

Week Six

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Section 19: Terminal Objects

- From any set (even for **null set**), there is **only one map** to a *singleton* set.
- T is an object in a category \mathcal{C} , which is said to be **terminal** only if for any object X in \mathcal{C} :
 - ★ at least one map exists from X to T .
 - ★ that map should be the only map from X to T .

Using these two conditions we can say that: (See page.229)

“There exists multiple terminal objects which are isomorphic to each other.”

- In the category of *endomaps*, we can say that the **singleton set** equipped with an endomap from the **point to itself**, is a terminal ‘set-with-endomap’.

The mapping from an endomap X to this terminal object also follows the ‘structure preserving rule’.

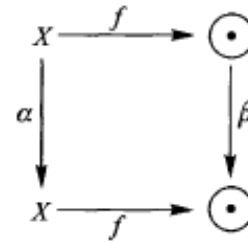


Figure 1: Map from X to T

Section 20: Points

- In the start of this section, we see an example which shows how we can use a *terminal object* (defined in the category) to **select an item** from an object (of the same category). Hence, we can define:

“A point of an object X is the map $T \longrightarrow X$ ”

where, T is the terminal object of the category.

- In different categories, the meaning of the word ‘point’ is different from what we think of. For example, in the category of endomaps, the term ‘point’ refers to **fixed point** (See page.232). So, if an endomap does **not** have a fixed point, we say it doesn’t have ‘points’ (which doesn’t mean it doesn’t have elements!) (See page.233)

Category	Terminal object	‘Points of X ’ means...
\mathcal{C}	T	map $T \longrightarrow X$
\mathcal{S}	$\boxed{\bullet}$	element of X
\mathcal{S}° endomaps of sets	$\boxed{\bullet \rightarrow \bullet}$	fixed point or equilibrium state

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Product

- A product of A and B (in category \mathcal{C} , also called **factors of \mathbf{P}**) is:
 - ★ an object P in \mathcal{C} .
 - ★ a pair of maps: $P \xrightarrow{p_1} A$ and $P \xrightarrow{p_2} B$ such that, for every other object X in \mathcal{C} , with pair of maps $X \xrightarrow{q_1} A$ and $X \xrightarrow{q_2} B$, there exist **exactly one map** $X \xrightarrow{q} P$: $q_1 = p_1 \circ q$ and $q_2 = p_2 \circ q$.

From this definition, we can say that if there exists two products sharing the same **factors**, the products must be **isomorphic**.

- ‘3D-Space’ can be considered as the **product** of three *linearly independent* axes.
- For Products in ‘categories of endomaps’,

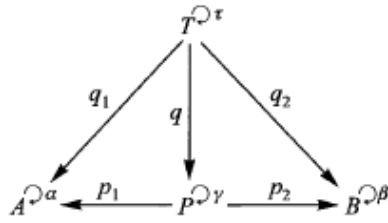
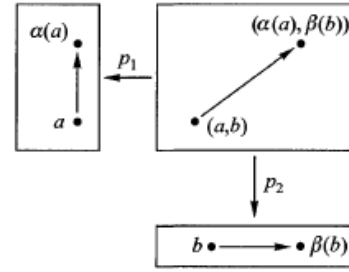


Figure 2: Product in category S^{\curvearrowright}



Internal diagram of $A^{\curvearrowright} \longrightarrow P \longleftarrow B^{\curvearrowright}$

We get another condition from the ‘*structure preserving rule*’:

$$\gamma(a, b) = (\alpha(a), \beta(b))$$

Proof:

As we know, P contains elements of the type (a, b) where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

$$\begin{aligned} p_1(a, b) &= a & p_2(a, b) &= b \\ \Rightarrow (p_1 + p_2)(a, b) &= a + b \\ (Or) \quad (a, b) &= (p_1 + p_2)^{-1}[a + b] \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

By structure preserving conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} p_1\gamma &= \alpha p_1 & p_2\gamma &= \beta p_2 \\ \Rightarrow (p_1 + p_2)\gamma &= \alpha p_1 + \beta p_2 \\ (Or) \quad \gamma &= (p_1 + p_2)^{-1}[\alpha p_1 + \beta p_2] \end{aligned}$$

Now, applying γ on the element (a, b) yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(a, b) &= (p_1 + p_2)^{-1}[\alpha p_1 + \beta p_2](a, b) \\ &\Rightarrow (p_1 + p_2)^{-1}[\alpha p_1(a, b) + \beta p_2(a, b)] \\ &\Rightarrow (p_1 + p_2)^{-1}[\alpha(a) + \beta(b)] \\ &\boxed{\gamma(a, b) = (\alpha(a), \beta(b))} \end{aligned} \tag{used (1)}$$

Petri-nets

It is a 4-tuple¹ $N = (P, T, F, m_0)$, where:

- P : set of all **Places**. (p, q, r, s in fig.3)
- T : set of all **Transitions**. (t, u, v)
- P and T are **disjoint**.
- F : **Flow relation** that defines the *arcs*².
 $F \subseteq (P \times T) \cup (T \times P)$
 $(F = \{(p, t), (r, t), (v, p), (t, q), \dots (From, To)\})$
- m_0 is the initial marking, assigns **tokens**³ to their initial places.
 $m_0 : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ (\mathbb{N} is the set of *natural numbers*)
 (Here, $m_0 = [p, r^2]$, which reads, p has 1 element, r has two elements.)

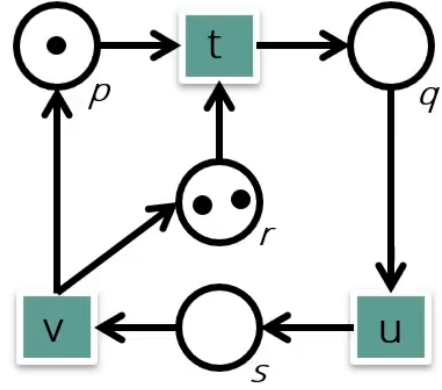


Figure 3: Petri-net example

Arcs and Transitions:

To check whether an **arc** should get **activated** or not, we use the **weight function**, defined as $w : F \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^0$ (\mathbb{N}^0 is the set of Natural numbers **with zero**),

$$w(p, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (p, t) \in F \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

To **fire** a transition, there must be **at least one token in all the input places** of a transition, as a transition uses one token from all input places to create tokens in its output places. Mathematically,

$$\forall p \in P, \quad w(p, t) \leq m(p)$$

After firing a transition, it **creates tokens** in its **output** places, hence, if m' represent next state:

$$\forall p \in P, \quad m'(p) = m(p) - w(p, t) + w(t, p)$$

Example (Fig.3)

Given, $m_0 = [p, r^2]$, the transition t uses one element from its inputs (p, r) and we see the next state:

$$[p, r^2] \xrightarrow{t} [p, r^2] - [p, r] + [q] = [r, q] = m_1$$

Now, as p is empty, t cant fire, but now u can fire as its inputs have elements:

$$[r, q] \xrightarrow{u} [r, q] - [q] + [s] = [r, s] = m_2$$

Now, u cant fire, but v can:

$$[r, s] \xrightarrow{v} [r, s] - [s] + [p] = [p, r^2] = m_0$$

Now we can use these states and draw the **Labeled Transition System**, which, in this case, is a cycle of three states.

¹An **ordered** set with 4 elements.

²Mappings between places and transitions. The places from which an arc runs to a transition are called the **input** places of the transition; the places to which arcs run from a transition are called the **output** places of the transition.

³Elements in each place, denoted by dots.

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Section 22: Universal mapping properties and Incidence relations

- In the definition of terminal objects, we mentioned ‘for all X’, ‘for each X’ or ‘for every X’. Such properties can be called **Universal** properties.
- In a category \mathcal{C} , we can find a small class \mathcal{A} of objects in \mathcal{C} which can be used to understand more complex objects X by means of maps $A \xrightarrow{x} X$ from objects in \mathcal{A} . This map x is called figure of shape A in X .
- In sets, the points of X are in a sense all there is to X , so that we often use the words ‘point’ and ‘element’ interchangeably, whereas in dynamical systems points are fixed states, and in graphs they are loops.
- In category of sets, ‘if two maps agree on all points, they are the same map’.
Such a property is not possible in category of endo-maps and graphs ‘using points’.
- Given, any pair of maps: $X^{\mathcal{D}^\alpha} \xrightarrow[f]{f} Y^{\mathcal{D}^\beta}$, if for all figures $N^{\mathcal{D}^\sigma} \xrightarrow{x} X^{\mathcal{D}^\alpha}$ of shape $N^{\mathcal{D}^\sigma}$ it is true that $fx = gx$, then $f = g$. (See page.246-248)
- **Incidence relation:**

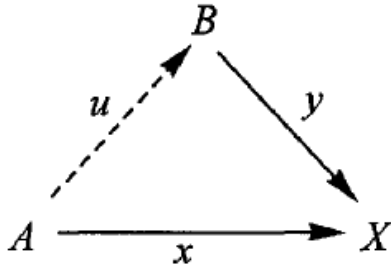


Figure 4: Case 1

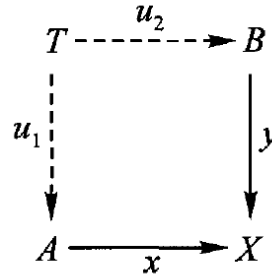


Figure 5: Case 2

Consider we have figures x from A to X and figure y from B to X , then we can check the extend of overlap (or incidence) of these two figures:

If we have a map u from A to B , such that $yu = x$ (fig.4), then we say x is *incident to y*.

If we have another object T which gives maps u_1 and u_2 as shown in fig.5 such that $yu_2 = xu_1$, we can say the same. In this case however, we are introducing another figure from T to X which splits the square to two triangles which satisfy the first case.

- In the category of graphs, an object with one dot (say D) and an object with two dots linked by an arrow (say A), constitute the basic figure-type.
We can say that:
“Given any two maps f, g from X to Y , if $fx = gx$ for all figures x from D to X of shape D and A to X of shape A , then $f = g$ ”

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