

**2016/17 MPhil ACS / CST Part III**  
**Category Theory and Logic (L108)**  
**Exercise Sheet 6**

1. [5/30 marks] Recall (from Lecture 2) that a pre-ordered set  $(P, \leq_P)$  can be regarded as a category whose objects are the elements of  $P$  and whose morphism sets  $P(x, x')$  contain at most one element and do so iff  $x \leq_P x'$ . Note that given two pre-ordered sets  $(P, \leq_P)$  and  $(Q, \leq_Q)$ , a functor  $F : P \rightarrow Q$  is the same thing as a monotone function.
  - (a) Given two such functors  $F, G : P \rightarrow Q$ , how many natural transformations are there from  $F$  to  $G$ ?
  - (b) Given monotone functions  $F : P \rightarrow Q$  and  $G : Q \rightarrow P$ , give a property of  $F$  and  $G$  which ensures that, regarding them as functors,  $G$  is right adjoint to  $F$ .
2. [5/30 marks] Recall that **Pre** denotes the category of pre-ordered sets and monotone functions. For each set  $X$ , let  $(\text{Pow } X, \subseteq) \in \text{obj } \mathbf{Pre}$  be the set of all subsets of  $X$  partially ordered by inclusion. Given a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , let  $f^{-1} : \text{Pow } Y \rightarrow \text{Pow } X$  be the function that maps each subset  $B \subseteq Y$  to the subset  $f^{-1}B \triangleq \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in B\} \subseteq X$ .
  - (a) Show that  $f^{-1}$  is a monotone function and hence gives a morphism  $(\text{Pow } Y, \subseteq) \rightarrow (\text{Pow } X, \subseteq)$  in **Pre**.
  - (b) Regarding  $f^{-1}$  as a functor as in question (1), show that it has both left and right adjoints, given on objects by the following ‘generalized quantifiers’

$$\begin{aligned}\exists_f A &\triangleq \{y \in Y \mid (\exists x \in X) f(x) = y \wedge x \in A\} \\ \forall_f A &\triangleq \{y \in Y \mid (\forall x \in X) f(x) = y \Rightarrow x \in A\}\end{aligned}$$

(for all  $A \in \text{Pow } X$ ). [Hint: use your answer to question 1b.]

3. [10/30 marks] A category **C** has *pullbacks* if for every pair of **C**-morphisms with a common codomain,  $Y \xrightarrow{f} X \xleftarrow{g} Z$ , there is an object  $Y \times_f Z$  and morphisms  $p, q$  making the following diagram commute in **C** (that is,  $f \circ p = g \circ q$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y \times_f Z & \xrightarrow{q} & Z \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array} \quad (1)$$

and with the following universal property:

For all  $Y \xleftarrow{h} W \xrightarrow{k} Z$  in **C** with  $f \circ h = g \circ k$ , there is a unique morphism  $\ell \in \mathbf{C}(W, Y \times_f Z)$

$Z$ ) satisfying  $p \circ \ell = h$  and  $q \circ \ell = k$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 W & & & & \\
 \swarrow \ell & & k & \searrow & \\
 Y \times_g Z & \xrightarrow{q} & Z & & \\
 \downarrow p & & \downarrow g & & \\
 Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X & & 
 \end{array}
 \quad (2)$$

- (a) Show that  $\mathbf{C}$  has pullbacks iff for all  $X \in \text{obj } \mathbf{C}$  the slice category  $\mathbf{C}/X$  has binary products (cf. Exercise Sheet 4, question 6).
- (b) Show that if  $\mathbf{C}$  has a terminal object and pullbacks, then it has binary products.
- (c) Suppose  $\mathbf{C}$  has pullbacks. Given  $f \in \mathbf{C}(Y, X)$ , show that the mapping

$$f^* : \begin{array}{c} Z \\ \downarrow g \\ X \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c} Y \times_g Z \\ \downarrow p \\ Y \end{array}$$

is the object part of a functor  $f^* : \mathbf{C}/X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}/Y$  between slice categories.

- (d) Show that the functor  $f^*$  in part (c) always has a left adjoint  $f_! : \mathbf{C}/Y \rightarrow \mathbf{C}/X$ , which on objects sends  $(W, h) \in \text{obj}(\mathbf{C}/Y)$  to  $f_!(W, h) \triangleq (W, f \circ h) \in \text{obj}(\mathbf{C}/X)$ .
4. [10/30 marks] A functor  $F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  is said to *preserve binary products* if whenever

$$X \xleftarrow{\pi_1} P \xrightarrow{\pi_2} Y \quad (3)$$

is a product in  $\mathbf{C}$  for the objects  $X$  and  $Y$ , then

$$F(X) \xleftarrow{F(\pi_1)} F(P) \xrightarrow{F(\pi_2)} F(Y)$$

is a product in  $\mathbf{D}$  for the objects  $F(X)$  and  $F(Y)$ .

- (a) Show that the Yoneda functor  $y : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbf{C}^{\text{op}}}$  (from Lectures 15 & 16) preserves binary products.
- (b) Give an example of categories  $\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}$  and a functor  $F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  for which  $\mathbf{C}$  has all binary products, but  $F$  does not preserve all of them.