

1 Topoi

We have mentioned several times that one need not place ZFC sets on any pedestal above any other topos. This section takes this seriously and works on the level of generality of topos theory. For an Introduction we refer the reader to [?], [?], [?], [?].

Definition 1.0.1. Let \mathcal{E} be a topos and Σ a first order language. A Σ -**structure** M is a choice of object ME for each object $E \in \mathcal{E}$, a choice of morphism $Mf : ME_1 \times \dots \times ME_n \longrightarrow MF$ for each function symbol $f : E_1 \times \dots \times E_n \longrightarrow F$ and a choice of subobject $MR \rightarrowtail ME_1 \times \dots \times E_n$ for each relation symbol $R \subseteq E_1 \times \dots \times E_n$ of a first order language Σ .

A **morphism of Σ -structures** $\eta : M \longrightarrow M'$ is a collection of morphisms $\eta = \{\eta_E : ME \longrightarrow M'E\}_{E \in \mathcal{E}}$, indexed by the objects of \mathcal{E} , satisfying the following conditions.

- For each function symbol $f : E_1 \times \dots \times E_n \longrightarrow F$ the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} ME_1 \times \dots \times ME_n & \xrightarrow{Mf} & MF \\ \eta_{E_1} \times \dots \times \eta_{E_n} \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta_F \\ M'E_1 \times \dots \times M'E_n & \xrightarrow{M'f} & M'F \end{array} \quad (1)$$

- For each relation symbol $R \subseteq E_1 \times \dots \times E_n$ the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} MR & \rightarrowtail & ME_1 \times \dots \times ME_n \\ \eta_R \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta_{E_1} \times \dots \times \eta_{E_n} \\ M'R & \rightarrowtail & M'E_1 \times \dots \times M'E_n \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Definition 1.0.2. Given a topos \mathcal{E} and a first order language Σ the collection of all Σ -structures along with the collection of morphisms of Σ -structures forms a category $\underline{\Sigma - \text{Str}}$.

Given a first order theory \mathbb{T} the subcategory $\underline{\text{Mod}}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{E})$ of $\underline{\Sigma - \text{Str}}$ consisting of the models of \mathbb{T} is the **category of models** of \mathbb{T} in \mathcal{E} .