

Functors

Definition

Let \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} be categories. A covariant functor F from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D} consists of the following data:

1. for every object $A \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$, an object $F(A) \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{D})$
2. for every morphism $\phi \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$, a morphisms $F(\phi) \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(A), F(B))$

such that $F(1_A) = 1_{F(A)}$ and $F(\phi \circ \psi) = F(\phi) \circ F(\psi)$.

Such a functor is written $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$.

The collection of all such functors is written $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$.

A diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F(A) & \equiv & F(A) \\ \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow F(\phi) & & \downarrow F(\psi \circ \phi) \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F(B) & & \\ \psi \downarrow & & \downarrow F(\psi) & & \\ C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F(C) & \equiv & F(C) \end{array}$$

Definition

A contravariant functor F from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D} is by definition a functor

$$F: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}.$$

Convention

We will adopt the convention that a functor is covariant.

Question

Do we have $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{D}) = \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}})$?