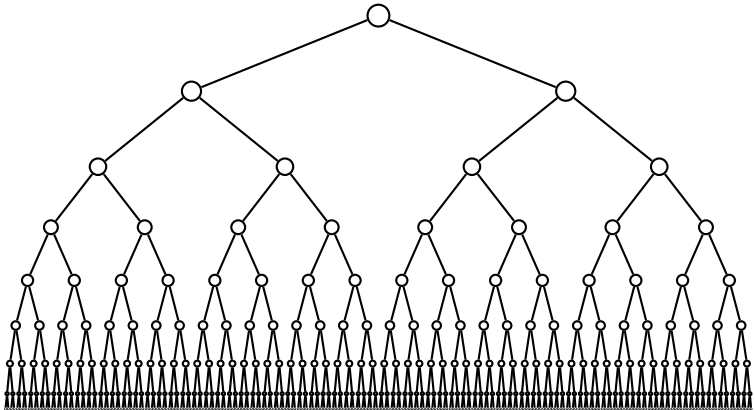


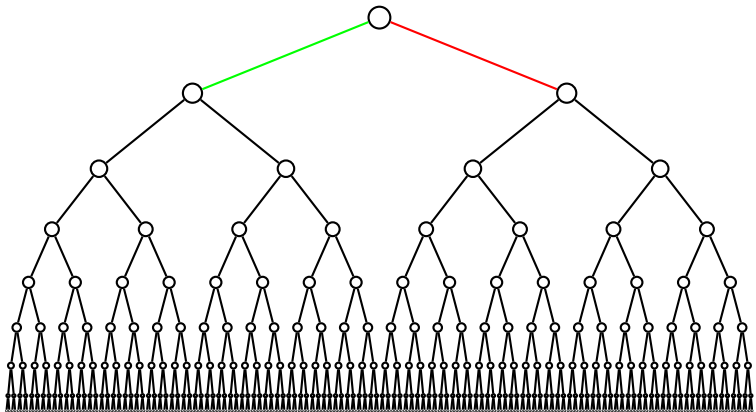
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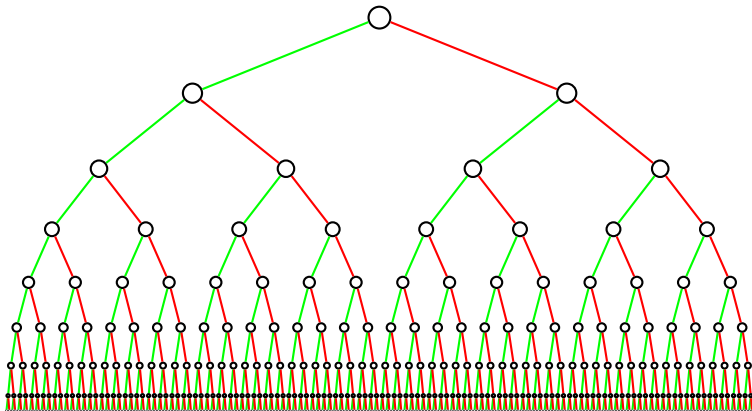
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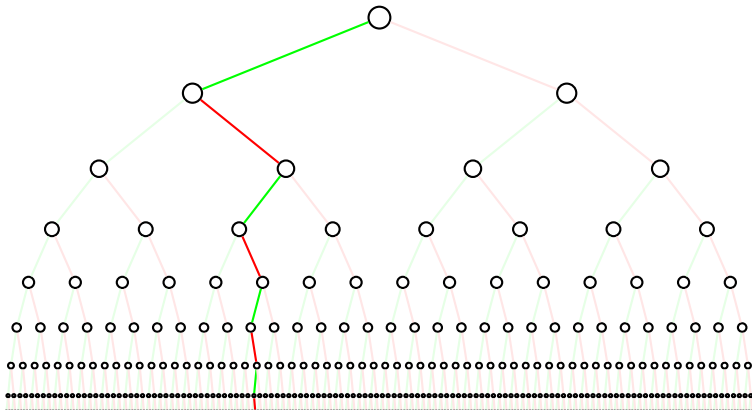
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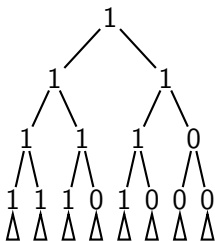
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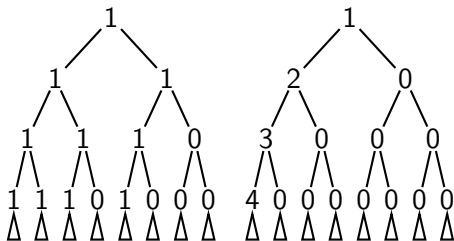
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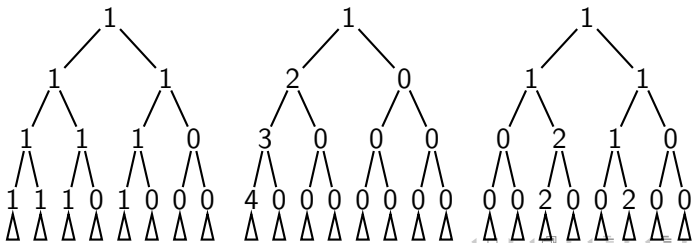
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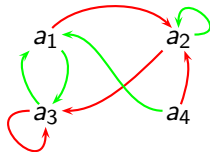
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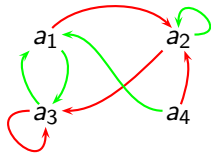
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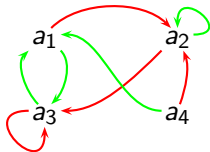
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## In categorical terms:

Given an epimorphism  $q : A \twoheadrightarrow Q$  ( $Q = A/\equiv$ );  
 $nt(Q)$  is defined by a pushout:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FA & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & A \\ Fq \downarrow & & \downarrow nt(q) \\ FQ & \xrightarrow{\alpha[q]} & nt(Q) \end{array}$$

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## Example:

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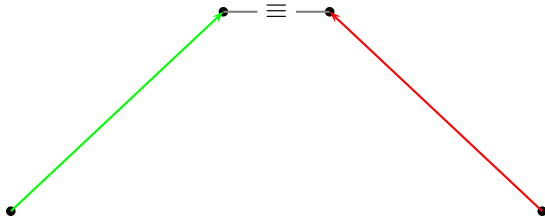
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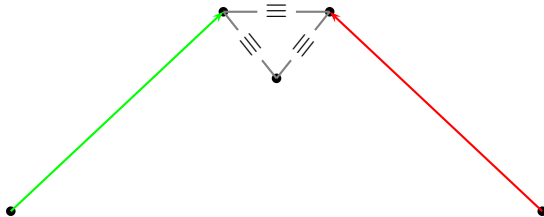
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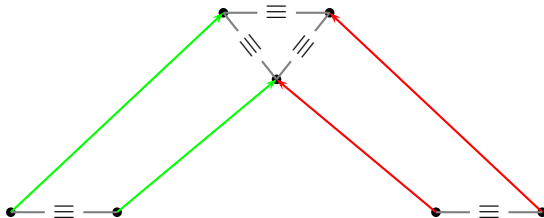
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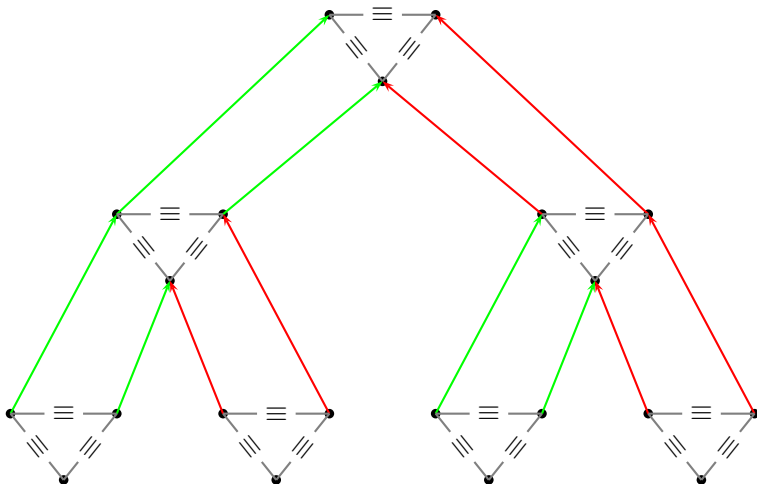
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Actual counterexample:

- ▶ Algebra for the functor  $FX = \mathbb{N} \times X$ ;
- ▶ Satisfies pCRA but not DA;
- ▶ Contains an infinite tree:
  - ▶ Each node contains three distinct elements;
  - ▶ The three elements are bisimilar;
  - ▶ Inherent use of transitive closure.

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