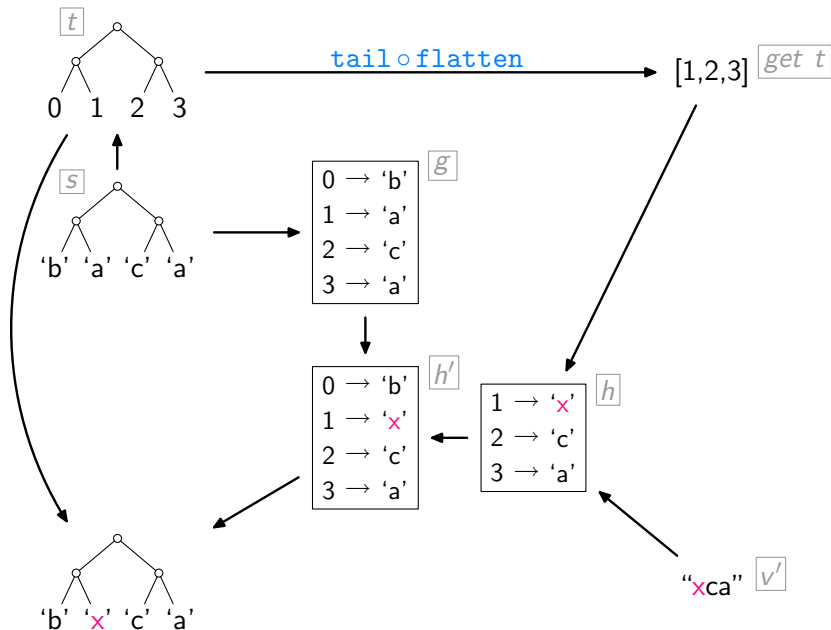
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## More Examples

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```
sieve :: [α] → [α]
sieve (a : b : cs) = b : (sieve cs)
sieve _           = []
```

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