# On Modular Transformation of Structural Content 

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#### Abstract

We show that an XML DTD (Document Type Definition) can be viewed as the fixed point of a parametric content model. We then use natural transformations from the source content model to the target content model to derive DTDaware and validated XML document transformations. Benefits of such transformations include static type-checking of XML transformational programs, automatic validation of target documents, and modular compositions of XML document transformers.


We prototype these modular XML document transformations in Objective Caml. The prototype depends heavily on the parametric module system of Objective Caml and is highly modular. Using Objective Caml to model XML document transformation also allows one to access high-level language constructs and supporting libraries in Objective Caml, hence enhance one's productivity in XML programming.

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Issues about XML document transformation have attracted much research attention in recent years. As XML documents are often quite complex, one needs certain guidelines in order to express, clearly, the transformation one has in mind

[^0]when processing them. Furthermore, one often requires the transformation procedures to have certain nice properties, so that one can be sure of the quality of the output documents, as well as the efficiency of the transformation procedures themselves. For example, we may require the resulting documents to be valid with respect to a certain DTD, and we may demand the transformation procedure make no unnecessary traversal on the input or intermediate documents during the transformation.

There have been several proposals about XML query/processing languages $[9,11,12]$. Many of these languages provides XML-native syntax so one can program in concise expressions the intended transformation. There are also XML programming API in $\mathrm{C}++$, Java, or other languages, to help people process XML documents using conventional programming languages [1]. What is less developed, however, is an XML transformational framework where one can express and prove properties of XML transformation functions. For example, one may want to know whether two succeeding XML document transformations can be fused into one so that it suffices to traverse the input document only once.

The work reported in this paper is related to the following work. XDuce is an typed XML processing language that produces valid XML documents [12, 13]. Milo, Suciu, and Vianu treated an XML transformer as a $k$-pebble transducer whose type-correctness can be checked against an output DTD [19]. Both of the above two languages are first-order hence cannot express composition of XML transformations in the languages themselves. Kuikka and Penttonen surveyed grammar-based, tree transformational methods for transforming structured documents [15]. Akpotsui, Quint, and Roisin worked on data type modeling for document transformation in a structured editing systems [5]. Neven and Van den Bussche discussed the expressiveness of attribute grammar based document transformation [22]. A data model for XML document transformation was discussed in Murata [20, 21], where an approach based on forest automata is proposed. Murata also advocated the idea of document transformation based on schema transformation.

Our work is inspired by Murata's. However, we do not use tree automata, nor attribute grammars. Rather, we formulate DTD-aware XML document transformations in a more abstract setting, often borrowing notations and results from category theory [16]. Our approach is algebraic [8], and can
be viewed as extending the Bird-Meertens formalism [7, 17] to functions that map between two sets of mutually recursive data types. In this paper, we freely use the notations of Meijer, Fokkinga, and Paterson when writing fold/unfold functions [18].

We have prototyped the theory developed in this paper in Objective Caml [3], a functional language that supports both a polymorphic type scheme and a parametric module system. Our construction is highly modular and generic. It is generic because it is parameterized by DTD expressions. (See [6] for a detailed introduction to generic programming.) This work is a continuation of our previous work on generic validation of structural content [10], where we show how untyped (i.e., well-formed) XML expressions can be type-checked (i.e., validated) almost automatically in a higher-order functional language that supports both a polymorphic type scheme and a parametric module system. This paper shows how to model and compose typed XML transformational functions in such a functional language.

## 2. PARAMETRIC CONTENT MODELS

In an XML element type declaration, an element type is given a content model which is a regular expression of element type names. ${ }^{1}$ Only element sequences that are derivable from the regular expression are allowed as the children of the element. For example, the following XML document contains a DTD that defines two element types folder and record. The document contains as a root a folder element, which has an empty record element as its only child. It is a valid XML document.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE folder [
<!ELEMENT folder ((record,(folder|record)*)|
    (folder,(folder|record)+))>
<!ELEMENT record EMPTY>
]>
<folder><record></record></folder>
```

The above DTD models the structure where a record must contain no other element, and no folder is ever empty or contains just another folder. (One may think of it as modeling a tidy bookmark file.)

Although an element content model is a regular expression of element type names, we may treat the element type names in the regular expressions as parameters. We call them parametric content models, and the declared element types are just the fixed points of the parametric content models. As an example, for the element type declarations in the folder DTD, we can define the following two parametric content models $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$, of which each takes two element types as

[^1]arguments:
\[

$$
\begin{aligned}
F_{1}\left(x_{0}, x_{1}\right) & =\left(x_{1},\left(x_{0} \mid x_{1}\right) *\right) \mid\left(x_{0},\left(x_{0} \mid x_{1}\right)+\right) \\
F_{2}\left(x_{0}, x_{1}\right) & =\epsilon
\end{aligned}
$$
\]

The element types folder and record are the simultaneous fixed points of $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { folder } & =F_{1}(\text { folder }, \text { record }) \\
\text { record } & =F_{2}(\text { folder }, \text { record })
\end{aligned}
$$

Treating element types as fixed points of parametric content models allow us to use the parametric content models in the modeling and composition of XML document transformations. For document transformations that are based on mappings between different content models, we call them DTD-aware XML document transformations as they will necessarily involve the DTD of the source document and the DTD of the target document.

## 3. XML DOCUMENT TRANSFORMATION AS FOLD/UNFOLD

For simplicity, we use $s=\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}\right)$ to denote a DTD $s$ consisting of a tuple of element types $s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}$. The tuple $\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}\right)$ is understood as the simultaneous fixed point of a tuple of parametric content models $P=\left(P_{1}, P_{2}, \ldots, P_{n}\right)$. That is,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}\right)= & \left(P_{1}\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}\right)\right. \\
& P_{2}\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}\right) \\
& \ldots \\
& \left.P_{n}\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

We use $s=P s$ to denote $s$ as the fixed point of $P$. Let $\mathrm{up}_{s}: P s \rightarrow s$ and down $: s \rightarrow P s$ be the two mappings that together define the identities

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{up}_{s} \circ \operatorname{down}_{s} & =\mathrm{id}_{s} \\
\operatorname{down}_{s} \circ \mathrm{up}_{s} & =\mathrm{id}_{P s}
\end{aligned}
$$

Because $P$ is parametric, one can define a function $P f$ : $P s \rightarrow P t$ whenever given a tuple of functions $f=\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right)$ with $f_{i}: s_{i} \rightarrow t_{i}$ for each $i$. $P f$ is understood as
$P f=\left(P_{1}\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right), P_{2}\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right), \ldots, P_{n}\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right)\right)$
where, for each $i, P_{i}\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right)$ is the function that maps $P_{i}\left(v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n}\right)$ to $P_{i}\left(f_{1}\left(v_{1}\right), f_{2}\left(v_{2}\right), \ldots, f_{n}\left(v_{n}\right)\right)$. Moreover, by the parametricity of $P$, one can show that

$$
\begin{aligned}
P i d_{s} & =i d_{P s}, \\
(P g) \circ(P f) & =P(g \circ f)
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $f: s \rightarrow t$ and $g: t \rightarrow u$. That is, $P$ is a functor: It maps types $s$ and $t$ to types $P s$ and $P t$, and maps typed function $f: s \rightarrow t$ to function $P f: P s \rightarrow P t$.

Let $s=P s$ and $t=Q t$ be two DTDs with the same arity, i.e., they each define exactly $n$ element types. A function from $s$ to $t$ - i.e., an XML document transformation that maps documents of DTD $s$ to documents of DTD $t$ - is a
fold function if it is characterized by a reduction function $f: P t \rightarrow t$ with the following commutative diagram:


Similarly, the transformation is an unfold function if it is characterized by a generating function $g: s \rightarrow Q s$ with the following commutative diagram:


That is,

$$
\begin{aligned}
(f) \circ \mathrm{up}_{s} & =f \circ P(f) \\
\text { down }_{t} \circ(g) & =Q(g) \circ g
\end{aligned}
$$

or, equivalently,

$$
\begin{aligned}
(f) & =f \circ P(f) \circ \operatorname{down}_{s} \\
(g) & =\text { up }_{t} \circ Q(g) \circ g
\end{aligned}
$$

One can think of the transformation $P f: P x \rightarrow P y$ as the following: Apply $f$ to the children $x$ of the structural content $P x$ in order to produce a structural content $P y$ with children $y$. Likewise for transformation $Q f: Q x \rightarrow Q y$. A natural transformation $\eta: P \rightarrow Q$ changes the structure of the content tree but does not alter child elements. Function $\eta$ is a natural transformation if it can be performed either after the transformation $P f$ or before the transformation $Q f$ to arrive at same result. One may say $\eta$ is polymorphic as it maps between parametric content models and does not look into the parameters, i.e., child elements, of the content.

Given two DTDs $s=P s$ and $t=Q t$, and a natural transformation $\eta: P \rightarrow Q$, one can construct a fold function from $s$ to $t$ as $\left(\operatorname{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)$ as well as an unfold function from $s$ to $t$ as $\left[\eta_{s} \circ\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right)$. Furthermore, natural transformation $\eta$ provides a sufficient condition for the fold function and
the unfold function to coincide, as shown by the following $\eta$ provides a sufficient condition for the fold function and Proposition.

Proposition 4.2. $\left(u_{p} \circ \eta_{t}\right)=\left(\eta_{s} \circ \operatorname{down}_{s}\right)$.

Proof.


## 4. NATURAL TRANSFORMATIONS BETWEEN CONTENT MODELS

We re-introduce the notion of natural transformation, a concept from category theory, and recast it in the context of XML document transformation. Natural transformations have been used to model polymorphic functions, see, e.g., [24]. Certain polymorphic functions, like the map function for the list data type, are also known to be expressible as both a fold function and as an unfold function. Here we make an explicit connection between the above two observations, showing that a natural transformation between two inductive bases $P$ and $Q$ is sufficient to define a function from $s=P s$ to $t=Q t$ that is both a fold function and an unfold function.

Definition 4.1. Let $P$ and $Q$ denote two parametric content models of the same arity. A natural transformation $\eta$ from $P$ to $Q$ is a collection of functions that is indexed by DTDs and satisfies the following equation

$$
\eta_{y} \circ P f=Q f \circ \eta_{x}
$$

for any DTD $x$ and $y$, and for any XML document transformation $f: x \rightarrow y$. That is, the following diagram commutes

By the uniqueness of fold, one also has

$$
\left(\mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)=\mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t} \circ P\left(\mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right) \circ \operatorname{down}_{s}
$$

It follows that $\left(\mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)=\left(\eta_{s} \circ\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right)$.
Proposition 4.2 is best illustrated by the commutative diagram in Figure 1.

## 5. DEALING WITH MIS-MATCHED ARITIES

In the previous section, we have shown how to use a natural transformation from $P$ to $Q$ to derive a transformation from $s=P s$ to $t=Q t$. A restriction is that $P$ and $Q$ must have the same arity - both models accept the same number of parameters. Otherwise there exists no natural transformation from $P$ to $Q$. We are interested in the more general case where the arities of $P$ and $Q$ differ, so we can model more XML document transformations.

Let $P=\left(P_{1}, P_{2}, \ldots, P_{m}\right)$ be an $m$-ary content model, and $Q=\left(Q_{1}, Q_{2}, \ldots, Q_{n}\right)$ be an $n$-ary content model. Let $M=$


Figure 1: Commutative diagram for Proposition 4.2.
$\{1,2, \ldots, m\}$ and $N=\{1,2, \ldots, n\}$ be the two index sets. We now model an XML document transformation from $s=$ $P s$ to $t=Q t$ using an additional function $\sigma: M \rightarrow N$ between the two index sets. Function $\sigma$ prescribes that elements of type $s_{i}$ in the source document will be transformed into elements of type $t_{\sigma(i)}$ in the target document. In the previous section, one is restricted to the case where $M=N$ and $\sigma$ is the identity function.
derive a transformation from $s$ to $G t$ as a fold function:


Similarly, whenever given a natural transformation $\theta: F P \rightarrow$ $x_{j} Q F$, one can derive a transformation from $F s$ to $t$ as an unfold function:


We are ready to show a sufficient condition for the fold function and the unfold function to coincide.

Proposition 5.1. $\left(G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)=\psi_{s, t}\left[\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right)$ if $\theta_{x}=\varphi_{P x, Q F x}\left(\eta_{F x} \circ P\right.$ unit $\left._{x}\right)$.

Proof. See Appendix A.

Proposition 5.2. $\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \operatorname{down}_{s}\right]=\varphi_{s, t}\left(G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)$ if $\eta_{y}=\psi_{P G y, Q y}\left(Q\right.$ counit $\left._{y} \circ \theta_{G y}\right)$.

Proof. See Appendix A.
The above two propositions show that the fold function and the unfold function coincide if the two natural transformations coincide. Specifically, Proposition 5.1 shows that the fold function defined by a natural transformation $\eta: P G \rightarrow$ $G Q$ is isomorphic to the unfold function defined by another natural transformation $\theta: F P \rightarrow Q F$ if $\theta$ is derivable from $\eta$. Similarly, an unfold function defined by $\theta$ is a fold function defined by $\eta$ if $\eta$ is derivable from $\theta$.

In summary, we model a transformation from $s=P s$ to $t=$ $Q t$ by a pair of adjoint functors $F$ and $G$, as well as a natural transformation $\eta: P G \rightarrow G Q$ (equivalently, $\theta: F P \rightarrow Q F$ ). The resulting $s$ to $t$ transformation can be viewed both as a fold function and as an unfold function.

## 6. FUSING XML DOCUMENT TRANSFORMATIONS

In this section we show that the usual fusion laws in fold/unfold algebraic formalism can be translated to the setting of DTDaware XML document transformations. Let $s=P s, t=Q t$, and $u=R u$ be DTDs, and let $F, G$, and $H$ be arityadjusting functors. The following diagram illustrates that an unfold function $\lceil g$ ) immediately followed by a fold function $(f)$ can be fused together. The fused function, $[f, g]=$ $(f) \circ(g)$, is known as hylomorphism [18].


FACt 6.1. $[f, g]=f \circ Q[f, g] \circ g .($ See $[18]$.

The following diagram illustrates the situation where a fold function can be fused with another function to become yet another fold function.


FACT 6.2. $k \circ(f)=\left(f^{\prime}\right)$ if $k \circ f=f^{\prime} \circ P k$. (See [8].) $\diamond$

We now give a sufficient condition to fuse two XML document transformations into one.

Proposition 6.3. Let $(f): s \rightarrow G t$ and $(h): t \rightarrow H u$ be two fold functions derived by, respectively, the two inductive functions $f: P G t \rightarrow G t$ and $h: Q H u \rightarrow H u$. Then,

$$
G(h) \circ(f)=\left(G h \circ \eta_{H u}\right)
$$

if $f=G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}$ for some natural transformation $\eta: P G \rightarrow$ $G Q$.

Proof. By Fact 6.2, it suffices to show the equation

$$
G(h) \circ G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}=G h \circ \eta_{H u} \circ P G(h)
$$

holds in the following diagram.


But the equation follows directly from

$$
\begin{aligned}
G\left(h D \circ G \mathrm{up}_{t}=\right. & G h \circ G Q(h) \\
& -(h) \text { a fold function, } G \text { a functor } \\
G Q(h) \circ \eta_{t}= & \eta_{H u} \circ P G(h) \\
& -\eta \text { a natural transformation. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Notice that, in the above, function $h$ is not required to be derivable from a natural transformation. It can be just any function from QHu Hu . However, if function $h$ is characterized by a natural transformation $\zeta: Q H \rightarrow H R$ such that $h=H \operatorname{up}_{u} \circ \zeta_{u}$, then one has the additional benefit that

$$
\left(G h \circ \eta_{H u} \emptyset\right)=\left(K \mathrm{up}_{u} \circ \xi_{u}\right),
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
K= & G H \\
& \quad-K \text { an arity-adjusting functor, } \\
\xi_{x}= & G \zeta_{x} \circ \eta_{H x} \\
& \quad-\xi: P K \rightarrow K R \text { a natural transformation. }
\end{aligned}
$$

That is, the resulting XML document transformation, the fold function $\left(G h \circ \eta_{H u}\right)$, is again characterized by a natural transformation $\xi$. Furthermore, $\xi$ can be automatically derived once $\zeta$ and $\eta$ are given.

If one views the two XML document transformations as two unfold functions, one derives the dual case where the fused transformation is again an unfold function.

Proposition 6.4. Let $[g]: F s \rightarrow t$ and $(h): E t \rightarrow u$ be two unfold functions derived by, respectively, the two generating functions $g: F s \rightarrow Q F s$ and $h: E t \rightarrow$ REt. Then,

$$
(h) \circ E(g)=\left[\theta_{F s} \circ E g\right)
$$

if $h=\theta_{t} \circ E$ down $_{t}$ for some natural transformation $\theta$ : $E Q \rightarrow R E$.

Proof. By the unfold fusion law, it suffices to show the equation

$$
\theta_{t} \circ E \operatorname{down}_{t} \circ E(g)=R E(g) \circ \theta_{F s} \circ E g
$$

holds in the following diagram.


But the equation follows directly from

$$
\begin{aligned}
E \text { down }_{t} \circ E(g)= & E Q[g] \circ E g \\
& \quad-\lfloor g) \text { a unfold function, } E \text { a functor } \\
\theta_{t} \circ E Q(g)= & R E(g] \circ \theta_{F s} \\
& -\theta \text { a natural transformation. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Again, the resulting unfold function is also characterized by a natural transformation if both $g$ and $h$ are characterized by natural transformations.

## 7. FURTHER GENERALIZATION WITH ATTRIBUTES

The element type definitions in an XML DTD may be accompanied with attribute-list declarations. For example, one may require a record element to be annotated with additional attributes, such as title and url, as shown below.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE folder [
<!ELEMENT folder ((record,(folder|record)*)|
                            (folder,(folder|record)+))>
<!ELEMENT record EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST folder
        subject CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST record
        title CDATA #REQUIRED
        url CDATA #REQUIRED>
]>
<folder subject="Research Institutes">
    <record title="Academia Sinica"
        url="http://www.sinica.edu.tw"></record>
</folder>
```

As a consequence, a DTD $s=\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}\right)$ now is expressed as the simultaneous fixed point of the parametric content model $A \bullet P$, where

$$
\begin{aligned}
(A \bullet P)\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)= & \left(A_{1} \otimes P_{1}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right),\right. \\
& A_{2} \otimes P_{2}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right), \\
& \ldots, \\
& \left.A_{n} \otimes P_{n}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $A_{i}$ is for attributes of the $i^{\text {th }}$ element type, and $\otimes$ is the product operator.

The natural transformation $\eta: P G \rightarrow G Q$ that is used previously to characterize a function from $s$ to $G t$ as a fold will now have type $\eta: A \bullet(P G) \rightarrow G(B \bullet Q)$. Furthermore, the index set mapping function $\sigma: M \rightarrow N$ that defines the adjoint functors $F$ and $G$ for mapping between $P$ and $Q$ will now be generated to have type: $\sigma: M \rightarrow 2^{N}$, where $2^{N}$ is the power set of $N$. This is because now an element of one type can be mapped to elements of more than one type, depending on the element's attribute values.

From the new $\sigma$ one also derives two new functors $F$ and $G$ :
$F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{m}\right)=\left(\oplus_{1 \in \sigma(j)} x_{j}, \ldots, \oplus_{i \in \sigma(j)} x_{j}, \ldots, \oplus_{n \in \sigma(j)} x_{j}\right)$ $G\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, \ldots, y_{n}\right)=\left(\oplus_{j \in \sigma(1)} y_{j}, \ldots, \oplus_{j \in \sigma(i)} y_{j}, \ldots, \oplus_{j \in \sigma(m)} y_{j}\right)$

As before, the natural transformation $\eta: A \bullet(P G) \rightarrow G(B \bullet$ $Q$ ) will induce a fold function from $s$ to $G t$. Similarly, the natural transformation $\theta: F(A \bullet P) \rightarrow B \bullet(Q F)$ will induce a unfold function from $F s$ to $t$. However, the modularity results in Section 6 (Propositions 6.3 and 6.4) also hold.

Note that functors $F$ and $G$ are not adjoint functors in the usual category (of which objects are fixed-arity products and arrows are element-wise total functions). However, if we allow arrows in the category to be element-wise partial functions, then in a limited sense, $F$ and $G$ are still adjoint to each other.

## 8. AN ILLUSTRATING EXAMPLE

Let us consider the following three DTDs:
<!ELEMENT even (odd?)>
<!ELEMENT odd (even)>

<!ELEMENT succ (succ?)> DTD s

<!ELEMENT list_even (one*)>

| <!ELEMENT list_odd (one*)> |
| :--- |
| <!ELEMENT one DTD t |

DTD $s$ specifies that an even element contains either 0 or 1 odd element, and an odd element contains exactly 1 even element. DTD $t$ specifies that a succ element contains either 0 or 1 succ element. DTD $u$ specifies that a list_even element contains any number of one elements, a list_odd element contains any number of one elements, and a one element contains no element. Note that DTDs $s, t$, and $u$ are defined, respectively, as the fixed points of the following parametric content models $P, Q$, and $R$ (also shown with
their Objective Caml type definitions):

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{1}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) & =x_{2} ? \\
P_{2}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) & =x_{2} \text { option } \\
& =x_{1} \\
Q_{1}\left(y_{1}\right) & =y_{1} ?=y_{1} \text { option } \\
& =z_{3^{*}}=z_{3} \text { list } \\
R_{1}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right) & =z_{3} \text { list } \\
R_{2}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right) & =z_{3^{*}}=\text { unit } \\
R_{3}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right) & =\epsilon=
\end{aligned}
$$

Now consider the following two transformations:

T1 A pair of functions $f_{1}$ and $f_{2}$ that transform, respectively, an even element to a succ element and an odd element to a succ element. Both functions maintain the "sizes" of the input arguments, e.g. $f_{1}$ maps <even></even> to <succ></succ>, and $f_{2}$ maps <odd><even><odd><even></even></odd></even></odd> to <succ><succ><succ><succ></succ></succ></succ> </succ>.

T2 A function $g$ that transforms a succ element to the corresponding sequence of one elements, which are enclosed within a list_even element if the total number of one elements is even. Otherwise the sequence of one elements is enclosed within a list_odd element. That is, <succ> </succ> is mapped to <list_even> </list_even>, and
<succ><succ><succ><succ></succ></succ></succ> </succ> is mapped to <list_odd><one></one> <one></one><one></one></list_odd>.

Both transformations can be viewed as as fold operations. The rest of this section details the construction, as well as how the two folds can be fused. The first transformation has the index set mapping $\sigma_{s \rightarrow t}(1)=\{1\}, \sigma_{s \rightarrow t}(2)=\{1\}$, while the second transformation has the index set mapping $\sigma_{t \rightarrow u}(1)=\{1,2\}$. These two index mappings specify two arity-adjusting functors $G$ and $H$ as follows.

$$
\begin{aligned}
G\left(y_{1}\right) & =\left(y_{1}, y_{1}\right) \\
H\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right) & =z_{1} \oplus z_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

We need functor $G$ to characterize the pairs $\left(f_{1}, f_{2}\right)$ as a fold operation induced by a natural transformation $\eta: P G \rightarrow$ $G Q$. Similarly, $H$ is needed in order for $g$ to be characterized as a fold induced by a function $\zeta: Q H \rightarrow H R$.

Now that we have functors $P, Q, R, G$, and $H$, the types of $\eta$ and $\zeta$ are worked out to be

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
\eta_{y}: & \left(P _ { 1 } ( G ( y _ { 1 } ) \rightarrow Q _ { 1 } ( y _ { 1 } ) ) \otimes \left(P_{2}\left(G\left(y_{1}\right) \rightarrow Q_{1}\left(y_{1}\right)\right)\right.\right. \\
\zeta_{z}: & Q_{1}\left(H\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right)\right) \rightarrow H\left(R_{1}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right),\right. \\
& \left.R_{2}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right), R_{3}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right)\right) \\
& \text { with } z_{1}=u_{1}, z_{2}=u_{2}, \text { and } z_{3}=u_{3}
\end{array}
$$

Note that $\zeta$ is not a natural transformation as we need additional constraints that $z_{1}=u_{1}, z_{2}=u_{2}$, and $z_{3}=u_{3}$. This does not affect the fusion of T1 and T2 because, as shown in Proposition 6.3, $\zeta$ need not be a natural transformation.

What do the definitions of $\eta$ and $\zeta$ look like? $\eta$ is a pair of functions so let us call its two components by $\eta_{1}$ and $\eta_{2} . \eta_{1}$
assembles the content for a succ element from the content of an even element, assuming the latter already consists of, if any, a succ element. Likewise, $\eta_{2}$ assembles the content for a succ element from the content of an odd element, assuming the latter must already consist of a succ element. Again, $\zeta$ assembles the content for a list_even or a list_odd element from the content of a succ element, assuming the latter already consists of, if any, a list_even element or a list_odd element. Because both transformations T1 and T2 maintain the sizes of the input arguments, we can arrive at the Objective Caml code in Figure 2.

By Proposition 6.3, a transformation that combines T1 then T2 is also a fold operation. It is induced by the function $\xi=G \zeta \circ \eta_{H z}$. Function $\xi$ has type

$$
\begin{align*}
\xi: & \left(P_{1}\left(H\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right), H\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right)\right) \rightarrow\right. \\
& \left.H\left(R_{1}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right), R_{2}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right), R_{3}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right)\right)\right) \otimes \\
& \left(P_{2}\left(H\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right), H\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right)\right) \rightarrow\right. \\
& \left.H\left(R_{1}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right), R_{2}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right), R_{3}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}\right)\right)\right)
\end{align*}
$$

and with the constraints that $z_{1}=u_{1}, z_{2}=u_{2}$, and $z_{3}=u_{3}$. As with $\eta, \xi$ has two components $\xi_{1}$ and $\xi_{2}$. $\xi_{1}$ assembles the content for a list_even element from the content of an even element, assuming the latter already consists of, if any, a list_odd element. Likewise, $\xi_{2}$ assembles the content for a list_odd element from the content of an odd element, assuming the latter must already consist of a list_even element.

Now, we need not code $\xi$ at all! The code for $\xi$ will be generated, automatically, by a higher-order module that takes both $\eta$ and $\zeta$ as input and produces $\xi$ as its output. The higher-order module simply implements the equation $\xi=G \zeta \circ \eta_{H z}$ (see Proposition 6.3). This is demonstrated by module type COMPOSE_PG2GQ_2_1_3 in Figure 4, where it takes two natural transformations (with one of them with additional sharing constraints), and produces a natural transformation (with additional sharing constraints).

## 9. MODULAR XML TRANSFORMATIONS WITH ML MODULES

We have used Objective Caml to prototype XML transformations according to the principles developed in this paper. Objective Caml is a functional language in the ML family that supports both a polymorphic type scheme and a parametric module system [3]. Our prototype is highly modular, in the sense that parametric modules are heavily used to structure, and to parameterize, layers of categorical constructions: Functors, parametric content models and their fixed-points, arity-adjusting adjoint functors, natural transformations induced by arity-adjusting functors, and finally, fold/unfold functions derived by natural transformations. Previously we have also used highly modular ML code for generic validation of XML elements [10]. The ML prototype for transforming structural content is generic as well, as modules in the prototype are DTD-parameterized and strongly typed. Note that, for illustrating purpose, the code we showed in Figure 2 is a de-functorized and simplified version of the fully modular code.
(*--- D'Caml type defintions for parametric content models P, Q, R. ---*)

```
type ('a, 'b) p1 = 'b option
type ('a, 'b) p2 = 'a
type 'a q1 = 'a option
type ('a, 'b, 'c) r1 = 'c list
type ('a, 'b, 'c) r2 = 'c list
type ('a, 'b, 'c) r3 = unit
(*--- P, Q, R are functors, and the following are their "map" functions. ---*)
let map_p1 (f1, f2) w = match w with None -> None | Some b -> Some (f2 b)
let map_p2 (f1, f2) w = f1 w
let map_q1 f w = match w with None -> None | Some a -> Some (f a)
let map_r1 (f1, f2, f3) w = List.map f3 w
let map_r2 (f1, f2, f3) w = List.map f3 w
let map_r3 (f1, f2, f3) w = ()
```

(*--- 0'Caml type definitions for XML element types. ---*)
type even = Even of (even, odd) p1
and odd $=$ Odd of (even, odd) p2
type succ = Succ of succ q1
type list_even = ListEven of (list_even, list_odd, one) r1
and list_odd $=$ ListOdd of (list_even, list_odd, one) r2
and one $\quad=0 n e \quad o f$ (list_even, list_odd, one) r3
(*--- s2t and t2u are fold functions for XML transformations, ---*)
(*--- constrained by the arity-adjusting functors G and H. ---*)
(*--- Note that functor G is inlined into the defintion of s2t. ---*)
type ('z1, 'z2, 'z3) h = Z1 of 'z1 | Z2 of 'z2
let map_h (f1, f2, f3) w = match w with Z1 a -> Z1 (f1 a) | Z2 b -> Z2 (f2 b)
let s2t ((eta1: ('y1, 'y1) p1 -> 'y1 q1), (eta2: ('y1, 'y1) p2 -> 'y1 q1)) =
let rec even2succ (Even p1) = Succ (eta1 (map_p1 (even2succ, odd2succ) p1))
and odd2succ (Odd p2) = Succ (eta2 (map_p2 (even2succ, odd2succ) p2))
in
(even2succ, odd2succ)
let t2u (zeta: ('z1, 'z2, 'z3) h q1 -> (('z1, 'z2, 'z3) r1, ('z1, 'z2, 'z3) r2, ('z1, 'z2, 'z3) r3) h) =
let an_even_list $\quad \mathrm{w}=$ ListEven w
in let an_odd_list $\quad \mathrm{w}=$ ListOdd w
in let rec don't_care $\mathrm{w}=$ don't_care w
in let rec succ2list (Succ q1) = map_h (an_even_list, an_odd_list, don't_care) (zeta (map_q1 succ2list q1))
in
succ2list
(*--- eta and zeta form the inductive bases of the fold functions; ---*)
(*--- f1, f2, and $g$ are the transformations as required by T 1 and T 2 in Section 8. ---*)
let eta1 w = w
let eta2 w = Some w
let zeta w = match w with None $\quad$ Z Z1 []
| Some (Z1 (ListEven z1)) $->$ Z2 ((One ()) : : z1)
| Some (Z2 (ListOdd z2)) -> Z1 ((One ()) : : z2)
let ((f1: even $->$ succ), (f2: odd $->$ succ)) $=$ s2t (eta1, eta2)
let ( g : succ $->$ (list_even, list_odd, one) h ) $=\mathrm{t} 2 \mathrm{u}$ zeta

Figure 2: De-functorized Objective Caml code for the example in Section 8. Note that type annotations are not needed; they are added for clarity purposes.

```
module type FUN1 =
sig
    type 'x1 t
    val map: ('x1 -> 'y1) -> 'x1 t -> 'y1 t
end
module type FUN2 =
sig
    type ('x1, 'x2) t
    val map: ('x1 -> 'y1) * ('x2 -> 'y2) ->
                                    ('x1, 'x2) t -> ('y1, 'y2) t
end
module type ATT2 =
sig
    type t1
    type t2
end
module type SYS2 =
sig
    module F1: FUN2
    module F2: FUN2
end
module type DTD2 =
sig
    module A: ATT2
    module S: SYS2
    type t1
    type t2
    module T1:
    sig
        type t = t1
        val up: A.t1 * (t1, t2) S.F1.t -> t
        val down: t -> A.t1 * (t1, t2) S.F1.t
    end
    module T2:
    sig
        type t = t2
        val up: A.t2 * (t1, t2) S.F2.t -> t
        val down: t -> A.t2 * (t1, t2) S.F2.t
    end
end
```

Figure 3: Module interfaces, in Objective Caml, for modular XML transformations. (Part 1 of 2)

Figures 3 and 4 show brief segments of the modular code. They contain the interfaces (called module types in Objective Caml) of the major modules that are involved in the layered constructions. The fold functions that map from a binary DTD to a unary DTD are named as $f 1$ and $f 2$ in module type XF_2_1. In turn, a module of type XF_2_1 is returned by a module of type FOLD_2_1. As one can see in Figure 3 , we use an $m$-ary type constructor in ML to model an $m$-ary functor. A set of $m m$-ary functor (c.f. module type SYS2) is needed to specify an XML DTD with a set of $m$ $m$-ary parametric content models. One may wonder if this approach is practical as a DTD may contain up to a hundred element types, and as such, we need 100-ary (and up) type constructors. But as we have shown in our previous study [10], this is not a problem for the Objective Caml compiler.

The complete Objective Caml code of the prototype can be found at the following URL:
http://www.iis.sinica.edu.tw/~trc/x_dot_ml.html

## 10. IS IT PRACTICAL?

Is this framework of modular XML transformations ever practical? Can it apply to schema languages other than DTD, e.g., XML Schema [4] and Relax NG [2]. Before answering these criticisms, we would like to mention that the ML code in Figures 2, 3, and 4 is not necessarily to be written by human. Instead, the code can be automatically generated by user specifications. The specifications in turn are formulated using GUI-based tools that allow users to set up mappings from source DTDs to target DTDs, visually. See, e.g., $[14,23]$ for work on visual specifications of XML transformations. Our contribution in this paper is to set up a framework where multiple specifications can be efficiently combined and fused into one.

Our mapping of an XML document to an ML-typed value depends on XML DTD's 1-deterministic content model property ${ }^{2}$. That is, we take for granted that an XML document (with a DTD) will uniquely "parsed" into an ML value (of the corresponding ML data type). This ensures that an XML transformation specified by a DTD-to-DTD natural transformation contains no ambiguity. XML Schema, like XML DTD, maintains the 1-deterministic content model property but Relax NG does not. As a result, it will be more challenging to develop a similar transformation framework for Relax NG (whose content models allows ambiguity in the deviations of element sequences).

## 11. CONCLUSION

We have shown that certain XML document transformations can be modeled as a fold operation and as an unfold operation. Such a transformation is derived from a natural transformation from the source content model to the target content model. We also show that such XML document transformations are modular, in the sense that the composition of two XML document transformations is again characterized by a natural transformation. A prototype written

[^2]```
module type ADJ_2_1 =
sig
    module F:
    sig
        module F1: FUN2
    end
    module G:
    sig
        module F1: FUN1
        module F2: FUN1
    end
    type ('x1, 'x2, 'y1) fx2y = ('x1, 'x2) F.F1.t -> 'y1
    type ('x1, 'x2, 'y1) x2gy = ('x1 -> 'y1 G.F1.t) * ('x2 -> 'y1 G.F2.t)
    val psi: ('x1, 'x2, 'y1) fx2y -> ('x1, 'x2, 'y1) x2gy
    val varphi: ('x1, 'x2, 'y1) x2gy -> ('x1, 'x2, 'y1) fx2y
end
module type PG2GQ_2_1 =
sig
    module A: ATT2
    module P: SYS2
    module B: ATT1
    module Q: SYS1
    module X: ADJ_2_1
    module Eta: functor (T: sig type t1 end) ->
    sig
        val f1: A.t1 * (T.t1 X.G.F1.t, T.t1 X.G.F2.t) P.F1.t -> (B.t1 * T.t1 Q.F1.t) X.G.F1.t
        val f2: A.t2 * (T.t1 X.G.F1.t, T.t1 X.G.F2.t) P.F2.t -> (B.t1 * T.t1 Q.F1.t) X.G.F2.t
    end
end
module type XF_2_1 =
sig
    module S: DTD2
    module T: DTD1
    module X: ADJ_2_1
    val f1: S.t1 -> T.t1 X.G.F1.t
    val f2: S.t2 -> T.t1 X.G.F2.t
end
module type FOLD_2_1 = functor (Source: DTD2) -> functor (Target: DTD1) ->
    functor (Nat: PG2GQ_2_1 with module A = Source.A and module P = Source.S
                                    and module B = Target.A and module Q = Target.S) ->
    XF_2_1 with module S = Source and module T = Target and module X = Nat. X
module type COMPOSE_PG2GQ_2_1_3 = functor (NatN: PG2GQ_1_3) ->
    functor (NatM: PG2GQ_2_1 with module B = NatN.A and module Q = NatN.P) ->
    PG2GQ_2_3 with module A = NatM.A and module P = NatM.P and module B = NatN.B
                and module Q = NatN.Q and module X = ComposeAdj_2_1_3 (NatN.X)(NatM.X)
```

Figure 4: Module interfaces, in Objective Caml, for modular XML transformations. (Part 2 of 2)
in Objective ML has been constructed to experiment with this modular style of XML document transformations.

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## APPENDIX

## A. PROOF

Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ be two categories, and $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}, G: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow$ $\mathcal{A}$ be two functors between them. $F$ is a left adjoint of $G$ (equivalently, $G$ is a right adjoint of $F$ ) if there exist natural transformations $\varphi$ and $\psi$ such that $\varphi_{x, y}(h)=k$ and $\psi_{x, y}(k)=h$, where $h: x \rightarrow G y$ is an arrow in $\mathcal{A}$, and $k: F x \rightarrow y$ an arrow in $\mathcal{B}$. Furthermore, $\varphi$ and $\psi$ constitute an isomorphism between the arrows in $\mathcal{A}$ and the arrows in $\mathcal{B}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{x, y} \circ \psi_{x, y} & =\operatorname{id}_{F x \rightarrow y} \\
\psi_{x, y} \circ \varphi_{x, y} & =\mathrm{id}_{x \rightarrow G y}
\end{aligned}
$$

From the naturality of $\varphi$ and $\psi$, one has the following equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{x, y}(h \circ f) & =\varphi_{x, y}(h) \circ F f \\
\varphi_{x, y}(G g \circ h) & =g \circ \varphi_{x, y}(h) \\
\psi_{x, y}(k \circ F f) & =\psi_{x, y}(k) \circ f \\
\psi_{x, y}(g \circ k) & =G g \circ \psi_{x, y}(k)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $f$ is an arrow in $\mathcal{A}$ and $g$ an arrow in $\mathcal{B}$. Furthermore, from the definitions of universal arrows unit and counit,

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { unit }_{x}: x \rightarrow G F x=\psi_{x, F x}(F \mathrm{id}) \\
\operatorname{counit}_{y}: F G y \rightarrow y=\varphi_{G y, y}(G \mathrm{id})
\end{array}
$$

one also derives the following equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{x, y}(h) & =\operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ F h \\
\psi_{x, y}(k) & =G k \circ \text { unit }_{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

Given $s=P s, t=Q t$, and two natural transformations $\eta: P G \rightarrow G Q$ and $\theta: F P \rightarrow Q F$, we can show the following equivalence relation.

Lemma A.1. $\theta_{x}=\varphi_{P x, Q F x}\left(\eta_{F x} \circ P\right.$ unit $\left._{x}\right)$ if and only if $\eta_{y}=\psi_{P G y, Q y}\left(Q\right.$ counit $\left._{y} \circ \theta_{G y}\right)$

Proof. We show here that "only if" direction. Proof for the other direction is similar.

Our proof is based on the following commutative diagram.


We first show that

$$
\begin{aligned}
P G \text { counit }_{y} \circ P \text { unit }_{G y} & =P\left(G_{\text {counit } \left._{y} \circ \text { unit }_{G y}\right)}\right. \\
& =P\left(\psi_{G y, y}\left(\operatorname{counit}_{y}\right)\right) \\
& =P\left(\psi_{G y, y}\left(\varphi_{G y, y}\left(\operatorname{id}_{G y}\right)\right)\right) \\
& =P\left(\operatorname{id}_{G y}\right)=\operatorname{id}_{P G y}
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $\eta$ is a natural transformation, we have

$$
\eta_{y} \circ P G \operatorname{counit}_{y}=G Q \operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ \eta_{F G y}
$$

implies
$\eta_{y} \circ P G \operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ P \operatorname{unit}_{G y}=G Q \operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ \eta_{F G y} \circ P \operatorname{unit}_{G y}$ which in turn implies

$$
\eta_{y}=G Q \text { counit }_{y} \circ \eta_{F G y} \circ P \text { unit }_{G y}
$$

Therefore,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{P G y, Q y}\left(\eta_{y}\right) & =\varphi_{P G y, Q y}\left(G Q \operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ \eta_{F G y} \circ P \operatorname{unit}_{G y}\right) \\
& =Q \operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ \varphi_{P G y, Q F G y}\left(\eta_{F G y} \circ P \operatorname{unit}_{G y}\right) \\
& =Q \operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ \theta_{G y}
\end{aligned}
$$

Because $\psi$ and $\varphi$ are inverse to each other, the above equation implies

$$
\eta_{y}=\psi_{P G y, Q y}\left(Q \operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ \theta_{G y}\right) .
$$

Proof about the other direction is similar, and is based on the following commutative diagram.


We also prove the following two lemmas.

Lemma A.2. $G\left(\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right)$ ounit ${ }_{s}=\psi_{P s, Q F s}\left(\theta_{s}\right)$ odown $_{s}$ $\diamond$

Proof. We know that $\psi_{P s, Q F s}\left(\theta_{s}\right)=G \theta_{s} \circ$ unit $_{P s}$. It follows that

$$
\begin{align*}
& \psi_{P s, Q F s}\left(\theta_{s}\right) \circ \operatorname{down}_{s} \\
= & G \theta_{s} \circ\left(\operatorname{unit}_{P s} \circ \operatorname{down}_{s}\right) \\
= & G \theta_{s} \circ\left(G F \operatorname{down}_{s} \circ \text { unit }_{s}\right) \\
= & G\left(\theta_{s} \circ F \operatorname{down}_{s}\right) \circ \text { unit }_{s}
\end{align*}
$$

Lemma A.3. $G Q\left[\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right] \circ \psi_{P s, Q F s}\left(\theta_{s}\right)=\eta_{t} \circ P\left(\psi_{s, t}\left[\theta_{s} \circ\right.\right.$ $F$ down $\left._{s} l\right)$ if $\theta_{x}=\varphi_{P x, Q F x}\left(\eta_{F x} \circ P\right.$ unit $\left._{x}\right)$.

Proof. Since $\theta_{s}=\varphi_{P s, Q F s}\left(\eta_{F s} \circ P\right.$ unit $\left._{s}\right)$ and $\varphi$ and $\psi$ are inverse to each other, we know that $\psi_{P s, Q F s}\left(\theta_{s}\right)=\eta_{F s} \circ$ $P$ unit $_{s}$.

It follows that

$$
\begin{align*}
& G Q\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \operatorname{down}_{s}\right] \circ \psi_{P s, Q F s}\left(\theta_{s}\right) \\
= & G Q\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \operatorname{down}_{s}\right] \circ \eta_{F s} \circ P \text { unit }_{s} \\
= & \eta_{t} \circ P G\left(\theta_{s} \circ F \operatorname{down}_{s}\right] \circ P \text { unit }_{s} \\
= & \eta_{t} \circ P\left(G\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \text { down }_{s}\right] \circ \text { unit }_{s}\right) \\
= & \eta_{t} \circ P\left(\psi_{s, t}\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \text { down }_{s}\right]\right)
\end{align*}
$$

We now prove the main result.

Proposition A.4. The following statements are all true.

1. $\left(G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)=\psi_{s, t}\left(\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right)$ if $\theta_{x}=\varphi_{P x, Q F x}\left(\eta_{F x} \circ\right.$ $P$ unit $_{x}$ ).
2. $\left(G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)=\psi_{s, t}\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \operatorname{down}_{s}\right)$ if $\eta_{y}=\psi_{P G y, Q y}\left(Q \operatorname{counit}_{y} \circ\right.$ $\theta_{G y}$ ).
3. $\left(\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left.\left._{s}\right)=\varphi_{s, t} \backslash G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)$ if $\theta_{x}=\varphi_{P x, Q F x}\left(\eta_{F x} \circ\right.$ $P$ unit $_{x}$ ).
4. $\left\lfloor\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right\rfloor=\varphi_{s, t}\left(G\right.$ up $\left._{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)$ if $\eta_{y}=\psi_{P G y, Q y}\left(Q\right.$ counit $_{y} \circ$ $\theta_{G y}$ ).

Proof. Note that $\left(G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)=\psi_{s, t}\left(\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right)$ if and only if $\left\{\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right)=\varphi_{s, t}\left(G \operatorname{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t}\right)$. Note also that, by Lemma A.1, $\theta_{x}=\varphi_{P x, Q F x}\left(\eta_{F x} \circ P\right.$ unit $\left._{x}\right)$ if and only if $\eta_{y}=\psi_{P G y, Q y}\left(Q\right.$ counit $\left._{y} \circ \theta_{G y}\right)$. It follows that if one of the four statements is true, then all four statements are true. We now show the first statement to be true.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \psi_{s, t}\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \operatorname{down}_{s}\right] \\
& =G\left(\theta_{s} \circ F \text { down }_{s}\right) \circ \text { unit }_{s} \\
& =G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ G Q\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \text { down }_{s}\right] \circ G\left(\theta_{s} \circ F \text { down }_{s}\right) \circ \text { unit }_{s} \\
& \text { - Definition of unfold } \\
& =G \mathrm{up}_{t} \circ G Q\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \text { down }_{s}\right] \circ \psi_{P s, Q F s}\left(\theta_{s}\right) \circ \text { down }_{s} \\
& \text { - Lemma A. } 2 \\
& =G \operatorname{up}_{t} \circ \eta_{t} \circ P\left(\psi_{s, t}\left[\theta_{s} \circ F \text { down }_{s}\right]\right) \circ \text { down }_{s} \\
& \text { — Lemma A. } 3
\end{aligned}
$$

By the uniqueness of the fold operator, it follows that $\ G \mathrm{up}_{t}{ }^{\circ}$ $\left.\eta_{t}\right)=\psi_{s, t}\left(\theta_{s} \circ F\right.$ down $\left._{s}\right)$


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[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ An element can also has a mixed content model where its children is a sequence of XML elements interspersed with character data. As an example, <!ELEMENT folder (\#PCDATA|folder|record)*> declares folder to be of mixed content. (\#PCDATA denotes the interspersed character data.) One can still model folder by a regular expression (of two type variables) but now with an additional type constant \#PCDATA.

[^2]:    ${ }^{2}$ Briefly, 1-deterministic content model demands that one look-ahead is always sufficient for the unique derivation of an element sequence from its content model.

