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# Formally comparing approaches to datatype-generic programming, using Agda

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We intend to change this.



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- ▶ `instant-generics`: coinductive approach with recursive codes



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# Regular—universe

**module** Regular **where**

**data** Code : Set **where**

U : Code

I : Code

K : (X : Set) → Code

$\_ \oplus \_$  : (F G : Code) → Code

$\_ \otimes \_$  : (F G : Code) → Code



# Regular—interpretation

$\llbracket \_ \rrbracket : \text{Code} \rightarrow (\text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set})$

$\llbracket \text{U} \rrbracket A = \top$

$\llbracket \text{I} \rrbracket A = A$

$\llbracket \text{K } X \rrbracket A = X$

$\llbracket \text{F} \oplus \text{G} \rrbracket A = \llbracket \text{F} \rrbracket A \uplus \llbracket \text{G} \rrbracket A$

$\llbracket \text{F} \otimes \text{G} \rrbracket A = \llbracket \text{F} \rrbracket A \times \llbracket \text{G} \rrbracket A$

**data**  $\mu$  (F : Code) : Set where

$\langle \_ \rangle : \llbracket \text{F} \rrbracket (\mu \text{ F}) \rightarrow \mu \text{ F}$



# Regular—map

$\text{map} : \{A\ B : \text{Set}\} (F : \text{Code})$   
 $\rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket A \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket B$

$\text{map } \mathbf{U} \quad f \_ \quad = \mathbf{tt}$

$\text{map } \mathbf{I} \quad f\ x \quad = f\ x$

$\text{map } (\mathbf{K}\ X) \quad f\ x \quad = x$

$\text{map } (F \oplus G) \quad f\ (\mathbf{inj}_1\ x) = \mathbf{inj}_1\ (\text{map } F\ f\ x)$

$\text{map } (F \oplus G) \quad f\ (\mathbf{inj}_2\ x) = \mathbf{inj}_2\ (\text{map } G\ f\ x)$

$\text{map } (F \otimes G) \quad f\ (x, y) = \text{map } F\ f\ x, \text{map } G\ f\ y$



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# PolyP—universe

module PolyP where

data Code : Set where

U : Code

I : Code

P : Code

K : (X : Set) → Code

$\underline{\oplus}$  : (F G : Code) → Code

$\underline{\otimes}$  : (F G : Code) → Code

$\underline{\odot}$  : (F G : Code) → Code



# PolyP—interpretation

mutual

$\llbracket \_ \rrbracket : \text{Code} \rightarrow (\text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set})$

$\llbracket \text{U} \rrbracket \text{ A R} = \text{T}$

$\llbracket \text{I} \rrbracket \text{ A R} = \text{R}$

$\llbracket \text{P} \rrbracket \text{ A R} = \text{A}$

$\llbracket \text{K X} \rrbracket \text{ A R} = \text{X}$

$\llbracket \text{F} \oplus \text{G} \rrbracket \text{ A R} = \llbracket \text{F} \rrbracket \text{ A R} \uplus \llbracket \text{G} \rrbracket \text{ A R}$

$\llbracket \text{F} \otimes \text{G} \rrbracket \text{ A R} = \llbracket \text{F} \rrbracket \text{ A R} \times \llbracket \text{G} \rrbracket \text{ A R}$

$\llbracket \text{F} \odot \text{G} \rrbracket \text{ A R} = \mu \text{ F} (\llbracket \text{G} \rrbracket \text{ A R})$

**data**  $\mu$  (F : Code) (A : Set) : Set **where**

$\langle \_ \rangle : \llbracket \text{F} \rrbracket \text{ A} (\mu \text{ F A}) \rightarrow \mu \text{ F A}$





# PolyP—map

## mutual

map : { A B R S : Set } ( F : Code )  
→ ( A → B ) → ( R → S ) → [ [ F ] ] A R → [ [ F ] ] B S

map U f g \_ = tt

map I f g x = g x

map P f g x = f x

map (K X) f g x = x

map ( F ⊕ G ) f g ( inj<sub>1</sub> x ) = inj<sub>1</sub> ( map F f g x )

map ( F ⊕ G ) f g ( inj<sub>2</sub> x ) = inj<sub>2</sub> ( map G f g x )

map ( F ⊗ G ) f g ( x , y ) = map F f g x , map G f g y

map ( F ⊙ G ) f g ⟨ x ⟩ = ⟨ map F ( map G f g )  
( map ( F ⊙ G ) f g ) x ⟩

pmap : { A B : Set } ( F : Code )

→ ( A → B ) → μ F A → μ F B

pmap F f ⟨ x ⟩ = ⟨ map F f ( pmap F f ) x ⟩



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# Indexed functors—universe

**module** Indexed **where**

**data** Code (Ix : Set) (Ox : Set) : Set **where**

U : Code Ix Ox

I : Ix → Code Ix Ox

! : Ox → Code Ix Ox

$\underline{\oplus}$  : (F G : Code Ix Ox) → Code Ix Ox

$\underline{\otimes}$  : (F G : Code Ix Ox) → Code Ix Ox

$\underline{\odot}$  : {Mx : Set} → (F : Code Mx Ox)

→ (G : Code Ix Mx) → Code Ix Ox

Fix : (F : Code (Ix  $\uplus$  Ox) Ox) → Code Ix Ox



# Indexed functors—interpretation

Indexed : **Set**  $\rightarrow$  **Set**

Indexed I = I  $\rightarrow$  **Set**

**mutual**

$\llbracket \_ \rrbracket_{ri} : \{ I O : \mathbf{Set} \} \rightarrow \mathbf{Code} \ I \ O \rightarrow \mathbf{Indexed} \ I \rightarrow \mathbf{Indexed} \ O$

$\llbracket \mathbf{U} \rrbracket_{ri} = \mathbf{T}$

$\llbracket I_j \rrbracket_{ri} = r_j$

$\llbracket !j \rrbracket_{ri} = i \equiv j$

$\llbracket F \oplus G \rrbracket_{ri} = \llbracket F \rrbracket_{ri} \uplus \llbracket G \rrbracket_{ri}$

$\llbracket F \otimes G \rrbracket_{ri} = \llbracket F \rrbracket_{ri} \times \llbracket G \rrbracket_{ri}$

$\llbracket F \odot G \rrbracket_{ri} = \llbracket F \rrbracket_{( \llbracket G \rrbracket_r ) i}$

$\llbracket \mathbf{Fix} \ F \rrbracket_{ri} = \mu \ F \ r \ i$

**data**  $\mu \ \{ I O : \mathbf{Set} \} \ (F : \mathbf{Code} \ (I \uplus O) \ O)$

$(r : \mathbf{Indexed} \ I) \ (o : O) : \mathbf{Set} \ \mathbf{where}$

$\langle \_ \rangle : \llbracket F \rrbracket_{[r, \mu \ F \ r]} \ o \rightarrow \mu \ F \ r \ o$



# Indexed functors—map

$$\_ \rightrightarrows \_ : \{I : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Indexed } I \rightarrow \text{Indexed } I \rightarrow \text{Set}$$
$$R \rightrightarrows S = (i : \_) \rightarrow R\ i \rightarrow S\ i$$
$$\_ \parallel \_ : \{I\ J : \text{Set}\} \{A\ C : \text{Indexed } I\} \{B\ D : \text{Indexed } J\}$$
$$\rightarrow A \rightrightarrows C \rightarrow B \rightrightarrows D \rightarrow [A, B] \rightrightarrows [C, D]$$
$$\text{map} : \{I\ O : \text{Set}\} \{R\ S : \text{Indexed } I\} (F : \text{Code } I\ O)$$
$$\rightarrow R \rightrightarrows S \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket R \rightrightarrows \llbracket F \rrbracket S$$
$$\text{map } U \quad f\ i \_ \quad = \text{tt}$$
$$\text{map } (I\ j) \quad f\ i\ x \quad = f\ j\ x$$
$$\text{map } (!\ j) \quad f\ i\ x \quad = x$$
$$\text{map } (F \oplus G) \quad f\ i\ (\text{inj}_1\ x) = \text{inj}_1\ (\text{map } F\ f\ i\ x)$$
$$\text{map } (F \oplus G) \quad f\ i\ (\text{inj}_2\ x) = \text{inj}_2\ (\text{map } G\ f\ i\ x)$$
$$\text{map } (F \otimes G) \quad f\ i\ (x, y) = \text{map } F\ f\ i\ x, \text{map } G\ f\ i\ y$$
$$\text{map } (F \odot G) \quad f\ i\ x = \text{map } F\ (\text{map } G\ f)\ i\ x$$
$$\text{map } (\text{Fix } F) \quad f\ i\ \langle x \rangle = \langle \text{map } F\ (f \parallel \text{map } (\text{Fix } F)\ f)\ i\ x \rangle$$


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# Instant generics—universe

```
module InstantGenerics where
```

```
  mutual
```

```
  data Code : Set where
```

```
    Z      :                               Code
```

```
    U      :                               Code
```

```
    K      : Set                           → Code
```

```
    R      : ∞ Code                        → Code
```

```
    _⊕_    : ∞ Code → ∞ Code → Code
```

```
    _⊗_    : ∞ Code → ∞ Code → Code
```



# Instant generics—interpretation

data  $\llbracket \_ \rrbracket$  : Code  $\rightarrow$  Set where

tt :  $\llbracket U \rrbracket$   
k : {A : Set}  $\rightarrow$  A  $\rightarrow$   $\llbracket K A \rrbracket$   
rec : {C :  $\infty$  Code}  $\rightarrow$   $\llbracket b C \rrbracket \rightarrow$   $\llbracket R C \rrbracket$   
inl : {C D :  $\infty$  Code}  $\rightarrow$   $\llbracket b C \rrbracket \rightarrow$   $\llbracket C \oplus D \rrbracket$   
inr : {C D :  $\infty$  Code}  $\rightarrow$   $\llbracket b D \rrbracket \rightarrow$   $\llbracket C \oplus D \rrbracket$   
\_ , \_ : {C D :  $\infty$  Code}  $\rightarrow$   $\llbracket b C \rrbracket$   
 $\rightarrow$   $\llbracket b D \rrbracket \rightarrow$   $\llbracket C \otimes D \rrbracket$





# Instant generics—sample generic function

Coinductive codes do not naturally define functors. We show an example generic function:

$$\text{size} : (A : \text{Code}) \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$
$$\text{size } Z \quad ()$$
$$\text{size } U \quad x = 1$$
$$\text{size } (K A) \quad (k x) = 1$$
$$\text{size } (R C) \quad (\text{rec } x) = 1 + \text{size } (b C) x$$
$$\text{size } (A \oplus B) \quad (\text{inl } x) = \text{size } (b A) x$$
$$\text{size } (A \oplus B) \quad (\text{inr } x) = \text{size } (b B) x$$
$$\text{size } (A \otimes B) \quad (x, y) = \text{size } (b A) x + \text{size } (b B) y$$


# Encoding datatypes

module Example where

data List (A : Set) : Set where

nil : List A

cons : A → List A → List A

ListC<sub>p</sub> : Code<sub>p</sub>

ListC<sub>p</sub> = U<sub>p</sub> ⊕<sub>p</sub> P<sub>p</sub> ⊗<sub>p</sub> I<sub>p</sub>

ListC<sub>i</sub> : Code<sub>i</sub> T T

ListC<sub>i</sub> = Fix<sub>i</sub> (U<sub>i</sub> ⊕<sub>i</sub> (I<sub>i</sub> (inj<sub>1</sub> tt)) ⊗<sub>i</sub> (I<sub>i</sub> (inj<sub>2</sub> tt)))

ListC<sub>ig</sub> : ∞ Code<sub>ig</sub> → Code<sub>ig</sub>

ListC<sub>ig</sub> A = (# U<sub>ig</sub>) ⊕<sub>ig</sub> (# (A ⊗<sub>ig</sub> (# (R<sub>ig</sub> (# (ListC<sub>ig</sub> A))))))



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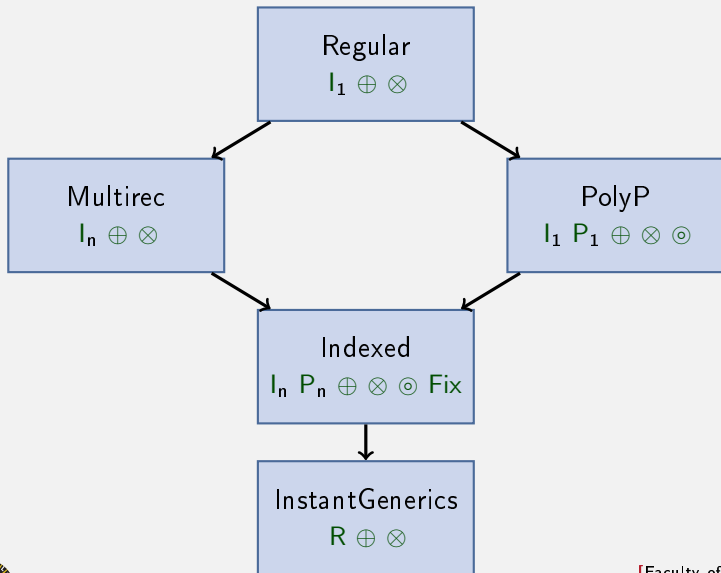
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# Conversions



# Regular to PolyP I

module Regular  $\nearrow$  PolyP where

$$\uparrow^P : \text{Code}_r \rightarrow \text{Code}_p$$

$$\uparrow^P U_r = U_p$$

$$\uparrow^P I_r = I_p$$

$$\uparrow^P (K_r X) = K_p X$$

$$\uparrow^P (F \oplus_r G) = (\uparrow^P F) \oplus_p (\uparrow^P G)$$

$$\uparrow^P (F \otimes_r G) = (\uparrow^P F) \otimes_p (\uparrow^P G)$$

$$\uparrow^P : \{A R : \text{Set}\}$$

$$\rightarrow (C : \text{Code}_r) \rightarrow \llbracket C \rrbracket_r R \equiv \llbracket \uparrow^P C \rrbracket_p A R$$

$$\uparrow^P (U_r) = \text{refl}$$

$$\uparrow^P (I_r) = \text{refl}$$

$$\uparrow^P (K_r X) = \text{refl}$$

$$\uparrow^P (F \oplus_r G) = \text{cong}_2 \text{ \_}\uplus\text{ \_} (\uparrow^P F) (\uparrow^P G)$$

$$\uparrow^P (F \otimes_r G) = \text{cong}_2 \text{ \_}\times\text{ \_} (\uparrow^P F) (\uparrow^P G)$$



# Regular to PolyP II

$$\text{from}_r : \{A \text{ R} : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \rightarrow \llbracket C \rrbracket_r \text{ R} \rightarrow \llbracket \uparrow^p C \rrbracket_p A \text{ R}$$
$$\text{from}_r U_r = \text{id}$$
$$\text{from}_r I_r = \text{id}$$
$$\text{from}_r (K_r X) = \text{id}$$
$$\text{from}_r (F \oplus_r G) = [\text{inj}_1 \circ \text{from}_r F, \text{inj}_2 \circ \text{from}_r G]$$
$$\text{from}_r (F \otimes_r G) = \langle \text{from}_r F \circ \text{proj}_1, \text{from}_r G \circ \text{proj}_2 \rangle$$
$$\text{from}_{\mu_r} : \{A : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \rightarrow \mu_r C \rightarrow \mu_p (\uparrow^p C) A$$
$$\text{from}_{\mu_r} C \langle x \rangle_r = \langle \text{from}_r C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}_{\mu_r} C) x) \rangle_p$$


# Regular to PolyP III

$$\text{iso}_1 : \{A R : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \{x : \llbracket \_ \rrbracket_r C R\} \\ \rightarrow \text{to}_r \{A\} C (\text{from}_r C x) \equiv x$$
$$\text{iso}_1 U_r = \text{refl}$$
$$\text{iso}_1 I_r = \text{refl}$$
$$\text{iso}_1 (K_r X) = \text{refl}$$
$$\text{iso}_1 (F \oplus_r G) \{\text{inj}_1 \_ \} = \text{cong inj}_1 (\text{iso}_1 F)$$
$$\text{iso}_1 (F \oplus_r G) \{\text{inj}_2 \_ \} = \text{cong inj}_2 (\text{iso}_1 G)$$
$$\text{iso}_1 (F \otimes_r G) \{ \_ , \_ \} = \text{cong}_2 \_ , \_ (\text{iso}_1 F) (\text{iso}_1 G)$$


# Regular to PolyP IV

$$\text{iso}\mu_1 : \{A : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) (x : \mu_r C) \\ \rightarrow \text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C (\text{from}\mu_r C x) \equiv x$$
$$\text{iso}\mu_1 \{A\} C \langle x \rangle_r = \text{cong } \langle \_ \rangle_r \$ \text{ begin} \\ \text{to}_r \{A\} C (\text{map}_p (\uparrow^p C) \text{id} (\text{to}\mu_r C) \\ (\text{from}_r C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r C) x)))$$
$$\equiv \langle \text{mc } \{A\} C \rangle$$
$$\text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C) (\text{to}_r \{A\} C \\ (\text{from}_r C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r C) x)))$$
$$\equiv \langle \text{cong } (\text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C)) (\text{iso}_1 C) \rangle$$
$$\text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C) (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r \{A\} C) x)$$




# Regular to PolyP IV

$$\text{iso}\mu_1 : \{A : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) (x : \mu_r C) \\ \rightarrow \text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C (\text{from}\mu_r C x) \equiv x$$

$$\text{iso}\mu_1 \{A\} C \langle x \rangle_r = \text{cong } \langle \_ \rangle_r \$ \text{ begin} \\ \text{to}_r \{A\} C (\text{map}_p (\uparrow^p C) \text{id } (\text{to}\mu_r C) \\ (\text{from}_r C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r C) x)))$$

$$\equiv \langle \text{mc } \{A\} C \rangle$$

$$\text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C) (\text{to}_r \{A\} C \\ (\text{from}_r C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r C) x)))$$

$$\equiv \langle \text{cong } (\text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C)) (\text{iso}_1 C) \rangle$$

$$\text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C) (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r \{A\} C) x)$$

$$\text{mc} : \{A R_1 R_2 : \text{Set}\} \{x : \_ \} \{f : R_1 \rightarrow R_2\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \\ \rightarrow \text{to}_r \{A\} \{R_2\} C (\text{map}_p (\uparrow^p C) \text{id } f x) \equiv \text{map}_r C f (\text{to}_r C x)$$



# Regular to PolyP V

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C) (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r \{A\} C) x) \\ \equiv & \langle \text{map}_r^\circ C \rangle \\ & \text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r C \circ \text{from}\mu_r C) x \\ \equiv & \langle \text{map}_r^\forall C (\text{to}\mu_r C \circ \text{from}\mu_r C) \text{id} (\text{iso}\mu_1 C) x \rangle \\ & \text{map}_r C \text{id} x \\ \equiv & \langle \text{map}_r^{\text{id}} C \rangle \\ & x \quad \square \end{aligned}$$



# Regular to PolyP V

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C) (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r \{A\} C) x) \\ \equiv & \langle \text{map}_r^\circ C \rangle \\ & \text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r C \circ \text{from}\mu_r C) x \\ \equiv & \langle \text{map}_r^\forall C (\text{to}\mu_r C \circ \text{from}\mu_r C) \text{id} (\text{iso}\mu_1 C) x \rangle \\ & \text{map}_r C \text{id} x \\ \equiv & \langle \text{map}_r^{\text{id}} C \rangle \\ & x \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map}_r^\forall : & \{A B : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \\ & \rightarrow (f g : A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\forall x \rightarrow f x \equiv g x) \\ & \rightarrow (\forall x \rightarrow \text{map}_r C f x \equiv \text{map}_r C g x) \end{aligned}$$



# PolyP to InstantGenerics

**module** PolyP ↗ InstantGenerics **where**

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} : \text{Code}_p \rightarrow \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Code}_{\text{ig}}$

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} C A = \rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C C A$  **where**

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot : \text{Code}_p \rightarrow \text{Code}_p \rightarrow \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Code}_{\text{ig}}$

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C U_p \quad A = U_{\text{ig}}$

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C I_p \quad A = R_{\text{ig}} (\# \rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C C A)$

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C P_p \quad A = K_{\text{ig}} A$

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C (K_p X) \quad A = K_{\text{ig}} X$

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C (F \oplus_p G) A = (\# \rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C F A) \oplus_{\text{ig}} (\# \rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C G A)$

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C (F \otimes_p G) A = (\# \rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C F A) \otimes_{\text{ig}} (\# \rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C G A)$

$\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C (F \odot_p G) A = R_{\text{ig}} (\# \rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot F F [(\rho \uparrow^{\text{ig}} \cdot C G A)]_{\text{ig}})$



# Indexed to InstantGenerics

**module** Indexed<sup>↑</sup>InstantGenerics **where**

$i2c'_c : \{ | O : \text{Set} \}$

$\rightarrow \text{Code}_i | O \rightarrow (I \rightarrow \text{Code}_{ig}) \rightarrow (O \rightarrow \text{Code}_{ig})$

$i2c'_c U_i \quad r o = U_{ig}$

$i2c'_c (I_i i) \quad r o = r i$

$i2c'_c (!_i i) \quad r o = U_{ig}$

$i2c'_c (F \oplus_i G) r o = (\# i2c'_c F r o) \oplus_{ig} (\# i2c'_c G r o)$

$i2c'_c (F \otimes_i G) r o = (\# i2c'_c F r o) \otimes_{ig} (\# i2c'_c G r o)$

$i2c'_c (F \odot_i G) r o = R_{ig} (\# i2c'_c F (i2c'_c G r) o)$

$i2c'_c (\text{Fix}_i F) r o = R_{ig} (\# i2c'_c F [r, i2c'_c (\text{Fix}_i F) r] o)$

$i2c_c : \{ | O : \text{Set} \}$

$\rightarrow \text{Code}_i | O \rightarrow (I \rightarrow \text{Set}) \rightarrow (O \rightarrow \text{Code}_{ig})$

$i2c_c C r o = i2c'_c C (K_{ig} \circ r) o$



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# Conclusion

- ▶ Analyzed five libraries, with an encoding in Agda for each
- ▶ Relations between the fixed-point approaches made (formally) clear
- ▶ The same generic function can be used in different libraries
- ▶ InstantGenerics has a very flexible universe
- ▶ Embedding into InstantGenerics requires expanding fixed points, highlighting e.g. the way composition works in PolyP

