

Presheaves and the Yoneda Lemma

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02H3 This chapter contains some material about presheaves and the Yoneda lemma.

This chapter is under revision. TODO:

1. Subsection properties of categories of copresheaves
2. Adjointness of tensor product of functors
3. Limit of category of elements (instead of colimit)
4. Category of elements where objects are natural transformations $\mathcal{F} \Rightarrow h_X$ instead of the other way around. Is this related to Isbell duality?
5. Motivate the proof of the Yoneda lemma as in Martin's comment here: https://mathoverflow.net/questions/130883/are-there-proofs-that-you-feel-you-did-not-understand-for-a-long-time#comment360113_131050
6. Add discussion of universal properties
7. Add $h_{g \circ f} = h_g \circ h_f$ to properties of representable natural transformations

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02H4 12.1 Presheaves

02H5 12.1.1 Foundations

Let C be a category.

02H6 **Definition 12.1.1.1.1.** A **presheaf on C** is a functor $\mathcal{F} : C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$.

02H7 **Example 12.1.1.1.2.** Presheaves on the delooping BA of a monoid A are precisely the left A -sets; see Monoid Actions, ??.

02H8 **Definition 12.1.1.1.3.** A **morphism of presheaves** on C from \mathcal{F} to \mathcal{G} is a natural transformation $\alpha : \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \mathcal{G}$.

02H9 **Definition 12.1.1.1.4.** The **category of presheaves on C** is the category $\text{PSh}(C)$ ¹ defined by

$$\text{PSh}(C) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Fun}(C^{\text{op}}, \text{Sets}).$$

¹*Further Notation:* Also written \widehat{C} in some parts of the literature.

02HA Remark 12.1.1.1.5. In detail, the **category of presheaves on C** is the category $\mathbf{PSh}(C)$ where

- *Objects.* The objects of $\mathbf{PSh}(C)$ are presheaves on C as in **Definition 12.1.1.1.1.**
- *Morphisms.* The morphisms of $\mathbf{PSh}(C)$ are morphisms of presheaves as in **Definition 12.1.1.1.3**, i.e. we have

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{PSh}(C)}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \mathrm{Nat}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$$

for each $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \mathrm{Obj}(\mathbf{PSh}(C))$.

- *Identities.* For each $\mathcal{F} \in \mathrm{Obj}(\mathbf{PSh}(C))$, the unit map

$$\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathbf{PSh}(C)} : \mathrm{pt} \rightarrow \mathrm{Nat}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F})$$

of $\mathbf{PSh}(C)$ at \mathcal{F} is defined by

$$\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathbf{PSh}(C)} \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{F}},$$

where $\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{F}} : \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is the identity natural transformation of **Categories**, **Definition 11.9.3.1.1.**

- *Composition.* For each $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H} \in \mathrm{Obj}(\mathbf{PSh}(C))$, the composition map

$$\circ_{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}}^{\mathbf{PSh}(C)} : \mathrm{Nat}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}) \times \mathrm{Nat}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Nat}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H})$$

of $\mathbf{PSh}(C)$ at $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H})$ is defined by

$$\beta \circ_{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}}^{\mathbf{PSh}(C)} \alpha \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \beta \circ \alpha,$$

where $\beta \circ \alpha : \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is the vertical composition of α and β of **Categories**, **Definition 11.9.4.1.1.**

02HB 12.1.2 Representable Presheaves

Let C be a category.

02HC Definition 12.1.2.1.1. Let $A \in \mathrm{Obj}(C)$.

- 02HD 1. The **representable presheaf associated to A** is the presheaf

$$h_A: C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$, we have

$$h_A(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(X, A).$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each $X, Y \in \text{Obj}(C)$, the action on morphisms

$$h_{A|X,Y}: \text{Hom}_C(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}}(h_A(Y), h_A(X))$$

of h_A at (X, Y) is given by sending a morphism

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

of C to the map of sets

$$h_A(f): \underbrace{h_A(Y)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(Y, A)} \rightarrow \underbrace{h_A(X)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(X, A)}$$

defined by

$$h_A(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^*,$$

where f^* is the precomposition by f morphism of **Categories**, Item 1 of **Definition 11.1.4.1.1**.

- 02HE 2. A **representing object** for a presheaf $\mathcal{F}: C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ on C is an object A of C such that we have $\mathcal{F} \cong h_A$.

- 02HF 3. A presheaf $\mathcal{F}: C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ on C is **representable** if \mathcal{F} admits a representing object.

- 02HG **Example 12.1.2.1.2.** The representable presheaf on the delooping \mathbf{BA} of a monoid A associated to the unique object \bullet of \mathbf{BA} is the left regular representation of A of Monoid Actions, ??.

02HH Proposition 12.1.2.1.3. Let $\mathcal{F}: C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a presheaf. If there exist $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$ such that we have natural isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} h_A &\cong \mathcal{F}, \\ h_B &\cong \mathcal{F}, \end{aligned}$$

then $A \cong B$.

Proof. By composing the isomorphisms $h_A \cong \mathcal{F} \cong h_B$, we get a natural isomorphism $h_A \cong h_B$. By **Item 2** of **Definition 12.1.4.1.3**, we have $A \cong B$. \square

02HJ 12.1.3 Representable Natural Transformations

Let C be a category, let $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$, and let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism of C .

02HK Definition 12.1.3.1.1. The **representable natural transformation associated to f** is the natural transformation

$$h_f: h_A \Rightarrow h_B$$

consisting of the collection

$$\left\{ h_{f|X}: \underbrace{h_A(X)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(X, A)} \rightarrow \underbrace{h_B(X)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(X, B)} \right\}_{X \in \text{Obj}(C)}$$

with

$$h_{f|X} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f_*,$$

where f_* is the postcomposition by f morphism of **Categories**, **Item 2** of **Definition 11.1.4.1.1**.

02HL 12.1.4 The Yoneda Embedding

02HM Definition 12.1.4.1.1. The **Yoneda embedding of C** ² is the functor³

$$\mathcal{Y}_C: C \hookrightarrow \text{PSh}(C)$$

where

²*Further Terminology:* Also called the **covariant Yoneda embedding** to distinguish it from the contravariant Yoneda embedding of **Definition 12.2.5.1.1**.

³*Further Notation:* Also written $h_{(-)}$, or simply \mathcal{Y} .

- *Action on Objects.* For each $A \in \text{Obj}(C)$, we have

$$\mathfrak{Y}_C(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h_A.$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$, the action on morphisms

$$\mathfrak{Y}_{C|A,B}: \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Nat}(h_A, h_B)$$

of \mathfrak{Y}_C at (A, B) is given by

$$\mathfrak{Y}_{C|A,B}(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h_f$$

for each $f \in \text{Hom}_C(A, B)$, where h_f is the representable natural transformation associated to f of [Definition 12.1.3.1.1](#).

02HN Remark 12.1.4.1.2. The notation \mathfrak{Y} for the Yoneda embedding was first introduced in [JS17]. The symbol \mathfrak{Y} is the [hiragana for yo](#), and comes from “Yoneda” in Nobuo Yoneda (米田信夫).

It is pronounced yo but without letting the “o” in yo sound like an o-u diphthong:

- See [here](#).
- IPA transcription: [jɔ̥].

02HP Proposition 12.1.4.1.3. Let C be a category.

02HQ 1. *Fully Faithfulness.* The Yoneda embedding

$$\mathfrak{Y}_C: C \hookrightarrow \text{PSh}(C)$$

is fully faithful.

02HR 2. *Preservation and Reflection of Isomorphisms.* The Yoneda embedding

$$\mathfrak{Y}_C: C \hookrightarrow \text{PSh}(C)$$

preserves and reflects isomorphisms, i.e. given $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$, the following conditions are equivalent:

02HS (a) We have $A \cong B$.

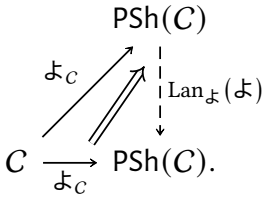
02HT (b) We have $h_A \cong h_B$.

02HU 3. *Density*. The Yoneda embedding

$$\mathfrak{Y}_C: C \hookrightarrow \text{PSh}(C)$$

is dense.

02HV 4. *Interaction With Density Comonads*. We have

$$\text{Lan}_{\mathfrak{Y}}(\mathfrak{Y}) \cong \text{id}_{\text{PSh}(C)},$$


02HW 5. *Interaction With Codensity Monads*. We have

$$\text{Ran}_{\mathfrak{Y}}(\mathfrak{Y}) \cong \text{Spec} \circ O,$$

where Spec and O are the functors of ??.

Proof. **Item 1, Fully Faithfulness:** Let $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$. Applying the Yoneda lemma (**Definition 12.1.5.1.1**) to the functor h_B (i.e. in the case $\mathcal{F} = h_B$), we have

$$\text{Hom}_C(A, B) \cong \text{Nat}(h_A, h_B),$$

and the natural isomorphism

$$\xi_{A,B}: h_B(A) \Rightarrow \text{Nat}(h_A, h_B)$$

witnessing this bijection is given by

$$\xi_{A,B}(g)_X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h_g^X \\ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g_*$$

for each $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$ and each $g \in h_B^X$, i.e. we have $\xi_{A,B} = \mathfrak{Y}_{C|A,B}$. Thus \mathfrak{Y}_C is fully faithful.

Item 2, Preservation and Reflection of Isomorphisms: This follows from **Categories**, **Item 1** of **Definition 11.5.1.1.6** and **Item 3** of **Definition 11.6.3.1.2**.

Item 3, Density: Omitted.

Item 4, Interaction With Density Comonads: Omitted.

Item 5, Interaction With Codensity Monads: Omitted. □

02HX 12.1.5 The Yoneda Lemma

Let $\mathcal{F} : C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a presheaf on C .

02HY Theorem 12.1.5.1.1. We have a bijection

$$\text{Nat}(h_A, \mathcal{F}) \cong \mathcal{F}(A),$$

natural in $A \in \text{Obj}(C)$, determining a natural isomorphism of functors

$$\text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F}) \cong \mathcal{F}.$$

Proof. The Transformation $\text{ev} : \text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$: Let

$$\text{ev} : \text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$$

be the transformation consisting of the collection

$$\{\text{ev}_A : \text{Nat}(h_A, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(A)\}_{A \in \text{Obj}(C)}$$

with

$$\text{ev}_A(\alpha) = \alpha_A(\text{id}_A)$$

for each $\alpha \in \text{Nat}(h_A, \mathcal{F})$, where α_A is the component

$$\alpha_A : \text{Hom}_C(A, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(A)$$

of α at A .

The Transformation $\xi : \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F})$: Let

$$\xi : \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F})$$

be the transformation consisting of the collection

$$\{\xi_A : \mathcal{F}(A) \rightarrow \text{Nat}(h_A, \mathcal{F})\}_{A \in \text{Obj}(C)},$$

where ξ_A is the map sending an element $\phi \in \mathcal{F}(A)$ to the transformation

$$\xi_A(\phi) : h_A \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$$

(which we will show is natural in a bit) consisting of the collection

$$\{\xi_A(\phi)_X : h_A(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)\}_{X \in \text{Obj}(C)},$$

with

$$\xi_A(\phi)_X(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathcal{F}(f)](\phi)$$

for each $f \in h_A(X)$, where

$$\mathcal{F}(f): \mathcal{F}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$$

is the image of f by \mathcal{F} .

Naturality of $\xi_A(\phi): h_A \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$: The transformation

$$\xi_A(\phi): h_A \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$$

is indeed natural, as the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_A^Y & \xrightarrow{f^*} & h_A^X \\ \xi_A(\phi)_Y \downarrow & & \downarrow \xi_A(\phi)_X \\ \mathcal{F}(Y) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f)} & \mathcal{F}(X) \end{array}$$

commutes for each morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ of \mathcal{C} , acting on elements as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h & & h \longmapsto h \circ f \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [\mathcal{F}(h)](\phi) \longmapsto [\mathcal{F}(f)]([\mathcal{F}(h)](\phi)) & & [\mathcal{F}(h \circ f)](\phi), \end{array}$$

where we have

$$[\mathcal{F}(f)]([\mathcal{F}(h)](\phi)) = [\mathcal{F}(h \circ f)](\phi)$$

by the functoriality of \mathcal{F} .

Naturality of $\text{ev}: \text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of \mathcal{C} . We claim the naturality diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Nat}(h_Y, \mathcal{F}) & \xrightarrow{(h_f)^*} & \text{Nat}(h_X, \mathcal{F}) \\ \text{ev}_Y \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ev}_X \\ \mathcal{F}(Y) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f)} & \mathcal{F}(X) \end{array}$$

for ev at f , acting on elements as

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \alpha & & \alpha \longmapsto \alpha \circ h_f \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \alpha_Y(\text{id}_Y) \longmapsto [\mathcal{F}(f)](\alpha_Y(\text{id}_Y)) & & [\alpha \circ h_f]_X(\text{id}_X),
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Indeed:

- We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\alpha \circ h_f]_X(\text{id}_X) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\alpha_X \circ h_{f|X}](\text{id}_X) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\alpha_X \circ f_*](\text{id}_X) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha_X(f_*(\text{id}_X)) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha_X(f).
 \end{aligned}$$

- Applying the naturality diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 h_Y^Y & \xrightarrow{f^*} & h_Y^X \\
 \alpha_Y \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha_X \\
 \mathcal{F}(Y) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f)} & \mathcal{F}(X)
 \end{array}$$

of $\alpha: h_Y \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ at $f: X \rightarrow Y$ to the element id_Y of h_Y^Y , we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{id}_Y & & \text{id}_Y \longmapsto f \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \alpha_Y(\text{id}_Y) \longmapsto [\mathcal{F}(f)](\alpha_Y(\text{id}_Y)) & & \alpha_X(f),
 \end{array}$$

showing that we have

$$[\mathcal{F}(f)](\alpha_Y(\text{id}_Y)) = \alpha_X(f).$$

Thus the naturality diagram for ev at f commutes, and ev is natural.

Naturality of ξ : $\mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F})$: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of C . We claim the naturality diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(Y) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f)} & \mathcal{F}(X) \\ \xi_Y \downarrow & & \downarrow \xi_X \\ \text{Nat}(h_Y, \mathcal{F}) & \xrightarrow{(h_f)^*} & \text{Nat}(h_X, \mathcal{F}) \end{array}$$

for ξ at f , acting on elements as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi & & \phi \longmapsto [\mathcal{F}(f)](\phi) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \xi_Y(\phi) \longmapsto \xi_Y(\phi) \circ h_f & & \xi_X([\mathcal{F}(f)](\phi)) \end{array}$$

commutes. Indeed, for each $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$ and each $g \in h_X^A$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\xi_Y(\phi) \circ h_f]_X(g) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\xi_Y(\phi)_X \circ h_{f|X}](g) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\xi_Y(\phi)_X \circ f_*](g) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \xi_Y(\phi)_X(f_*(g)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \xi_Y(\phi)_X(f \circ g) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathcal{F}(f \circ g)](\phi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [\xi_X([\mathcal{F}(f)](\phi))](g) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}(g)([\mathcal{F}(f)](\phi)) \\ &= [\mathcal{F}(f \circ g)](\phi), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the functoriality of \mathcal{F} . Thus $\xi_Y(\phi) \circ h_f$ and $\xi_X([\mathcal{F}(f)](\phi))$ are equal, and the naturality diagram for ξ at f above commutes, showing ξ to be natural.

Invertibility I: $\text{ev} \circ \xi = \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}}$: We claim that $\text{ev} \circ \xi = \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}}$, i.e. that we have

$$(\text{ev} \circ \xi)_A = \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}(A)}$$

for each $A \in \text{Obj}(C)$. Indeed, we have

$$[\text{ev} \circ \xi]_A(\phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\text{ev}_A \circ \xi_A](\phi)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{ev}_A(\xi_A(\phi)) \\
&\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \xi_A(\phi)_A(\text{id}_A) \\
&\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathcal{F}(\text{id}_A)](\phi) \\
&= [\text{id}_{\mathcal{F}(A)}](\phi)
\end{aligned}$$

for each $\phi \in \mathcal{F}(A)$.

Invertibility II: $\xi \circ \text{ev} = \text{id}_{\text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F})}$: We claim that $\xi \circ \text{ev} = \text{id}_{\text{Nat}(h_{(-)}, \mathcal{F})}$, i.e. that we have

$$(\xi \circ \text{ev})_A = \text{id}_{\text{Nat}(h_A, \mathcal{F})}$$

for each $A \in \text{Obj}(C)$. Indeed:

- We have

$$\begin{aligned}
[\xi \circ \text{ev}]_A(\alpha) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\xi_A \circ \text{ev}_A](\alpha) \\
&\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \xi_A(\text{ev}_A(\alpha)) \\
&\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \xi_A(\alpha_A(\text{id}_A))
\end{aligned}$$

for each $\alpha \in \text{Nat}(h_A, \mathcal{F})$.

- For each $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$, we have

$$\xi_A(\alpha_A(\text{id}_A))_X = \alpha_X,$$

since we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi_A(\alpha_A(\text{id}_A))_X(f) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathcal{F}(f)](\alpha_A(\text{id}_A)) \\
&\stackrel{(\dagger)}{=} \alpha_X(f)
\end{aligned}$$

for each $f \in h_A(X)$, where the equality marked with (\dagger) follows from the commutativity of the naturality diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
h_A^A & \xrightarrow{f_*} & h_X^A \\
\alpha_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha_X \\
\mathcal{F}(A) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f)} & \mathcal{F}(X)
\end{array}$$

of α at $f: A \rightarrow X$, which acts on id_A as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{id}_A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & f \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \alpha_A(\text{id}_A) & \mapsto & [\mathcal{F}(f)](\alpha_A(\text{id}_A)) = \alpha_X(f). \end{array}$$

This finishes the proof. \square

02HZ 12.1.6 Properties of Categories of Presheaves

02J0 **Proposition 12.1.6.1.1.** Let C be a category.

02J1 1. *Functoriality.* The assignment $C \mapsto \text{PSh}(C)$ defines a functor

$$\text{PSh}: \text{Cats} \rightarrow \text{Cats}$$

up to some set-theoretic considerations.⁴

02J2 2. *Interaction With Slice Categories.* Let $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$. We have an equivalence of categories

$$\text{PSh}(C_{/X}) \stackrel{\text{eq.}}{\cong} \text{PSh}(C)_{/h_X}.$$

02J3 3. *Interaction With Categories of Elements.* Let $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Obj}(\text{PSh}(C))$. We have an equivalence of categories

$$\text{PSh}\left(\int_C \mathcal{F}\right) \stackrel{\text{eq.}}{\cong} \text{PSh}(C)_{/\mathcal{F}}.$$

Proof. **Item 1, Functoriality:** Omitted.

Item 2, Interaction With Slice Categories: Omitted.

Item 3, Interaction With Categories of Elements: Omitted. \square

⁴For instance:

- The Cats in the source of PSh could be small categories, and then the Cats in the right would be locally small categories.
- The Cats in the source of PSh could be locally small categories, and then the Cats on the right would be large categories.

In general, one can systematise and formalise this using Grothendieck universes.

02J4 12.2 Cospresheaves

02J5 12.2.1 Foundations

Let C be a category.

02J6 **Definition 12.2.1.1.1.** A **cospresheaf on C** is a functor $F: C \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$.

02J7 **Example 12.2.1.1.2.** Cospresheaves on the delooping BA of a monoid A are precisely the right A -sets; see Monoid Actions, ??.

02J8 **Definition 12.2.1.1.3.** A **morphism of cospresheaves** on C from F to G is a natural transformation $\alpha: F \Rightarrow G$.

02J9 **Definition 12.2.1.1.4.** The **category of cospresheaves on C** is the category $\mathbf{CoPSh}(C)$ defined by

$$\mathbf{CoPSh}(C) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Fun}(C, \mathbf{Sets}).$$

02JA **Remark 12.2.1.1.5.** In detail, the **category of cospresheaves on C** is the category $\mathbf{CoPSh}(C)$ where

- *Objects.* The objects of $\mathbf{CoPSh}(C)$ are cospresheaves on C as in **Definition 12.2.1.1.1**.
- *Morphisms.* The morphisms of $\mathbf{CoPSh}(C)$ are morphisms of cospresheaves as in **Definition 12.2.1.1.3**, i.e. we have

$$\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{CoPSh}(C)}(F, G) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Nat}(F, G)$$

for each $F, G \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{CoPSh}(C))$.

- *Identities.* For each $F \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{CoPSh}(C))$, the unit map

$$\mathbb{1}_F^{\mathbf{CoPSh}(C)}: \mathbf{pt} \rightarrow \mathbf{Nat}(F, F)$$

of $\mathbf{CoPSh}(C)$ at F is defined by

$$\mathbf{id}_F^{\mathbf{CoPSh}(C)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{id}_F,$$

where $\mathbf{id}_F: F \Rightarrow F$ is the identity natural transformation of **Categories**, **Definition 11.9.3.1.1**.

- *Composition.* For each $F, G, H \in \text{Obj}(\text{CoPSh}(C))$, the composition map

$$\circ_{F,G,H}^{\text{CoPSh}(C)} : \text{Nat}(G, H) \times \text{Nat}(F, G) \rightarrow \text{Nat}(F, H)$$

of $\text{CoPSh}(C)$ at (F, G, H) is defined by

$$\beta \circ_{F,G,H}^{\text{CoPSh}(C)} \alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \beta \circ \alpha,$$

where $\beta \circ \alpha : F \Rightarrow H$ is the vertical composition of α and β of **Categories**, **Definition 11.9.4.1.1**.

02JB 12.2.2 Corepresentable Copresheaves

Let C be a category.

02JC **Definition 12.2.2.1.1.** Let $A \in \text{Obj}(C)$.

02JD 1. The **corepresentable copresheaf associated to A** is the copresheaf

$$h^A : C \rightarrow \text{Sets}$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$, we have

$$h^A(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(A, X).$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each $X, Y \in \text{Obj}(C)$, the action on morphisms

$$h_{X,Y}^A : \text{Hom}_C(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}}(h^A(X), h^A(Y))$$

of h^A at (X, Y) is given by sending a morphism

$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$

of C to the map of sets

$$h^A(f) : \underbrace{h^A(X)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(A, X)} \rightarrow \underbrace{h^A(Y)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(A, Y)}$$

defined by

$$h^A(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f_*,$$

where f_* is the postcomposition by f morphism of **Categories**, **Item 2 of Definition 11.1.4.1.1**.

- 02JE 2. A **corepresenting object** for a copresheaf $F: C \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ on C is an object A of C such that we have $F \cong h^A$.
- 02JF 3. A copresheaf $F: C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ on C is **corepresentable** if F admits a corepresenting object.
- 02JG **Example 12.2.2.1.2.** The corepresentable copresheaf on the delooping \mathbf{BA} of a monoid A associated to the unique object \bullet of \mathbf{BA} is the right regular representation of A of Monoid Actions, ??.
- 02JH **Proposition 12.2.2.1.3.** Let $F: C \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a copresheaf. If there exist $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$ such that we have natural isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} h^A &\cong F, \\ h^B &\cong F, \end{aligned}$$

then $A \cong B$.

Proof. By composing the isomorphisms $h^A \cong F \cong h^B$, we get a natural isomorphism $h^A \cong h^B$. By **Item 2 of Definition 12.2.4.1.2**, we have $A \cong B$. \square

02JJ 12.2.3 Corepresentable Natural Transformations

Let C be a category, let $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$, and let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism of C .

- 02JK **Definition 12.2.3.1.1.** The **corepresentable natural transformation associated to f** is the natural transformation

$$h^f: h^B \Rightarrow h^A$$

consisting of the collection

$$\left\{ h_X^f: \underbrace{h^B(X)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(B, X)} \rightarrow \underbrace{h^A(X)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}_C(A, X)} \right\}_{X \in \text{Obj}(C)}$$

with

$$h_X^f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^*,$$

where f_* is the precomposition by f morphism of **Categories, Item 1 of Definition 11.1.4.1.1**.

02JL 12.2.4 The Contravariant Yoneda Embedding

02JM **Definition 12.2.4.1.1.** The **contravariant Yoneda embedding of C** is the functor⁵

$$\mathfrak{P}_C: C^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \text{CoPSh}(C)$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each $A \in \text{Obj}(C)$, we have

$$\mathfrak{P}_C(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h^A.$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$, the action on morphisms

$$\mathfrak{P}_{C|A,B}: \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Nat}(h^B, h^A)$$

of \mathfrak{P}_C at (A, B) is given by

$$\mathfrak{P}_{C|A,B}(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h^f$$

for each $f \in \text{Hom}_C(A, B)$, where h^f is the corepresentable natural transformation associated to f of **Definition 12.2.3.1.1.**

02JN **Proposition 12.2.4.1.2.** Let C be a category.

02JP 1. *Fully Faithfulness.* The contravariant Yoneda embedding

$$\mathfrak{P}_C: C^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \text{CoPSh}(C)$$

is fully faithful.

02JQ 2. *Preservation and Reflection of Isomorphisms.* The contravariant Yoneda embedding

$$\mathfrak{P}_C: C^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \text{CoPSh}(C)$$

preserves and reflects isomorphisms, i.e. given $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$, the following conditions are equivalent:

02JR (a) We have $A \cong B$.

02JS (b) We have $h^A \cong h^B$.

Proof. **Item 1, Fully Faithfulness:** The proof is dual to that of **Item 1** of **Definition 12.1.4.1.3**, and is therefore omitted.

Item 2, Preservation and Reflection of Isomorphisms: This follows from **Categories, Item 1** of **Definition 11.5.1.1.6** and **Item 3** of **Definition 11.6.3.1.2**. \square

⁵Further Notation: Also written $h^{(-)}$, or simply \mathfrak{P} .

02JT 12.2.5 The Contravariant Yoneda Lemma

Let $F: C \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$ be a copresheaf on C .

02JU Theorem 12.2.5.1.1. We have a bijection

$$\mathrm{Nat}(h^A, F) \cong F(A),$$

natural in $A \in \mathrm{Obj}(C)$, determining a natural isomorphism of functors

$$\mathrm{Nat}(h^{(-)}, F) \cong F.$$

Proof. The proof is dual to that of **Definition 12.1.5.1.1**, and is therefore omitted. \square

02JV 12.3 Restricted Yoneda Embeddings and Yoneda Extensions**02JW 12.3.1 Foundations**

let $F: C \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a functor.

02JX Definition 12.3.1.1.1. The **restricted Yoneda embedding associated to F** is the functor

$$\mathcal{Y}_F: \mathcal{D} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{PSh}(C)$$

defined as the composition

$$\mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Y}_{\mathcal{D}}} \mathbf{PSh}(\mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{F^{\mathrm{op},*}} \mathbf{PSh}(C).$$

02JY Remark 12.3.1.1.2. In detail, the **restricted Yoneda embedding associated to F** is the functor

$$\mathcal{Y}_F: \mathcal{D} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{PSh}(C)$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each $A \in \mathrm{Obj}(\mathcal{D})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Y}_F(A) &\stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} h_A \circ F^{\mathrm{op}} \\ &\stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} h_A^{F(-)}. \end{aligned}$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each $A, B \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{D})$, the action on morphisms

$$\mathfrak{J}_{F|A,B}: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Nat}\left(h_A^{F(-)}, h_B^{F(-)}\right)$$

of \mathfrak{J}_F at (A, B) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{J}_{F|A,B}(f) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h_f^{F(-)} \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h_f \star \text{id}_{\text{Fop}} \end{aligned}$$

for each $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(A, B)$, where h_f is the representable natural transformation associated to f of [Definition 12.1.3.1.1](#).

02JZ Example 12.3.1.1.3. Here are some examples of restricted Yoneda embeddings.

02K0 1. *The Nerve Functor.* Let

$$\iota: \Delta \hookrightarrow \text{Cats}$$

be the functor given by $[n] \rightarrow \mathfrak{n}$. Then the restricted Yoneda embedding

$$\mathfrak{J}_\iota: \text{Cats} \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{PSh}(\Delta)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{sSets}}$$

of ι is given by the nerve functor N_\bullet of [??](#), [??](#).

02K1 2. *The Singular Simplicial Set Associated to a Topological Space.* Let

$$\iota: \Delta \hookrightarrow \Pi$$

be the functor given by $[n] \rightarrow |\Delta^n|$. Then the restricted Yoneda embedding

$$\mathfrak{J}_\iota: \Pi \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{PSh}(\Delta)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{sSets}}$$

of ι is given by the singular simplicial set functor Sing_\bullet of [??](#), [??](#).

02K2 3. *The Coherent Nerve Functor.* Let

$$\iota: \Delta \hookrightarrow \text{sCats}$$

be the functor given by $[n] \rightarrow \text{Path}(\Delta^n)$, where $\text{Path}(\Delta^n)$ is the simplicial category of [??](#), [??](#). Then the restricted Yoneda embedding

$$\mathfrak{J}_\iota: \text{sCats} \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{PSh}(\Delta)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{sSets}}$$

of ι is given by the coherent nerve functor N_\bullet^{hc} of [??](#), [??](#).

02K3 4. *Kan's Ex Functor.* Let

$$\text{sd}: \Delta \hookrightarrow \mathbf{sSets}$$

be the functor given by $[n] \rightarrow \text{Sd}(\Delta^n)$, where $\text{Sd}(\Delta^n)$ is the barycentric subdivision of Δ^n of ???. Then the restricted Yoneda embedding

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\text{sd}}: \mathbf{sSets} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbf{PSh}(\Delta)}_{\text{def} = \mathbf{sSets}}$$

of sd is given by Kan's Ex functor of ???.

02K4 **Proposition 12.3.1.1.4.** let $F: C \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a functor.

02K5 1. *Interaction With Fully Faithfulness.* The following conditions are equivalent:

02K6 (a) The restricted Yoneda embedding \mathcal{Y}_F is fully faithful.

02K7 (b) The functor F is dense (Limits and Colimits, ???).

02K8 2. *As a Left Kan Extension.* We have a natural isomorphism of functors

$$\mathcal{Y}_F \cong \text{Lan}_F(\mathcal{Y}),$$

Proof. **Item 1,** *Interaction With Fully Faithfulness:* Omitted.

Item 2, *As a Left Kan Extension:* Omitted. □

02K9 12.3.2 The Yoneda Extension Functor

Let $F: C \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a functor with C small and \mathcal{D} cocomplete.

02KA **Definition 12.3.2.1.1.** The **Yoneda extension functor associated to F** is the left Kan extension

$$\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{Y}}(F): \mathbf{PSh}(C) \rightarrow \mathcal{D},$$

02KB Example 12.3.2.1.2. Here are some examples of Yoneda extensions.

02KC 1. *The Homotopy Category Functor.* Let

$$\iota: \Delta \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Cats}$$

be the functor given by $[n] \rightarrow \mathfrak{n}$. Then the Yoneda extension

$$\mathrm{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(\iota): \underbrace{\mathrm{PSh}(\Delta)}_{\stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \mathbf{sSets}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cats}$$

of ι is given by the homotopy category functor Ho of ??, ??.

02KD 2. *The Geometric Realisation Functor.* Let

$$\iota: \Delta \hookrightarrow \Pi$$

be the functor given by $[n] \rightarrow |\Delta^n|$. Then the Yoneda extension

$$\mathrm{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(\iota): \underbrace{\mathrm{PSh}(\Delta)}_{\stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \mathbf{sSets}} \rightarrow \Pi$$

of ι is given by the geometric realisation functor $|-|$ of ??, ??.

02KE 3. *The Path Simplicial Category Functor.* Let

$$\iota: \Delta \hookrightarrow \mathbf{sCats}$$

be the functor given by $[n] \rightarrow \mathrm{Path}(\Delta^n)$, where $\mathrm{Path}(\Delta^n)$ is the simplicial category of ??, ??. Then the Yoneda extension

$$\mathrm{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(\iota): \underbrace{\mathrm{PSh}(\Delta)}_{\stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \mathbf{sSets}} \rightarrow \mathbf{sCats}$$

of ι is given by the path simplicial category functor Path of ??, ??.

02KF 4. *The Barycentric Subdivision Functor.* Let

$$\mathrm{sd}: \Delta \hookrightarrow \mathbf{sSets}$$

be the functor given by $[n] \rightarrow \mathrm{Sd}(\Delta^n)$, where $\mathrm{Sd}(\Delta^n)$ is the barycentric subdivision of Δ^n of ??. Then the Yoneda extension

$$\mathrm{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathrm{sd}): \underbrace{\mathrm{PSh}(\Delta)}_{\stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \mathbf{sSets}} \rightarrow \mathbf{sSets}$$

of sd is given by the barycentric subdivision functor Sd of ??.

02KG Proposition 12.3.2.1.3. Let $F: C \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a functor with C small and \mathcal{D} co-complete.

02KH 1. *Functoriality.* The assignment $F \mapsto \text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F)$ defines a functor

$$\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}: \text{Fun}(C, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\text{PSh}(C), \mathcal{D}).$$

02KJ 2. *Adjointness.* We have an adjunction⁶

$$(\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F) \dashv \mathcal{J}_F): \text{PSh}(C) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F)} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{\mathcal{J}_F} \end{array} \mathcal{D},$$

witnessed by a bijection

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}([\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F)](\mathcal{F}), D) \cong \text{Nat}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{J}_F(D)),$$

natural in $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Obj}(\text{PSh}(C))$ and $D \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{D})$.

02KK 3. *Interaction With the Yoneda Embedding.* We have a natural isomorphism of functors

$$\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F) \circ \mathcal{J}_C \cong F, \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{PSh}(C) \\ & \nearrow \mathcal{J}_C & \downarrow \text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F) \\ C & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

02KL 4. *As a Coend.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F)](\mathcal{F}) &\cong \int^{A \in C} \text{Nat}(h_A, \mathcal{F}) \odot F(A) \\ &\cong \int^{A \in C} \mathcal{F}(A) \odot F(A) \end{aligned}$$

for each $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Obj}(\text{PSh}(C))$.

⁶Applying **Item 2** of **Definition 12.3.1.1.4**, we see that this adjunction has the form $\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F) \dashv \text{Lan}_F(\mathcal{J})$.

- 02KM 5. *Interaction With Tensors of Presheaves With Functors.* We have a natural isomorphism

$$\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F) \cong (-) \odot_C F,$$

natural in $F \in \text{Obj}(\text{Fun}(C, \mathcal{D}))$.

- 02KN 6. *Interaction With Finite Limits.* Let $F: C \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a functor. The following conditions are equivalent:

- 02KP (a) The functor F preserves finite limits.
 02KQ (b) The functor $\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{J}}(F)$ preserves finite limits.
 02KR (c) The category of elements $\int_C F$ of F is cofiltered.

Proof. **Item 1, Functoriality:** This follows from Kan Extensions, ?? of ??.

Item 2, Adjointness: Omitted.

Item 3, Interaction With the Yoneda Embedding: This follows from Kan Extensions, ?? of ??.

Item 4, As a Coend: This follows from Kan Extensions, ?? of ?? and **Definition 12.1.5.1.1.**

Item 5, Interaction With Tensors of Presheaves With Functors: This follows from **Item 4.**

Item 6, Interaction With Finite Limits: See [coend-calculus]. □

02LS 12.4 Functor Tensor Products

02LT 12.4.1 The Tensor Product of Presheaves With Copresheaves

Let C be a category, let $\mathcal{F}: C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a presheaf on C , and let $G: C \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a copresheaf on C .

- 02LU **Definition 12.4.1.1.1.** The **tensor product** of \mathcal{F} with G is the set $\mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C G^7$ defined by

$$\mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C G \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int^{A \in C} \mathcal{F}(A) \times G(A).$$

- 02LV **Remark 12.4.1.1.2.** In other words, the tensor product of \mathcal{F} with G is the set $\mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C G$ defined as the coend of the functor

$$C^{\text{op}} \times C \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F} \times G} \text{Sets} \times \text{Sets} \xrightarrow{\times} \text{Sets},$$

⁷Further Notation: Also written simply $\mathcal{F} \boxtimes G$.

which is equivalently the composition

$$\times \circ (\mathcal{F} \times G) \cong \mathcal{F} \diamond F,$$

in Prof.

02LW Example 12.4.1.1.3.

02LX Proposition 12.4.1.1.4. Let C be a category.

02LY 1. *Functoriality.* The assignments $\mathcal{F}, G, (\mathcal{F}, G) \mapsto \mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C G$ define functors

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C -: & \quad \text{PSh}(C) \rightarrow \text{Sets}, \\ - \boxtimes_C G: & \quad \text{CoPSh}(C) \rightarrow \text{Sets}, \\ -_1 \boxtimes_C -_2: & \quad \text{PSh}(C) \times \text{CoPSh}(C) \rightarrow \text{Sets}. \end{aligned}$$

02LZ 2. *As a Composition of Profunctors.* Let C be a category and let:

- $\mathcal{F}: \text{pt} \rightarrow C$ be a presheaf on C , viewed as a profunctor.
- $F: C \rightarrow \text{pt}$ be a copresheaf on C , viewed as a profunctor.

We have a natural isomorphism of profunctors

$$\mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C F \cong F \diamond \mathcal{F},$$

natural in $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Obj}(\text{PSh}(C))$ and $F \in \text{Obj}(\text{CoPSh}(C))$.

02M0 3. *Interaction With Representable Presheaves.* Let \mathcal{F} be a presheaf on C . We have a bijection of sets

$$\mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C h^X \cong \mathcal{F}(X),$$

natural in $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$, giving a natural isomorphism of functors

$$\mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C h^{(-)} \cong \mathcal{F},$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{CoPSh}(C) & \\ \nearrow \mathfrak{F}_C & & \downarrow \mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C - \\ C^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} & \text{Sets.} \end{array}$$

- 02M1** 4. *Interaction With Corepresentable Copresheaves.* Let G be a copresheaf on C . We have a bijection of sets

$$h_X \boxtimes_C G \cong G(X),$$

natural in $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$, giving a natural isomorphism of functors

$$h_{(-)} \boxtimes_C G \cong G,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{PSh}(C) & \\ \nearrow \mathfrak{h}_C & & \downarrow - \boxtimes_C G \\ C & \xrightarrow{G} & \text{Sets.} \end{array}$$

- 02M2** 5. *Interaction With Yoneda Extensions.* Let $G: C \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a copresheaf on C . We have a natural isomorphism

$$\text{Lan}_{\mathfrak{h}}(G) \cong (-) \boxtimes_C G,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{PSh}(C) & \\ \nearrow \mathfrak{h}_C & & \downarrow (-) \boxtimes_C G \\ C & \xrightarrow{G} & \text{Sets,} \end{array}$$

natural in $G \in \text{Obj}(\text{CoPSh}(C))$.

- 02M3** 6. *Interaction With Contravariant Yoneda Extensions.* Let $\mathcal{F}: C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a presheaf on C . We have a natural isomorphism

$$\text{Lan}_{\mathfrak{F}}(\mathcal{F}) \cong \mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C (-),$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{CoPSh}(C) & \\ \nearrow \mathfrak{F}_C & & \downarrow \mathcal{F} \boxtimes_C (-) \\ C^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} & \text{Sets,} \end{array}$$

natural in $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Obj}(\text{PSh}(C))$.

Proof. **Item 1, Functoriality:** Omitted.

Item 2, As a Composition of Profunctors: Clear.

Item 3, Interaction With Representable Presheaves: This follows from ??.

Item 4, Interaction With Corepresentable Copresheaves: This follows from ??.

Item 5, Interaction With Yoneda Extensions: This is a special case of **Item 5** of **Definition 12.3.2.1.3**.

Item 6, Interaction With Contravariant Yoneda Extensions: This is a special case of ?? of ??. \square

02M4 12.4.2 The Tensor of a Presheaf With a Functor

Let C be a category, let \mathcal{D} be a category with coproducts, let $\mathcal{F} : C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ be a presheaf on C , and let $G : C \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a functor.

02M5 **Definition 12.4.2.1.1.** The **tensor** of \mathcal{F} with G is the object $\mathcal{F} \odot_C G$ ⁸ of \mathcal{D} defined by

$$\mathcal{F} \odot_C G \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int^{A \in C} \mathcal{F}(A) \odot G(A).$$

02M6 **Remark 12.4.2.1.2.** In other words, the tensor of \mathcal{F} with G is the object $\mathcal{F} \odot_C G$ of \mathcal{D} defined as the coend of the functor

$$C^{\text{op}} \times C \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F} \times G} \text{Sets} \times \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\odot} \mathcal{D}.$$

02M7 **Proposition 12.4.2.1.3.** Let C be a category.

02M8 1. *Functoriality.* The assignments $\mathcal{F}, G, (\mathcal{F}, G) \mapsto \mathcal{F} \odot_C G$ define functors

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} \odot_C - &: \text{PSh}(C) && \rightarrow \mathcal{D}, \\ - \odot_C G &: \text{Fun}(C, \mathcal{D}) && \rightarrow \mathcal{D}, \\ -_1 \odot_C -_2 &: \text{PSh}(C) \times \text{Fun}(C, \mathcal{D}) && \rightarrow \mathcal{D}. \end{aligned}$$

02M9 2. *Interaction With Corepresentable Copresheaves.* We have an isomorphism

$$h_X \odot_C G \cong G(X),$$

natural in $X \in \text{Obj}(C)$, giving a natural isomorphism of functors

$$h_{(-)} \odot_C G \cong G.$$

⁸*Further Notation:* Also written simply $\mathcal{F} \odot G$.

02MA 3. *Interaction With Yoneda Extensions.* We have a natural isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Lan}_{\mathbf{y}}(G) \cong (-) \odot_C G,$$

natural in $G \in \mathrm{Obj}(\mathrm{Fun}(C, \mathcal{D}))$.

Proof. *Item 1, Functoriality:* Omitted.

Item 2, Interaction With Corepresentable Copresheaves: This follows from ??.

Item 3, Interaction With Yoneda Extensions: This is a repetition of *Item 5* of *Definition 12.3.2.1.3*, and is proved there. \square

02MB 12.4.3 The Tensor of a Copresheaf With a Functor

Let C be a category, let \mathcal{D} be a category with coproducts, let $F: C \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$ be a copresheaf on C , and let $G: C^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a functor.

02MC **Definition 12.4.3.1.1.** The **tensor** of F with G is the set $F \odot_C G$ ⁹ defined by

$$F \odot_C G \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \int^{A \in C} F(A) \odot G(A).$$

02MD **Remark 12.4.3.1.2.** In other words, the tensor of F with G is the object $F \odot_C G$ of \mathcal{D} defined as the coend of the functor

$$C^{\mathrm{op}} \times C \xrightarrow{\sim} C \times C^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{F \times G} \mathbf{Sets} \times \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\odot} \mathcal{D}.$$

02ME **Proposition 12.4.3.1.3.** Let C be a category.

02MF 1. *Functoriality.* The assignments $F, G, (F, G) \mapsto F \odot_C G$ define functors

$$\begin{aligned} F \odot_C -: \quad & \mathrm{CoPSh}(C) && \rightarrow \mathcal{D}, \\ - \odot_C G: \quad & \mathrm{Fun}(C^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{D}) && \rightarrow \mathcal{D}, \\ -_1 \odot_C -_2: \quad & \mathrm{Fun}(C^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{D}) \times \mathrm{CoPSh}(C) && \rightarrow \mathcal{D}. \end{aligned}$$

02MG 2. *Interaction With Corepresentable Copresheaves.* We have an isomorphism

$$h^X \odot_C G \cong G(X),$$

natural in $X \in \mathrm{Obj}(C)$, giving a natural isomorphism of functors

$$h^{(-)} \odot_C G \cong G.$$

⁹*Further Notation:* Also written simply $F \odot G$.

- 02MH 3. *Interaction With Contravariant Yoneda Extensions.* We have a natural isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Lan}_{\mathcal{P}}(G) \cong G \odot_C (-),$$

natural in $G \in \mathrm{Obj}(\mathrm{Fun}(C^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{D}))$.

Proof. *Item 1, Functoriality:* Omitted.

Item 2, Interaction With Representable Presheaves: This follows from ??.

Item 2, Interaction With Corepresentable Copresheaves: This follows from ??.

??, *Interaction With Yoneda Extensions:* Omitted.

Item 3, Interaction With Contravariant Yoneda Extensions: Omitted. \square

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