

Topos Theory - Exercise Sheet 3

1. Let \mathcal{C} be a small category and $F : \mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ a presheaf. Define the *category of elements of F* to be the category whose objects are pairs (c, x) where $c \in \mathcal{C}$ and $x \in F(c)$. A morphism $(c, x) \rightarrow (d, y)$ is a morphism $f : c \rightarrow d$ such that $F(f)(y) = x$. We will write $\int F$ for this category. Note that there is a canonical projection functor

$$\pi_F : \int F \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

- (a) Show that we have an equivalence of categories

$$\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}} / F \cong \mathbf{Set}^{\int F}$$

We say that presheaf categories are closed under slicing.

- (b) Show that any presheaf F may be recovered as the colimit of the composite

$$\int F \xrightarrow{\pi_F} \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{y} \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$$

- (c) The previous construction can be generalized: suppose we have a functor $G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ to some category \mathcal{E} which has all colimits. Show that we have an induced functor

$$\hat{G} : \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$$

defined by

$$\hat{G}(F) := \operatorname{colim}(G \circ \pi_F)$$

Find a right adjoint for \hat{G} .