

last time All rings are commutative and have 1

Categories

- objects (\mathcal{C})
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• arrows $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ with source A and target B

such that:

- Arrows $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ and $B \xrightarrow{g} C$ can be composed to make an arrow $A \xrightarrow{gf} B$
and composition is associative
- For every object A , there is a special arrow $1_A \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, A)$
 $A \xrightarrow{1_A} A \xrightarrow{f} B = A \xrightarrow{f} B, \quad B \xrightarrow{g} A \xrightarrow{1_A} A = B \xrightarrow{g} A$

Notation: the collection of all arrows $A \rightarrow B$ is $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$

Examples

- 1) Set : objects are all sets, arrows are all functions
- 2) Grp : groups and group homomorphisms
- 3) Ab : abelian groups and homomorphisms
- 4) Rng : rings and ring homomorphisms
- 5) Top : topological spaces and continuous functions
- 6) R-mod : R-modules and R-module homomorphisms
also known as: $\text{Mod}(R)$ (as $\text{mod}(R) = \text{fg } R\text{-modules}$)

Another example

X partially ordered set

We can regard X as a category

objects $x \in X$

arrows if $x \leq y \Rightarrow \text{Hom}_G(x, y)$ singleton

if $x \not\leq y \Rightarrow \text{Hom}_G(x, y) = \emptyset$

Special types of arrows:

• $f \in \text{Hom}_G(A, B)$ is an iso \equiv isomorphism if there exists $g \in \text{Hom}_G(B, A)$ such that $gf = 1_A$, $fg = 1_B$

• $f \in \text{Hom}_G(B, C)$ is monic or a monomorphism if

$$A \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \end{matrix}} B \xrightarrow{f} C \quad fg_1 = fg_2 \Rightarrow g_1 = g_2$$

• $f \in \text{Hom}_G(A, B)$ is epi or an epimorphism if

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \end{matrix}} C \quad g_1 f = g_2 f \Rightarrow g_1 = g_2$$

functors \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{D} categories.

A covariant functor $F: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a mapping that assigns

- to each object C in \mathcal{B} , an object $F(C)$ in \mathcal{D}

- to each arrow $f \begin{smallmatrix} A \\ \downarrow \\ B \end{smallmatrix}$ in \mathcal{B} , an arrow $\begin{smallmatrix} F(A) \\ \downarrow F(f) \\ F(B) \end{smallmatrix}$ in \mathcal{D}

such that:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad F(1_A) = 1_{F(A)}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad F(fg) = F(f)F(g) \quad \text{for all composable arrows } f, g$$

A Contravariant functor $F: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ flips all arrows:

- to each object C in \mathcal{B} , an object $F(C)$ in \mathcal{D}

- to each arrow $f \begin{smallmatrix} A \\ \downarrow \\ B \end{smallmatrix}$ in \mathcal{B} , an arrow $\begin{smallmatrix} F(A) \\ \uparrow F(f) \\ F(B) \end{smallmatrix}$ in \mathcal{D}

such that:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad F(1_A) = 1_{F(A)}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad F(fg) = F(g)F(f)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \begin{matrix} A \\ g \downarrow \\ B \\ f \downarrow \\ C \end{matrix} & \rightsquigarrow \\ & \begin{matrix} F(A) \\ \uparrow F(g) \\ F(B) \\ \uparrow F(f) \\ F(C) \end{matrix} & \end{array}$$

A contravariant functor $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$

a covariant functor $\mathcal{G}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$

where \mathcal{G}^{op} is a category obtained from \mathcal{G} by flipping all the arrows

so an arrow $f: A \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{G} \equiv an arrow $f: B \rightarrow A$ in \mathcal{G}^{op}

Examples of functors

① Forgetful functor

$\text{Grp} \rightarrow \text{Set}$: forgets the group structure

$R\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{Set}$: forgets the $R\text{-mod}$ structure

② Identity functor $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$

③ Localization Fix ring R , multiplicative subset $W \ni 1$

$w^{-1}: R\text{-mod} \rightarrow w^{-1}R\text{-mod}$

$M \longmapsto w^{-1}M$

$f: M \rightarrow N \longmapsto w^{-1}f: w^{-1}M \rightarrow w^{-1}N \quad \begin{matrix} w^{-1}M \\ \downarrow w^{-1}f \\ w^{-1}N \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{m} \\ \downarrow \\ f(m) \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \frac{m}{w} \\ \downarrow \\ \frac{f(m)}{w} \end{matrix}$

Special types of functors: \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{D} locally small. $F: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is

- faithful $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, B) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(A), F(B))$ all injective
- full $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, B) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(A), F(B))$ all surjective
- fully faithful full and faithful
- embedding fully faithfully and injective on objects

A subcategory \mathcal{G} of \mathcal{D} is full if for all objects A, B in \mathcal{G}

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, B) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(A, B).$$

Equivalently, the inclusion functor $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is full

Examples

- ① Ab is a full subcategory of Grp
- ② The forgetful functor $R\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ is faithful, not full.

$F, G: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ functors

A natural transformation $\eta: F \Rightarrow G$ is a mapping

$$\text{object } c \in \mathcal{G} \mapsto \eta_c \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(c), G(c))$$

such that

for all arrows $f \begin{smallmatrix} A \\ \downarrow \\ B \end{smallmatrix}$ in \mathcal{G} \rightsquigarrow

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(A) & \xrightarrow{\gamma_A} & G(A) \\ F(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow G(f) \\ F(B) & \xrightarrow{\gamma_B} & G(B) \end{array}$$

commutes

η is a natural isomorphism if γ_A is an iso for all A .

$\text{Nat}(F, G) :=$ natural transformations from F to G

can construct a functor category $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{G}}$ with:

- objects all functors $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$
- arrows all natural transformations between such functors

Example $\text{Id} : \text{Grp} \rightarrow \text{Grp}$, $ab : \text{Grp} \rightarrow \text{Grp}$

$$G \mapsto G^{ab} = G/[G, G]$$

the mapping $\pi : \text{Id} \Rightarrow ab$ is a natural transformation:

$$G \mapsto \begin{array}{c} G \\ \downarrow \pi_G \\ G^{ab} \end{array} \quad \text{quotient map}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\pi_G} & G^{ab} \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f^{ab} \\ H & \xrightarrow{\pi_H} & H^{ab} \end{array}$$

for all $G \xrightarrow{f} H$
group homomorphism.

Hom functors \mathcal{G} locally small category

the covariant functor

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, -) : \mathcal{G} &\longrightarrow \text{Set} \\ B &\longmapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, B) \\ f \downarrow \begin{matrix} B \\ C \end{matrix} &\longmapsto \begin{matrix} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, B) \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, C) \end{matrix} \ni g \downarrow \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \ni f \circ g \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, f) =: f_*$$

$$A \xrightarrow{g} B$$

$$f_* (g) = fg \rightsquigarrow \begin{matrix} & \downarrow f \\ & C \end{matrix}$$

the contravariant

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(-, B) : \mathcal{G} &\longrightarrow \text{Set} \\ A &\longmapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, B) \\ f \downarrow \begin{matrix} A \\ C \end{matrix} &\longmapsto \begin{matrix} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, B) \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(C, B) \end{matrix} \ni \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \ni \begin{matrix} & \uparrow \\ & g \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(f, B) =: f^*$$

$$f^*(g) = gf \begin{matrix} A & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ \downarrow & & \swarrow \\ B & & \end{matrix}$$

Yoneda lemma \mathcal{G} locally small category

$F: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ covariant functor

Fix an object A in \mathcal{G}

there is a bijection

$$\text{Nat}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, -), F) \xrightarrow{\cong} F(A)$$

this correspondence is natural in both A and F .

Proof $\varphi: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, -) \Rightarrow F$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, A) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_A} & F(A) \\ 1_A & \longmapsto & \varphi_A(1_A) = u \end{array}$$

Set $\delta(\varphi) := \varphi_A(1_A) = u$. Why is δ injective/noninjective?

Fix an arrow $A \xrightarrow{f} x$. φ natural transformation gives

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, A) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, f)} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, x) \\ \varphi_A \downarrow & \downarrow 1_A \xrightarrow{f} & \downarrow \varphi_x \\ F(A) & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & F(x) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\quad} &= \varphi_x \circ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(A, f)(1_A) = \varphi_x(f) \curvearrowright \\ &= F(f) \circ \varphi_A(1_A) = F(f)(u) \curvearrowleft \end{aligned}$$

so:

- φ is completely determined by $\varphi_A(1_A)$:

$$\varphi_x(f) = F(f)(\varphi_A(1_A))$$

so the values of φ are set for any x, f from $\varphi_A(1_A)$

\therefore different choices of $u = \varphi_A(1_A) \Rightarrow$ different φ

$\Rightarrow \delta$ is injective

\therefore given any $u \in F(A)$, setting $\varphi_x(f) = F(f)(u)$
gives a natural transformation φ with $\delta(\varphi) = u$.

$\Rightarrow \delta$ is surjective