

MyMathlibProject/CategoryFormalization.lean

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2  This is the file written by Hongwei.Wang in winter 2026,
3  this file is the basic formalization of Category Theory in
4  Pure Mathematics.
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7  if you can contact me if you find any mathemaical mistakes
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16  import Mathlib
17  /-
18  ## Feb 5 / 2026
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24  ## Categories
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28  /-
29  Def (Category): A Category  $\mathbb{A}$  consits of a collection  $\text{Ob}_{\mathbb{A}}$  of objects
30  and  $\forall A, B \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbb{A}}$ , there is a collection  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(A, B)$  of maps or morphisms
31  from A to B, such that
32  1. Existence of identity:  $\forall X \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbb{A}}$ , there is a morphism  $X \rightarrow X$  denoted as
33   $1_X$ 
34  2. Composition laws :  $\forall X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbb{A}}$ , such that  $f(X) = Y, g(Y) = Z$ ,
35  this is equivlent to say  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(X, Y)$  and  $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(Y, Z)$  then we
36  have  $g \circ f(X) = Z$ , i.e.  $g \circ f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(X, Z)$ .
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38  Moreover, the collection of the morphisms satisfy the two more axioms that
39  3. Associativity :  $\forall f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(X, Y), g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(Y, Z), h \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(Z, W)$ , we
40  have
41   $(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(X, W)$ 
42  4. Identity law:  $\forall f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{A}}(X, Y)$  we have  $f \circ 1_X = f = 1_Y \circ f$ 
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44  A category consists of objects living in a universe  $u$ .
45  For any two objects  $X, Y$ , the type of morphisms  $\text{hom } X \ Y$ 
46  lives in a universe  $v$ .
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48  Since the structure  $\text{Category}$  contains a field whose value
49  is a type in  $\text{Type } v$ , the category structure itself must
50  live in universe  $v + 1$ .
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52 Taking into account the universe of objects as well, a category
53 with objects in `Type u` and morphisms in `Type v` lives in
54 universe `max u (v + 1)`.
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57 universe v u
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59 def x : ℕ := 1
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61 class MyCat (Ob : Type u) : Type (max u (v + 1)) where
62   hom    : Ob → Ob → Type v
63   id     : (X : Ob) → hom X X
64   comp   : {X Y Z : Ob} → hom X Y → hom Y Z → hom X Z
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66   comp_id : {X Y : Ob} → (f : hom X Y) →
67     comp (id X) f = f
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69   id_comp : {X Y : Ob} → (f : hom X Y) →
70     comp f (id Y) = f
71
72   assoc : {W X Y Z : Ob} →
73     (f : hom W X) → (g : hom X Y) → (h : hom Y Z) →
74     comp (comp f g) h = comp f (comp g h)
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77 /-
78 Category structure:
79 Set Category
80 ob(Set): {S1, S2, S3 ....}.    for S1, S2, Hom(S1, S2) = f : S1 → S2
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82 Linear Vect Space Category
83 ob(LV) : {H, G, ....}.    for H, G. Hom(H, G) = L (H, G) = Matrix
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85 Group Category
86 ob(Grp) : {G1, G2, G3, ...}.    for G1, G2 . Hom(G1, G2) = homomorphism: G1 → G2
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94 -- U should carefully use the `comp`: (f : X → Y) , (g : Y → Z) ↦ g ∘ f
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97 -- we say a function f : X → X, x ↦ x, we denote the f
98 -- as 1_X
99 namespace Mycat
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102 scoped notation3 "1" => id
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104 scoped infixr:10 " → " => MyCat.hom

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105 | scoped infixr:80 " » " => MyCat.comp
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107 | -- a → b → c = a → (b → c)      (infixr)
108 | -- a » b » c = a » (b » c)
109 | -- »
110 | -- a → ((b » c) → (d → e))
111 | -- a → b » c → d → e
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116 | /-
117 | The keyword `infixr` means that the notation is right-associative.
118 | For example, `X → Y → Z` is parsed as `X → (Y → Z)`, and similarly
119 | `f » g » h` is parsed as `f » (g » h)`.
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121 | The number following `infixr` specifies the precedence: since
122 | `→` has precedence 10 and `»` has precedence 80, the operator `»`
123 | binds more tightly than `→`. This determines how expressions are
124 | parsed in the absence of parentheses.
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128 | variable {Ob : Type u} [MyCat Ob]
129 | variable {X Y Z : Ob}
130 | variable (f : X → Y) (g : Y → Z)
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132 | #check 1 X
133 | #check f » g
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137 | def discreteCat (α : Type u) : MyCat α where
138 |   hom X Y := PLift (X = Y)
139 |   id X := PLift.up rfl
140 |   comp f g := PLift.up (PLift.down f ► PLift.down g)
141 |   comp_id f := by
142 |     cases f
143 |     rfl
144 |   id_comp f := by
145 |     cases f
146 |     rfl
147 |   assoc f g h := by
148 |     cases f; cases g; cases h
149 |     rfl
150 | /-
151 | ## Functors
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154 | #check MyCat
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156 | structure MyFun {C : Type u} {D : Type u'} [MyCat.{v} C] [MyCat.{v} D] :
157 |   Type (max (max u v) (max u' v)) where
158 |   obj : C → D

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159   map : {X Y : C} → MyCat.hom X Y → MyCat.hom (obj X) (obj Y)
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161   map_id : {X : C} → map (MyCat.id X) = MyCat.id (obj X)
162
163   map_comp : {X Y Z : C} → (f : MyCat.hom X Y) → (g : MyCat.hom Y Z) →
164     map (MyCat.comp f g) = MyCat.comp (map f) (map g)
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168   variable {A B : Type u} [MyCat A] [MyCat B]
169   variable (F : MyFun (C := A) (D := B)) {X Y Z : A}
170   variable (f : X → Y) (g : Y → Z)
171
172   #check F.map (f >> g)
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175   @[simp]
176   lemma map_id' (X : A) :
177     F.map (MyCat.id X) = MyCat.id (F.obj X) :=
178     F.map_id
179
180   @[simp]
181   lemma map_comp' : F.map (f >> g) = F.map f >> F.map g :=
182     F.map_comp f g
183
184   -- Identity functor
185   def IdFun (C : Type u) [MyCat C] :
186     MyFun (C := C) (D := C) :=
187     {
188       obj := fun X => X
189       map := fun f => f
190       map_id := by simp
191       map_comp := by simp
192     }
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194
195   -- Composition of functor
196   def comFun {C D E : Type u} [MyCat.{_} C] [MyCat.{_} D] [MyCat.{_} E]
197     (F : MyFun (C := C) (D := D)) (G : MyFun (C := D) (D := E)) : MyFun (C := C) (D
198 := E) :=
199     {
200       obj := fun X => G.obj (F.obj X)
201       map := fun {X Y} f => G.map (F.map f)
202
203       map_id := by
204         intro X
205         simp [F.map_id, G.map_id]
206
207       map_comp := by
208         intro X Y Z f g
209         simp [F.map_comp, G.map_comp]
210     }
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212 ## Natural Transformations
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215 structure MyNatTrans
216   {C D : Type u} [MyCat.{v} C] [MyCat.{v} D]
217   (F G : MyFun (C := C) (D := D)) :
218   Type (max u v) where
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220   -- Component at each object
221   app : (X : C) → F.obj X → G.obj X
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223   --  $F.obj X \rightarrow G.obj X \in Hom_D (F.obj X, G.obj X)$ 
224
225
226   -- Naturality condition
227   naturality :
228     {X Y : C} → (f : X → Y) →
229     F.map f » app Y = app X » G.map f
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233 -- For a fixed cat C, functor  $F : C \rightarrow C$ 
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235 -- Set A, B.  $f : A \rightarrow A$      $g : A \rightarrow B$ 
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237 --  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,     $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  .     $\alpha : f \rightarrow g$ .     $\alpha_x : f(x) \rightarrow g(x)$ 
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239 namespace MyNatTrans
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244
245 variable {C D : Type u}
246 variable [MyCat.{v} C] [MyCat.{v} D]
247 variable (F : MyFun (C := C) (D := D))
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251
252 end MyNatTrans
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