

3. Databases

Database - organised system of interlocking tables

Employee	FName	WorksIn	Mngr	Department	DName	Secr	
1	Alan	101	2	101	Sales	1	
2	Ruth	101	2	102	IT	3	
3	Kris	102	3				(3,1)

ID ←

column → row elements of this
column should be unique

* WorksIn, Mngr, → internal references → known as "foreign keys"
↓ as they are used
CAN BE CHANGED in ID columns of a foreign table

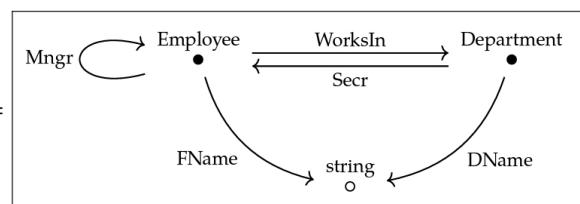
* DName, FName → external references → strings or int
↓
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diagram:

DATABASE SCHEMA
(A category)

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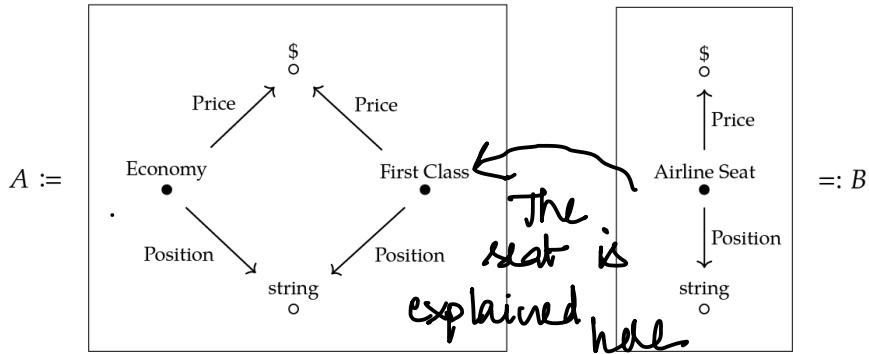


* We can enforce constraints like every dep's secretary must work in that dep. So, in terms of eq:

Department.Secr.WorksIn = Department

↳ used in FQL

Schema A is more detailed than B.



[There is a functor that go from A to B or viceversq)

CATEGORY :

Definition 3.6. To specify a category \mathcal{C} :

- one specifies a collection² $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, elements of which are called *objects*.
- for every two objects c, d , one specifies a set $\mathcal{C}(c, d)$,³ elements of which are called *morphisms* from c to d .
- for every object $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, one specifies a morphism $\text{id}_c \in \mathcal{C}(c, c)$, called the *identity morphism* on c .
- for every three objects $c, d, e \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and morphisms $f \in \mathcal{C}(c, d)$ and $g \in \mathcal{C}(d, e)$, one specifies a morphism $f \circ g \in \mathcal{C}(c, e)$, called the *composite* of f and g .

We will sometimes write an object $c \in \mathcal{C}$, instead of $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$. It will also be convenient to denote elements $f \in \mathcal{C}(c, d)$ as $f: c \rightarrow d$. Here, c is called the *domain* of f , and d is called the *codomain* of f .

These constituents are required to satisfy two conditions:

- unitality*: for any morphism $f: c \rightarrow d$, composing with the identities at c or d does nothing: $\text{id}_c \circ f = f$ and $f \circ \text{id}_d = f$.
- associativity*: for any three morphisms $f: c_0 \rightarrow c_1$, $g: c_1 \rightarrow c_2$, and $h: c_2 \rightarrow c_3$, the following are equal: $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$. We write this composite simply as $f \circ g \circ h$.

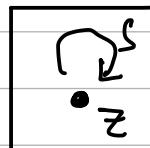
⇒ Free categories :

Defined from a graph $G = (V, A, S, t)$

Eg: $\mathcal{Q} := \text{Free} \left(\boxed{v_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} v_2} \right)$

OBJ. - v_1, v_2
MORPHISMS - $\text{id}_{v_1}, \text{id}_{v_2}, f_1$

⇒ \mathbb{N} as free categories :



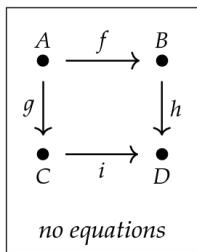
* It has one vertex & one morphisms but ∞ many paths

* Each path's length CORRESPONDS the natural numbers like, z is path of length 0, s is for one, $s \circ t$

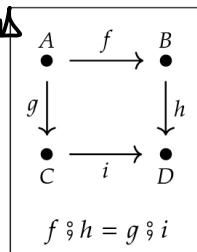
is for path of length 2, ; ; ; ; ; is for 3 and so on

* We can add "structures" to these free categories
one is

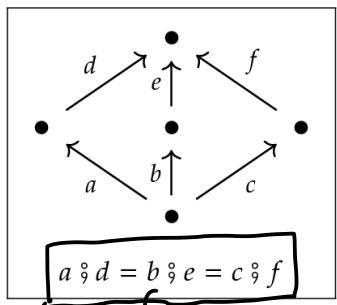
10 Morphisms
Free_square :=



9 morphisms
only
Comm_square :=



→ Preorders as categories : (P, \leq) be the preorder



$$\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) = P$$

$p \rightarrow q \text{ if } p \leq q$

id exist for all elements : $p \leq p$
 $P \leq Q, Q \leq R \Rightarrow P \leq R$

This is imp. to ensure transitivity & it is not free.

* Irrespective of no. of morphisms from $\bullet_4 \rightarrow \bullet_3$,
preorder remains same so, all are same

NOTE : Preorders & Categories are not one-one

Set - Category of sets : OBJ - SET MORP. - Functions

Finsset - OBJ - Finite Sets

There are many other categories that mathematicians care about:

- **Top**: the category of topological spaces (neighborhood)
- **Grph**: the category of graphs (connection)
- **Meas**: the category of measure spaces (amount)
- **Mon**: the category of monoids (action)
- **Grp**: the category of groups (reversible action, symmetry)
- **Cat**: the category of categories (action in context, structure)

* A monoid with every morphism an isomorphism is known as a GROUP

* Free categories have no isomorphisms except id's

⇒ sets & functions as databases:

OBJ: Sets \rightarrow ID column of a table

for a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ requires 2 tables:

one for A (ID column)
with its f column

& one for B (ID column)

Eg:

Beatle	Played
George	Lead guitar
John	Rhythm guitar
Paul	Bass guitar
Ringo	Drums

A

$f \rightarrow \text{played}$

Rock-and-roll instrument
Bass guitar
Drums
Keyboard
Lead guitar
Rhythm guitar

B

Database schema : • PLAYED → •

Beatle

Rock & Roll
Instrument

⇒ Functors :

Definition 3.35. Let \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} be categories. To specify a functor from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D} , denoted $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$,

Def:

- (i) for every object $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, one specifies an object $F(c) \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$;
- (ii) for every morphism $f: c_1 \rightarrow c_2$ in \mathcal{C} , one specifies a morphism $F(f): F(c_1) \rightarrow F(c_2)$ in \mathcal{D} .

The above constituents must satisfy two properties:

- (a) for every object $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, we have $F(\text{id}_c) = \text{id}_{F(c)}$.
- (b) for every three objects $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and two morphisms $f \in \mathcal{C}(c_1, c_2)$, $g \in \mathcal{C}(c_2, c_3)$, the equation $F(f \circ g) = F(f) \circ F(g)$ holds in \mathcal{D} .

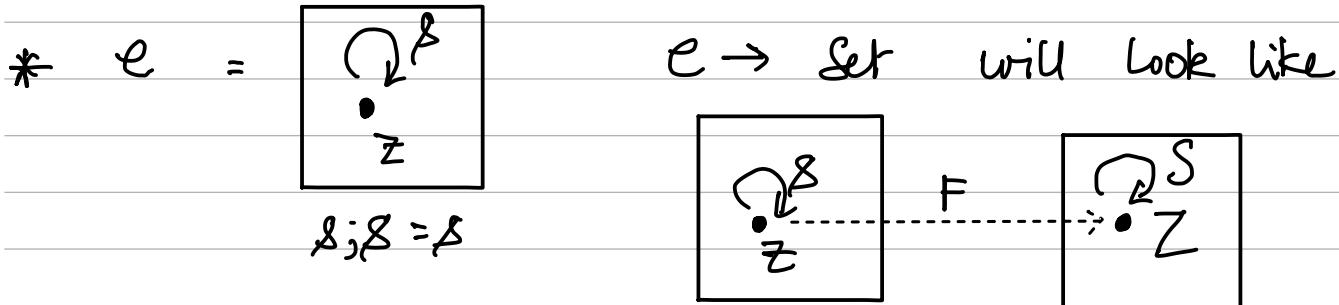
It is basically a map from one cat to another which connects all the obj of first to some or all of the other cat & preserves the str. & the morphisms of first gets mapped to that of 2nd (auto.)

* for preorders, if the map preserve str., then the functor is basically the monotone map b/w 2 preorders

⇒ For a schema i.e. finitely presented category \mathcal{C} the functor $I : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ is called " \mathcal{C} -instance" or "set valued functor on \mathcal{C} "

Eg: $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$
 \hookrightarrow "set category"

- $F(\mathcal{C})$ is simple a set



$$\mathcal{S} \quad S; S = S$$

Z is a set
 S is a function: $Z \rightarrow Z$

⇒ Natural Transformation:

Def:

Definition 3.49. Let \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} be categories, and let $F, G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be functors. To specify a natural transformation $\alpha : F \Rightarrow G$,

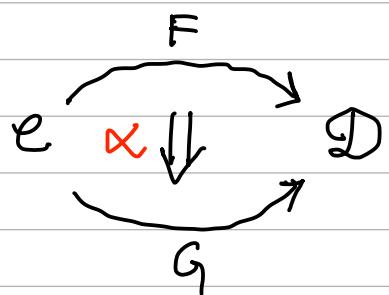
- (i) for each object $c \in \mathcal{C}$, one specifies a morphism $\alpha_c : F(c) \rightarrow G(c)$ in \mathcal{D} , called the c -component of α .

These components must satisfy the following, called the *naturality condition*:

- (a) for every morphism $f : c \rightarrow d$ in \mathcal{C} , the following equation must hold:

$$F(f) \circ \alpha_d = \alpha_c \circ G(f).$$

A natural transformation $\alpha : F \rightarrow G$ is called a *natural isomorphism* if each component α_c is an isomorphism in \mathcal{D} .



The commutative diagram

for $c, d \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ looks like \rightarrow

$$F(c) \xrightarrow{\alpha_c} G(c)$$

$$\downarrow F(f) \quad \downarrow G(f)$$

$$F(d) \xrightarrow{\alpha_d} G(d)$$

Here,

$f \rightarrow$ morphism

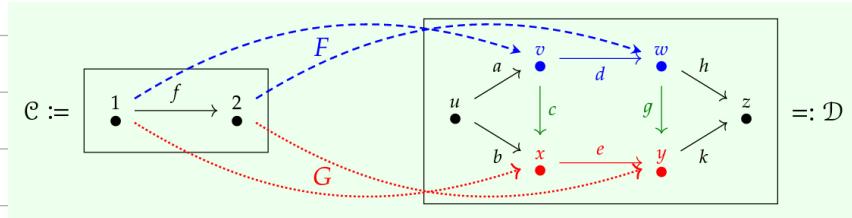
$F, G \rightarrow$ functors

$\alpha_c, \alpha_d \doteq \alpha \rightarrow$ natural transformation

\Rightarrow Def :

Definition 3.51. A diagram D in \mathcal{C} is a functor $D: \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ from any category \mathcal{J} , called the *indexing category* of the diagram D . We say that D commutes if $D(f) = D(f')$ holds for every parallel pair of morphisms $f, f': a \rightarrow b$ in \mathcal{J} .⁷

Eg:



\Rightarrow Functor Category :

Definition 3.54. Let \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} be categories. We denote by $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}}$ the category whose objects are functors $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ and whose morphisms $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}}(F, G)$ are the natural transformations $\alpha: F \rightarrow G$. This category $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}}$ is called the *functor category*, or the *category of functors from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D}* .

Eg :

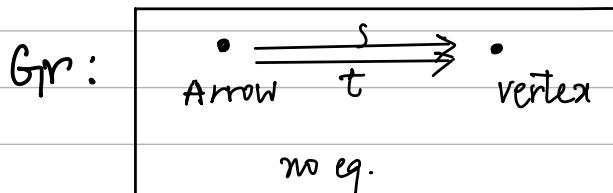
$$\mathcal{N} = (\mathbb{N}, \leq) \\ \hookrightarrow \text{preorder}$$

* $\mathcal{N}^{\mathcal{N}}$ is also a preorder of monotone maps from $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

\Rightarrow The category of instances in a schema :

Definition 3.60. Suppose that \mathcal{C} is a database schema and $I, J: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ are database instances. An *instance homomorphism* between them is a natural transformation $\alpha: I \rightarrow J$. Write $\mathcal{C}\text{-Inst} := \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}}$ to denote the functor category as defined in Definition 3.54.

Eg : ① Category of Graphs (Gr) as a functor category

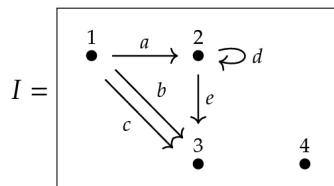


Arrow	source	target	Vertex
a	1	2	1
b	1	3	2
c	1	3	3
d	2	2	4
e	2	3	

AS A DATABASE

Gr-instance $I : Gr \rightarrow Set$, \Rightarrow AS A GRAPH

Here $I(\text{Arrow}) = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$, and $I(\text{Vertex}) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. One can draw the instance I as a graph:



So, the obj. in the category of Gr-Inst are graphs as above & the morphism b/w these graphs, i.e., natural transformations are called "Graph Homomorphisms"

If $G, H : Gr \rightarrow Set$ i.e., $G, H \in Obj(Gr\text{-Inst})$

$\alpha : G \rightarrow H$ contains $\alpha_{\text{arrow}} : G(\text{arrow}) \rightarrow H(\text{arrow})$

$\alpha_{\text{vertex}} : G(\text{vertex}) \rightarrow H(\text{vertex})$

for α to be a graph homomorphism it must respect source & target functions.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G(\text{Arrow}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\text{Arrow}}} & H(\text{Arrow}) \\ G(\text{source}) \downarrow & & \downarrow H(\text{source}) \\ G(\text{Vertex}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\text{Vertex}}} & H(\text{Vertex}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G(\text{Arrow}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\text{Arrow}}} & H(\text{Arrow}) \\ G(\text{target}) \downarrow & & \downarrow H(\text{target}) \\ G(\text{Vertex}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\text{Vertex}}} & H(\text{Vertex}) \end{array}$$

DATA TRANSFER:

* Pulling back along a functor:

Definition 3.68. Let \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} be categories and let $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a functor. For any set-valued functor $I: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, we refer to the composite functor $F \circ I: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ as the *pullback of I along F* .

Given a natural transformation $\alpha: I \Rightarrow J$, there is a natural transformation $\alpha_F: F \circ I \Rightarrow F \circ J$, whose component $(F \circ I)(c) \rightarrow (F \circ J)(c)$ for any $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ is given by $(\alpha_F)_c := \alpha_{Fc}$.

$$\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} I \\ \Downarrow \alpha \\ J \end{array}} \mathbf{Set} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} F \circ I \\ \Downarrow \alpha_F \\ F \circ J \end{array}} \mathbf{Set}$$

This uses the data of F to define a functor $\Delta_F: \mathcal{D}\text{-Inst} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}\text{-Inst}$.

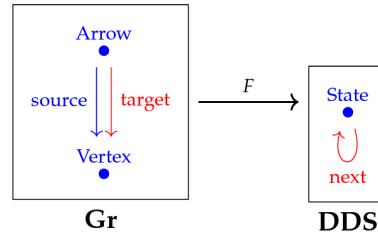
Eg: $I: \text{DDS} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$

State
•
↑
next
no equations

↓
Discrete Dynamical
sys.

State	next
1	4
2	4
3	5
4	5
5	5
6	7
7	6

$F: \text{Gr} \rightarrow \text{DDS}$



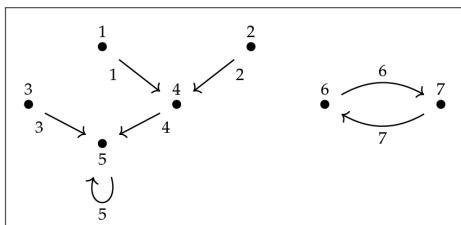
→ { Arrow, Vertex
to State }

source to id_{state}

target to next }

* $\text{Gr} \xrightarrow{F; I} \mathbf{Set}$

Pullback of data I along F



Arrow	source	target	Vertex
1	1	4	1
2	2	4	2
3	3	5	3
4	4	5	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	7	6
7	7	6	7

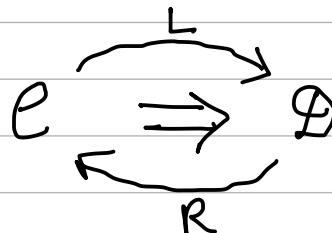
⇒ Adjunctions :

Definition 3.70. Let \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} be categories, and $L: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ and $R: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be functors. We say that L is *left adjoint to R* (and that R is *right adjoint to L*) if, for any $c \in \mathcal{C}$ and $d \in \mathcal{D}$, there is an isomorphism of hom-sets

$$\alpha_{c,d}: \mathcal{C}(c, R(d)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{D}(L(c), d)$$

that is natural in c and d .⁸

Given a morphism $f: c \rightarrow R(d)$ in \mathcal{C} , its image $g := \alpha_{c,d}(f)$ is called its *mate*. Similarly, the mate of $g: L(c) \rightarrow d$ is f .



⇒ → indicates dirⁿ of left adjoint

* Galois connection is adjunction b/w preorders simply

Example 3.72. Let $B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{Set})$ be any set. There is an adjunction called ‘currying B ’, after the logician Haskell Curry:

$$\mathbf{Set} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{- \times B} \\ \Leftrightarrow \\ \xleftarrow{(-)^B} \end{array} \mathbf{Set} \quad \mathbf{Set}(A \times B, C) \cong \mathbf{Set}(A, C^B)$$

Abstractly we write it as on the left, but what this means is that for any sets A, C , there is a natural isomorphism as on the right.

To explain this, we need to talk about exponential objects in \mathbf{Set} . Suppose that B and C are sets. Then the set of functions $B \rightarrow C$ is also a set; let’s denote it C^B . It’s written this way because if C has 10 elements and B has 3 elements then C^B has 10^3 elements, and more generally for any two finite sets $|C^B| = |C|^{|B|}$.

The idea of currying is that given sets A, B , and C , there is a one-to-one correspondence between functions $(A \times B) \rightarrow C$ and functions $A \rightarrow C^B$. Intuitively, if I have a function f of two variables a, b , I can “put off” entering the second variable: if you give me just a , I’ll return a function $B \rightarrow C$ that’s waiting for the B input. This is the curried version of f . As one might guess, there is a formal connection between exponential objects and what we called hom-elements $b \multimap c$ in Definition 2.79.

* Terminal objects & products refer prev. notes

⇒ limits :

first we define “Cone”. Cone(x, y) is a category of cones over x & y in \mathcal{C} .

An obj. in Cone(x, y) is simply a pair of maps:

$$x \xleftarrow{f} c \xrightarrow{g} y .$$

A morphism from $x \leftarrow c \xrightarrow{g} y$ to $x \leftarrow c' \xrightarrow{g'} y$

in $\text{cone}(x, y)$ is a morphism $a: c \rightarrow c'$ in \mathcal{C}

such that the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & c & & \\
 f \swarrow & & \downarrow a & & \searrow g \\
 x & & & & y \\
 \uparrow f' & & & & \uparrow g' \\
 & c' & & &
 \end{array}$$

* for products $c' = x \times y$ & there is unique morphism from any c to $c'(x \times y)$ such that the triangles commute f', g' are projection maps.

TERMINOLOGY : A diagram in \mathcal{C} is a functor $D: \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. Here \mathcal{J} is called indexing category of the diagram D .

Def :

Definition 3.92. Let $D: \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be a diagram. A cone (C, c_*) over D consists of

- (i) an object $C \in \mathcal{C}$;
- (ii) for each object $j \in \mathcal{J}$, a morphism $c_j: C \rightarrow D(j)$.

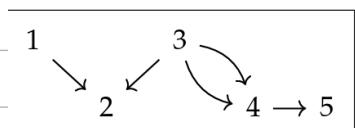
To be a cone, these must satisfy the following property:

- (a) for each $f: j \rightarrow k$ in \mathcal{J} , we have $c_k = c_j \circ D(f)$.

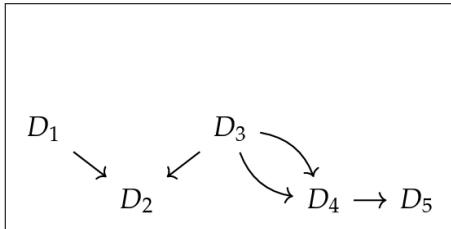
A morphism of cones $(C, c_*) \rightarrow (C', c'_*)$ is a morphism $a: C \rightarrow C'$ in \mathcal{C} such that for all $j \in \mathcal{J}$ we have $c_j = a \circ c'_j$. Cones over D , and their morphisms, form a category $\text{Cone}(D)$.

The limit of D , denoted $\lim(D)$, is the terminal object in the category $\text{Cone}(D)$. Say it is the cone $\lim(D) = (C, c_*)$; we refer to C as the limit object and the map c_j for any $j \in \mathcal{J}$ as the j^{th} projection map.

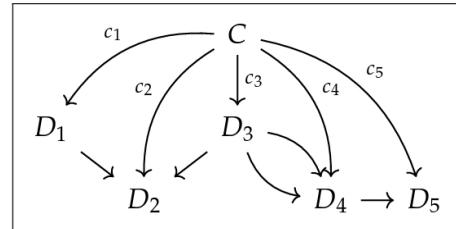
Eg : \mathcal{J} is :



the diagram
inside \mathcal{C} :



Cone over D :



Note:

Example 3.93. Terminal objects are limits where the indexing category is empty, $\mathcal{J} = \emptyset$.

Example 3.94. Products are limits where the indexing category consists of two objects v, w and no arrows, $\mathcal{J} = \boxed{\begin{matrix} v & w \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{matrix}}$.

Alt: Finite Limit in set

Theorem 3.95. Let \mathcal{J} be a category presented by the finite graph (V, A, s, t) together with some equations, and let $D : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ be a set-valued functor. Write $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. The set

$$\lim_{\mathcal{J}} D := \{(d_1, \dots, d_n) \mid d_i \in D(v_i) \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and} \\ \text{for all } a : v_i \rightarrow v_j \in A, \text{ we have } D(a)(d_i) = d_j\}.$$

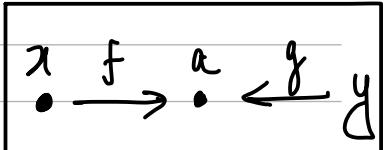
together with the projection maps $p_i : (\lim_{\mathcal{J}} D) \rightarrow D(v_i)$ given by $p_i(d_1, \dots, d_n) := d_i$ is a limit of D .

for $\mathcal{J} = \boxed{\quad}$ $\Rightarrow \lim_{\mathcal{J}} = \{\{\}\} \rightarrow \text{singleton set}$

$\mathcal{J} = \boxed{\bullet, v_1, v_2} \Rightarrow \lim_{\mathcal{J}} = \{(d_1, d_2), d_1 \in A, d_2 \in B\}$

⇒ Pullbacks:

The limit of the cospan graph

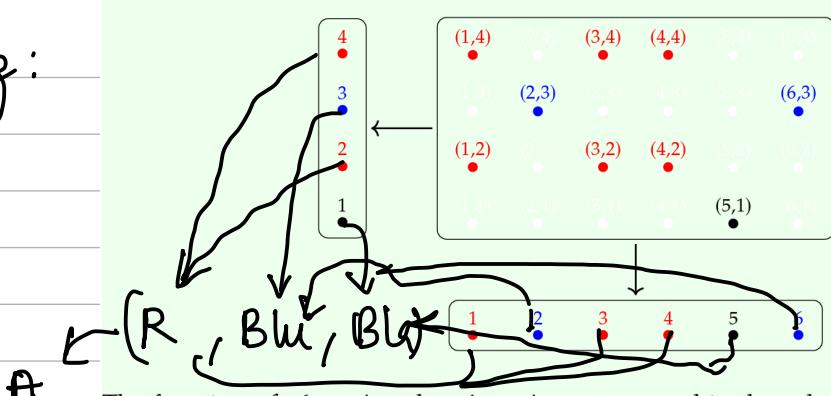


↑ pullback



c_x is superfluous
as the diagram
must commute

Eg:



The functions $f: \underline{6} \rightarrow A$ and $g: \underline{4} \rightarrow A$ are expressed in the coloring of the dots: for example, $g(2) = g(4) = \text{red}$, while $f(5) = \text{black}$. The pullback selects pairs $(i,j) \in \underline{6} \times \underline{4}$ such that $f(i)$ and $g(j)$ have the same color.