

# Instances of Bar Recursion as Products of Selection Functions

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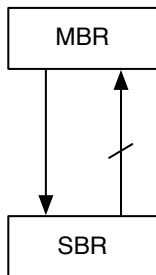
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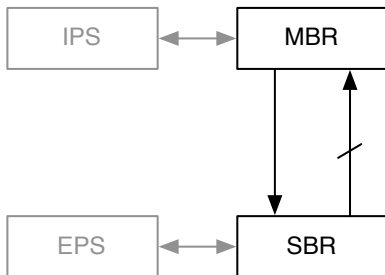
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where  $a := \varepsilon(\lambda x^X . p(x, b(x)))$  and  $b(x) := \delta(\lambda y^Y . p(x, y))$

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The type of the **countable product** of selection functions!

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# Interpreting Analysis via Dialectica Interpretation

Spector reduced interpretation of DNS to the following:

## Spector's Equation

Given  $\omega, \varepsilon_{(\cdot)}$  and  $q$  find  $n, \alpha, p_{(\cdot)}$  satisfying

$$\begin{array}{lcl} n & \stackrel{\mathbb{N}}{=} & \omega(\alpha) \\ \alpha(n) & \stackrel{A_n}{=} & \varepsilon_n(p_n) \\ p_n(\alpha(n)) & \stackrel{R}{=} & q(\alpha) \end{array}$$

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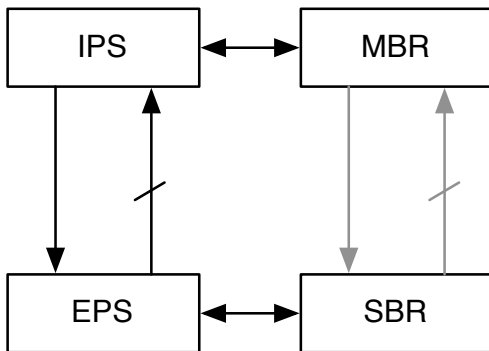
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## For Details See:



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Selection functions, bar recursion and backward induction

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