

Opposite category

Recall that a category \mathcal{C} consists of $\text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and $\text{mor}(\mathcal{C})$. For each morphism ϕ , we have objects $s(\phi)$ and $t(\phi)$, the source and the target. For the moment, let us denote them by $s_{\mathcal{C}}(\phi)$ and $t_{\mathcal{C}}(\phi)$, while the composition by $\circ_{\mathcal{C}}$.

Let us form the opposite category of \mathcal{C} , denoted by \mathcal{C}^{op} , with

$$\text{ob}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}) = \text{ob}(\mathcal{C}), \quad \text{mor}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}) = \text{mor}(\mathcal{C})$$

and for every $\phi \in \text{mor}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})$

$$s_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(\phi) = t_{\mathcal{C}}(\phi)$$

$$t_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(\phi) = s_{\mathcal{C}}(\phi).$$

The composition in \mathcal{C}^{op} satisfies

$$\phi \circ_{\mathcal{C}} \psi = \psi \circ_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} \phi.$$

Question

Compare it with the notion of the opposite group. Is it a special case of an opposite category?