

**Definition** (Coproduct). Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be a category and let  $X, Y \in \mathbf{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$  be objects. The *coproduct* of  $X$  and  $Y$  consists of the following constituent data, satisfying the following condition.

Data:

1. an object  $Z \in \mathbf{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$  (“the coproduct” of  $X$  and  $Y$ )
2. *injection morphisms*  $\iota_1 : X \rightarrow Z$  and  $\iota_2 : Y \rightarrow Z$

Condition:

1. For any  $T \in \mathbf{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$  and any morphisms  $f : X \rightarrow T$ ,  $g : Y \rightarrow T$ , there exists a *unique* morphism  $\psi_{f,g} : Z \rightarrow T$  such that  $f = \iota_1 \circ \psi_{f,g}$  and  $g = \iota_2 \circ \psi_{f,g}$ .