# Notto - Category for the Working Mathematician

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This is solutions for problems on the second edition of *Category for the Working Mathematician* by S. Mac Lane. Problems are placed in the first line of each sections. They may be modified from the original text for simplicity, clarity and some laziness.

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# 1.6

Let U be a set that satisfies following conditions:

- (i)  $x \in u \in U \Rightarrow x \in U$
- (ii)  $(u \in U \land v \in U) \Rightarrow (\{u, v\}, \langle u, v \rangle, u \times v \in U)$
- (iii) (1)  $x \in U \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}x \in U$ 
  - (2)  $x \in U \Rightarrow \bigcup x \in U$
- (iv)  $\omega \in U$ , where  $\omega = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a set of all finite ordinal numbers.
- (v) If there exists a surjection  $f: a \to b$  and  $a \in U$  and  $b \subset U$ , then  $b \in U$ .

#### 1.6.1

Let  $I \in U$ ,  $f: I \to b$  and  $f_i \in U$  for all  $i \in I$ . Proof  $\prod_i f_i \in U$ .

For all  $q \in \prod_i f_i$ , we can construct a bijection  $r: I \to q$ .  $q \subset U$  because  $\forall w \in q, \exists j \in I, w \in f_j \in U$ . Since  $I \in U$  and  $q \subset U$ , we can say  $q \in U$ . Therefore  $\prod_i f_i \subset U$ .

Let  $|f_k| \geq |f_i|$  for all i. Then, we can construct a surjection  $g: f_k^I \to \prod_i f_i$ . Also, we can construct a surjection  $h: X \to f_k^I$ , with X is either  $\mathcal{P}f_k$  or  $\mathcal{P}I$ . As  $X \in U$ ,  $g \circ h: X \to \prod_i f_i$  and  $\prod_i f_i \subset U$ , we can say  $\prod_i f_i \in U$ .

1.6.2

(a) Let  $I \in U$ ,  $f: I \to b$  and  $f_i \in U$  for all  $i \in I$ . Proof  $\bigcup_i f_i \in U$ .

(b) Proof that (a) implies following if (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) holds true:

(iii)(2)  $x \in U \Rightarrow \bigcup x \in U$ .

(v) If  $f: a \to b$  is surjective and  $a \in U$  and  $b \subset U$ , then  $b \in U$ .

(a) We can construct a bijection  $g: I \to \{f_i \mid i \in I\}, g(i) = f_i$ . As  $I \in U$  and  $f_i \in U$  for all  $i, \{f_i \mid i \in I\} \in U$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_i f_i = \bigcup \{f_i \mid i \in I\} \in U$ .

(b) Because  $x \in U$ , we have  $y \in U$  for all  $y \in x$ . Therefore we can apply  $f: x \to x, f(i) = i$  to (a) to get  $\bigcup x \in U$ .

Because  $a \in U$  and  $b \subset U$ , we can apply f to (a) to get  $\bigcup_i f_i \in U$ . f is surjective, therefore  $b = \bigcup_i f_i$ . Hence  $b \in U$ .

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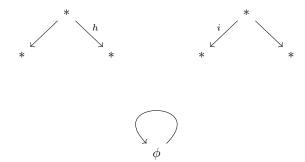
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# 2.3

#### 2.3.1

Show product of categories includes product of monoids, product of groups and product of sets.

In this section,  $\times_S$  is a product operation for sets,  $\times_C$  is for categories,  $\times_G$  is for groups and  $\times_M$  is for monoids.

*Monoids.* Let M,N be a monoid with object m,n respectively. The only object in  $M \times_C N$  is  $\langle m,n \rangle$ . ... (TODO)

*Groups.* Let G, H be a group with object a, b respectively.  $G \times_C H$  ... (TODO)

Sets. Let A, B be discrete categories. The set of all objects in  $A \times_C B$  is  $X = A \times_S B$ . The set of all arrows in  $A \times_C B$  is  $\{\langle f, g \rangle \mid a \in A, b \in B, f \in A(a,a) \land g \in B(b,b)\} = \{\langle \operatorname{id}_A(c_0), \operatorname{id}_B(c_1) \rangle \mid c \in X\}$ . Therefore  $A \times_C B$  is a discrete category of  $X = A \times_S B$ .

### 2.3.2

# Proof that product of two preorders is preorder.

Let P, Q be preorders.  $\forall a \forall b \mid \text{hom}(a,b) \mid \leq 1$  for both P and Q. Therefore, for all  $p_1 \in P$ ,  $p_2 \in P$ ,  $q_1 \in Q$ ,  $q_2 \in Q$ ,  $|\text{hom}_{P \times Q}(\langle p_1, q_1 \rangle, \langle p_2, q_2 \rangle)| = |\text{hom}_P(p_1, p_2) \times \text{hom}_Q(q_1, q_2)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $P \times Q$  is preorder.

# 2.3.3

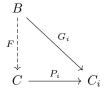
Let  $\{C_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a family of categories indexed by a set I. Show product  $C = \prod_i C_i$ , its projections  $P_i : C \to C_i$  and universal property of these projections.

Let  $id_X(a): a \to a$  be identity in category X.

Let the set of all object in C be the product set  $\prod_i C_i$  and  $C(a,b) = \prod_i C_i(a_i,b_i)$ . Let  $\mathrm{id}_C(c)_i = \mathrm{id}_{C_i}(c_i)$  for all  $c \in C$ . Now, we prove C has a universal property:

1. For every i there is a functor  $P_i: C \to C_i$ .

2. For every category B such that a functor  $G_i: B \to C_i$  presents for every  $C_i$ , there is a functor  $F: B \to C$ , which makes the following diagram commute.



First, we prove  $P_i: C \to C_i$  exists. Let the object function be  $P_i(x) = x_i$ . Let the arrow function be  $P_i(f) = f_i$ . For all object  $c \in C$ ,  $P_i(\mathrm{id}_C(c)) = \mathrm{id}_C(c)_i = \mathrm{id}_{C_i}(c_i) = \mathrm{id}_{C_i}(P_i(c))$ . For all arrow f, g in  $C, P_i(g \circ f) = (g \circ f)_i = g_i \circ f_i = P_i(g) \circ P_i(f)$ . Therefore  $P_i$  is a functor.

Second, we prove  $F: B \to C$  exists. Let the object function be  $F(x)_i = G_i(x)$ . Let the arrow function be  $F(f)_i = G_i(f)$ . For all object  $b \in B$ ,  $F(\mathrm{id}_B(b))_i = G_i(\mathrm{id}_B(b)) = \mathrm{id}_{C_i}(G_i(b)) = \mathrm{id}_{C_i}(F(b)_i)$ . Thus  $F(\mathrm{id}_B(b)) = \mathrm{id}_{C}(F(b))$ . For all arrow f, g in B,  $F(f \circ g)_i = G_i(f \circ g) = G_i(f) \circ G_i(g)$ . Thus  $F(f \circ g) = F(f) \circ F(g)$ . Therefore F is a functor.

## 2.3.4

Show opposite of  $Matr_K$ .

In  $\mathbf{Matr}_K$ , the object set is all positive integers  $\{1,2,3,...\} = \omega \setminus \{0\}$ .  $\mathbf{Matr}_K(n,m)$  is all rectangular matrix on K of shape  $m \times n$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{Matr}_K^{\mathrm{op}}$  has the same objects  $\omega \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\mathbf{Matr}_K^{\mathrm{op}}(n,m)$  is all rectangular matrix on K of shape  $n \times m$ .

#### 2.3.5

Show that the mapping between a topological space and the ring of real continuous functions on it is the object function of a contravariant functor on Top to Rng.

Let  $R_T \subseteq (T \to \mathbb{R})$  be a ring whose elements are continuous functions from a topological space T to real number. We construct  $R_T$  as follows:

- 1. Additive identity.  $0_{R_T}: x \mapsto 0$ .
- 2. Multiplicative identity.  $1_{R_T}: x \mapsto 1$ .
- 3. Addition.  $f + g : x \mapsto f(x) + g(x)$ .
- 4. Multiplication.  $f \times g : x \mapsto f(x) \times g(x)$ .

Let X and Y be any topological spaces. If we have a continuous function  $f: Y \to X$ , we can construct a ring homomorphism  $H(f) = h: R_X \to R_Y$ . We define  $h(r) = r \circ f$ . Then  $h(0_{R_X}) = 0_{R_Y}$ ,  $h(1_{R_X}) = 1_{R_Y}$ ,  $(h(s+t))(x) = 0_{R_Y}$ 

 $(s+t)(f(x)) = s(f(x)) + t(f(x)), (h(s \times t))(x) = (s \times t)(f(x)) = s(f(x)) \times t(f(x)).$ Therefore H(f) is a ring homomorphism.

Now we construct a functor  $F: \mathbf{Top}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathbf{Rng}$ . Let the object function be  $F(A) = R_A$  and the arrow function be  $F(g) = H(g^{\mathrm{op}})$ . For all arrow a, b in  $\mathbf{Top}^{\mathrm{op}}$ ,  $F(b \circ a) = H((b \circ a)^{\mathrm{op}}) = H(a^{\mathrm{op}} \circ b^{\mathrm{op}}) = H(b^{\mathrm{op}}) \circ H(a^{\mathrm{op}}) = F(b) \circ F(a)$ . For all topological space  $T \in \mathbf{Top}^{\mathrm{op}}$ ,  $F(\mathrm{id}(T)) = H(\mathrm{id}(T)) = \mathrm{id}(R_T)$ . Therefore F is a functor and  $\overline{F}$  is a contravariant functor on  $\mathbf{Top}$  to  $\mathbf{Rng}$ .

# 2.4

# 2.4.1

Show that for any ring R, R-Mod is a full subcategory of  $\mathbf{Ab}^R$ . TODO

#### 2.4.2

For a finite discrete category X, describe  $B^X$ .

For any functor  $T: X \to B$ , if its object function is T(a) = b, its arrow function maps id(a) to id(b). Such a functor T is an object of  $B^X$ .

Let  $R, S: X \to B$  be functors and  $\tau$  be a map on an object of X to an arrow in B.  $(\tau: R \to S) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x \in X, \tau_x(R(x)) = S(x))$ . Therefore hom $(R, S) = \{\tau \mid \forall x \in X, \tau_x(R(x)) = S(x)\}$ . Therefore an arrow on R to S exists iff  $(\forall x, y \in X, e_R(x, y) \to e_S(x, y)) \land (\forall x \in X, \text{hom}(R(x), S(x)) \neq \emptyset)$ , where  $e_T(x, y) \Leftrightarrow (\exists a \in B, \{x, y\} \subseteq \{w \mid a = T(w)\})$ .

#### 2.4.3

Let N be a discrete category of natural numbers. Describe  $\mathrm{Ab}^{\mathrm{N}}$ .

An object of  $\mathbf{Ab^N}$  is a map on  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbf{Ab}$ . Same as above,  $\mathrm{hom}(R,S) = \{\tau \mid \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \ \tau_n(R(n)) = S(n)\}$ . In other words, a map  $\tau : \mathbb{N} \to (\mathbf{Ab} \to \mathbf{Ab})$  is an arrow iff, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a corresponding group homomorphism  $\tau_n$  on R(n) to S(n), and, for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that R(n) = R(m), S(n) = S(m).

# 2.4.4

Let P and Q be preorders. Describe  $Q^P$  and show it is a preorder.

Let  $R, S: P \to Q$ . Then R and S are objects of  $Q^P$ . Let  $\tau$  be a natural transform  $\tau: R \to S$ .  $\tau$  is an arrow on R to S in  $Q^P$ . Since  $\tau$  is natural and P is preorder, following diagram is commute for every pair of objects  $p, p' \in P$ . a = f(p, p'), where f(p, p') is the only arrow on p to p'. Since Q is preorder,  $\tau p = g(Rp, Sp)$ , where g(Rp, Sp) is the only arrow on Rp to Sp.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Rp & \stackrel{\tau p}{\longrightarrow} Sp \\ & \downarrow^{Sa} \\ Rp' & \stackrel{\tau p'}{\longrightarrow} Sp' \end{array}$$

From the two downward arrows in the diagram, we can say that  $\operatorname{Im}(R)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(S)$  contain the preorder structure of P. There are two functors  $P \to \operatorname{Im}(R)$  and  $P \to \operatorname{Im}(S)$ , where  $\operatorname{Im}(T)$  is a category from the image of the object function of T and all arrows between any two pairs in the image.

As explained above,  $\sigma p = g(Rp, Sp)$  for all  $\sigma : R \to S$ . Thus  $|\operatorname{hom}(R, S)| \le |\{\sigma \mid \forall p \in P, \ \sigma p = g(Rp, Sp)\}| = 1$ . Therefore  $Q^P$  is preorder.

#### 2.4.5

Let Fin be a category of all finite sets and G be a finite group. Describe  $\mathrm{Fin}^G$ .

Let **Fin** be a category of all finite sets. The object is every finite set and the arrow is every mapping between every pair of finite sets.

Let G be a finite group. G is a category of only one object. Every arrow a in G has its inverse  $a^{-1}$  such that  $a \circ a^{-1} = a^{-1} \circ a = \mathrm{id}$ .

 $\mathbf{Fin}^G$  is a category that have any functor on G to  $\mathbf{Fin}$  as objects and any natural transform between two objects as arrows. The group G has only one object  $x \in G$ , thus any functor  $T \in \mathbf{Fin}^G$  map x to a finite set  $T(x) \in \mathbf{Fin}$ , and endomorphisms of x to endomorphisms of T(x). For any arrow a, b in G,  $T(b \circ a) = T(b) \circ T(a)$ . Also,  $\mathrm{id} = T(\mathrm{id}) = T(a \circ a^{-1}) = T(a) \circ T(a^{-1})$ . Thus any element in the image of the arrow function of T is invertible. Therefore T is a permutation representation of G.

Now, let  $\tau: R \to S$  be an arrow in  $\mathbf{Fin}^G$ . Then, the following diagram commutes for any arrow a in G:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Rx & \xrightarrow{\tau x} Sx \\ & \downarrow^{Sa} \\ Rx & \xrightarrow{\tau x} Sx \end{array}$$

Therefore, hom $(R,S)=\{\tau\mid \forall a,\ \tau x\circ Ra=Sa\circ\tau x\}...$  what does it mean????? TODO

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# 2.5

# 2.5.1

Let A, B and C are small categories. Proof that  $\mathbf{Cat}(A \times B, C) \cong \mathbf{Cat}(A, C^B)$  and that they are natural.

First, we prove there are two bijections  $f: \mathbf{Cat}(A \times B, C) \to \mathbf{Cat}(A, C^B)$  and  $g: \mathbf{Cat}(A, C^B) \to \mathbf{Cat}(A \times B, C)$  such that  $f \circ g = g \circ f = \mathrm{id}$ . For any  $x: A \times B \to C$ , . Let  $f(x) = \mathrm{and} \ g(x) =$ .

Second, we prove f and g are natural. TODO

#### 2.5.2

Let A, B and C are categories. Proof that  $(A \times B)^C \cong A^C \times B^C$  and  $C^{A \times B} \cong (C^B)^A$ .

For any  $x \in (A \times B)^C$ , there are two functions  $G(c) = x(c)_0$  and  $H(c) = x(c)_1$ . Let the object function be  $F(x) = \langle G, H \rangle$ , where  $F: (A \times B)^C \to A^C \times B^C$ .

For any natural transform  $\tau: (A \times B) \to C$ , there are two natural transforms  $\tau_0: A \to C$  and  $\tau_1: B \to C$ . Let  $\tau_0(x) = \text{and } \tau_1(x) =$ .

Thus we can construct the arrow function  $F(\tau) = \langle \tau_0, \tau_1 \rangle$ .

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