

Consider the following three questions you might ask yourself:

- Given what I have, is it *possible* to get what I want?  $\rightarrow$  bool
- Given what I have, what is the *minimum cost* to get what I want?  $\rightarrow$  cost
- Given what I have, what is the *set of ways* to get what I want?  $\rightarrow$  powers

we begin with a formal definition of symmetric monoidal preorders.

**Definition 2.2.** A *symmetric monoidal structure* on a preorder  $(X, \leq)$  consists of two constituents:

- (i) an element  $I \in X$ , called the *monoidal unit*, and
- (ii) a function  $\otimes: X \times X \rightarrow X$ , called the *monoidal product*.

These constituents must satisfy the following properties, where we write  $\otimes(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \otimes x_2$ :

- (a) for all  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in X$ , if  $x_1 \leq y_1$  and  $x_2 \leq y_2$ , then  $x_1 \otimes x_2 \leq y_1 \otimes y_2$ ,
- (b) for all  $x \in X$ , the equations  $I \otimes x = x$  and  $x \otimes I = x$  hold,
- (c) for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , the equation  $(x \otimes y) \otimes z = x \otimes (y \otimes z)$  holds, and
- (d) for all  $x, y \in X$ , the equation  $x \otimes y = y \otimes x$  holds.

We call these conditions *monotonicity*, *unitality*, *associativity*, and *symmetry* respectively.

A preorder equipped with a symmetric monoidal structure,  $(X, \leq, I, \otimes)$ , is called a *symmetric monoidal preorder*.

monoid  $\Rightarrow$  way of combining

Wires = elements  
Boxes = relationships  
Parallelism = combination

$$\frac{x}{y} \qquad \frac{\quad}{x \otimes y}$$

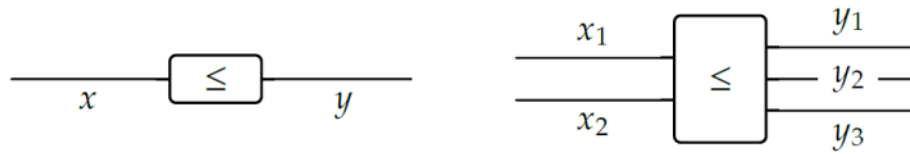
We consider wires in parallel to represent the monoidal product of their labels, so we consider both cases above to represent the element  $x \otimes y$ . Note also that a wire labeled

$I$  or an absence of wires:

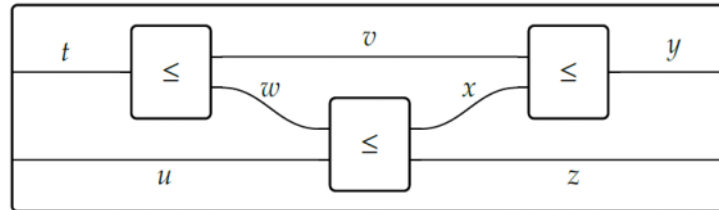
$$\frac{}{I} \quad \text{nothing}$$

both represent the monoidal unit  $I$ ; another way of thinking of this is that the unit is the empty monoidal product.

A wiring diagram runs between a set of parallel wires on the left and a set of parallel wires on the right. We say that a wiring diagram is *valid* if the monoidal product of the elements on the left is less than the monoidal product of those on the right. For example, if we have the inequality  $x \leq y$ , the the diagram that is a box with a wire labeled  $x$  on the left and a wire labeled  $y$  on the right is valid; see the first box below:



Finally, the symmetry condition (d), that  $x \otimes y = y \otimes x$ , says that a diagram is valid even if its wires cross:



(2.15)

The inner boxes in Eq. (2.15) translate into the assertions:

$$t \leq v + w \quad w + u \leq x + z \quad v + x \leq y \quad (2.16)$$

and the outer box translates into the assertion:

$$t + u \leq y + z. \quad (2.17)$$

You can add more axioms to symmetric monoidal preorders and get  $\rightarrow$  discard, copy, etc

*Example 2.27* (Booleans with AND). We can define a monoidal structure on  $\mathbb{B}$  by letting the monoidal unit be **true** and the monoidal product be  $\wedge$  (AND). If one thinks of **false** = 0 and **true** = 1, then  $\wedge$  corresponds to the usual multiplication operation  $*$ . That is, with this correspondence, the two tables below match up:

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} \wedge & \text{false} & \text{true} \\ \hline \text{false} & \text{false} & \text{false} \\ \text{true} & \text{false} & \text{true} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|cc} * & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \qquad (2.28)$$

One can check that all the properties in Definition 2.2 hold, so we have a monoidal preorder which we denote **Bool** :=  $(\mathbb{B}, \leq, \text{true}, \wedge)$ .

#### The Cost Preorder

*Example 2.37* (Lawvere’s monoidal preorder, **Cost**). Let  $[0, \infty]$  denote the set of non-negative real numbers—such as 0, 1,  $15.33\bar{3}$ , and  $2\pi$ —together with  $\infty$ . Consider the preorder  $([0, \infty], \geq)$ , with the usual notion of  $\geq$ , where of course  $\infty \geq x$  for all  $x \in [0, \infty]$ .

There is a monoidal structure on this preorder, where the monoidal unit is 0 and the monoidal product is  $+$ . In particular,  $x + \infty = \infty$  for any  $x \in [0, \infty]$ . Let’s call this

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monoidal preorder

$$\mathbf{Cost} := ([0, \infty], \geq, 0, +),$$

because we can think of the elements of  $[0, \infty]$  as costs. In terms of structuring “getting from here to there,” **Cost** seems to say “getting from  $a$  to  $b$  is a question of cost.” The monoidal unit being 0 will translate into saying that you can always get from  $a$  to  $a$  at no cost. The monoidal product being  $+$  will translate into saying that the cost of getting from  $a$  to  $c$  is at most the cost of getting from  $a$  to  $b$  *plus* the cost of getting from  $b$  to  $c$ . Finally, the “at most” in the previous sentence is coming from the  $\geq$ .

#### Opposite Categories

**Proposition 2.38.** Suppose  $\mathcal{X} = (X, \leq)$  is a preorder and  $\mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} = (X, \geq)$  is its opposite. If  $(X, \leq, I, \otimes)$  is a symmetric monoidal preorder then so is its opposite,  $(X, \geq, I, \otimes)$ .

#### Monoidal Monotones

**Definition 2.41.** Let  $\mathcal{P} = (P, \leq_P, I_P, \otimes_P)$  and  $\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \leq_Q, I_Q, \otimes_Q)$  be monoidal preorders. A *monoidal monotone* from  $\mathcal{P}$  to  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a monotone map  $f: (P, \leq_P) \rightarrow (Q, \leq_Q)$ , satisfying two conditions:

- (a)  $I_Q \leq_Q f(I_P)$ , and
- (b)  $f(p_1) \otimes_Q f(p_2) \leq_Q f(p_1 \otimes_P p_2)$

for all  $p_1, p_2 \in P$ .

There are strengthenings of these conditions that are also important. If  $f$  satisfies the following conditions, it is called a *strong monoidal monotone*:



- (a')  $I_Q \cong f(I_P)$ , and
  - (b')  $f(p_1) \otimes_Q f(p_2) \cong f(p_1 \otimes_P p_2)$ ;
- and if it satisfies the following conditions it is called a *strict monoidal monotone*:
- (a'')  $I_Q = f(I_P)$ , and
  - (b'')  $f(p_1) \otimes_Q f(p_2) = f(p_1 \otimes_P p_2)$ .

#### Enriched Categories

**Definition 2.46.** Let  $\mathcal{V} = (V, \leq, I, \otimes)$  be a symmetric monoidal preorder. A  $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{X}$  consists of two constituents, satisfying two properties. To specify  $\mathcal{X}$ ,

- (i) one specifies a set  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{X})$ , elements of which are called *objects*;
- (ii) for every two objects  $x, y$ , one specifies an element  $\mathcal{X}(x, y) \in V$ , called the *hom-object*.<sup>2</sup>

The above constituents are required to satisfy two properties:

- (a) for every object  $x \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{X})$  we have  $I \leq \mathcal{X}(x, x)$ , and
- (b) for every three objects  $x, y, z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{X})$ , we have  $\mathcal{X}(x, y) \otimes \mathcal{X}(y, z) \leq \mathcal{X}(x, z)$ .

We call  $\mathcal{V}$  the *base of the enrichment* for  $\mathcal{X}$  or say that  $\mathcal{X}$  is *enriched* in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

**Theorem 2.49.** There is a one-to-one correspondence between preorders and **Bool**-categories.

**Definition 2.53.** A *Lawvere metric space* is a **Cost**-category.

**Definition 2.51.** A *metric space*  $(X, d)$  consists of:

- (i) a set  $X$ , elements of which are called *points*, and
- (ii) a function  $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , where  $d(x, y)$  is called the *distance between  $x$  and  $y$* .

A lawvere metric space drops criteria (b), (c) from the distance function

- (a) for every  $x \in X$ , we have  $d(x, x) = 0$ ,
- (b) for every  $x, y \in X$ , if  $d(x, y) = 0$  then  $x = y$ ,
- (c) for every  $x, y \in X$ , we have  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ , and
- (d) for every  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have  $d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z)$ .

#### Changing enrichment

##### 2.4.1 Changing the base of enrichment

Any monoidal monotone  $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  between symmetric monoidal preorders lets us convert  $\mathcal{V}$ -categories into  $\mathcal{W}$ -categories.

**Construction 2.64.** Let  $f: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  be a monoidal monotone. Given a  $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$ , one forms the associated  $\mathcal{W}$ -category, say  $\mathcal{C}_f$  as follows.

- (i) We take the same objects:  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}_f) := \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ .
- (ii) For any  $c, d \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , put  $\mathcal{C}_f(c, d) := f(\mathcal{C}(c, d))$ .

#### Enriched Functors

**Definition 2.69.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be  $\mathcal{V}$ -categories. A  $\mathcal{V}$ -functor from  $\mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathcal{Y}$ , denoted  $F: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ , consists of one constituent:

- (i) a function  $F: \text{Ob}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \text{Ob}(\mathcal{Y})$

subject to one constraint

- (a) for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{X})$ , one has  $\mathcal{X}(x_1, x_2) \leq \mathcal{Y}(F(x_1), F(x_2))$ .

#### Product Category

**Definition 2.74.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be  $\mathcal{V}$ -categories. Define their  $\mathcal{V}$ -product, or simply *product*, to be the  $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  with

- (i)  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}) := \text{Ob}(\mathcal{X}) \times \text{Ob}(\mathcal{Y})$ ,
- (ii)  $(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})((x, y), (x', y')) := \mathcal{X}(x, x') \otimes \mathcal{Y}(y, y')$ ,

for two objects  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  in  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})$ .

**Example 2.76.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be the Lawvere metric spaces (i.e. **Cost**-categories) defined by the following weighted graphs:

$$\mathcal{X} := \boxed{\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{2} & B & \xrightarrow{3} & C \\ \bullet & & \bullet & & \bullet \end{array}} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} p \\ \bullet \\ \downarrow \curvearrowright 8 \\ \downarrow \curvearrowleft 5 \\ \bullet \\ q \end{array}} =: \mathcal{Y} \quad (2.77)$$

Their product is defined by taking the product of their sets of objects, so there are six objects in  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ . And the distance  $d_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}}((x, y), (x', y'))$  between any two points is given by the sum  $d_{\mathcal{X}}(x, x') + d_{\mathcal{Y}}(y, y')$ .

Examine the following graph, and make sure you understand how easy it is to

derive from the weighted graphs for  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  in Eq. (2.77):

$$\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} = \boxed{\begin{array}{ccccc} (A, p) & \xrightarrow{2} & (B, p) & \xrightarrow{3} & (C, p) \\ \bullet & & \bullet & & \bullet \\ \downarrow \curvearrowright 8 & & \downarrow \curvearrowright 8 & & \downarrow \curvearrowright 8 \\ (A, q) & \xrightarrow{2} & (B, q) & \xrightarrow{3} & (C, q) \\ \bullet & & \bullet & & \bullet \end{array}}$$

#### Monoidal Closed Preorders

**Definition 2.79.** A symmetric monoidal preorder  $\mathcal{V} = (V, \leq, I, \otimes)$  is called *symmetric monoidal closed* (or just *closed*) if, for every two elements  $v, w \in V$ , there is an element  $v \multimap w$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ , called the *hom-element*, with the property

$$(a \otimes v) \leq w \quad \text{iff} \quad a \leq (v \multimap w). \quad (2.80)$$

for all  $a, v, w \in V$ .

**Proposition 2.87.** Suppose  $\mathcal{V} = (V, \leq, I, \otimes, \multimap)$  is a symmetric monoidal preorder that is closed. Then

- (a) For every  $v \in V$ , the monotone map  $- \otimes v: (V, \leq) \rightarrow (V, \leq)$  is left adjoint to  $v \multimap -: (V, \leq) \rightarrow (V, \leq)$ .
- (b) For any element  $v \in V$  and set of elements  $A \subseteq V$ , if the join  $\bigvee_{a \in A} a$  exists then so does  $\bigvee_{a \in A} v \otimes a$  and we have

$$\left( v \otimes \bigvee_{a \in A} a \right) \cong \bigvee_{a \in A} (v \otimes a). \quad (2.88)$$

- (c) For any  $v, w \in V$ , we have  $v \otimes (v \multimap w) \leq w$ .
- (d) For any  $v \in V$ , we have  $v \cong (I \multimap v)$ .
- (e) For any  $u, v, w \in V$ , we have  $(u \multimap v) \otimes (v \multimap w) \leq (u \multimap w)$ .

**Definition 2.90.** A *unital commutative quantale* is a symmetric monoidal closed preorder  $\mathcal{V} = (V, \leq, I, \otimes, \multimap)$  that has all joins:  $\bigvee A$  exists for every  $A \subseteq V$ . In particular, we often denote the empty join by  $0 := \bigvee \emptyset$ .

**Proposition 2.96.** Let  $\mathcal{P} = (P, \leq)$  be a preorder. It has all joins iff it has all meets.

*Remark 2.97.* The notion of Hausdorff distance can be generalized, allowing the role of **Cost** to be taken by any quantale  $\mathcal{V}$ . If  $\mathcal{X}$  is a  $\mathcal{V}$ -category with objects  $X$ , and  $U \subseteq X$  and  $V \subseteq X$ , we can generalize the usual Hausdorff distance, on the left below, to the formula on the right:

$$d(U, V) := \sup_{u \in U} \inf_{v \in V} d(u, v) \qquad \mathcal{X}(U, V) := \bigwedge_{u \in U} \bigvee_{v \in V} \mathcal{X}(u, v).$$

For example, if  $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{Bool}$ , the Hausdorff distance between sub-preorders  $U$  and  $V$  answers the question “can I get into  $V$  from every  $u \in U$ ,” i.e.  $\forall u \in U. \exists v \in V. u \leq v$ . Or for another example, use  $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{P}(M)$  with its interpretation as modes of transportation, as in Exercise 2.62. Then the Hausdorff distance  $d(U, V) \in \mathbf{P}(M)$  tells us those modes of transportation that will get us into  $V$  from every point in  $U$ .

**Proposition 2.98.** Suppose  $\mathcal{V} = (V, \leq, I, \otimes)$  is any symmetric monoidal preorder that has all joins. Then  $\mathcal{V}$  is closed—i.e. it has a  $\multimap$  operation and hence is a quantale—if and only if  $\otimes$  distributes over joins; i.e. if Eq. (2.88) holds for all  $v \in V$  and  $A \subseteq V$ .