# Non-Cartesian Guarded Recursion with Daggers

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#### Background ———

- [Nakano00] defines a modality ▶, representing the delay between recursive calls.
- Helps for a better formalisation of streams, with notions of productivity.
- [Birkedal&al12] model of guarded recursion in the topos of trees.

### — What we do and how ————

- Obtain (artificial) recursion from any setting.
  - by mimicking the structure of guarded recursion.
- Apply this structure to pure quantum programming (hence the dagger).





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We propose a solution with techniques adapted from guarded recursion.

#### Computation in the topos of trees

Objects in the topos of trees  $\bm{S}=\bm{Set}^{\mathbb{N}^{\mathrm{op}}}$  are cochains in  $\bm{Set}:$ 

$$X(0) \leftarrow_{r_0} X(1) \leftarrow_{r_1} X(2) \leftarrow \cdots$$

There is a functor  $L: \mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{S}$ , such that LX is:

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and a natural transformation  $\nu$ : id  $\Rightarrow$  L, such that  $\nu_X$  is:

and a family of morphisms fix<sub>X</sub>:  $[LX \rightarrow X] \rightarrow X$ .

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If  $g^{\dagger} = g^{-1}$ , we say that g is unitary.









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Can we form (interesting) subcategories of  $\boldsymbol{C}^{\mathbb{N}^{\mathrm{op}}}$  that admit a dagger?

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Let's work out some syntax

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 $\lambda$ -calculus with fixed points thanks to **DCPO**-enrichment of **PInj**.

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