

# Adjunction

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be categories. A pair of functors

$$L: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

$$R: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

form an adjunction if one has a natural bijection

$$\text{Mor}(L(A), B) \simeq \text{Mor}(A, R(B))$$

for all  $A \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $B \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{D})$ . We say that  $L$  is the left adjoint of  $R$ , and  $R$  is the right adjoint of  $L$ .

The naturality of the bijection means; this is an isomorphism between functors in the variables  $A$  and  $B$ .

## Proposition

*For a functor  $F$ , its right adjoint is unique up natural isomorphism if exists.*

## Question

The set of real numbers together with inequalities form a category.  
What is the left adjoint of the inclusion functor  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ?