

Def. Let  $E$  be an equivalence rel on  $X$

$E$ -invariant  
vs Equiv Kernel

A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $E$ -invariant if

$x E y \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$  more general than  
equivalence kernel

Thm.  $E$  an eq. rel on  $X$ . If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $E$ -inv then there is a unique func  $g: X/E \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f = g \circ p_E$ .

Proof. for each eq class  $C \in X/E$  in quotient,

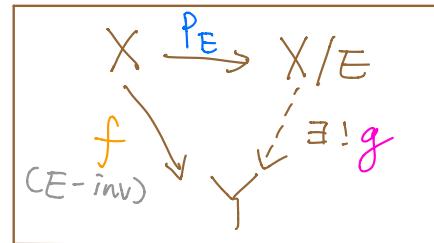
let  $g(C) := f(x)$  for any  $x \in C$ . i.e.  $g([x]_E) := f(x)$

(Since  $f$  is  $E$ -invariant, this does not depend on the choice of  $x \in C$ .)

► why  $f = g \circ p_E$ ?

$$(g \circ p_E)(x) = g(p_E(x))$$

$$= g([x]_E) = f(x)$$



► why is such  $g$  unique?

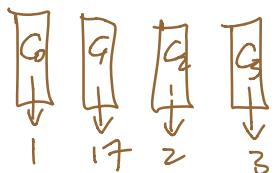
$$(g \circ p_E)(x) = g(p_E(x)) = g([x]_E) = f(x)$$

Since  $f$  is  $E$ -invariant,  $g$  must be unique.

Ex. i) Suppose such  $g$  is injective  $\Leftrightarrow$

the equivalence kernel of  $f$  is  $E$

i.e.  $x E_f y \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(y)$



... like unique ID for  
each equivalence class

Proof. ( $\Rightarrow$ )  $g$  is injective, NTS  $x \in y \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(y)$

$$x \in y \Leftrightarrow P_E(x) = P_E(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g(P_E(x)) = g(P_E(y)) \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(y)$$

( $\Leftarrow$ )  $x \in y \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(y)$ , NTS  $g$  is injective.

i.e.  $\forall c_1, c_2 \in X/E, c_1 \neq c_2 \Rightarrow g(c_1) \neq g(c_2)$

AFSOC, suppose  $\exists c_1, c_2 : c_1 \neq c_2 \Rightarrow g(c_1) = g(c_2)$

Then  $\exists x, y : P_E(x) = c_1, P_E(y) = c_2 :$

$$f(x) = g(c_1) = g(c_2) = f(y) \text{ AND } P_E(x) \neq P_E(y)$$

Contradiction  $\square$

ii)  $g$  surjective  $\Leftrightarrow f$  surjective

Proof. ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Given  $\forall y \in Y : \exists c \in X/E : g(c) = y$

NTS  $\forall y \in Y : \exists x \in X : f(x) = y$

choose  $x : P_E(x) = c \Rightarrow f(x) = g(c) = y$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Given  $\forall y \in Y : \exists x \in X : f(x) = y$

NTS  $\forall y \in Y : \exists c \in X/E : g(c) = y$

choose  $c = P_E(x) \quad \square$

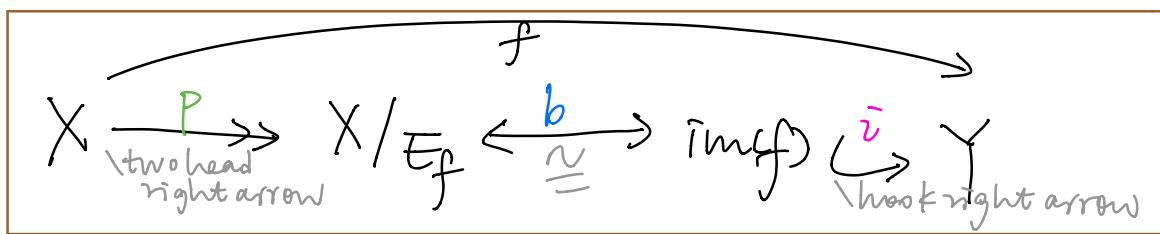
iii)  $(E_f = E) \& (\text{im}(f) = Y) \Rightarrow g$  is a bijection

equivalence kernel AND  $f$  surjective

Proof. by i), ii),  $g$  is surjective & injective  $\square$

## Corollary (canonical decomposition)

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  decomposes as follows



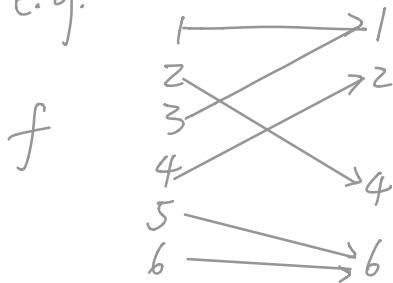
$P$  is the quotient map (surjective)

$i$  is the inclusion map (injective)

$b$  is the bijection

divide  
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encode  
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embed

e.g.



$$\begin{aligned} X/E_f &= \{\{1, 3\}, \{4\}, \{2\}, \{5, 6\}\} \\ \text{im}(f) &= \{1, 2, 4, 6\} \end{aligned}$$

## Functors & universal elements

functor:  
 object map &  
 function map

Def A functor (on sets to sets) is a rule  
 that assigns to each set  $S$  a set  $F(S)$   
 and to each function  $f: S \rightarrow T$  a function

$$F(f): F(S) \rightarrow F(T) \text{ s.t.}$$

(i) for every set  $S$ ,  $F(\text{id}_S) = \text{id}_{F(S)}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S} & S \\ & \downarrow F & \\ F(S) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{F(S)}} & F(S) \end{array}$$

(ii) for all  $f: S \rightarrow T$ ,  $g: R \rightarrow S$

$$F(f \circ g) = F(f) \circ F(g)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} R & \xrightarrow{g} & S & \xrightarrow{f} & T \\ & \searrow f \circ g & & & \\ & & \downarrow F & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F(R) & \xrightarrow{F(g)} & F(S) & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & F(T) \\ & \searrow F(f \circ g) & & & \\ & & = F(f \circ g) & & \end{array}$$

## Examples:

(i) the identity functor  $\text{Id}(S) := S$   
 $\text{Id}(f) := f$

(ii) Fix a set  $A$

Let  $F(S) := A$  for all  $S$

Let  $F(f) := \text{id}_A$  for all functions  $f$

$$f: S \rightarrow T \quad F(f): A \rightarrow A$$

Ex. Let  $A := \{0, 1\}$

Any other functors with  $F(S) = A$  for all  $S$ ?

Proof. Suppose such functor exists.

then  $F(S) = A$ .  $F(\text{id}_S) = \text{id}_A$ .

$\exists g: S \rightarrow T$  such that  $F(g) \neq \text{id}$

Define  $F(f) = \begin{cases} \text{id}_A, & \text{if } f = \text{id}_S \\ \text{flip}, & \text{if } \text{Dom}(f) = \{0\} \text{ XOR } \text{Im}(f) = \{0\} \\ \text{id}_A, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Then  $F$  is a functor  $\square$

(iii) The powerset functor      let  $f_*(A)$  be the  
image of  $A$  under  $f$

$P(S) :=$  the powerset of  $S$

$f: S \rightarrow T, P(f): P(S) \rightarrow P(T)$

For each subset  $A \subseteq S$ , let

$(P(f))(A) := \{f(a) : a \in A\} = f_*(A)$

Ex. Why is it a functor?

$\triangleright P(id_S): P(S) \rightarrow P(S)$

$(P(id_S))(A) = \{id_S(a) : a \in A\} = A = id_{P(S)}(A)$

$\triangleright$  Let  $R \xrightarrow{g} S \xrightarrow{f} T$

Consider  $P(f \circ g) \stackrel{?}{=} P(f) \circ P(g)$

$P(f \circ g)(A) = \{(f \circ g)(a) : a \in A\} = \{f(g(a)) : a \in A\}$

$(P(f) \circ P(g))(A) = (P(f))(\{g(a) : a \in A\}) = \{f(g(a)) : a \in A\}$

(iv) Fix a set  $A$ , Raising to the power  $A$

$S \mapsto S^A$

$f \mapsto f^A$  (Recall  $f: S \rightarrow T, f^A: S^A \rightarrow T^A$ )

Ex. This defines a functor

Hint:  $(f \circ g)^A = f^A \circ g^A$

proof. ▷  $\mathcal{F}(\text{id}_A) = \text{id}_{A^A} : A^A \rightarrow A^A$

$$(\mathcal{F}(\text{id}_A))(h) = \text{id}_A \circ h = h$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{id}_A) = \text{id}_{A^A}$$

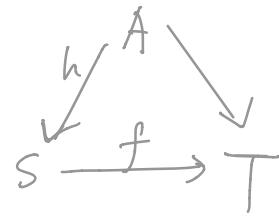
▷  $(\mathcal{F}(f \circ g))(h) = (f \circ g) \circ h$

$$(\mathcal{F}(f) \circ \mathcal{F}(g))(h) = (\mathcal{F}(f))(g \circ h) = (f \circ g) \circ h$$

$$\text{Dom}(f \circ g) = \text{Dom}(g)$$

$$\text{Dom}(\mathcal{F}(f \circ g)) = (\text{Dom}(g))^A$$

$$\text{Dom}(\mathcal{F}(f) \circ \mathcal{F}(g)) = (\text{Dom}(g))^A$$



(v) for each set  $S$ , let  $[S]^{<\infty}$  be the set of all finite subsets of  $S$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}(S) := [S]^{<\infty}$

Each  $f: S \rightarrow T$  is mapped to  $\mathcal{F}(f): [S]^{<\infty} \rightarrow [T]^{<\infty}$

Given by  $(\mathcal{F}(f))(A) := f_*(A) = \{f(a) : a \in A\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \nearrow & \uparrow \\ A \subseteq S & & \text{still finite} \end{array}$$

proof. This is a functor.

▷  $\mathcal{F}(\text{id}_S): [S]^{<\infty} \rightarrow [S]^{<\infty}$

$$(\mathcal{F}(\text{id}_S))(A) = \text{id}_*(A) = A = \text{id}_{[S]^{<\infty}}(A)$$

▷  $\mathcal{F}(f \circ g): [\text{Dom}(g)]^{<\infty} \rightarrow [\text{Im}(f)]^{<\infty}$

$$(\mathcal{F}(f \circ g))(A) = (f \circ g)_*(A)$$

$$(\mathcal{F}(f) \circ \mathcal{F}(g))(A) = (\mathcal{F}(f))(g_*(A)) = (f \circ g)_*(A) \quad \square$$

A functor  $G$  is called a subfunctor of a functor  $F$

If: for every set  $S$ ,  $G(S) \subseteq F(S)$

and for every  $f: S \rightarrow T$ ,  $G(f) = (F(f))|_{G(S)}$   
↓  
restricted to

Example:

powerset functor

$$S \mapsto P(S)$$

$$f \mapsto f_*$$

$$f: S \rightarrow T$$

$$f_*: P(S) \rightarrow P(T)$$

finite subset functor

$$S \mapsto [S]^{<\infty} = \{ \text{finite subsets of } S \} \subseteq P(S)$$

$$f: S \rightarrow T$$

$$f_*|_{[S]^{<\infty}}: [S]^{<\infty} \rightarrow [T]^{<\infty}$$

finite subset functor is a subfunctor  
of powerset functor

Observation: Suppose  $F$  is a functor and let  $G_0$  be a mapping that assigns to each set  $S$  a subset  $G_0(S) \subseteq F(S)$ . Then there is a (unique) subfunctor  $G$  of  $F$  whose object map is  $G_0$  iff

$\forall f: S \rightarrow T$  and for all  $s \in G_0(S)$ , we have

$$(F(f))(s) \in G_0(T)$$

$$f: S \rightarrow T$$

$$F(f): F(S) \rightarrow F(T)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{UI} & \text{UI} \\ G_0(S) & G_0(T) \end{matrix}$$

$$F(f)|_{G_0(S)}: G_0(S) \rightarrow F(T)$$

?G\_0(T)

Example. Fix a set  $A$ , let  $F$  be the functor given by  $F(S) := S^A$ , and for each  $f: S \rightarrow T$ ,  $F(f) = f^A: S^A \rightarrow T^A$   
 $[f^A(g) = f \circ g]$

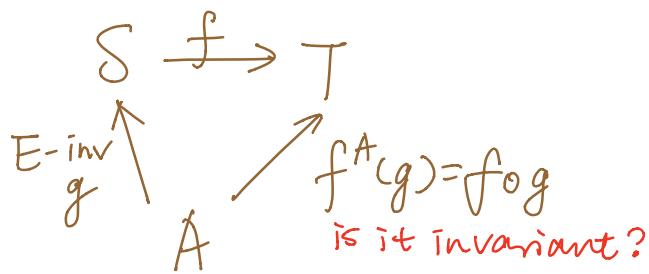
Let  $E$  be an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

Let  $G_0(S) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{E-inv functions: } A \rightarrow S \\ \uparrow \\ \text{constant on equiv class} \end{array} \right\}$

This gives rise to a subfunctor of  $F$ :

$$f: S \rightarrow T \quad f^A: S^A \rightarrow T^A$$

$$f^A|_{G_0(S)}: G_0(S) \xrightarrow{\text{?}} G_0(T)$$



YES. Take  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a \in b$

$$\text{NTS } (f \circ g)(a) = (f \circ g)(b)$$

Showing: by  $g$  is E-inv,  $g(a) = g(b)$

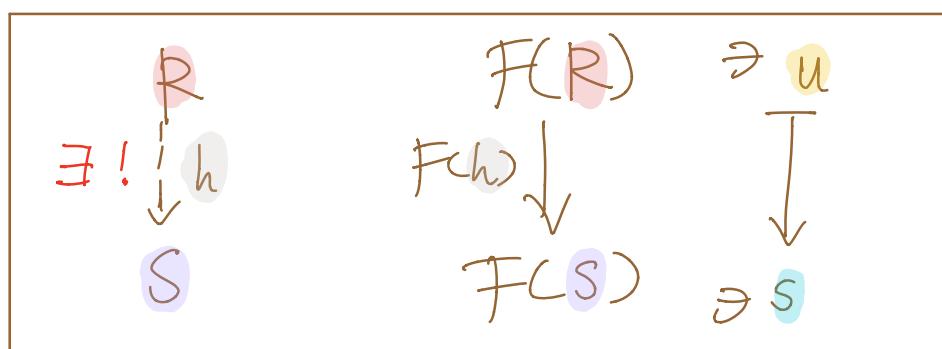
$$\text{thus } f(g(a)) = f(g(b))$$

Def A universal element for a functor  $F$

is a pair  $(R, u)$  where  $R$  is a set  
and  $u \in F(R)$  such that:

for every set  $S$  and each  $s \in F(S)$ , there  
exist a unique function  $h: R \rightarrow S$

$$\text{satisfying } (F(h))(u) = s$$



### Example.

For a set  $A$  and eq rel on  $A$ , we have  
a functor  $F$  that maps each set  $S$  to

$$F(S) \in \{E\text{-inv } g : A \rightarrow S\}$$

and each  $f : S \rightarrow T$  gives rise to

$$F(f) : F(S) \rightarrow F(T)$$

$$(F(f))g = f \circ g$$

Q. Universal element for  $F$ ?

Need a set  $R$ , and  $u \in F(R) = \{E\text{-inv from } A \rightarrow R\}$

Universal property: For all  $S$  and  $s : A \rightarrow S$ ,

$E$ -inv, there is a unique  $h : R \rightarrow S$  s.t.

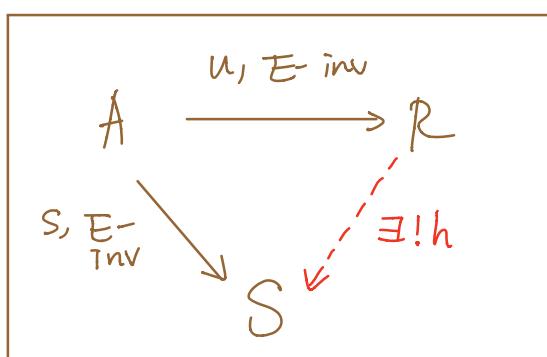
$$(F(h))(u) = h \circ u$$

Take  $R = A/E$  (quotient),

$u = p_E$  (quotient map)

Then by the canonical decomposition theorem,

$(R, u)$  is the universal element.



Recall the theorem's idea:

What matters is how we map equivalence classes

Ex 2: Fix 2 sets  $A \& B$ . Define a functor  $\mathcal{F}$ :

$$\mathcal{F}(S) = S^A \times S^B \text{ (Cartesian product of functions)}$$

Given:  $f: S \rightarrow T$ , let

$$\mathcal{F}(f): (S^A \times S^B) \rightarrow (T^A \times T^B)$$

$$(\mathcal{F}(f))(g, h) = (f \circ g, f \circ h)$$

a. Universal element for  $\mathcal{F}$ ?

Need set  $R$ , and  $u \in \mathcal{F}(R) = R^A \times R^B$

such that  $\forall S, s \in \mathcal{F}(S): \exists! h: R \rightarrow S$

such that  $\mathcal{F}(h)(u) = s := (s_a, s_b)$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } u &= (u_a, u_b) \\ \mathcal{F}(h)(u) &= (h \circ u_a, h \circ u_b) \end{aligned}$$

If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , i.e.  $A, B$  are disjoint,

define  $R = A \cup B$ .  $u = (\text{id}_A, \text{id}_B)$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} s_a(x), & \text{if } x \in A \\ s_b(x), & \text{if } x \in B \end{cases}$$

▷ why unique?  $s_a, s_b$  fixed

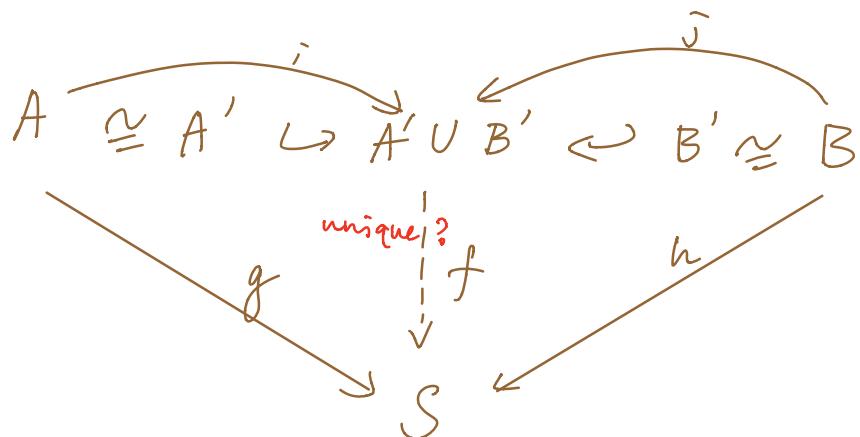
If  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , Let  $A' = A \times \{0\}$ ,  $B' = B \times \{1\}$

Note  $A' \cap B' = \emptyset$ .

define  $R = A' \cup B'$ .  $u = (\text{id}_{A'} \circ (x \mapsto 0), \text{id}_{B'} \circ (x \mapsto 1))$

$h(x) = \begin{cases} s_a(x[0]), & \text{if } x[1] = \{0\} \\ s_b(x[0]), & \text{if } x[1] = \{1\} \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{can write} \\ \text{as inverse.} \end{matrix}$

This is known as the disjoint union.



$$f(x) := \begin{cases} g(i^{-1}(x)) & \text{if } x \in A' \\ h(j^{-1}(x)) & \text{if } x \in B' \end{cases}$$

Claim: Let  $(R, u)$  be a universal element for a functor  $F$ . Suppose  $b: R \rightarrow R'$  is a bijection. Then  $(R', u')$  is also a universal element for  $F$ , where  $u' = F(b)(u)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & F(R) & \ni u \\ \downarrow b & \downarrow F(b) & \downarrow F(b) \\ R' & F(R') & \ni u' \end{array}$$

Proof. Take any set  $S$ ,  $s \in F(S)$ . need to show that there is a unique  $h': R' \rightarrow S$  such that  $(F(h'))(u') = s$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{b} & R' \\ & \searrow h & \swarrow h' = h \circ b^{-1} \\ & S & \end{array}$$

Existence since  $(R, u)$  is universal, there is unique  $h: R \rightarrow S$  with  $F(h)(u) = s$ .  
Take  $h' = h \circ b^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } F(h')(u') &= F(h)(F(b)(u)) \\ &= (F(h) \circ F(b))(u) \\ &= F((h \circ b^{-1}) \circ b)(u) \\ &= F(h)(u) = s \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Uniqueness: AFSOC suppose  $\exists g: R' \rightarrow S$ ,  $g \neq h'$ ,  
 $(\mathcal{F}(g))(u') = s$ .

Consider  $m: R \rightarrow S = g \circ b \neq h' \circ b = h$

Then  $\mathcal{F}(m)(u) = \mathcal{F}(g) \circ (\mathcal{F}(b)(u)) = (\mathcal{F}(g))(u) = s$

Then  $h$  is not unique. Contradiction.  $\square$

Thm. Uniqueness of universal element)

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a functor. If  $(R, u)$  and  $(R', u')$  are universal for  $\mathcal{F}$ , then there is a unique bijection  $b: R \rightarrow R'$  s.t.  $u' = \mathcal{F}(b)(u)$ .

Proof. Since  $(R, u)$  is universal, there is a unique function  $b: R \rightarrow R'$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(b)(u) = u'$ . (take  $S = R'$ ,  $u' \in \mathcal{F}(R')$ )

NTS :  $b$  is bijective

Similarly,  $(R', u')$  is universal, so there is a unique  $b': R' \rightarrow R$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(b')(u') = u$ .

want to argue that  $b \circ b' = \text{id}_{R'}$  and  $b' \circ b = \text{id}_R$  (they are inverse)

$$b' \circ b = \text{id}_R ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(b' \circ b)(u) &= (\underbrace{F(b')}_{= F(b')})(\underbrace{F(b)}_{= F(b)}(u)) \\ &= (\underbrace{F(b')})((\underbrace{F(b)})u) \\ &= (\underbrace{F(b')})(u) = u \end{aligned}$$

$(R, u)$  universal  $\rightarrow \exists ! h : R \rightarrow R$  s.t.

$$F(h)(u) = u, \text{ namely } h = \text{id}_R.$$

But  $F(b \circ b')(u) = u$ , so  $b \circ b' = \text{id}_R$ , as desired.

$b' \circ b = \text{id}_{R'}$  is proved the same.  $\square$

## Contravariant functors

A contravariant functor  $G$  assigns to each set  $S$  a set  $G(S)$  and to each  $f: S \rightarrow T$ , a function

$$G(f): G(T) \rightarrow G(S) \text{ such that}$$

$$(i) G(\text{id}_S) = \text{id}_{G(S)}$$

$$(ii) f: S \rightarrow T, g: R \rightarrow S \text{ then } G(f \circ g) = G(g) \circ G(f) \quad \text{to be legal}$$

$$G(f \circ g) = G(g) \circ G(f)$$

Example. ① Contravariant powerset functor

$$S \mapsto P(S)$$

$$f \mapsto f^*$$

$$f: S \rightarrow T \quad f^*: P(T) \rightarrow P(S)$$

$$\text{for each } B \subseteq T, f^*(B) = \{a \in S : f(a) \in B\}$$

← preimage of  $B$  under  $f$

Proof.  $\triangleright G(\text{id}_S): P(S) \rightarrow P(S)$

$$G(\text{id}_S)(B) = \{a \in S : \text{id}(a) \in B\} = B$$

$$\text{so } G(\text{id}_S) = \text{id}_{P(S)} = \text{id}_{G(S)}$$

▷ Let  $R \xrightarrow{g} S \xrightarrow{f} T$ , then

$$G(f \circ g) : P(T) \rightarrow P(R)$$

$$G(f \circ g)(B) = \{a \in R : (f \circ g)(a) \in B\}$$

$$G(g) : P(S) \rightarrow P(R)$$

$$G(g)(B) = g^*(B) = \{a \in R : g(a) \in B\}$$

$$G(f) : P(T) \rightarrow P(S)$$

$$G(f)(B) = f^*(B) = \{a \in S : f(a) \in B\}$$

$$\text{so } G(g) \circ G(f) : P(T) \rightarrow P(R)$$

$$(G(g) \circ G(f))(B) = G(g)(f^*(B))$$

$$= g^*(f^*(B)) = g^*(\{a \in S : f(a) \in B\})$$

$$= \{b \in R : f(g(b)) \in B\} = (f \circ g)^*(B) \quad \square$$

Note: ordinary functors  $\rightsquigarrow$  covariant

Ex2. Fix a set A. The following is a contravariant functor:

$$S \mapsto A^S$$

$$f \mapsto A^f \quad f : S \rightarrow T \rightsquigarrow A^f : A^T \rightarrow A^S$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{f} & T \\ g \circ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \end{array}$$

$$A^f(g) = g \circ f$$

Proof.  $\triangleright \mathcal{F}(\text{id}_S) = A^{\text{id}_S} : A^S \rightarrow A^S$

$$A^{\text{id}_S}(h) = h \circ \text{id}_S = h$$

$$= \text{id}_{A^S \rightarrow A^S}(h)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \nearrow S & \\ A & \xleftarrow[T]{h} & f \downarrow \\ & \searrow f & \end{array}$$

$\triangleright \mathcal{F}(g \circ h) = A^{g \circ h} : A^{\text{Im}(g)} \rightarrow A^{\text{Dom}(h)}$

$$A^{g \circ h}(k) = k \circ (g \circ h)$$

$$(A^h \circ A^g)_k = A^h(k \circ g) = (k \circ g) \circ h \\ = k \circ (g \circ h) \quad \square$$

An universal element for a contravariant functor  $G$  is a pair  $(R, u)$  where  $R$  is a set and  $u \in G(R)$  such that for all sets  $S$  and  $s \in G(S)$ , there is a unique function  $h: S \rightarrow R$  s.t.

$$(G(h))(u) = s$$

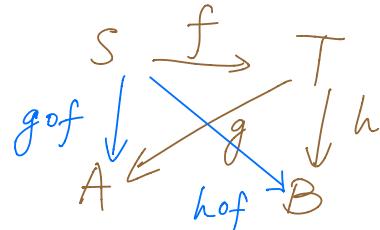
Note: for ordinary, or covariant functor,  $h: R \rightarrow S$ .

Example.

Fix sets  $A, B$ . Define a contravariant functor

$$G(S) := A^S \times B^S$$

for  $f: S \rightarrow T$ , let  $G(f): (A^T \times B^T) \rightarrow (A^S \times B^S)$   
be given by  $(G(f))(g, h) := (g \circ f, h \circ f)$



Universal Element?

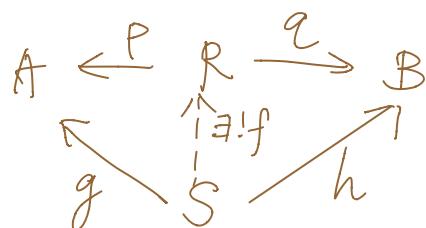
$$\text{Need } R, u \in G(R) = A^R \times B^R$$

$$\text{Let } u = (p, q) \quad p: R \rightarrow A, q: R \rightarrow B$$

Fix set  $S$  and  $s \in G(S) = A^S \times B^S$ , (let  $s = (g, h)$ )

$\exists ! f: S \rightarrow R$  such that

$$(G(f))(u) = (g, h) = (p \circ f, q \circ f)$$



$$R = A \times B, f(x) := (g(x), h(x))$$

$\hookrightarrow$  disjoint union is "dual" to  
Cartesian product

$$\begin{aligned} p(a, b) &= a \\ q(a, b) &= b \end{aligned}$$

Thm. (Uniqueness of Universal Element for Contra-variant Functors)

If  $(R, u)$ ,  $(R', u')$  are universal functors for a contra-variant functor  $\mathcal{F}$ , then there is a unique bijection  $b': R' \rightarrow R$  s.t.  $u' = \mathcal{F}(b')(u)$ .

Proof. Since  $(R, u)$  universal,

$\exists h: R' \rightarrow R$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(h)(u) = u'$

Since  $(R', u')$  universal,

$\exists h': R \rightarrow R'$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(h')(u') = u$

want to show  $h, h'$  are inverse of each other.

That is NTS  $h \circ h' = \text{id}_{R'}$ ,  $h' \circ h = \text{id}_R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(h \circ h')(u) &= \mathcal{F}(h)(\mathcal{F}(h')(u)) \\ &= \mathcal{F}(h')(u') = u \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{F}(\text{id}_R)(u) = u$ , we know  $h \circ h' = \text{id}_{R'}$ .

Similarly,  $\mathcal{F}(h' \circ h)(u') = \mathcal{F}(h)(\mathcal{F}(h')(u'))$

$$= (\mathcal{F}(h))(u) = u' \Rightarrow h' \circ h = \text{id}_R \quad \square$$