

# 1.5. Equivalence of Categories.

$$2: \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & \bullet \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} c & \xrightarrow{f} & (c, 0) & & (c, 1) \xleftarrow{g} c \\ & & \downarrow \eta_0 & & \downarrow \eta_1 \\ c & \xrightarrow{f} & c \times 2 & \xleftarrow{g} & c \end{array}$$

①:  $\begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ & \searrow & \downarrow H \\ F & & D \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ & \swarrow & \uparrow G \\ & & D \end{array}$

Lemma 1.5.1.  $F, G: C \Rightarrow D$  Then,

$\{ \alpha: F \Rightarrow G \mid \text{natural transformation} \}$

$\{ H: \text{satisfying diagram} \}$  bijection

pf) Construction of  $H$  is in Ex 1.5.1)

To see bijective corresp, notes that given

$$H, \text{ with } (c, 0) \xrightarrow{f \cdot (0 \rightarrow 1)} (c', 1)$$

$H(c, 0) = Fc$ ,  $H(c', 1) = Gc'$  by commutative diagram. Now define

$$\alpha_c = H \left( (c, 0) \xrightarrow{1_c \cdot (0 \rightarrow 1)} (c, 1) \right).$$

Then,  $Fc \xrightarrow{\alpha_c} Gc$ . If we show this diag.

②:  $\begin{array}{ccc} Ff & \downarrow & Gf \\ Fc' & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{c'}} & Gc' \end{array}$  commutes, done.

Actually it is taking  $H$  on.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (C, 0) & \xrightarrow{I_C \cdot (0 \rightarrow 1)} & (C, 1) \\
 f \cdot I_0 \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow f \cdot I_1 \\
 (C', 0) & \xrightarrow{I_{C'} \cdot (0 \rightarrow 1)} & (C', 1)
 \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{Commutative!}$$

Thus,  $H$  induces a natural transformation  $\alpha$ .

Hence the bijection occurs  $\square$

If  $C=2$ ,  $2 \times 2$  is depicted as.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (0,0) & \longrightarrow & (1,0) \\
 \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 (0,1) & \longrightarrow & (1,1)
 \end{array}$$

then  $H$  sends it to

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F_0 & \xrightarrow{F(\sim)} & F_1 \\
 \alpha_0 \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \alpha_1 \\
 G_0 & \xrightarrow{G(\sim)} & G_1
 \end{array}$$

If we change 2 to

$$\text{II: } \begin{array}{ccc} \circ & \xrightarrow{f} & \circ \\ \circ & \xleftarrow{f^{-1}} & \circ \end{array} \text{ in the}$$

lemma, then

Functor satisfying Comm. diagram

$\updownarrow$  bijection  
Natural Isomorphism.

Def 1.5.4. Equivalence of Categories, Consists of.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad F: C \rightleftarrows D, G$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \eta: 1_C \cong GF, \quad \varepsilon FG \cong 1_D$$

natural isomorphism.

In this case write  $C \cong D$ .

(cf.  $C \cong D$ : isomorphism of category)

Lem 1.5.5.  $C \cong D$  is equivalence relation.

pf) Ex 1.5. vi.

Ex 1.5.6.

$$(i) \quad (-)_+ : \text{Set}^{\mathcal{A}} \longrightarrow \text{Set}_*$$

in 1.3.

$$U : \text{Set}_* \longrightarrow \text{Set}^{\mathcal{A}}$$

are actually equiv of category by

$$1_{\text{Set}^{\mathcal{A}}} = U(-)_+ \quad \text{and}$$

$$\eta: 1_{\text{Set}_*} \cong (U-)_+ \quad \text{with}$$

$$\eta_{(X, x)}: (X, x) \longrightarrow (X \setminus \{x\} \cup \{X \setminus \{x\}\}, X \setminus \{x\})$$

$$y \longmapsto y \quad \text{if } y \neq x.$$

$$x \longmapsto X \setminus \{x\}.$$

$$(2) \text{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{H.}]{\mathbb{K}^{(-)}} \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}^{\text{basis}} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{C.}]{\text{U}} \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}^{\text{fd.}}$$

Where  $\mathbb{K}^{(-)} (n \xrightarrow{M} m) \Rightarrow \mathbb{K}^n \xrightarrow{LM} \mathbb{K}^m$ .

U : forgetful functor.

C : Sending V-space by choosing a basis.

H : Sending V.s to dim

and linear transformation to matrix over given bases.

Aim : WTS

$$\text{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}} \subseteq \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}^{\text{basis}} \subseteq \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}^{\text{fd.}}$$

Where  $\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}^{\text{basis}}$  : Category of f.d. V.s with chosen basis.

Def: 1.5.7.  $F: C \rightarrow D$  a functor is

① full if  $\forall x, y \in C, C(x, y) \rightarrow D(Fx, Fy)$  is surjective

② faithful " " is injective.

③ Essentially surjective if  $\forall d \in D, \exists c \in C$  s.t.  $Fc \cong d$ .

Rem 1.5.8

- (1) Full, faithful : local conditions
- (2) Faithful and injective on object = embedding
- (3) Full + faithful = fully faithful
- fully faithful + injective on object = full embedding

In case of full embedding, image of domain  
= full subcategory of the codomain

Thm 1.5.9.  $F: C \cong D: G \Leftrightarrow F, G$  are full + faithful  
fess, surj.

(under axiom of choice)

Lemma 1.5.10. For  $f: a \rightarrow b$  with  $a \cong a', b \cong b'$   
 $\exists f': a' \rightarrow b'$  st. all arrow in

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a & & a' \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f' \\ b & & b' \end{array}$$

the left square  
makes it commutes

pf) Ex 1.5.iii)

pf of Thm) Let  $f, g: C \rightrightarrows C'$  with  $ff = fg$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccccc} C & \xrightarrow{\eta_C} & GF C & \xleftarrow{\eta_C} & C \\ f \downarrow & \curvearrowright & GF f \downarrow & \curvearrowright & GF g \downarrow \\ C' & \xrightarrow{\eta_{C'}} & GF C' & \xleftarrow{\eta_{C'}} & C' \end{array}$$

with  $GF f = GF g$   
(since  $ff = fg$ )

By 1.5.10, 
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} C & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\eta_C} & GF_C & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\eta_C^{-1}} & C \\ f \downarrow & & & & \downarrow g \\ C' & \xrightarrow[\eta_{C'}]{\cong} & GF_{C'} & \xrightarrow[\eta_{C'}^{-1}]{\cong} & C' \end{array}$$
 commutes

$\Rightarrow g = f. \Rightarrow F$  is faithful.

(So is  $G$  by applying same argument on  $FG$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  "by symmetry".)

Let  $g \in D(F_C, F_{C'})$

$f := \eta_{C'}^{-1}(Gg) \eta_C \in (CC, C')$

$\Rightarrow$  
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} GF_C & \xrightarrow[\eta_C^{-1}]{\eta_C} & C & \xrightarrow{\eta_C} & GF_C \\ GFf \downarrow & \cong & f \downarrow & \cong & \downarrow Gg \\ GF_{C'} & \xrightarrow[\eta_{C'}^{-1}]{\eta_{C'}} & C' & \xrightarrow{\eta_{C'}} & GF_{C'} \end{array}$$
 commutes from equivalence and def of  $f$  and  $g$ .

$\Rightarrow Gg = GFf$ . From  $G$  is faithful,

$g = Ff \Rightarrow F$  is full.

Now, for  $d \in D$ ,  $\varepsilon_d : FGd \xrightarrow{\cong} d$

$\Rightarrow F$  is essentially surjective.

By symmetry,  $G$  is also full and ess. sur.

Conversely let  $F: C \rightarrow D$  full, faithful, and ess. sur. Want to construct  $G: D \rightarrow C$  equiv.

By axiom of choice and essential surj.

$$\forall d \in D, \exists c \in C \text{ st. } d \cong Fc$$

$$\text{Let } Gd := c \Rightarrow \varepsilon_d: d \cong FGd$$

Then, given  $f \in D(d, d')$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{We have } FGd & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_d} & d \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow f \\ FGd' & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{d'}} & d' \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{Let } g = \varepsilon_{d'}^{-1} f \varepsilon_d \Rightarrow \text{diagram commutes}$$

Then, from  $F$  is fully faithful,  $\exists h \in C(FGd, FGd')$  st.  $Fh = g$ . Let  $Gf := h$

Hence, by this definition

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FGd & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_d} & d \\ FGf \downarrow & \cap & \downarrow f \\ FGd' & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{d'}} & d' \end{array} \Rightarrow \varepsilon_{d'} \circ FGf = f \circ \varepsilon_d$$

Claim 1:  $G$  is functorial.

For first condition,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 FGd & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_d} & d & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_d^{-1}} & FGd \\
 \downarrow FG I_d & \curvearrowright & \downarrow I_d & \curvearrowright & \downarrow F(I_{Gd}) \\
 FGd & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_d} & d & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_d^{-1}} & FGd
 \end{array}$$

① commutes by definition of  $G I_d$ .

② " functoriality of  $F$ .

$$\Rightarrow FG I_d = F(I_{Gd}) \Rightarrow G(I_d) = I_{Gd} \text{ by faithfulness of } F.$$

For second condition,

$$\text{let } f: d \rightarrow d', \quad f': d' \rightarrow d''$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Rightarrow FGd & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_d} & d & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_d^{-1}} & FGd \\
 \downarrow GF & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow F(Gf) \\
 FG(f'f) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{f'f}} & f'f & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{f'f}^{-1}} & FGd' \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow f' & & \downarrow F(Gf') \\
 FGd'' & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{d''}} & d'' & \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon_{d''})^{-1}} & FGd''
 \end{array}$$

commutes by definition of  $G(f'f)$ ,  $G(f')$ , and  $Gf$ .  
 (We define these to commute such diagram)



$$\Rightarrow FG(f'f) = F(G(f')) \cdot F(G(f)) \\ = F(G(f')G(f))$$

$$\Rightarrow G(f'f) = G(f')G(f) \\ \text{by faithfulness of } F.$$

$\Rightarrow G$  is functor.

Claim 2:  $\eta: 1_C \Rightarrow GF$  is natural iso.

Define  $\eta_C$  is preimage of  $\epsilon_{F_C}^{-1}$  by  $F$ .

(It is well-def since  $F$  is fully faithful.)

i.e.  $F\eta_C = \epsilon_{F_C}^{-1}$ , for any  $f: C \rightarrow C'$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_C & \xrightarrow{F\eta_C} FG F_C & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{F_C}} F_C \\ \downarrow Ff & \textcircled{1} \quad FG Ff \downarrow & \textcircled{2} \quad \downarrow Ff \\ F_{C'} & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{\eta_{C'}}} FG F_{C'} & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{F_{C'}}} F_{C'} \end{array}$$

② Commutes by naturality of  $\epsilon$ .

Since  $\epsilon$  is natural iso, ① also commutes.

$$\Rightarrow FGFf \circ F\eta_C = \epsilon_{\eta_{C'}} \circ F_C f = F\eta_{C'} \circ Ff$$

(Reverse - >)

$$\Rightarrow F(GFf \circ \eta_C) = F(\eta_{C'} \circ f)$$

$\Rightarrow GFf \circ \eta_C = \eta_{C'} \circ f$  by faithfulness of  $F$ .  
and by Ex 1.5 iv,  $\eta_C, \eta_{C'}$  are iso  $\Rightarrow \eta$  is natural iso.  $\square$

Corollary 1.5.11.  $\text{Mat}_K \cong \text{Vect}_K^{\text{fd}}$  for any field  $K$ .

Pf.)  $\text{Mat}_K \xrightleftharpoons[\text{basis}]{\text{fd}} \text{Vect}_K \xrightleftharpoons[\text{fd}]{\text{basis}} \text{Vect}_K^{\text{fd}}$

Those are ess sur, full, and faithful.

(full: set of matrix  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{bijection}}$  all lin transf of given basis  
 faithful  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{bijection}}$   $\text{Id}$  (transf.))

(ess surj: objects are 1-1 corresp.)

Def) Category is connected if  $\forall x, y \in C$   
 $x, y$  connected by a finite zig-zag  
 morphisms.

Prop 1.5.12 Any connected groupoid is equal to  
 automorphism gp of any of its objects  
 as a category.

2.)  $G$ : groupoid. Fix  $g \in \text{Obj } G$ .

Let  $H = G(g, g)$ .

$\Rightarrow BG \xrightleftharpoons[\cdot]{\cdot} G$  is fully faithful since  
 $BG(\cdot, \cdot) \cong G(g, g)$  by def.  
 $\emptyset \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \xrightarrow{\quad} g \\ \cdot \xrightarrow{\quad} \downarrow \alpha \\ \cdot \xrightarrow{\quad} g \end{bmatrix}$  and ess, surj.  
 (Groupoid is connected,  $\Rightarrow$  every pair of objects is isomorphic.)  
 (all  $\text{mor} = \text{Iso}$ )

Cor 1.5.13.  $X$ : path-connected.  
 $x$ : base pt of  $X$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1(X, x)$$

Pf) Let  $\pi_1(X)$ : fundamental groupoid

By prop 1.5.12, for any  $x, x' \in X$

$$\pi_1(X, x) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X) \xleftarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X, x')$$

This gives  $\pi_1(X, x) \cong \pi_1(X, x')$

Claim:  $C \cong D$  with  $C, D$ : 1 object category  
 $\Rightarrow C \cong D$  as a group. i.e.  $C, D$  are group.

Pf) Let  $F: C \rightarrow D$  be equivalence

$\Rightarrow C(\cdot, \cdot) \cong D(\cdot, \cdot)$  as bijection.

By 1.3.ii) Exercise,  $F$  is gp homo.  
on  $C(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $D(\cdot, \cdot)$

From bijection,  $F$  is bijective homo.

$\Rightarrow$  Gp Isomorphism

$\Rightarrow C \cong D$  as a group.

(Moreover  $C \cong D$  as category since  
gp is o  $F^{-1}$  induces a functor st.  $I_C = F F^{-1}$   
 $I_D = F^{-1} F$ )

Zen 1.5.14  $\text{Top}_*^{\text{pc}}$  : path cony spaces

$$\pi_1 : \text{Top}_*^{\text{pc}} \xrightarrow{\pi_1} \text{Group} \hookrightarrow \text{Cat}$$

$$\Pi_1 : \text{Top}_*^{\text{pc}} \xrightarrow{U} \text{Top} \xrightarrow{\Pi_1} \text{Groupoid} \hookrightarrow \text{Cat}.$$

Inclusion of  $\pi_1(x, x) \leq \Pi_1(Y)$  gives

Natural transformation  $\pi_1 \Rightarrow \Pi_1$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1(x, x) \hookrightarrow \pi_1(x) & & \\ \pi_1(f) \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \Pi_1(f) \\ \pi_1(Y, y) \hookrightarrow \pi_1(Y) & & \end{array} \right)$$

And this inclusion is a functor.

Moreover, " is equivalence of categories

since fully faithful (as 1 obj subcategory)

and ess. surj. (from connected groupoid)

However,  $\Pi_1(Y) \rightarrow \pi_1(x, x)$  inverse equivalence requires axiom of choice for its construction.

(In this case,  $\forall p \in X$ , choose a path  $p \rightarrow x$ )

And these chosen paths ( $p \rightarrow x$ ) need not be preserved by morphism in  $\text{Top}_*^{\text{pc}}$ .

Def 1.5.15  $C$ : Category is skeletal

if it contains 1-object in each isomorphism class.  
 $sk C$ : a skeletal category equiv to  $C$   
(Unique up to iso)

Rem 1.5.16

$sk C$  construction: Choose 1 object in each iso class and  $sk C$ : full subcategory of  $C$  having these objects.

By thm 1.5.9,  $sk C \hookrightarrow C$  is full (by def) and faithful (by construction) and ess surj. by choice of representative of iso class.  
 $\Rightarrow sk C \cong C$ .

But  $sk(-) : CAT \rightarrow CAT$  is not a functor.

since  $sk(F)$  may not be a functor.

$$(ex) \quad C: \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & 1 \cong 2 \\ 0 & & 1 \end{array} \quad F: \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & 2 \\ 2 & \longrightarrow & 1 \end{array}$$

$$sk C: \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & & 1 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow sk F := F|_{sk C}$  sends 1 to 2 but 2 is not in  $sk C$ .

Ex 15.17)

(i)  $G$ : Connected Groupoid.

$$\Rightarrow \text{sk } G = G(g, g) \quad (\text{by construction})$$

(ii)  $\text{sk}(P, \geq) = \text{poset!}$  (since we delete any isomorphic but not equal one)  
 $\uparrow$  preorder

(iii)  $\text{sk}(\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}^{\text{fd}}) \cong \text{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}}$

(every v.s with same dim is isomorphic)

(iv)  $\text{sk Fin iso}$  (Fin iso: obj: finite set  
 Mor: bijection)

= obj: positive integer

Mor:  $\text{Hom}(n, n) = S_n$  permutation of  $n$ .

$\text{Hom}(n, m) = \emptyset$  if  $m \neq n$ .

Ex 15.18

$X: BG \rightarrow \text{Set}$  : a left  $G$ -set.

Translation Groupoid:  $T_G X$  : obj:  $X(\cdot) \in \text{Set}^G$

Mor:  $g: x \rightarrow y$   
 if  $\exists g \in G$  s.t.

$\Rightarrow \text{sk } T_G X$  : Obj: connected components in  $T_G X$   
 i.e. orbit of  $G$ -action.

Mor: for two distinct orbit,  $\emptyset$ .

Let  $x \in X$ ,  $O_x$ : orbit of  $x$

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{sk } T_G X}(O_x, O_x) \cong \text{Hom}_{T_G X}(x, x) =: G_x$$

$\uparrow$

from  $\text{sk } T_G X \cong T_G X$  equivalence.  
 $\Rightarrow$  fully faithful

i.e.,  $\text{Hom}_{\text{sk } T_G X}(O_x, O_x)$  is stabilizer  $G_x$  of  $x$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Any pair in the same orbit should have  
Isomorphic stabilizer.

Also, for any fixed  $x \in X$ , it has disjoint union

$$\bigcup_{y \in O_x} \text{Hom}_{T_G X}(x, y) = G$$

Since  $|\text{Hom}_{T_G X}(x, y)| = |G_x| \quad \forall y$ ,

$$|O_x| \cdot |G_x| = |G|.$$

$\therefore$  orbit-stabilizer Thm.

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Def)  $C$ : essentially small  $\Rightarrow C \cong D$ ,  $D$  is small category

$C$ : " discrete  $\Rightarrow C \cong D$ ,  $D$  is discrete category

$C$  : locally small,  $D \simeq C \Rightarrow D$  is locally small  
 groupoid  $\Rightarrow$  " groupoid.  
 "  $\Rightarrow D^{op} \simeq C^{op}$

$$C \simeq D, \quad C' \simeq D' \Rightarrow C \times C' \simeq D \times D'$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \exists f: x \rightarrow y \in C \text{ iso.} \\ F: C \simeq D \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow Ff \text{ is iso.}$$

$F: C \rightarrow D$  fully faithful.

Then "Essential image" of  $F$   
 = full subcategory of objects isomorphic to  
 some  $Fc$  for  $c \in C$ .