# Towards an Operational Semantics for Functional Patterns

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Functional patterns [2] provide a very elegant and conside notation for pattern matching, where multiple distinct patterns can be abbreviated using used-defined operations. Although their semantics is formally defined by means of a program transformation, this transformation can not be applied for their implementation since it may result in programs of an infinite size. Instead, an informal algorithm for functional pattern matching is presented, but its operational semantics is not formally specified. In this work, we try to closed this gap by proposing an operational semantics for functional patterns, based on the existing operational semantics for FlatCurry [1].

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