

2016/17 MPhil ACS / CST Part III
Category Theory and Logic (L108)
Exercise Sheet 2

1. Let \mathbf{C} be a category with binary products.

(a) For morphisms $f \in \mathbf{C}(X, Y)$, $g_1 \in \mathbf{C}(Y, Z_1)$ and $g_2 \in \mathbf{C}(Y, Z_2)$, show that

$$\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle \circ f = \langle g_1 \circ f, g_2 \circ f \rangle \in \mathbf{C}(X, Z_1 \times Z_2) \quad (1)$$

(b) For morphisms $f_1 \in \mathbf{C}(X_1, Y_1)$ and $f_2 \in \mathbf{C}(X_2, Y_2)$, define

$$f_1 \times f_2 \triangleq \langle f_1 \circ \pi_1, f_2 \circ \pi_2 \rangle \in \mathbf{C}(X_1 \times X_2, Y_1 \times Y_2) \quad (2)$$

For any $g_1 \in \mathbf{C}(Z, X_1)$ and $g_2 \in \mathbf{C}(Z, X_2)$, show that

$$(f_1 \times f_2) \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle = \langle f_1 \circ g_1, f_2 \circ g_2 \rangle \in \mathbf{C}(Z, Y_1 \times Y_2) \quad (3)$$

(c) Show that the operation $f_1, f_2 \mapsto f_1 \times f_2$ defined in part (1b) satisfies

$$(h_1 \times h_2) \circ (k_1 \times k_2) = (h_1 \circ k_1) \times (h_2 \circ k_2) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{id}_X \times \text{id}_Y = \text{id}_{X \times Y} \quad (5)$$

2. Let \mathbf{C} be a category with binary products ($_ \times _$) and a terminal object (\top). Given objects $X, Y, Z \in \mathbf{C}$, construct isomorphisms

$$\alpha_{X,Y,Z} : X \times (Y \times Z) \cong (X \times Y) \times Z \quad (6)$$

$$\lambda_X : \top \times X \cong X \quad (7)$$

$$\rho_X : X \times \top \cong X \quad (8)$$

$$\tau_{X,Y} : X \times Y \cong Y \times X \quad (9)$$

3. A *pairing* for a monoid (M, \cdot, e) consists of elements $p_1, p_2 \in M$ and a binary operation $\langle _, _ \rangle : M \times M \rightarrow M$ satisfying for all $x, y, z \in M$

$$p_1 \cdot \langle x, y \rangle = x \quad (10)$$

$$p_2 \cdot \langle x, y \rangle = y \quad (11)$$

$$\langle p_1, p_2 \rangle = e \quad (12)$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \cdot z = \langle x \cdot z, y \cdot z \rangle \quad (13)$$

Given such a pairing, show that the monoid, when regarded as a one-object category, has binary products.

4. A monoid (M, \cdot_M, e_M) is said to be *abelian* if its multiplication is commutative: $(\forall x, y \in M) x \cdot_M y = y \cdot_M x$.

- (a) If (M, \cdot_M, e_M) is an abelian monoid, show that the functions $m \in \mathbf{Set}(M \times M, M)$ and $u \in \mathbf{Set}(\top, M)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} m(x, y) &= x \cdot_M y & (\text{all } x, y \in M) \\ u(0) &= e_M \end{aligned}$$

determine morphisms in the category **Mon** of monoids, $m \in \mathbf{Mon}(M \times M, M)$ and $u \in \mathbf{Mon}(\top, M)$ (where as usual we just write M for the monoid (M, \cdot_M, e_M) and \top for the terminal monoid $(\top, \cdot_\top, e_\top)$ with \top a one-element set, $\{0\}$ say, $0 \cdot_\top 0 = 0$ and $e_\top = 0$).

Show further that m and u make the monoid M into a “monoid object in the category **Mon**”, in the sense that the following diagrams in **Mon** commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (M \times M) \times M & \xrightarrow{m \times \text{id}} & M \times M \xrightarrow{m} M \\ \downarrow \langle \pi_1 \circ \pi_1, \langle \pi_2 \circ \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle \rangle \cong & & \downarrow \cong \text{id} \\ M \times (M \times M) & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times m} & M \times M \xrightarrow{m} M \end{array} \quad (\text{associativity}) \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \top \times M & \xrightarrow{u \times \text{id}} & M \times M \xrightarrow{m} M \\ \downarrow \pi_2 \cong & & \downarrow \cong \text{id} \\ M & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & M \end{array} \quad (\text{left unit}) \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times \top & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times u} & M \times M \xrightarrow{m} M \\ \downarrow \pi_1 \cong & & \downarrow \cong \text{id} \\ M & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & M \end{array} \quad (\text{right unit}) \quad (16)$$

- (b) Show that every monoid object in the category **Mon** (in the above sense) arises as in (4a). [Hint: if necessary, search the internet for “Eckmann-Hilton argument”.]
5. Let **AbMon** be the category whose objects are abelian monoids (question 4) and whose morphisms, identity morphisms and composition are as in **Mon**.
- (a) Show that the product in **Mon** of two abelian monoids gives their product in **AbMon**.
- (b) Given $M, N \in \mathbf{AbMon}$ define morphisms $i \in \mathbf{AbMon}(M, M \times N)$ and $j \in \mathbf{AbMon}(N, M \times N)$ that make $M \times N$ into a *coproduct* in **AbMon**.
6. The category \mathbf{Set}^ω of ‘sets evolving through discrete time’ is defined as follows:
- Objects are triples $(X, (_)^+, |_|)$, where $X \in \mathbf{Set}$, $(_)^+ \in \mathbf{Set}(X, X)$ and $|_| \in \mathbf{Set}(X, \mathbb{N})$ satisfy for all $x \in X$

$$|x^+| = |x| + 1 \quad (17)$$

[Think of $|x|$ as the instant of time at which x exists and $x \mapsto x^+$ as saying how an element evolves from one instant to the next.]

- Morphisms $f : (X, (-)^+, |\cdot|) \rightarrow (Y, (-)^+, |\cdot|)$ are functions $f \in \mathbf{Set}(X, Y)$ satisfying for all $x \in X$

$$(f x)^+ = f(x^+) \quad (18)$$

$$|f x| = |x| \quad (19)$$

- Composition and identities are as in the category **Set**.

Show that \mathbf{Set}^ω has a terminal object and binary products.

7. Show that the category **Pre** of pre-ordered sets and monotone functions is a cartesian closed category.