Leinster - Basic Category Theory - Selected problem solutions for Chapter 2

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(a) Interesting adjoint functors to G-sets.

The trivial group functor I sends a set to a **G**-set with the trivial action $gx = x$. Interesting functors

Orbit functor sends a G-set with underlying set elements a of A to:

$A_G = \{g \cdot a, g \in G\}$

Fixed point functor sends a G-set with underlying set elements a of A to:

$A^G = \{a \text{ such that } g \cdot a = a \text{ for all } g \in G, a \in A\}$

Fixed point functor - right adjoint Morphisms in a G-set are functions on the underlying set, where f commutes with g for every $g \in G$.

There is a bijection for each $A \in \mathbf{Set}$ and $B \in [G, \mathbf{Set}]$ as follows

$$[G, \mathbf{Set}](I(A), B) \to \mathbf{Set}(A, B^G)$$
$$\psi \mapsto \overline{\psi}$$

$\overline{\psi}$ sends each element a of A to $\psi(a)$ if $g \cdot a = a$, otherwise it sends a to $\psi(\emptyset)$.

$$\mathbf{Set}(A, B^G) \to [G, \mathbf{Set}](I(A), B)$$
$$\phi \mapsto \overline{\phi}$$

ϕ sends each $a \in A$ in the underlying set of the G-set to the G-set $(g, \overline{\phi}(a)), g \in G$.

Orbit functor - left adjoint There is a bijection for each $A \in [G, \mathbf{Set}]$ and $B \in \mathbf{Set}$ as follows

$$\mathbf{Set}(A_G, B) \to [G, \mathbf{Set}](A, I(B))$$
$$\psi \mapsto \overline{\psi}$$

So each morphism in **Set** sends the set formed by the orbits of an element a of A, call this a_G, to $\psi(a_G)$, where ψ is a function of sets. Choose a G-set morphism $\overline{\psi} = \psi$, where $\overline{\psi}$ commutes with g for every g in G.

$$[G, \mathbf{Set}](A, I(B)) \to \mathbf{Set}(A_G, B)$$
$$\phi \mapsto \overline{\phi}$$

Choose $\overline{\phi}$ to be a disjoint union of each orbit of a in A, $\overline{\phi}(a) = \amalg\{\phi(g \cdot a), g \in G\}$

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Write $\mathcal{O}(X)$ for the poset of open subsets of a topological space X ordered by inclusion.

$\Delta : \mathbf{Set} \to [\mathcal{O}(X)^{op}, \mathbf{Set}]$

Write $\mathcal{P}$ for the presheaf functor category, and $P \in \mathcal{P}$ for the functor which maps $\mathcal{O}(X)^{op}$ to **Set**. Take open sets U, V, such that $U \subseteq V$ in X. A presheaf consists of

- restriction maps, $P(V) \to P(U)$, these are morphisms which enforce some sort of ordering of the mapped sets,
- and the actual mapped sets $P(U), P(V)$ which are called sections.

Since the question specifies a constant presheaf, by definition, the restriction maps of ΔA are identity maps. And the sections are just the A. Specifically $\Delta A(U) = A$ for subsets U of X, and $\Delta A(\to) = 1_A$ for morphisms.

Write $\Gamma P = P(X)$ for the **global** sections functor which takes an element of $\mathcal{P}$ to a **Set**.

We are required to show a bijection:

For A in **Set** and B in $\mathcal{P}$

$$\mathbf{Set}(A, \Gamma B) \to \mathcal{P}(\Delta A, B)$$

and

$$\mathcal{P}(\Delta A, B) \to \mathbf{Set}(A, \Gamma B)$$

The maps between the presheaf functors in $\mathcal{P}$ are natural transformations. Natural transformations are a collection of maps α_A: $\{\Delta A(A) \to B(A)\}_{A \in \mathcal{A}}$. For $U \subseteq V \subseteq X$ we have the commuting square:

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\Delta A(X) \arrow[r, "1_A"] \arrow[d, "\alpha_X"] & \Delta A(V) \arrow[r, "1_A"] \arrow[d, "\alpha_V"] & \Delta A(U) \arrow[d, "\alpha_U"] \\
B(X) \arrow[r, "B(f)"] & B(V) \arrow[r, "B(f)"] & B(U)
\end{tikzcd} \tag{1}$$

Recall $\Delta A(\cdot) = A$. Then the morphism in **Set** is represented by α_X above. As visible from the figure above this corresponds one to one with each α_A in $\mathcal{A}$, so the bijection holds. Dually using the exact same reasoning Π, the left adjoint of Δ is the presheaf evaluation at the empty set, $\Pi(P) = P(\emptyset)$.

For the left adjoint to Π, Λ, and for A in **Set** and B in $\mathcal{P}$, we need to show a bijection between:

$$\mathcal{P}(\Lambda A, B) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{Set}(A, \Pi(B))$$

To try and cobble together a definition of the presheaf functor Λ, start with the naturality diagram representing morphisms in $\mathcal{P}$:

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\Lambda(U) \arrow[r, "A(f)"] \arrow[d, "\alpha_U"] & \Lambda(\emptyset) \arrow[d, "\alpha_\emptyset"] \\
B(U) \arrow[r, "B(f)"] & B(\emptyset)
\end{tikzcd}$$

Note that $\Pi(B) = B(\emptyset)$. Start by choosing $\Lambda(\emptyset) = A$, so the morphism in **Set** is $\alpha_\emptyset$. Our choice of Λ needs to make this diagram commute for all U in $\mathcal{O}(X)^{op}$. For $U \neq \emptyset$ we could try $\Lambda(U) = A$, however to force the square above to commute with this choice, will impose some structure on the presheaf B. Rather, try setting $\Lambda(U) = \emptyset$ for $U \neq \emptyset$. Choosing the initial object $\emptyset$ of $\mathcal{O}(X)^{op}$, means there is one map out of the top LHS of the square in the above diagram, and the square commutes as required.

We also have

$$\mathcal{P}(A, \nabla B) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{Set}(\Gamma A, B)$$

∇, the right adjoint to Γ can be obtained dually, by swapping **Set** with $\mathbf{Set}^{op}$ and $\mathcal{O}(X)^{op}$ with $\mathcal{O}(X)$. This is simply a relabelling which has the effect of reversing the chain of adjoint functors stated in the question. We then apply analogous reasoning, take $\nabla(U) = *$, for $U \neq X$, and $\nabla(X) = B$.