

# Relational Parametricity and Quotient Preservation for Modular (Co)datatypes

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**Abstract.** Bounded natural functors (BNFs) provide a modular framework for the construction of (co)datatypes in higher-order logic. Their functorial operations, the mapper and relator, are restricted to a subset of the parameters, namely those where recursion can take place. For certain applications, such as free theorems, data refinement, quotients, and generalised rewriting, it is desirable if these operations do not ignore the other parameters. In this paper, we generalise BNFs such that the mapper and relator act also on co- and contravariant parameters. Crucially, our generalisation  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  is closed under functor composition and least and greatest fixpoints. In particular, every (co)datatype is also a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ . Moreover, we prove that subtypes inherit the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  structure under conditions that generalise those for the BNF case. We also identify sufficient conditions under which a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  preserves quotients. Our development is formalised abstractly in Isabelle/HOL in such a way that it integrates seamlessly with the existing parametricity infrastructure.

## 1 Introduction

Datatypes and codatatypes are a fundamental tool in functional programming and proof assistants. Proof assistants based on type theory usually provide (co)datatypes as a built-in concept (e.g. Coq [32], Agda [30], Lean [29]), whereas other tools defer the construction to definitional (Isabelle [7], HOL [36]) or axiomatic packages (PVS [31], Dafny [24]). Traytel et al. [38] proposed *bounded natural functors* (BNFs) as a semantic criterion for (co)datatypes that are constructible in higher-order logic, which was subsequently implemented in Isabelle/HOL [7]. The package allows a modular approach: Once a type constructor has been proved to be a BNF, it can be used to define new (co)datatypes. The BNF class also includes important non-free types such as finite sets and discrete probability distributions (Section 1.1 provides the necessary background on BNFs).

For example, in the coalgebraic theory of systems [34], deterministic discrete systems are modelled as a codatatype  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds}$ , where  $\mathbf{a}$  is the type of inputs, and  $\mathbf{b}$  is the type of outputs of the system. In Isabelle/HOL, the following command defines this type with constructor  $\text{Dds}$  and destructor  $\text{run}$ .

$$\text{codatatype } (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds} = \text{Dds } (\text{run} : \mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} \times (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds})$$

Note that  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds}$  on the right-hand side occurs inside a product  $(\mathbf{b} \times \sqsupset)$  and a function type  $(\mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \sqsupset)$ . Similarly, a probabilistic discrete system (PDS) can be modelled as

$$\text{codatatype } (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ pds} = \text{Pds } (\mathbf{a} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{b} \times (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ pds}) \text{ pmf})$$

This codatatype is admissible as the type  $\text{pmf}$  of probability mass functions is a BNF, too.

Not all (co)datatype specifications are allowed in HOL, though [14]. For example, a datatype must not recurse through the domain of predicates  $\mathbb{A} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ . Otherwise, HOL’s set-theoretic semantics would have to contain an injection into a non-empty set from its powerset. To avoid such inconsistencies, BNFs distinguish *live* type parameters from *dead* ones, and (co)recursion is limited to live parameters. For the function space  $\mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  is live and  $\mathbf{a}$  is dead, and it is the same for  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$  dds.

The BNF’s map operation (mapper) acts only on the live type parameters. For example, the function space’s actual mapper  $\text{map}_{\Rightarrow} g h f = h \circ f \circ g$  gives access to the domain and to the range. Yet, the BNF structure is restricted to the mapper  $\text{map}_{\Rightarrow} \text{id } h$ . Similarly, the BNF mapper  $\text{map}_{\text{dds}}$  for DDS’s has type  $(\mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}') \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}') \text{ dds}$ , i.e., it can transform a system’s outputs. But it is useless if we want to transform the inputs. For example, consider a system  $S$  turning integers into booleans (e.g., testing whether the partial sum of inputs is even). Then, we cannot easily use it on natural numbers. In contrast, if the mapper acted also on the contravariant type parameter  $\mathbf{a}$ , i.e.,  $\text{map}_{\text{dds}} :: (\mathbf{a}' \Rightarrow \mathbf{a}) \Rightarrow (\mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}') \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}') \text{ dds}$ , then the new system could simply be written as  $\text{map}_{\text{dds}} \text{int id } S$ , where  $\text{int} :: \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{int}$  embeds the natural numbers in the integers.

This deficiency of the BNF mapper is pervasive. First of all, it also affects the derived relator, which lifts relations rather than functions. For example, the function space relator  $A \Rightarrow B$  takes a relation  $A$  on the domain and a relation  $B$  on the codomain. It relates two functions if they map  $A$ -related inputs to  $B$ -related outputs. But when seen as a BNF,  $A$  is always fixed to the identity relation ( $=$ ). Accordingly, due to the modular construction of (co)datatypes, the DDS relator lifts only a relation on outputs, and the input’s relation is fixed to ( $=$ ).

Mappers and relators are used by a large reasoning infrastructure, which is thus hampered by the restriction to live parameters: Quotients cannot be lifted through dead parameters [18], data refinement cannot happen in dead parameter positions [10,22], rewriting with equivalence relations must not affect dead parameters [37], free theorems can talk only about live parameters [40], and so on. Whenever—today in Isabelle/HOL—any of this is needed for dead parameters, too, one has to manually define more general mappers and relators ad hoc for the affected types.

In this paper, we generalise the BNF notion to  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ , where dead parameters are refined into covariant, contravariant, and fixed parameters—“CC” stands for co- and contravariance. For example, the type of second-order functions  $(\mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{c}$  is a BNF where only  $\mathbf{c}$  is live and  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are dead. Considered as a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  is live,  $\mathbf{b}$  is contravariant because it occurs at a negative position with respect to the function space, and  $\mathbf{a}$  is covariant as it occurs at a positive, but not strictly positive position. The  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  mapper and relator act on all type parameters but the fixed ones. For dds, e.g., we do obtain the desired mapper that lets us transform both the inputs and the outputs. The  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  notion coincides with the BNF notion when there are no co- or contravariant parameters.

The key feature of BNFs is that they are closed under composition and least and greatest fixpoints, i.e., (co)datatypes.  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s also enjoy these properties. So, they are as modular as BNFs and can be integrated into Isabelle’s (co)datatype packages. We emphasise that  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s do not allow users to define more (co)datatypes than BNFs do. The difference is that  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s yield more versatile mappers and relators with useful properties. Moreover, they integrate nicely with the rest of the functor-based infrastructure.

We also identify sufficient conditions under which subtypes preserve the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  structure. Consequently, non-uniform (co)datatypes [8] are  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$ , too. Similarly, we prove that  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  lift quotients through co- and contravariant parameters under mild conditions, which are met by all examples that we have encountered in practice so far.

The main contributions of this paper are the following:

- We introduce the notion  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  as a generalisation of BNF (§2).  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  are equipped with more general relators and mappers than what the underlying natural functor provides. These operations are useful for various reasoning tasks (§1.2).
- We prove that  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  are closed under composition (§3) and least and greatest fixpoints (§4). This makes  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  modular and avoids syntactic conditions on definitions. In particular, every (co)datatype defined with Isabelle/HOL’s (co)datatype packages [7,8] is a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ .
- We prove that subtypes preserve the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  structure under certain conditions (§5). If there are no co- and contravariant parameters, our conditions are equivalent to those for BNFs.
- We prove that  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  lift quotients unconditionally through live parameters and under mild conditions through co- and contravariant parameters (§6). This makes Isabelle’s Lifting package more powerful, as the BNF theory only proves lifting for live parameters.

We have formalised all our constructions and proofs in Isabelle/HOL [26]. Since reasoning about abstract functors is impossible in HOL, we axiomatised two generic  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  with sufficiently many parameters of each kind, and used them for the concrete constructions. The formalisation includes the examples from §1 and §2. In addition, we give informal proof sketches for most propositions and theorems in Appendix A. The implementation of  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  as an extension of the existing packages is left as future work (§8).

### 1.1 Background: Bounded Natural Functors

A bounded natural functor (BNF) [38] is a type constructor  $F$  of some arity equipped with a mapper, conversions to sets, and a cardinality bound on those sets. A type parameter of  $F$  is either *live* or *dead*; dead parameters are ignored by the BNF operations. The mapper is given by the polymorphic operation  $\text{map}_F :: (\overline{l} \Rightarrow \overline{l'}) \Rightarrow (\overline{l}, \overline{d}) F \Rightarrow (\overline{l'}, \overline{d}) F$  on the live parameters  $\overline{l}$ , whereas the dead parameters  $\overline{d}$  remain fixed.<sup>1</sup> We assume without loss of generality that all live parameters precede the dead ones in the parameter list. For each live type parameter  $l_i$ , a BNF comes with a polymorphic setter  $\text{set}_F^i :: (\overline{l}, \overline{d}) F \Rightarrow l_i \text{ set}$ . The cardinality bound  $\text{bd}_F$  is assumed to be infinite and may depend only on non-live parameters. The BNF operations must satisfy the following laws [7]:

<sup>1</sup> The meta-notation  $\overline{x}$  stands for a meta-syntactic list of formal entities  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . We use this notation quite liberally, such that the expanded type of  $\text{map}_F$  reads

$$(l_1 \Rightarrow l'_1) \Rightarrow (l_2 \Rightarrow l'_2) \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow (l_m \Rightarrow l'_m) \Rightarrow (l_1, \dots, l_m, d_1, \dots, d_n) F \Rightarrow (l'_1, \dots, l'_m, d_1, \dots, d_n) F.$$

Similarly, we write  $\forall i. \varphi$  for the conjunction of all instances of  $\varphi$  over the index  $i$ . Superscripts select a subsequence, e.g.,  $\overline{x}^{>2}$  represents  $x_3, x_4, \dots, x_n$ .

$$\text{map}_F \overline{\text{id}} = \text{id} \quad \text{map}_F \overline{(f \circ g)} = \text{map}_F \overline{f} \circ \text{map}_F \overline{g} \quad \forall i. |\text{set}_F^i| \leq \text{bd}_F \quad (1)$$

$$\forall i. \text{set}_F^i (\text{map}_F \overline{f} x) = f_i \text{ ' set}_F^i x \quad \frac{\forall i. \forall y \in \text{set}_F^i x. f_i y = g_i y}{\text{map}_F \overline{f} x = \text{map}_F \overline{g} x} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{rel}_F \overline{R} \circ \text{rel}_F \overline{S} \sqsubseteq \text{rel}_F \overline{(R \circ S)} \quad (3)$$

Here,  $f \text{ ' } A = \{y \mid \exists x \in A. y = f x\}$  denotes  $A$ 's image under  $f$ ,  $|A|$  is  $A$ 's cardinality,  $\circ$  is relation composition, and  $\sqsubseteq$  is relation containment. Relations are represented as binary predicates of type  $\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \text{bool})$ . The relator  $\text{rel}_F$  is defined as

$$\text{rel}_F \overline{R} x y = (\exists z. (\forall i. \text{set}_F^i z \subseteq \{(a, b) \mid R_i a b\})) \wedge \text{map}_F \overline{\pi_1} z = x \wedge \text{map}_F \overline{\pi_2} z = y) \quad (4)$$

where  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  project a pair to its components. The relator extends  $\text{map}_F$  to relations, interpreting functions  $f$  by their graphs  $\text{Gr } f = (\lambda x y. y = f x)$ :

**Lemma 1.** *If  $F$  is a BNF, then  $\text{Gr} (\text{map}_F \overline{f}) = \text{rel}_F \overline{(\text{Gr } f)}$ .*

BNFs are closed under various operations: functor composition, “killing” of live type parameters, and least and greatest fixpoints. Examples of basic BNFs are the identity functor, products ( $\times$ ), sums ( $+$ ), and functions ( $\Rightarrow$ ), where the domain is dead. Finite lists a list are a BNF, too, where the mapper  $\text{map}_{\text{list}}$  applies a function to all elements in a list, the setter  $\text{set}_{\text{list}}$  returns the set of elements in the list, and the relator  $\text{rel}_{\text{list}} R$  relates two lists iff they have the same length and the elements at the same indices are related by  $R$ ; the bound is  $\aleph_0$ .

## 1.2 Examples and Applications

We now illustrate the benefits of parametricity-based reasoning using small examples, which all require the generalised mappers and relators. Although all our examples revolve around the DDS codatatype, parametricity-based reasoning is not restricted to coalgebraic system models. It can equally be used for all the other (co)datatypes, and whenever a type parameter is co- or contravariant (e.g.,  $\mathbf{a}$  in  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ tree} = \text{Leaf } \mathbf{b} \mid \text{Node } (\mathbf{a} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ tree})$ ), the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  theory makes the reasoning more powerful than the BNF theory.

*Free theorems.* Wadler [40] showed how certain theorems can be derived from parametricity by instantiating the relations with the graphs of functions and using Lemma 1, which we generalise to  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s in §2. As shown in the introduction, the inputs and outputs of a DDS can be transformed with the mapper  $\text{map}_{\text{dds}}$ . Parallel  $\parallel$  and sequential  $\bullet$  composition for DDS's, e.g., are defined corecursively by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{primcorec} (\parallel) &:: (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}) \text{ dds} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{d}) \text{ dds} \text{ where} \\ &\text{run } (S_1 \parallel S_2) = (\lambda x. \text{case } x \text{ of} \\ &\quad \text{Inl } a \Rightarrow \text{let } (b, S'_1) = \text{run } S_1 a \text{ in } (\text{Inl } b, S'_1 \parallel S_2) \\ &\quad \mid \text{Inr } c \Rightarrow \text{let } (d, S'_2) = \text{run } S_2 c \text{ in } (\text{Inr } d, S_1 \parallel S'_2)) \\ \text{primcorec} (\bullet) &:: (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) \text{ dds} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c}) \text{ dds} \text{ where} \\ &\text{run } (S_1 \bullet S_2) = (\lambda a. \text{let } (b, S'_1) = \text{run } S_1 a; (c, S'_2) = \text{run } S_2 b \text{ in } (c, S'_1 \bullet S'_2)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{Inl}$  and  $\text{Inr}$  denote the injections into the sum type.

The following “free” theorems are derived from the parametricity laws by rewriting only. No coinduction is needed in particular. Note that the BNF mapper on live parameters only would not be any good for  $\bullet$  as the function  $g$  occurs both in the live and dead positions.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map}_{\text{dds}} f h S_1 \parallel \text{map}_{\text{dds}} g k S_2 &= \text{map}_{\text{dds}} (\text{map}_+ f g) (\text{map}_+ h k) (S_1 \parallel S_2) \\ \text{map}_{\text{dds}} f g S_1 \bullet S_2 &= \text{map}_{\text{dds}} f \text{id} (S_1 \bullet \text{map}_{\text{dds}} g \text{id} S_2) \\ S_1 \bullet \text{map}_{\text{dds}} g h S_2 &= \text{map}_{\text{dds}} \text{id} h (\text{map}_{\text{dds}} \text{id} g S_1 \bullet S_2) \end{aligned}$$

Reasoning with parametricity is especially useful in larger applications. The first author has formalised a cryptographic algebra based on sub-probabilistic discrete systems (sPDS, §8) similar to Maurer’s random systems [27]. Deriving the free theorems from parametricity pays off particularly for transformers of sPDS, which are formalised as a codatatype that recurses through another codatatype of probabilistic resumptions. Proofs by coinduction would require substantially more effort even for such simple theorems.

*Data refinement.* Data refinement changes the representation of data in a program. It offers a convenient way to go from abstract data structures like sets to efficient ones like red-black trees, which are the key to generate efficient code from a formalisation. Several tools automate the data refinement and synthesise an implementation from an abstract specification in this way [10,11,15,22]. As these tools are based on parametricity, (nested) data refinement is only possible in type parameters on which the relators act. A more general relator thus increases the refinement capabilities.

For example, consider a DDS traverse  $G$  parametrised by a finite graph  $G$ . Upon input of a node set  $A$ , it returns all successor nodes  $G[A]$  of  $A$  that have not yet been visited. Such a DDS can be used to implement a breadth-first or depth-first search traversal of a graph. Suppose that the correctness proof works with abstract graphs, say, represented by a finite set of edges (type  $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a})$  fset), whereas the refinement traverse<sub>i</sub> represents the graph as a list of edges and the inputs and outputs as lists (we use Haskell-style list comprehension syntax). Using the canonical DDS coiterator  $\text{dds-of}$  and the refinement relation  $\text{fset-as-list} :: \mathbf{a} \text{ list} \otimes \mathbf{a} \text{ fset}$  for implementing finite sets by lists, we get the following refinement theorem. Note that we need the general relator  $\text{rel}_{\text{dds}}$  to lift the refinement relations on the inputs and outputs. (Recall that  $\Rightarrow$  is the function space relator.)

$\text{primcorec } \text{dds-of} :: (\mathfrak{s} \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} \times \mathfrak{s}) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{s} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \text{ dds}$  where  
 $\text{run } (\text{dds-of } f s) = \text{map}_\times \text{id} (\text{dds-of } f) \circ f s$

$\text{definition } \text{traverse} :: (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a}) \text{ fset} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} \text{ fset}, \mathbf{a} \text{ fset}) \text{ dds}$  where  
 $\text{traverse } G = \text{dds-of } (\lambda \mathcal{V} A. (G[A] - \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{V} \cup A)) \emptyset$

$\text{definition } \text{traverse}_i :: (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a}) \text{ list} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} \text{ list}, \mathbf{a} \text{ list}) \text{ dds}$  where  
 $\text{traverse}_i E = \text{dds-of } (\lambda \mathcal{V} A. [\mathcal{y} \mid (x, y) \leftarrow E, x \in \text{set}_{\text{list}} A, y \notin \mathcal{V}], \mathcal{V} \cup \text{set}_{\text{list}} A)) \emptyset$

$\text{lemma } \text{REFINEMENT} : (\text{fset-as-list} \Rightarrow \text{rel}_{\text{dds}} \text{fset-as-list} \text{fset-as-list}) \text{traverse}_i \text{traverse}$

*Quotients.* Quotient preservation theorems are used to modularly construct quotient types and to lift functions and lemmas to them [17,18,21]. For example, the type of finite sets  $\text{fset}$  is a quotient of lists where the order and multiplicity of the elements are ignored. Given the quotient preservation theorems for  $\Rightarrow$  and  $\text{dds}$ , Isabelle’s Lifting package

can lift this fset–list quotient to `traverse`’s type. It can thus synthesise a definition for `traverse` using `traversei` and prove the `REFINEMENT` lemma automatically given a proof that `traversei` respects the quotient.

The refinement relation `fset-as-list` can additionally be parametrised by a refinement relation  $R$  on the elements [21]: `fset-as-list' R = rellist R ∘ fset-as-list`. Combining `traversei`’s parametricity with `REFINEMENT` using some relator properties, which `BNFCC`s also preserve, one can then automatically derive a stronger refinement rule, where the node type can simultaneously be refined; the assumption expresses that  $R$  must preserve the identity of nodes, as expected from `traversei`’s implicit dependence on the equality operation.

$$\frac{(R \Rightarrow R \Rightarrow (=)) (=) (=)}{(\text{fset-as-list}' R \Rightarrow \text{rel}_{\text{dds}} (\text{fset-as-list}' R) (\text{fset-as-list}' R)) \text{traverse}_i \text{traverse}}$$

*Generalised rewriting.* Rewriting replaces subterms with equal terms. In generalised rewriting, relations other than equality are considered, and the context in which rewriting takes place must have an appropriate congruence property [37]. For example, the `DDS` seen outputs all the elements in the current input set that it has seen before. It is a monotone system with respect to the subset relation, which we express using the `DDS` relator. The graph traversal `traverse` is also monotone in the underlying graph provided that the input sets remain the same.

definition `seen :: (a fset, a fset) dds` where `seen = dds-of (λ S A. (S ∩ A, S ∪ A)) ∅`

lemma `SEEN-MONO`: `reldds (⊆) (⊆) seen seen`

lemma `TRAVERSE-MONO`: `reldds (=) (⊆) (traverse G) (traverse H)` if  $G \subseteq H$

Now suppose that  $H$  is a supergraph of  $G$ , or equivalently  $G \subseteq H$ . Using the parametricity of sequential composition, we can thus rewrite `traverse G • seen` to `traverse H • seen`, where the systems are related by `reldds (=) (⊆)`.

## 2 Bounded Natural Functors with Co- and Contravariance

The operations specified by a BNF act only on live type parameters. As discussed in the introduction, many types admit more general operations. For example, the function space’s mapper `map⇒ g h f = h ∘ f ∘ g` gives access to the domain and to the range. Yet, the BNF structure is restricted to the mapper `map⇒ id h`.

In this section, we define bounded natural functors with co- and contravariance (`BNFCC`) as a generalization of BNFs. A `BNFCC` has a mapper and relator which take additional co- or contravariant arguments corresponding to (a subset of) the dead parameters  $\bar{d}$ . Thus  $\bar{d}$  is refined into three disjoint sequences:  $\bar{c}$  for covariant,  $\bar{\ell}$  for contravariant, and  $\bar{f}$  for the remaining fixed parameters which are ignored by the generalised operations. The names covariant and contravariant indicate whether the mapper preserves the order of composition or swaps it, and whether the relator is monotone or anti-monotone in the corresponding argument, respectively. Live parameters are technically covariant, but we reserve the latter term to refer only to non-live parameters. For example, the function space  $\ell \Rightarrow l$  is a `BNFCC` that is live in  $l$  and contravariant in  $\ell$ , as `map⇒`’s type  $(\ell' \Rightarrow \ell) \Rightarrow (l \Rightarrow l') \Rightarrow (\ell \Rightarrow l) \Rightarrow (\ell' \Rightarrow l')$  indicates. Similarly, the `BNFCC (c ⇒ ℓ) ⇒ l` is live in  $l$ , covariant in  $c$ , and contravariant in  $\ell$ .

**Definition 1 (BNF<sub>CC</sub>).** A BNF<sub>CC</sub> is a type constructor  $F$  with operations

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map}_F &:: \overline{(l \Rightarrow l')} \Rightarrow \overline{(c \Rightarrow c')} \Rightarrow \overline{(e' \Rightarrow e)} \Rightarrow (\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f}) F \Rightarrow (\bar{l}', \bar{c}', \bar{e}', \bar{f}) F \\ \text{rel}_F &:: \overline{l \otimes l'} \Rightarrow \overline{c \otimes c'} \Rightarrow \overline{e \otimes e'} \Rightarrow (\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f}) F \otimes (\bar{l}', \bar{c}', \bar{e}', \bar{f}) F \end{aligned}$$

and, like for plain BNFs, a cardinality bound  $\text{bd}_F$  and set functions  $\text{set}_F^i$  for all live parameters  $l_i$ . The cardinality bound may depend on  $\bar{c}$ ,  $\bar{e}$ , and  $\bar{f}$ . We define two conditions  $\text{pos}_F, \text{neg}_F$  for the relator  $\text{rel}_F$  subdistributing over relation composition:<sup>2</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pos}_F, \text{neg}_F &:: \overline{(c \otimes c')} \times \overline{(c' \otimes c'')} \Rightarrow \overline{(e \otimes e')} \times \overline{(e' \otimes e'')} \Rightarrow \text{bool} \\ \text{pos}_F \overline{(C, C')} \overline{(K, K')} &\longleftrightarrow \\ &(\forall \bar{L} \bar{L}'. \text{rel}_F \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K} \circ \text{rel}_F \bar{L}' \bar{C}' \bar{K}' \sqsubseteq \text{rel}_F \overline{(L \circ L')} \overline{(C \circ C')} \overline{(K \circ K')}) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{neg}_F \overline{(C, C')} \overline{(K, K')} &\longleftrightarrow \\ &(\forall \bar{L} \bar{L}'. \text{rel}_F \overline{(L \circ L')} \overline{(C \circ C')} \overline{(K \circ K')} \sqsubseteq \text{rel}_F \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K} \circ \text{rel}_F \bar{L}' \bar{C}' \bar{K}') \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The BNF<sub>CC</sub> operations must satisfy the conditions shown in Figure 1:

1. The mapper  $\text{map}_F$  is functorial with respect to all non-fixed parameters (7) and relationally parametric (8).
2. The BNF laws about the setters (the cardinality bound, naturality, and congruence) are satisfied for the mapper  $\text{map}_F^* \bar{l} = \text{map}_F \bar{l} \text{id} \text{id}$  restricted to live arguments (9).
3. The relator  $\text{rel}_F$  is monotone in live and covariant arguments, and anti-monotone in contravariant arguments; the relator  $\text{rel}_F^* \bar{L} = \text{rel}_F^* \bar{L} \overline{(=)} \overline{(=)}$  restricted to live arguments is strongly monotone (10).<sup>3</sup>
4. The relator preserves equality and distributes over converses  $_{-}^{-1}$  (11).
5. The relator distributes over relation composition if the relations for co- and contravariant parameters are equality (12).

In comparison to plain BNFs, the BNF<sub>CC</sub> relator is a primitive operation because it is not obvious how to generalise the characterisation (4) in terms of the mapper and setters to co- and contravariant arguments. We therefore require several properties of the relator. Note that strong monotonicity (10) and negative composition subdistributivity (12) on live arguments are equivalent to the characterisation of  $\text{rel}_F^*$ , given the other axioms.

Distributivity over relation composition is split into two directions (positive and negative) because concrete functors satisfy the directions under different conditions and some theorems only need one of the two directions. The names positive and negative stem from Isabelle's Lifting package, which needs the appropriate direction for positive or negative positions in types. In this paper, we often derive sufficient criteria for each

<sup>2</sup> In our formalisation,  $\text{pos}_F$  and  $\text{neg}_F$  take type tokens for the live and fixed type parameters to avoid issues with hidden polymorphism. We omit this detail in the paper to simplify the notation.

<sup>3</sup> When  $\text{pos}_F \overline{(=), C} \overline{(=), K} = \text{neg}_F \overline{(=), C} \overline{(=), K} = \text{True}$  for all  $\bar{C}$  and  $\bar{K}$ , then the two monotonicity rules (10) are equivalent to the following combined rule:

$$\frac{\forall i. \forall a \in \text{set}_F^i x. \forall b \in \text{set}_F^i y. L_i a b \longrightarrow L'_i a b \quad \forall i. C_i \sqsubseteq C'_i \quad \forall i. K'_i \sqsubseteq K_i}{\text{rel}_F \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K} x y \longrightarrow \text{rel}_F \bar{L}' \bar{C}' \bar{K}' x y}$$

$$\text{map}_F \overline{\text{id}} \overline{\text{id}} \overline{\text{id}} = \text{id} \quad \text{map}_F (\overline{\ell} \circ \overline{\ell'}) (\overline{c} \circ \overline{c'}) (\overline{k'} \circ \overline{k}) = \text{map}_F \overline{\ell} \overline{c} \overline{k} \circ \text{map}_F \overline{\ell'} \overline{c'} \overline{k'} \quad (7)$$

$$\overline{(L \mapsto L')} \mapsto \overline{(C \mapsto C')} \mapsto \overline{(K' \mapsto K)} \mapsto \text{rel}_F \overline{L} \overline{C} \overline{K} \mapsto \text{rel}_F \overline{L'} \overline{C'} \overline{K'} \quad \text{map}_F \text{map}_F \quad (8)$$

$$\forall i. |\text{set}_F^i| \leq \text{bd}_F \quad \forall i. \text{set}_F^i (\text{map}_F^* \overline{\ell} x) = \ell_i \cdot \text{set}_F^i x \quad \frac{\forall i. \forall y \in \text{set}_F^i x. \ell_i y = \ell'_i y}{\text{map}_F^* \overline{\ell} x = \text{map}_F^* \overline{\ell'} x} \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\forall i. L_i \sqsubseteq L'_i \quad \forall i. C_i \sqsubseteq C'_i \quad \forall i. K'_i \sqsubseteq K_i}{\text{rel}_F \overline{L} \overline{C} \overline{K} \sqsubseteq \text{rel}_F \overline{L'} \overline{C'} \overline{K'}} \quad \frac{\forall i. \forall a \in \text{set}_F^i x. \forall b \in \text{set}_F^i y. L_i a b \longrightarrow L'_i a b}{\text{rel}_F^* \overline{L} x y \longrightarrow \text{rel}_F^* \overline{L'} x y} \quad (10)$$

$$\text{rel}_F \overline{=} \overline{=} \overline{=} = \overline{=} \quad (\text{rel}_F \overline{L} \overline{C} \overline{K})^{-1} = \text{rel}_F \overline{L^{-1}} \overline{C^{-1}} \overline{K^{-1}} \quad (11)$$

$$\text{pos}_F \overline{((=), (=))} \overline{((=), (=))} \quad \text{neg}_F \overline{((=), (=))} \overline{((=), (=))} \quad (12)$$

**Fig. 1.** Conditions on the operations of a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$

direction, for concrete functors and  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  constructions. For example, the function space  $\mathfrak{k} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{l}$  satisfies the positive direction unconditionally, i.e.,  $\text{pos}_{\Rightarrow} \_ = \text{True}$ . In contrast, the negative direction does not always hold. But it does if the contravariant relations are functional, i.e., graphs of functions:

$$\frac{\text{left-unique } K \quad \text{right-total } K \quad \text{right-unique } K' \quad \text{left-total } K'}{\text{neg}_{\Rightarrow} (K, K')}, \quad (13)$$

where left-unique  $R = (\forall x z y. R x z \wedge R y z \longrightarrow x = y)$  and left-total  $R = (\forall x. \exists y. R x y)$ , and right-unique and right-total are defined analogously.

The precise relationship between BNFs and  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s is as follows:

**Proposition 1.**

1. Every BNF  $(\overline{\mathfrak{l}}, \overline{\mathfrak{d}})$   $F$  is a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  where  $\overline{\mathfrak{l}}$  are live,  $\overline{\mathfrak{d}}$  are fixed, and  $\text{map}_F, \overline{\text{set}}_F, \text{bd}_F$ , and  $\text{rel}_F$  are inherited from the BNF. So  $\text{pos}_F = \text{neg}_F = \text{True}$ .
2. Every  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$   $(\overline{\mathfrak{l}}, \overline{\mathfrak{c}}, \overline{\mathfrak{f}}, \overline{\mathfrak{f}})$   $F$  is a BNF with live parameters  $\overline{\mathfrak{l}}$  and dead parameters  $\overline{\mathfrak{c}}, \overline{\mathfrak{f}}, \overline{\mathfrak{f}}$  for the mapper  $\text{map}_F^*$ , setters  $\overline{\text{set}}_F$ , bound  $\text{bd}_F$ , and relator  $\text{rel}_F^*$ .

The  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  axioms are either BNF axioms or routinely proved from them, and vice versa. The only exception is  $\text{rel}_F^*$ 's equational characterisation (4) for a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ . To show the characterisation, we use the following property, which generalises Lemma 1 to the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  mapper and relator. It follows from the functor laws (7), parametricity (8), and equality preservation (11).

**Lemma 2.** For a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$   $F$ , the graph of  $\text{map}_F \overline{\ell} \overline{c} \overline{k}$  is the relator applied to the graphs of  $\overline{\ell}$ ,  $\overline{c}$ , and the converse graphs of  $\overline{k}$ :  $\text{Gr} (\text{map}_F \overline{\ell} \overline{c} \overline{k}) = \text{rel}_F (\overline{\text{Gr}} \overline{\ell}) (\overline{\text{Gr}} \overline{c}) (\overline{\text{Gr}} \overline{k})^{-1}$ .

We now give some examples of  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s. Every BNF without dead parameters is also a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  with all parameters being live by Proposition 1. This includes all sums-of-product (co)datatypes, which are also known as polynomial (co)datatypes. Many other BNFs such as distinct lists, finite and countable sets, and discrete probability



distributions fall into this class, too. For these, our  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  generalisation would not have been necessary. But there are other types where  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s do make a difference:

- (a) We have already mentioned the function type  $\mathfrak{k} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{l}$  with mapper  $\text{map}_{\Rightarrow}$  and relator  $\Rightarrow$ , where  $\mathfrak{l}$  is live and  $\mathfrak{k}$  is contravariant.
- (b) The powerset functor  $\mathfrak{c} \text{ set}$  has the image operation as the mapper and the relator

$$\text{rel}_{\text{set}} C X Y = (\forall x \in X. \exists y \in Y. C x y) \wedge (\forall y \in Y. \exists x \in X. C x y).$$

The parameter  $\mathfrak{c}$  is covariant and not live only because there is no bound on the cardinality. We have  $\text{pos}_{\text{set } -} = \text{neg}_{\text{set } -} = \text{True}$ .

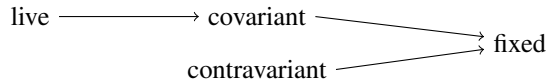
- (c) Sets  $\mathfrak{c} \text{ bset}_b$  with a finite cardinality bound  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  are a subtype of the powerset functor  $\mathfrak{c} \text{ set}$ . For  $b > 2$ ,  $\text{bset}_b$  is not a BNF in  $\mathfrak{c}$  [16]. We will see in §5 that we obtain the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  properties by composition and subtyping. We have  $\text{pos}_{\text{bset}_b -} = \text{True}$ , and right-unique  $C \vee$  left-unique  $C'$  implies  $\text{neg}_{\text{bset}_b} (C, C')$ .
- (d) Predicates  $\mathfrak{k} \text{ pred} = \mathfrak{k} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$  are the contravariant powerset functor with mapper  $\text{map}_{\Rightarrow} k \text{ id}$  and relator  $K \Rightarrow (=)$ . Interestingly, the negative subdistributivity condition  $\text{neg}_{\text{pred}}$  is weaker than  $\text{neg}_{\Rightarrow}$  because the live parameter of  $\Rightarrow$  has been instantiated to  $\text{bool}$ . We thus get that  $\text{neg}_{\text{pred}} (K, K')$  is implied by left-unique  $K \wedge$  right-total  $K \vee$  right-unique  $K' \wedge$  left-total  $K'$ , i.e., only one of the two relations must be functional, not both as in (13). Clearly,  $\text{pos}_{\text{pred } -} = \text{True}$ .
- (e) Filters  $\mathfrak{c} \text{ filter}$  (sets of sets closed under finite intersections and supersets) can be viewed as a semantic subtype of  $\mathfrak{c} \text{ pred pred} = (\mathfrak{c} \Rightarrow \text{bool}) \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ . Here,  $\mathfrak{c}$  is covariant because we go twice through  $\Rightarrow$ 's left-hand side.

These examples propagate: whenever one of these types occurs inside a larger type, this type also benefits from  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ 's greater generality over BNF's.

### 3 Simple Operations on $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s

We now show that  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s are closed under functor composition, like BNFs are. This property is crucial for a modular construction of (co)datatypes. Considering them as (co)algebras, we can construct arbitrarily complex signatures from simple building blocks, because the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  properties follow by construction. For example, the type  $\mathfrak{k} \text{ option} \Rightarrow (\mathfrak{c}_1 \times \mathfrak{c}_2) \text{ set}$  is a composition of the type constructors  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\text{option}$ ,  $\text{set}$ , and  $\times$ . For  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s, we distinguish three kinds of composition depending on whether the composition occurs in a live (set in  $\mathfrak{k} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{l}$ ), covariant ( $\times$  in  $\mathfrak{l} \text{ set}$ ), or contravariant parameter (option in  $\mathfrak{l} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{l}$ ).

Before we turn to composition, we discuss two technical issues: *demoting* and *merging* parameters. For BNFs, demotion is known as killing, which transforms a live parameter into a dead. For  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s, there are three kinds of demotion ( $\longrightarrow$ ):



Demotion is a preparatory step for composition: If composition happens in a co- or contravariant position, the live parameters of the inner functor are no longer live. Demotion first transforms all live parameters into covariant ones. During composition in a co- or contravariant parameter, we can thus assume that the inner functor has no live parameters.

Merging unifies two type parameters of a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ . Both type parameters must be of the same kind (live, co-, contravariant, or fixed)—otherwise, they must be demoted first. For example, we can merge  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in  $(c_1 \times c_2)$  set directly to obtain the unary covariant functor  $(c \times c)$  set. In contrast, before merging  $\mathfrak{k}$  and  $\mathfrak{l}$  in  $\mathfrak{k} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{l}$ , we must demote the live parameter  $\mathfrak{l}$  and the contravariant parameter  $\mathfrak{k}$  to fixed. Treating merging as a separate operation simplifies the composition theorem (Theorem 1) as we can assume without loss of generality that the two functors do not share any parameters.

**Proposition 2.**  *$\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  are closed under all kinds of demotion and merging.*

Demoting a live parameter adds an argument to the conditions for composition distribution, i.e., it removes the corresponding relations from the universal quantifiers in (5,6). So the conditions become weaker. It may therefore be useful to associate one type constructor with several  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  instances that differ in the live parameters. In  $\mathfrak{k} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{l}$ , e.g., demoting  $\mathfrak{l}$  to  $c$  allows us to relax the conditions on  $\mathfrak{k}$ 's relations by imposing some on  $c$ 's. In the covariant case, negative distributivity  $\text{neg}_{\Rightarrow} (C, C') (K, K')$  holds if right-unique  $K'$ , left-total  $K'$ , left-unique  $C'$ , and right-total  $C'$ . But in the live case,  $\text{neg}_{\Rightarrow} (K, K')$  does not hold for right-unique  $K'$ , left-total  $K'$  in general. This difference will be crucial for quotient preservation (§6).

We now return to composition and show that the class  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  of functors is closed under composition. In the following, the meta-variable  $i$  denotes the index of the parameter where the composition takes place relative to the kind of the parameter.<sup>4</sup>

**Theorem 1.**  *$\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  are closed under composition in all kinds of parameters. Formally, let  $(\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F)$   $F$  and  $(\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G)$   $G$  be  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  such that no parameter is shared between  $F$  and  $G$ . We consider four kinds of composing  $F$  with  $G$  into a new functor  $FG$ :*

**Live**  *$(\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F^{<i}, (\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G) G, \overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F^{>i}, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F)$   $F$  is a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  with  $\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F^{>i}, \overline{\mathfrak{I}}_G$  live,  $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G$  covariant,  $\overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_G$  contravariant, and  $\overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G$  fixed.  $\text{pos}_F (C_F, C'_F) (K_F, K'_F)$  and  $\text{pos}_G (C_G, C'_G) (K_G, K'_G)$  are sufficient for  $\text{pos}_{FG} (C_F, C'_F) (C_G, C'_G) (K_F, K'_F) (K_G, K'_G)$ ; it is the same for  $\text{neg}_{FG}$ .*

**Covariant** *If  $\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_G$  is empty, then  $(\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F^{<i}, (\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G) G, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F^{>i}, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F)$   $F$  is a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  with  $\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F$  live,  $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F^{>i}, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G$  covariant,  $\overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_G$  contravariant, and  $\overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G$  fixed.  $\text{pos}_G (C_G, C'_G) (K_G, K'_G)$  and  $\text{pos}_F (C_F, C'_F)^{<i} (\text{rel}_G \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G \overline{\mathfrak{K}}_G, \text{rel}_G \overline{\mathfrak{C}}'_G \overline{\mathfrak{K}}'_G) (C_F, C'_F)^{>i} (K_F, K'_F)$  are sufficient for  $\text{pos}_{FG} (C_F, C'_F)^{\neq i} (C_G, C'_G) (K_F, K'_F) (K_G, K'_G)$ ; it is the same for  $\text{neg}_{FG}$ .*

**Contravariant** *If  $\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_G$  is empty, then  $(\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F^{<i}, (\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G) G, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F^{>i}, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F)$   $F$  is a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  with  $\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F$  live,  $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_G$  covariant,  $\overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F^{>i}, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G$  contravariant, and  $\overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G$  fixed.  $\text{neg}_G (C_G, C'_G) (K_G, K'_G)$  and  $\text{pos}_F (C_F, C'_F) (K_F, K'_F)^{<i} (\text{rel}_G \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G \overline{\mathfrak{K}}_G, \text{rel}_G \overline{\mathfrak{C}}'_G \overline{\mathfrak{K}}'_G) (K_F, K'_F)^{>i}$  are sufficient for  $\text{pos}_{FG} (C_F, C'_F) (K_G, K'_G) (K_F, K'_F)^{\neq i} (C_G, C'_G)$ ; it is the same for  $\text{neg}_{FG}$ . (Note that in the new functor,  $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}'_G$  are now contravariant and  $\overline{\mathfrak{K}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{K}}'_G$  covariant.)*

**Fixed** *If  $\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_G$  are all empty, then  $(\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F^{<i}, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F^{>i})$   $F$  is a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  with  $\overline{\mathfrak{I}}_F$  live,  $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_F$  covariant,  $\overline{\mathfrak{E}}_F$  contravariant, and  $\overline{\mathfrak{F}}_F^{>i}, \overline{\mathfrak{F}}_G$  fixed.  $\text{pos}_F (C_F, C'_F) (K_F, K'_F)$  is sufficient for  $\text{pos}_{FG} (C_F, C'_F) (K_F, K'_F)$ ; it is the same for  $\text{neg}_{FG}$ .*

<sup>4</sup> For example, if we instantiate the third covariant parameter of  $F$  with  $G$ , then  $i = 3$ .

## 4 Least and Greatest Fixpoints

Bounded natural functors have been introduced mainly to construct (co)datatypes modularly in HOL. A (co)datatype  $\bar{a} T$  defined by the command

$$\text{(co)datatype } \bar{a} T = \text{ctor}_T (\text{dctor}_T : (\bar{a} T, \bar{a}) F)$$

corresponds to the least (greatest) solution  $X$  of the fixpoint equation  $\bar{a} X \cong (\bar{a} X, \bar{a}) F$ , up to the (co)algebra isomorphism given by the constructor  $\text{ctor}_T$  and destructor  $\text{dctor}_T$ . Whenever the (co)recursion goes through a live type parameter of  $F$ , the fixpoint exists and it is again a BNF for the remaining live parameters—this is the closure property under fixpoints.<sup>5</sup>

In this section, we show that every (co)datatype defined over a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  can be extended to a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  in a meaningful way, namely such that the following primitive (co)datatype operations are parametric with respect to the generalised relator: the constructor  $\text{ctor}_T$ , the destructor  $\text{dctor}_T$ , and a (co)recursor, which witnesses initiality or finality of the (co)algebra.

In the following, we consider a  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}} F$  and its least fixpoint  $T$  taken over the first live parameter. We define  $T$ 's generalised mapper by primitive (co)recursion and  $T$ 's generalised relator (co)inductively by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map}_T \bar{\ell} \bar{c} \bar{k} (\text{ctor}_T x) &= \text{ctor}_T (\text{map}_F (\text{map}_T \bar{\ell} \bar{c} \bar{k}) \bar{\ell} \bar{c} \bar{k} x) \\ &\frac{\text{rel}_F (\text{rel}_T \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K}) \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K} x y}{\text{rel}_T \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K} (\text{ctor}_T x) (\text{ctor}_T y)}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\text{rel}_T$  is well-defined since  $\text{rel}_F$  is monotone in the live arguments. This choice of the relator (and therefore of the mapper, due to Lemma 2) is intuitively correct as we obtain a general form of parametricity to the extent permitted by  $\text{rel}_F$ :

**Proposition 3.** *The constructor, destructor, and (co)recursor for  $T$  are parametric with respect to  $\text{rel}_T$ .*

The canonical BNF map function for  $T$ , which acts only on  $T$ 's live parameters, is equal to  $\text{map}_T^*$  by definition. Similarly, the restricted relator  $\text{rel}_T^*$  satisfies the BNF characterisation (4). Note that the setters  $\overline{\text{set}_T}$  satisfy only the restricted parametricity law  $(\text{rel}_T^* \bar{L} \mapsto \text{rel}_{\text{set}} L_i) \text{set}_T^i \text{set}_T^i$ . The general parametricity law  $(\text{rel}_T \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{R} \mapsto \text{rel}_{\text{set}} L_i) \text{set}_T^i \text{set}_T^i$  does not hold in general because we have not generalised the setters to co- and contravariant parameters (see §8). For example, the setter for the function space  $\mathbb{k} \Rightarrow \mathbb{l}$  takes the range of the function. Choosing  $K = \perp$ , where  $\perp$  is the empty relation, and  $L = (=)$ , then  $(K \mapsto L) (\lambda \dots \text{True}) (\lambda \dots \text{False})$ , but clearly not  $\text{rel}_{\text{set}} (=) (\text{range } (\lambda \dots \text{True})) (\text{range } (\lambda \dots \text{False}))$ .

**Theorem 2.**  *$\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s are closed under least and greatest fixpoints through live parameters. In particular, if  $T$  is the least or greatest fixpoint through one of  $F$ 's live parameters, then  $\overline{\text{pos}_F (C, C')} (K, K')$  implies  $\text{pos}_T (C, C') (K, K')$ , and the same for  $\text{neg}_F$  and  $\text{neg}_T$ .*

<sup>5</sup> For mutually recursive (co)datatypes, the solutions are taken over a system of equations instead of a single fixpoint equation. The  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  theory generalises to systems of equations in the same way as the BNF theory does.

## 5 Subtypes

In HOL, a new type  $\bar{a} T$  is defined by carving out a non-empty subset  $S$  of an already existing type  $\bar{a} F$ . Such a type definition creates an embedding isomorphism  $\text{Rep}_T :: \bar{a} T \Rightarrow \bar{a} F$  between  $\bar{a} T$  and  $S$  with inverse  $\text{Abs}_T :: \bar{a} F \Rightarrow \bar{a} T$ , where  $\text{Abs}_T$  is unspecified outside of  $S$ . If  $F$  is a BNF, then the new type  $T$  can inherit  $F$ 's BNF structure provided that  $S$  is “well-behaved.” Biendarra [6] has identified the following two conditions on  $S$ , from which his Isabelle/HOL command `lift-bnf` derives the BNF properties.

- *Closed under the BNF mapper:* whenever  $x \in S$ , then  $\text{map}_F^* \bar{\ell} x \in S$ ; and
- *Reflects projections:* if  $\text{map}_F^* \bar{\pi}_1 z \in S$  and  $\text{map}_F^* \bar{\pi}_2 z \in S$ , then  $z \in S$ .

Meanwhile, Popescu [33] has weakened the second condition as follows: whenever  $\text{map}_F^* \bar{\pi}_1 z \in S$  and  $\text{map}_F^* \bar{\pi}_2 z \in S$ , then there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $\text{set}_F^i y \subseteq \text{set}_F^i z$  for all  $i$ ,  $\text{map}_F^* \bar{\pi}_1 y = \text{map}_F^* \bar{\pi}_1 z$ , and  $\text{map}_F^* \bar{\pi}_2 y = \text{map}_F^* \bar{\pi}_2 z$ .

In this section, we generalise Biendarra’s and Popescu’s conditions to  $\text{BNF}_{CC}$ s:

**Theorem 3 (BNF<sub>CC</sub> inheritance for subtypes).** *Let  $(\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f}) F$  be a  $\text{BNF}_{CC}$  and let  $(\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f}) T$  be isomorphic to the non-empty set  $S :: (\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f}) F$  set via the morphisms  $\text{Rep}_T$  and  $\text{Abs}_T$ . The type  $T$  inherits the  $\text{BNF}_{CC}$  structure from  $F$  via*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map}_T \bar{\ell} \bar{c} \bar{k} &= \text{Abs}_T \circ \text{map}_F \bar{\ell} \bar{c} \bar{k} \circ \text{Rep}_T & \text{set}_T^i &= \text{set}_F^i \circ \text{Rep}_T & \text{bd}_T &= \text{bd}_F \\ \text{rel}_T \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K} x y &= \text{rel}_F \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K} (\text{Rep}_T x) (\text{Rep}_T y) \end{aligned}$$

if  $\text{neg}_T \overline{((=), (=))} \overline{((=), (=))}$  holds and  $x \in S$  implies  $\text{map}_F \bar{\ell} \bar{c} \bar{k} x \in S$ . Moreover,  $\text{pos}_F (C, C') (K, K')$  implies  $\text{pos}_T (C, C') (K, K')$ .

Negative subdistributivity can often be reduced to proving closedness under zippings, which generalises reflection of projections in the BNF case. We allow a condition  $\text{neg}'_T$  that is stronger than  $\text{neg}_F$ , assuming that  $\text{neg}'_T \overline{((=), (=))} \overline{((=), (=))}$  still holds. The set  $S$  is *closed under zippings for  $\text{neg}'_T$*  iff

$$\frac{x \in S \quad y \in S \quad \text{rel}_F \bar{L} \overline{(C \circ C')} \overline{(K \circ K')} x y}{\text{rel}_F \overline{(\lambda a (a', b). a' = a \wedge L a b)} \bar{C} \bar{K} x z \quad \text{rel}_F \overline{(\lambda (a, b') b. b' = b \wedge L a b)} \bar{C}' \bar{K}' z y} z \in S$$

for all  $x, y, z$  and all  $\bar{L}, \bar{C}, \bar{C}', \bar{K}, \bar{K}'$  such that  $\text{neg}'_T \overline{(C, C')} \overline{(K, K')}$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $S$  be closed under zippings for  $\text{neg}'_T$ . Then  $\text{neg}'_T \overline{(C, C')} \overline{(K, K')}$  implies  $\text{neg}_T \overline{(C, C')} \overline{(K, K')}$ .*

**Corollary 1.** *BNF<sub>CC</sub>s are closed under subtypes that are closed under the  $\text{BNF}_{CC}$  mapper and zippings (for some condition on negative subdistributivity).*

Non-uniform (co)datatypes are therefore also  $\text{BNF}_{CC}$ s, as they are defined as subtypes of ordinary (co)datatypes [8], and the subtype predicate is invariant under the mapper.

The assumptions on  $S$  in Theorem 3 and Corollary 1 are indeed generalisations of Popescu’s and Biendarra’s conditions, respectively. For when there are no co- and

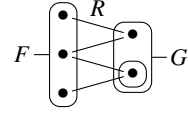
contravariant parameters, the assumptions on  $S$  in Theorem 3 are equivalent to Popescu’s conditions, given the BNF relator characterisation (4). Similarly, closure under zippings is equivalent to Biendarra’s reflecting projections in that case.

Note that closure under zippings strictly implies negative subdistributivity. For example, sets of cardinality at most two are a BNF and a subtype of the finite powerset BNF fset. Yet, the cardinality restriction to at most two does not reflect projections (take  $z = \{a, b\} \times \{0, 1\}$ ). Our Theorem 3 handles this case, but Lemma 3 cannot be used as closedness under zippings is not provable. The current implementation of `lift-bnf` cannot handle this case either.

Since  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  do not require the relator distributing unconditionally over relation composition, there can be several relators that extend the mapper in the sense of Lemma 2. For example, filters (§2) are a subtype of the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  obtained by composing the contravariant powerset functor with itself. This view yields the mapper  $\text{map}_{\text{filter}} c F = \{X \mid c^{-1}(X) \in F\}$  from the literature. (We omit the conversions between sets and predicates for clarity). Yet, there are two relator candidates for filter: First, the construction in Theorem 3 gives  $\text{rel}_{\text{filter}}^1 R F G = \text{rel}_{\text{pred}} (\text{rel}_{\text{pred}} R) F G$ . Second, the canonical categorical extension of a functor on  $\text{SET}$  to  $\text{REL}$  [13,34] gives

$$\text{rel}_{\text{filter}}^2 R F G = (\exists Z. R \in Z \wedge F = \{U \mid \pi_1^{-1}(U) \cap R \in Z\} \wedge G = \{V \mid \pi_1^{-1}(V) \cap R \in Z\})$$

where  $f^{-1}(V)$  denotes the preimage of  $V$  under  $f$ . The latter relator is strictly stronger than the former. For example, the drawing on the right shows a filter  $F = \{\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}\}$  on a three-element type, a filter  $G = \{\{b_1\}, \{b_1, b_2\}\}$  on a two-element type, and a relation  $R$  between the elements. We have  $\text{rel}_{\text{filter}}^1 R F G$ , but not  $\text{rel}_{\text{filter}}^2 R F G$ .



In this case,  $\text{rel}_{\text{filter}}^2$  is the right choice as it gives  $\text{pos}_{\text{filter}} - = \text{neg}_{\text{filter}} - = \text{True}$  [13]. But sometimes the relator definition from Theorem 3 is better. Probability distributions with a finite cardinality bound on the support, e.g., preserve quotients only with the relator from Theorem 3 (§6).

## 6 Quotient Preservation

We now consider quotient relationships between types and how  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$  preserve such relationships. This allows a modular construction of quotients by composing  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CCS}}$ .

A type  $\alpha$  is a *quotient* of another type  $\tau$  under a partial equivalence relation  $R$  on  $\tau$  iff  $\alpha$  is isomorphic to  $\tau$ ’s equivalence classes. A quotient  $\alpha$  can thus be viewed as an abstraction of  $\tau$ , and, conversely,  $\tau$  as a refinement of  $\alpha$ . (One must consider partial equivalence relations in a higher-order setting for reasons similar to why parametricity uses relations instead of functions [17].) A type constructor  $\bar{b} F$  *preserves quotients* in the type parameters  $\bar{b}^{\text{el}} = b_1, \dots, b_m$  iff  $\bar{\alpha} F$  is a quotient of  $\bar{\tau} F$  whenever  $\bar{\alpha}^{\text{el}}$  are quotients of  $\bar{\tau}^{\text{el}}$  and  $\bar{\alpha}^{\text{el}} = \bar{\tau}^{\text{el}}$  (for some construction of the equivalence relation; we provide the details below). For lists, e.g., a quotient between element types  $\alpha$  and  $\tau$  yields a quotient between lists of such elements, a list and  $\tau$  list.

In  $\text{HOL}$ , a quotient between types is described by a relation  $T :: \tau \otimes \alpha$  that is right-total and right-unique. Such a relation induces (i) an embedding morphism

$rep :: a \Rightarrow \tau$ , (ii) an abstraction morphism  $abs :: \tau \Rightarrow a$ , and (iii) the underlying partial equivalence relation  $R = T \circ T^{-1}$ . The embedding  $rep$  picks an unspecified element in the equivalence class, which may require the axiom of choice, and  $abs r$  is unspecified if no equivalence class contains  $r$ . Due to this underspecification, it is useful to keep track of  $rep$  and  $abs$  as primitive operations, e.g., for code generation. Similarly, Isabelle’s Lifting package [18] maintains the explicit characterisation of the equivalence relation  $R$  to simplify the respectfulness proof obligations presented to the user. The predicate  $Quot$  formalises these relationships:

$$Quot R abs rep T \longleftrightarrow (T \leq Gr abs \wedge Gr rep \leq T^{-1} \wedge R = T \circ T^{-1}). \quad (14)$$

Quotient preservation can thus be expressed as an implication. For lists, e.g., we have that  $Quot R abs rep T$  implies  $Quot (rel_{list} R) (map_{list} abs) (map_{list} rep) (rel_{list} T)$ . Note how the relator and mapper lift the relations and morphisms from elements to lists. BNFs preserve quotients in all live parameters; this is an easy consequence of relator monotonicity and distributivity.

**Theorem 4 ([21, §4.7]).** *BNFs preserve quotients in live parameters. If  $(\bar{l}, \bar{d}) F$  is a BNF and  $\forall i. Quot R_i abs_i rep_i T_i$ , then  $Quot (rel_F \bar{R}) (map_F \bar{abs}) (map_F \bar{rep}) (rel_F \bar{T})$ .*

This theorem does not fully generalise to  $BNF_{CC}$ s with co- and contravariant parameters, as the counterexample in Appendix B shows. We obtain the following result, however, which shows that positive subdistributivity of the relator over the quotient relations and their converses is a sufficient condition for quotient preservation.

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $(\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{f}, \bar{f}) F$  be a  $BNF_{CC}$ . Assume that  $\forall i. Quot R_\chi^i abs_\chi^i rep_\chi^i T_\chi^i$  for all  $\chi \in \{L, C, K\}$ . If  $pos_F (T_C, T_C^{-1}) (T_K, T_K^{-1})$ , then*

$$Quot (rel_F \bar{R}_L \bar{R}_C \bar{R}_K) (map_F \bar{abs}_L \bar{abs}_C \bar{rep}_K) (map_F \bar{rep}_L \bar{rep}_C \bar{abs}_K) (rel_F \bar{T}_L \bar{T}_C \bar{T}_K).$$

We now illustrate how this theorem applies to different  $BNF_{CC}$ s. Note that it applies to all the  $BNF_{CC}$ s mentioned at the end of §2, as their relators all positively distribute over all relation compositions (if we use the right relator for filters as discussed in §5). For a  $BNF_{CC}$   $F$  constructed from these primitives,  $pos_F \_ = True$  need not hold, though, as  $BNF_{CC}$  composition in negative positions swaps the positive and negative conditions. Nevertheless, we can derive  $pos_F (T, T^{-1})$  for quotient relations  $T$  by using our composition theorems, as the following two examples illustrate. First, predicates over predicates  $c pp = (c \Rightarrow bool) \Rightarrow bool$  do preserve quotients. By the contravariant case of Theorem 1,  $pos_{pp} (T, T^{-1})$  follows from  $pos_{pred} (T \Rightarrow (=), T^{-1} \Rightarrow (=))$  and  $neg_{pred} (T, T^{-1})$ . The former is trivial as  $pos_{pred} \_ = True$ . For the latter, observe that predicates  $\mathfrak{k} pred$  are obtained from the function space  $\mathfrak{k} \Rightarrow c$  by instantiating  $c$  with the nullary  $BNF_{CC}$   $bool$ . So, by Theorem 1 (the covariant case),  $neg_{pred} (T, T^{-1})$  follows from  $neg_{bool} = True$  and  $neg_{\Rightarrow} ((=), (=)) (T, T^{-1})$ , which is easily proved using  $T$  being a quotient relation. In this reasoning, it is essential that we do not use the function space  $BNF_{CC}$  with the live codomain. Instead, we first demote the codomain to a covariant parameter (fixed would also do). For in the live case, Theorem 1 gives us only the implication from  $neg_{\Rightarrow} (T, T^{-1})$  (without the live parameter relations as arguments) to  $neg_{pred} (T, T^{-1})$ , but  $neg_{\Rightarrow} (T, T^{-1})$  does not hold as it quantifies over all live parameter relations. This illustrates the weakening by demotion that we discussed below Proposition 2.

The second example shows that it is important to associate several  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s with one type constructor, even in a single type expression. The codatatype

$$\text{codatatype } (c, \ell) \text{ T} = \text{ctor}_{\text{T}} ((c \Rightarrow \ell) \Rightarrow (c, \ell) \text{ T})$$

is the final coalgebra of the functor  $(l, c, \ell) F = (c \Rightarrow \ell) \Rightarrow l$  and it preserves quotients. To derive  $\text{pos}_{\text{T}}(C, C')(K, K')$  modularly from the construction, we must treat  $F$ 's outer function space with live codomain (as the corecursion goes through this parameter) and  $F$ 's inner function space with covariant codomain (for the same reason as in the pp case).

## 7 Related Work

We have already discussed the related work on bounded natural functors [6,7,8,21,38] in the previous sections. Here, we discuss how  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s fit into the Isabelle ecosystem, and compare our approach to previous work for other theorem provers.

The Transfer package by Huffman and Kunčar [18] implements Mitchell's representation independence [28] using a database of parametricity theorems and (conditional) respectfulness theorems for equality and quantifiers.  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  relators can be directly used in the parametricity rules, making them more versatile than BNF relators thanks to the generalisation to co- and contravariant arguments. The respectfulness theorems follow from monotonicity and positive or negative relator distributivity, whose preconditions our composition theorems carefully track. Moreover, Gilcher's automatic derivation of parametricity theorems [12] also benefits from the generalised relators.

The Lifting package [18] lifts constants over quotients and derives appropriate transfer rules using databases of quotient preservation theorems and relator monotonicity and distributivity. Like for Transfer, our theorems can be fed directly into these databases, making the Lifting package more useful.

Lammich's Autoref tool [22,23] performs data refinement based on parametricity. Currently, Lammich must manually derive relators for (co)datatypes.  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s offer a systematic way to define relators and to derive their fundamental properties.

Apart from HOL, parametricity has recently received a lot of attention in dependent type theories as implemented in Coq, Agda, and Lean. In these rich logics, it is possible to internalise Reynolds' relational interpretation of types [5]. So, the parametricity theorem is just a syntactic translation of a type and its proof can be systematically programmed. Various such translations have been studied for different subsets of the logics [3,20,2]; Anand and Morrisett provide a good overview [2]. These works prove (by induction over the syntax of the logic) that all functions defineable in the logic are parametric and then implement this proof as a tool such as ParamCoq [20] and ParamCoq-iff [2]. As HOL lacks the syntactic nature of type theories and its classical axioms forbid a general parametricity result, we follow a semantic approach using  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s instead. This has the advantage that our approach is modular: only semantic properties matter, but not the particular way that something was defined in. Moreover, most of the type-theoretic works hardly study how the relational interpretation can be used. At best, free theorems are derived (e.g., Anand and Morrisett derive respectfulness of  $\alpha$ -equivalence of  $\lambda$ -terms from an operational semantics being parametric). In contrast, the rich properties of  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s directly lead to a wealth of applications, including free theorems, data refinement, and type abstraction through quotients.

## 8 Conclusion and Future Work

BNF<sub>CCS</sub> generalise the concept of bounded natural functors, which are motivated by the construction of (co)datatypes in HOL. They equip co- and contravariant type parameters with a functorial structure, even when they do not meet the requirements of bounded naturality. Hence, the mapper and relator of a BNF<sub>CC</sub> act on these type parameters, too. We have shown that BNF<sub>CCS</sub> are closed under the most important type construction mechanisms in HOL: composition, datatypes, codatatypes, and subtypes. This way, we obtain canonical definitions of the mapper and the relator for these constructions, together with proofs of some useful properties. For (co)datatypes, it is crucial that we stay compatible with the BNF restrictions, which motivates our unified view on the functorial structure of types. Applications of parametricity, such as data refinement, quotients, and generalised rewriting, benefit from the extended operations.

We have not yet automated the BNF<sub>CC</sub> construction in Isabelle/HOL, but we have formalised the constructions and proofs in an abstract setting. Moreover, we have manually applied the BNF<sub>CC</sub> theory in a few applications. In the CryptHOL framework [4,25], e.g., the first author manually defined the generalised mapper and relator for the codatatype

$$\text{codatatype } (a, b, c) \text{ gpv} = \text{GPV} ((a + (b \times (c \Rightarrow (a, b, c) \text{ gpv}))) \text{ option pmf})$$

which models sub-probabilistic discrete systems, and proved properties like relator monotonicity and distributivity. Following the BNF<sub>CC</sub> theory, we have refactored the definitions and proofs. By exploiting the modularity, they became cleaner, simpler, and shorter.

BNF<sub>CCS</sub> are functors on the category of sets, but for co- and contravariant parameters, they need not be functors on the category of relations, as the relator need not distribute unconditionally over relation composition [34]. This is a necessary consequence of dealing with the full function space. Therefore, the relator is not uniquely determined by the mapper, either, and one must choose the relator that fits one's needs best.

There are now four groups of type parameters: live, co-, contravariant, and fixed. Are they enough or do we need further refinements? In the category of sets, this is as far as we can possibly get while retaining the functorial structure. But in some cases, we would like to go beyond. For example, the state  $s$  in a state monad  $(s, \alpha) \text{ stateM} = s \Rightarrow \alpha \times s$  occurs in a positive and a negative position, so demotion makes  $s$  fixed. The BNF<sub>CC</sub> mapper and relator therefore ignore it. One could generalise the mapper to  $s$  if we restrict the morphisms to bijections, i.e., change the underlying category to bijections. Similarly, if a type parameter has a type class constraint, only type class homomorphisms can be mapped in general. Extending BNF<sub>CCS</sub> into this direction is left as future work.

Moreover, we have not studied one popular type construction mechanism in this paper: quotients [18,19]. We are still working on identifying the conditions under which a quotient inherits even the BNF structure from the raw type. For the extension to BNF<sub>CCS</sub>, we conjecture that we must first generalise the setter concept from live to co- and contravariant parameters such that unsound set functors can be repaired [1]. Furthermore, we are interested in lifting a family of quotient relations between two BNF<sub>CCS</sub> to a quotient relation between their fixpoints. This is necessary for refining a whole collection of types that is closed under (co)datatype formation, as needed, e.g., in [35].

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## A Proofs

This section presents informal proof sketches for the theorems in this paper to give the reader an intuition. We have formalised all of them in an abstract setting in Isabelle, see the supplementary material [26].

### A.1 Proofs for §2

*Proof (Proposition 1).* The non-trivial part is the proof of (4) from the  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  axioms. First, we show that the BNF predictor  $\text{pred}_F^* \bar{P} x = \forall i. \text{set}_F^i x \subseteq \{\ell \mid P_i \ell\}$ , which lifts predicates instead of relations, can be expressed in terms of the restricted relator:

$$\text{rel}_F^* (\overline{=P}) x y \longleftrightarrow (=_{\text{pred}_F^* \bar{P}}) x y \quad (15)$$

where  $(=P) x y \longleftrightarrow x = y \wedge P x$  converts the predicate  $P$  into a binary relation.

We prove both directions separately, starting with the implication from left to right. The equality  $x = y$  follows from monotonicity (10) and relator equality (11). For  $\text{pred}_F^* \bar{P} x$ , note that  $\text{rel}_F^* (\overline{=}) (\text{map}_F^* \bar{P} x) (\text{map}_F^* (\lambda \_ . \text{True}) y)$  follows from the assumption  $\text{rel}_F^* (\overline{=}_p) x y$  by parametricity of the mapper (8). So the related terms are equal by (11). As the setters  $\text{set}_F^*$  are natural transformations (9),  $x$  satisfies  $\text{set}_F^* x \subseteq \{\ell \mid P_i \ell\}$  for all live parameters  $i$ . The other direction follows directly from relator equality (11) and strong monotonicity (10).

Next, let  $\text{Gr}_{\text{on}} S f$  be the graph of  $f$  restricted to the domain  $\{a \mid S a\}$ . We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rel}_F^* (\overline{\text{Gr}_{\text{on}} S f}) &= \text{rel}_F^* (\overline{(\overline{=}_S) \circ \text{Gr } f}) = \text{rel}_F^* (\overline{=}_S) \circ \text{rel}_F^* (\overline{\text{Gr } f}) \\ &= (\overline{=}_{\text{pred}_F^* \bar{P}}) \circ \text{Gr} (\text{map}_F^* \bar{f}) = \text{Gr}_{\text{on}} (\text{pred}_F^* \bar{P}) (\text{map}_F^* \bar{f}). \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The first and the last step use the simple fact that  $\text{Gr}_{\text{on}} S f = (\overline{=}_S) \circ \text{Gr } f$ . For the second step, note that  $\text{rel}_F^*$  distributes unconditionally over relation composition (5,6,12). The third step uses (15) and Lemma 2.

Finally, going from (16) to (4) is a simple exercise using  $\text{rel}_F^*$ 's distributivity over composition and converses (11).  $\square$

## A.2 Proofs for §3

*Proof (Proposition 2).* When a live parameter  $l_k$  is demoted to covariant, the mapper and relator remain unchanged, and we forget about  $l_k$ 's set function. When a co- or contravariant parameter is demoted to fixed, the corresponding argument of the mapper is instantiated with the identity  $\text{id}$  and that of the relator with equality  $(=)$ .

When two parameters are merged, the corresponding arguments of the mapper and the relator are merged, too. In case of live parameters, the merged setter is the union of the two former setters. As only type parameters of the same kind can be merged, the preconditions of relator monotonicity fit and the merged function arguments for the mapper also go the same way.

Both demotion and merging only weaken the subdistributivity conditions.  $\square$

*Proof (Theorem 1).* Composition in a fixed parameter is trivial. For all other kinds, the mappers and relators are composed by substitution in the appropriate argument, which is the usual composition of functors and relators. For example, the mappers for the co- and contravariant cases are

$$\text{map}_F \bar{\ell}_F \bar{c}_F^{<i} (\text{map}_G \bar{c}_G \bar{k}_G) \bar{c}_F^{>i} \bar{k}_F \quad \text{and} \quad \text{map}_F \bar{\ell}_F \bar{c}_F \bar{k}_F^{<i} (\text{map}_G \bar{c}_G \bar{k}_G) \bar{k}_F^{>i},$$

respectively. Note that in the contravariant case, the covariant and contravariant parameters of  $G$  swap their roles, e.g., all  $\bar{c}_G$  are now contravariant. The set functions and bound only change for composition in live parameters, where it is the same as for BNFs [39].  $\square$

## A.3 Proofs for §4

*Proof (Proposition 3).* Parametricity of the constructor and destructor follows directly from the introduction and elimination rules of  $\text{rel}_\top$ . For the (co)recursor, we apply (co)induction and parametricity of  $\text{map}_\top$ .  $\square$

For the proof of closedness under fixpoints and subtypes, it will be convenient to materialise the intermediate value whose existence is implied by the negative subdistributivity law (6). We therefore associate with  $(\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f})$  F its composition witness  $\text{wit}_F :: \overline{l \otimes l'} \Rightarrow (\bar{c} \otimes c') \times (c' \otimes c'') \Rightarrow (\bar{e} \otimes e') \times (e' \otimes e'') \Rightarrow (\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f})$  F  $\times$   $(\bar{l}', \bar{c}', \bar{e}', \bar{f}')$  F  $\Rightarrow (\bar{l} \times \bar{l}', \bar{c}', \bar{e}', \bar{f}')$  F that satisfies

$$\text{rel}_F \overline{(\lambda a (a', b). a' = a \wedge L a b) \bar{C} \bar{K} x (\text{wit}_F \bar{L} (\bar{C}, \bar{C}') (\bar{K}, \bar{K}') (x, y))} \quad (17)$$

$$\text{rel}_F \overline{(\lambda (a, b') b. b' = b \wedge L a b) \bar{C}' \bar{K}' (\text{wit}_F \bar{L} (\bar{C}, \bar{C}') (\bar{K}, \bar{K}') (x, y))} y \quad (18)$$

whenever  $\text{rel}_F \bar{L} (\bar{C} \circ \bar{C}') (\bar{K} \circ \bar{K}') x y$ . We usually impose restrictions on  $\bar{C}, \bar{C}', \bar{K}, \bar{K}'$ . Note that values of live arguments get paired whereas those of co- and contravariant arguments get replaced. This difference is crucial to modularly construct the witnesses for fixpoints.<sup>6</sup>

**Lemma 4.** *The existence of  $\text{wit}_F$  satisfying (17) and (18) is equivalent to negative subdistributivity (6) for  $\bar{C}, \bar{C}', \bar{K}, \bar{K}'$ , given the other  $\text{BNF}_{CC}$  conditions and the axiom of choice.*

*Proof.* Assuming negative subdistributivity, i.e.,  $\text{neg}_F \bar{L} (\bar{C}, \bar{C}') (\bar{K}, \bar{K}') (x, y)$ , we show that some witness  $\text{wit}_F \bar{L} (\bar{C}, \bar{C}') (\bar{K}, \bar{K}') (x, y)$  satisfying (17) and (18) must exist. We have

$$(\text{rel}_F \overline{(\lambda a (a', b). a' = a \wedge L a b) \bar{C} \bar{K} \circ \text{rel}_F \overline{(\lambda (a, b') b. b' = b \wedge L a b) \bar{C}' \bar{K}'}}) x y$$

whenever  $\text{rel}_F \bar{L} (\bar{C} \circ \bar{C}') (\bar{K} \circ \bar{K}') x y$ , using monotonicity and the definition of  $\text{neg}_F$ . The intermediate value implied by the relation composition is the desired witness.

Conversely, if the witness is given, we can construct the intermediate value required for negative subdistributivity. Assume  $\text{rel}_F \bar{L} (\bar{C}, \bar{C}') (\bar{K}, \bar{K}') (x, y)$  and let  $z$  be

$$\text{map}_F^* \overline{(\circ\text{-wit} (L, L'))} (\text{wit}_F \overline{(L \circ L')} (\bar{C}, \bar{C}') (\bar{K}, \bar{K}') (x, y)),$$

where  $\circ\text{-wit} (R, R') (a, b)$  is a composition witness such that whenever  $(R \circ R') a b$ , then  $R a (\circ\text{-wit} (R, R') (a, b))$  and  $R' (\circ\text{-wit} (R, R') (a, b)) b$ . Together with the parametricity of  $\text{map}_F^*$ , (17) and (18), it follows that  $\text{rel}_F \bar{L} \bar{C} \bar{K} x z$  and  $\text{rel}_F \bar{L}' \bar{C}' \bar{K}' z y$ .  $\square$

*Proof (Theorem 2).* Let  $(\bar{l}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f})$  F be a  $\text{BNF}_{CC}$  and let  $(\bar{l}^{\neq i}, \bar{c}, \bar{e}, \bar{f})$  T be the least or greatest fixpoint of F through  $l_i$ . T's mapper and relator are already given in the main text and the setters are inherited from the analogous BNF construction. The conditions (9) and strong monotonicity (10) are general BNF properties. The functor laws (7), parametricity of the mapper (8), weak monotonicity (10), equality preservation, and distribution over converses (11) follow routinely by (co)induction from the corresponding properties of  $\text{rel}_F$ .

For the subdistributivity conditions, we get that  $\text{pos}_F$  and  $\text{neg}_F$  imply  $\text{pos}_T$  and  $\text{neg}_T$ , respectively. The positive implication is easily shown using monotonicity. For the negative implication, by Lemma 4 it suffices to define a witness  $\text{wit}_T$  satisfying (17,18) whenever  $\text{neg}_F \bar{L} (\bar{C}, \bar{C}') (\bar{K}, \bar{K}')$ . The idea is to first obtain an F-witness for the destructed values and then—as this witness contains pairs of T-values in the  $i$ -th live argument—to (co)recurse on these pairs.

<sup>6</sup> Our composition witnesses are unrelated to the BNF witnesses [9], which prove inhabitedness for datatypes.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wit}_T \overline{L(C, C') (K, K')} (\text{ctor}_T x, \text{ctor}_T y) = \\ \text{ctor}_T (\text{map}_F^* \overline{\text{id}} (\text{wit}_T \overline{L(C, C') (K, K')}) \overline{\text{id}} \\ (\text{wit}_F (\text{rel}_T \overline{L(C \circ C') (K \circ K')}) \overline{L(C, C') (K, K')} (x, y))) \end{aligned}$$

If  $T$  is the greatest fixpoint, then this is a primitive corecursive definition and the witness properties are easily proved by coinduction. If  $T$  is the least fixpoint, the above definition is *not* primitively recursive, but it can be rewritten into a primitively recursive form; the induction proofs for the two properties are consequently more involved as they have to undo the rewriting. We refer the interested reader to the formalisation for the details.  $\square$

#### A.4 Proofs for §5

*Proof (Theorem 3).* The conditions (7)–(11) and (12-left) follow from the corresponding properties of  $F$  together with bijectivity of  $\text{Rep}_T$  and  $\text{Abs}_T$  on  $S$ , and closedness of  $S$  under the mapper.  $\square$

*Proof (Lemma 3).* By Lemma 4, it suffices to find a witness  $\text{wit}_T$  satisfying (17,18). Note that the closedness of  $S$  under zippings implies that  $S$  is closed under witnesses. Therefore, under the assumption  $\text{neg}'_T (C, C') (K, K')$ , every  $F$ -witness  $\text{wit}_F$  yields a  $T$ -witness  $\text{wit}_T$  given by

$$\text{wit}_T \overline{L(C, C') (K, K')} (x, y) = \text{Abs}_T (\text{wit}_F \overline{L(C, C') (K, K')} (\text{Rep}_T x, \text{Rep}_T y)). \quad \square$$

*Proof (Corollary 1).* This follows from Theorem 3 and Lemma 3.  $\square$

#### A.5 Proofs for §6

*Proof (Theorem 5).* We prove the three parts of definition (14) separately. For the first part, we have

$$\text{rel}_F \overline{T_L T_C T_K} \leq \text{rel}_F \overline{(\text{Gr } \text{abs}_L) (\text{Gr } \text{abs}_C) (\text{Gr } \text{rep}_K)^{-1}} = \text{Gr} (\text{map}_F \overline{\text{abs}_L \text{abs}_C \text{rep}_K})$$

where the inequality holds by monotonicity of  $\text{rel}_F$  and the Quot assumptions—note that  $T_K^i \leq (\text{Gr } \text{rep}_K^i)^{-1}$  iff  $(T_K^i)^{-1} \leq \text{Gr } \text{rep}_K^i$ —, and Lemma 2 yields the equality. The second part is similar, except that we also need  $\text{rel}_F$  preserving converses (11).

For the equality of the third part, we show the two directions individually. From left to right, assume  $\text{rel}_F \overline{R_L R_C R_K} x y$  for some  $x$  and  $y$ . The Quot assumptions yield  $(R_L^i \Rightarrow T_L^i) \text{id } \text{abs}_L^i$  and  $(R_C^i \Rightarrow T_C^i) \text{id } \text{abs}_C^i$  and  $(T_K^i \Rightarrow R_K^i) \text{id } \text{rep}_K^i$ . So  $\text{map}_F$ 's parametricity (8) and identity preservation (7) yields  $\text{rel}_F \overline{T_L T_C T_K} x (\text{map}_F \overline{\text{abs}_L \text{abs}_C \text{rep}_K} y)$ . As we similarly obtain  $\text{rel}_F \overline{T_L^{-1} T_C^{-1} T_K^{-1}} (\text{map}_F \overline{\text{abs}_L \text{abs}_C \text{rep}_K} x) y$ , it suffices to show  $\text{map}_F \overline{\text{abs}_L \text{abs}_C \text{rep}_K} x = \text{map}_F \overline{\text{abs}_L \text{abs}_C \text{rep}_K} y$ , as the relator preserves converses. This again follows using  $\text{rel}_F$ 's equality preservation (11) and  $\text{map}_F$ 's parametricity on  $(R_\chi^i \Rightarrow (=)) \text{abs}_\chi^i \text{abs}_\chi^i$  for  $\chi \in \{L, C\}$  and  $((=) \Rightarrow R_K^i) \text{rep}_K^i \text{rep}_K^i$ .

For the other direction, we prove that  $\text{rel}_F \overline{T_L T_C T_K}$  composed with its own converse implies  $\text{rel}_F \overline{R_L R_C R_K}$ . Pushing the converse operator into  $\text{rel}_F$  and rewriting the latter term as  $\text{rel}_F \overline{(T_L \circ T_L^{-1}) (T_C \circ T_C^{-1}) (T_K \circ T_K^{-1})}$ , we get an instance of positive subdistributivity (5), whose condition is satisfied by assumption.  $\square$

## B Counterexample for Quotient Preservation

The following example shows that  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$ s do not preserve quotients in general. Let  $\mathfrak{c}$   $\text{prob2}$  be the type of probability distributions over  $\mathfrak{c}$  whose support contains at most two elements. The mapper  $\text{map}_{\text{prob2}}$  applies the function to the elements in the support. If two elements get mapped to the same, their probabilities are added up. The relator  $\text{rel}_{\text{prob2}}$  is defined as for BNFs in (4) where the setter returns the support. Then,  $\text{prob2}$  is a covariant  $\text{BNF}_{\text{CC}}$  with  $\text{pos}_{\text{prob2}}(C, C') = \text{neg}_{\text{prob2}}(C, C') \iff C = (=) \wedge C' = (=)$ . (Note that  $\mathfrak{c}$  is not live because  $\text{rel}_{\text{prob2}}$  does not positively distribute over relation composition.)

Consider now a quotient  $\text{Quot } R \text{ abs rep } T$  that identifies two elements  $x$  and  $y$  of a type. Let  $z$  be the element corresponding to  $x$ 's and  $y$ 's equivalence class. Suppose that  $\text{prob2}$  does preserve quotients, i.e.,

$$\text{Quot}(\text{rel}_{\text{prob2}} R) (\text{map}_{\text{prob2}} \text{abs}) (\text{map}_{\text{prob2}} \text{rep}) (\text{rel}_{\text{prob2}} T).$$

We will derive a contradiction from this assumption. By definition of  $\text{Quot}$ , we have  $\text{rel}_{\text{prob2}}(T \circ T^{-1}) = \text{rel}_{\text{prob2}} T \circ \text{rel}_{\text{prob2}} T^{-1}$ . Now consider the two distributions  $p = [x \mapsto 1/2, y \mapsto 1/2]$  and  $q = [x \mapsto 1/3, y \mapsto 2/3]$ . Both are  $\text{rel}_{\text{prob2}} T$ -related to  $r = [z \mapsto 1]$ , so  $(\text{rel}_{\text{prob2}} T \circ \text{rel}_{\text{prob2}} T^{-1}) p q$ . Yet,  $\text{rel}_{\text{prob2}}(T \circ T^{-1}) p q$  does not hold because the distribution  $z = [(x, x) \mapsto 1/3, (x, y) \mapsto 1/6, (y, y) \mapsto 1/2]$  as required by (4) has three elements in its support, which contradicts the cardinality restriction on the support.