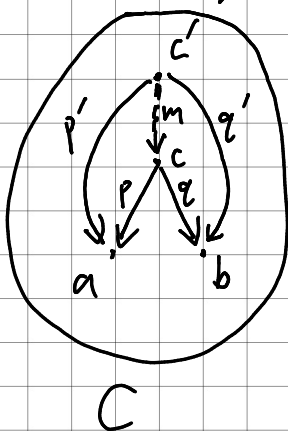


Product

generalized from Cartesian Product of two sets.



* fundamentally,
objects and morphisms have no name.
(\cdot) (\rightarrow)
It's we, as human beings, name
different things differently.

pattern \leftarrow a "query" to a "database" that narrows down
the focus to one distinct object

Given 2 objects in Category C , a and b (can be the
same object)

Conditions

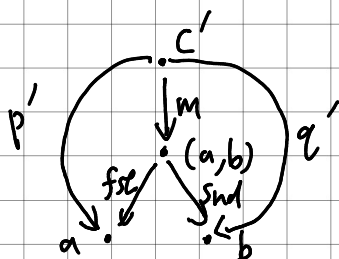
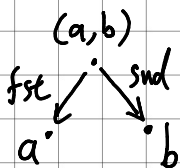
1. an object that has an arrow to a
and an arrow to b

(in this example, c and c' are two candidates)

2. among all such objects following condition 1,
an object that all objects have a unique arrow (m)
possibly it such that
$$\begin{cases} p \circ m = p' \\ q \circ m = q' \end{cases}$$

once locate this distinct object (Product of a and b), which is an universal construction (given the promise, in this case any two objects, such a object either doesn't exist or is unique up to isomorphism)

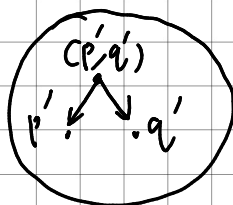
we can rename the object to " $a \times b$ " (or " (a, b) ") and the projections p and q to " fst " and " snd ".



prove other objects following condition 1 always have an unique morphism to (a, b) .

idea m is isomorphic to a Product of p' and q' in the category of hom-sets.

i.e. $m \cong (p', q')$



Category of hom-sets

Bifunctor

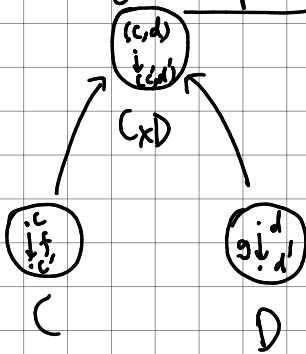
In the category of Category (Cat)

- objects: Categories
- morphisms: Functors

a Product of 2 categories is also a category.

(easier to define than product of 2 objects in a category, because all objects in a small category form a set, so objects in the product of 2 categories

are elements in the cartesian product of 2 sets of objects. similarly, morphisms are elements in the cartesian product of 2 hom-sets.)



$$(c, d) \xrightarrow{(f, g)} (c', d')$$

$$(f', g') \circ (f, g) = (f' \circ f, g' \circ g)$$

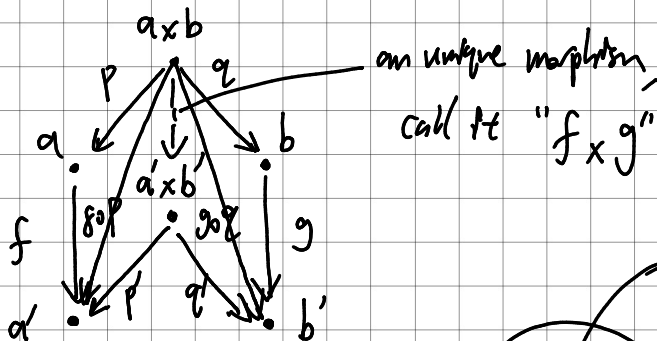
$$(id_a, id_b) = id_{(a, b)}$$

$C \times D$ is a Product Category.

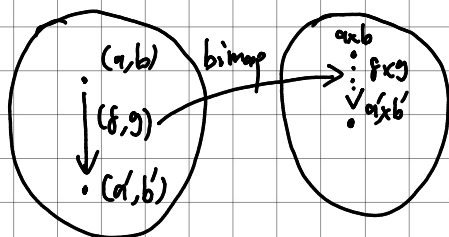
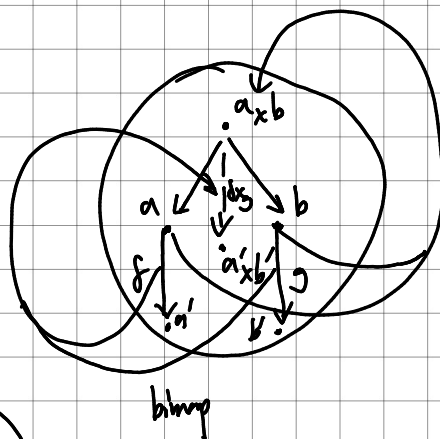
Bifunctor: $C \times D \rightarrow E$

from a product category to any category (can also be a product category)

a Category where Product is defined
for every pair of objects
are called Cartesian Category.



$$\begin{matrix} (a, b) \\ C \times C \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} a \times b \\ C \end{matrix}$$



Product Category

Cartesian Category

product operator in Cartesian Category
is isomorphic to a Bifunctor.