

CATEGORIES

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ABSTRACT. Everything about Categories, Category Theory, with applications to (relational) databases and other applications.

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From the section on “Terminology” of the Preface of Barr and Wells (1998) [2]:

“In most scientific disciplines, notation and terminology are standardized, often by an international nomenclature committee. (Would you recognize Einstein’s equation if it said  $p = HU^2$ ?) We must warn the nonmathematician reader that such is not the case in mathematics. There is no standardization body and terminology and notation are individual and often idiosyncratic.”

To try to bridge the difference choice of notation and through comparison, suggest the “best” notation that’s easy to remember and easy to use, I’ll present all the different types of notation that I come across as much as I can.

0.1. **Classes.** From Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5]:

- (1) members of each class are sets
- (2)  $\forall$  “property”  $P$  can form class of all sets with property  $P$   
e.g. **universe** - class of all sets  $\mathcal{U}$
- (3) if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  classes,  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is a class
- (4)  $\forall$  set is a class (equivalently, every member of a set is a set)  
**proper classes** - classes that aren’t sets  
 $\implies$  proper classes cannot be members of any class

proper classes examples:

- universe  $\mathcal{U}$
- class of all vector spaces
- class of all topological spaces
- class of all automata are proper classes

- (4)  $\implies$  *Axiom of Replacement*
- (5)  $\nexists$  surjection from set to proper class

1. CATEGORIES

**Definition 1** (Category). Using the notation of Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5]:  
**category**  $\mathbf{C}$  is quadruple  $\mathbf{C} = (\text{Ob}, \text{hom}, 1, \circ)$  consisting of  
class  $\text{Ob}$ ,  $\text{Ob}$  collection, whose members are objects,  $A, B, C \in \text{Ob}$ ,  
 $\forall (A, B), A, B \in \text{Ob}$ ,  $\text{hom}(A, B)$  collection of morphisms/arrows  
 $\forall f \in \text{hom}(A, B), f : A \rightarrow B$   
 $\forall A \in \text{Ob}, \exists$  identity morphism/arrow,  $1_A : A \rightarrow A$  s.t.

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(a) *composition* :  $\forall A, B, C \in \text{Ob}, f : A \rightarrow B$ , then  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$   
 $g : B \rightarrow C$

(b) associativity  $\begin{array}{l} f : A \rightarrow B \\ g : B \rightarrow C \\ h : C \rightarrow D \end{array}$  then  $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$

(c) if  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $1_B \circ f = f = f \circ 1_A$

In my notation,  
category  $\mathbf{A}$  is quadruple  $\mathbf{A} = (\text{Obj}(\mathbf{A}), \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}, 1, \circ)$  s.t.

- (1)  $A \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{A})$  is called an *object*
- (2)  $\text{Mor}\mathbf{A} = \bigcup_{\text{Hom}(A,B) \in \mathbf{A}} \text{Hom}(A, B)$ ,  $f : A \rightarrow B \in \text{Hom}(A, B)$  is a *morphism*
- (3)  $\forall A \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $\exists 1_A : A \rightarrow A$

(4)  $\forall f : A \rightarrow B \in \text{Hom}(A, B)$ ,  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C \in \text{Hom}(A, C)$  s.t.  
 $g : B \rightarrow C \in \text{Hom}(B, C)$

- (a) *associativity*  $\forall \begin{array}{l} f : A \rightarrow B \\ g : B \rightarrow C \\ h : C \rightarrow D \end{array}, h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$
- (b)  $\forall f : A \rightarrow B \in \text{Hom}(A, B)$ ,  $1_B \circ f = f$  and  $f \circ 1_A = f$
- (c)  $\text{Hom}(A, B) \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}$  pairwise disjoint (i.e.  $\text{Hom}(A, B) \cap \text{Hom}(C, D) \neq \emptyset$  if  $C \neq A$  or  $D \neq B$ )

### 1.1. Examples.

- $\text{Set} = (\text{Ob}_{\text{Set}}, \text{hom}_{\text{Set}}, 1, \circ)$  where  
 $\text{Ob}_{\text{Set}}$  is the class of all sets  
 $\text{hom}_{\text{Set}}$  is the class of all functions on a set to another set
- $\text{Vec}$

$\text{ObjVec} \equiv$  all real vector spaces  
 $\text{MorVec} \equiv$  all linear transformations between them (between real vector spaces)

- **Monoid.** Consider a monoid as a triple  $(M, \cdot, e)$ .  
Every semigroup  $(M, \cdot)$  (recall that a *semigroup* is a set  $S$  with binary operation  $\cdot$ , i.e. s.t.

$S \times S \rightarrow S$   
 $\forall a, b, c \in S, (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$  (associativity)  
(but no inverse, necessarily!)) that also has a unit  $e$  can be made into a category  $\mathbf{C}$   
 $\implies \mathbf{C}(M, \cdot, e) = (\text{Ob}, \text{hom}, 1, \circ)$ , a category  $\mathbf{C}$  with only 1 object, i.e.  $\text{Ob} = \{M\}$ , so that  
 $\text{hom}(M, M) = M$   
 $1_M = e$   
 $y \circ x = y \cdot x$

## 2. DUALITY

Given a category  $\mathbf{A} = (\text{Ob}, \text{hom}_{\mathbf{A}}, 1, \circ)$ ,

**Definition 2** (dual opposite category). **dual** or **opposite** category of  $\mathbf{A}$ , denoted  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}$ , is

(1)  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}} = (\text{Ob}, \text{hom}_{\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}}, 1, \circ^{\text{op}})$

s.t.

$$\text{hom}_{\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}}(A, B) = \text{hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(B, A)$$

$$f \circ^{\text{op}} g = g \circ f$$

i.e.

$\forall$  category  $\mathbb{A} = (\text{Obj}(\mathbf{A}), \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}, 1, \circ)$ ,

**dual** (or opposite) category of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}} = (\text{Obj}(\mathbf{A}), \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}, 1, \circ^{\text{op}})$  where  $\forall \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}}(A, B) \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}}(A, B) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(B, A)$  and

$$f \circ^{\text{op}} g = g \circ f$$

e.g. if  $\mathbf{A} = (M, \cdot, e)$  monoid, then  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}} = (M, \hat{\cdot}, e)$  where  $a \hat{\cdot} b = b \cdot a$

2.0.1. *Example.*

- $\text{Vec}^{\text{op}}$

$$\text{Vec}^{\text{op}} = (\text{Obj}(\text{Vec}), \text{Hom}_{\text{Vec}^{\text{op}}}, 1, \circ^{\text{op}})$$

s.t.

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Vec}^{\text{op}}}(W, V) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Vec}}(V, W)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} U & \xrightarrow{f} & V & \xrightarrow{g} & W \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & g \circ f & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} U & \xleftarrow{f} & V & \xleftarrow{g} & W \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & f \circ^{\text{op}} g & & \end{array}$$

## 3. FUNCTORS

**Definition 3** (Functors). **(covariant) functor**

$$F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$$

if  $\forall C \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$ , then  $F(C) \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbf{D}}$   
s.t.  $\forall f \in \text{hom}_{\mathbf{C}}$ , say  $f \in \text{hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(B, C)$   
 $F(f) \in \text{hom}_{\mathbf{D}}(F(B), F(C))$   
and s.t.  
 $F(1_{\mathbf{C}}) = 1_{F(C)}$

$A, B, C \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$ ,  $f : A \rightarrow C$ , so  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$   
 $g : B \rightarrow C$

then  $F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$

i.e.

$$\mathbf{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathbf{D}$$

if

$$C \xrightarrow{F} F(C)$$

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s.t.

$$B \xrightarrow{f} C \implies F(B) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(C)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{f} B & \xrightarrow{g} C \\
& \searrow & \nearrow \\
& g \circ f & 
\end{array}
\quad \Longrightarrow \quad
\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & F(f) & & F(g) \\
& & \xrightarrow{\quad} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} \\
F(A) & & F(B) & & F(C) \\
& \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
& F(g \circ f) & & & 
\end{array}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\
\downarrow F & & \downarrow F \\
F(B) & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & F(C)
\end{array}$$
  

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & g \circ f & & \\
& \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
A & \xrightarrow{f} B & \xrightarrow{g} C & & \\
\downarrow F & & \downarrow F & & \downarrow F \\
F(A) & \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(B) & \xrightarrow{F(g)} F(C) & & \\
& \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
& F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f) & & & 
\end{array}$$

**Definition 4.** (*contravariant*) functor  $F$  is s.t.

$$(2) \quad \mathbf{C}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{F} \mathbf{D}$$

so that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\
\downarrow F & & \downarrow F \\
F(B) & \xleftarrow{F(f)} & F(C)
\end{array}$$

**Definition 5** (covariant hom-functor).  $\forall$  *locally small category*  $\mathbf{C}$  (i.e.  $\text{hom}_{\mathbf{C}}$  is actually a set and not a proper class),  $\forall A \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$ ,  $\exists$  covariant hom-functor  $\text{hom}(A, -) : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  s.t.  $\forall B \xrightarrow{f} C$ ,

$$\text{hom}(A, -)(f) = \text{hom}(A, B) \xrightarrow{\text{hom}(A, f)} \text{hom}(A, C)$$

where  $\text{hom}(A, f)(g) = f \circ g$

i.e.  $\forall X, Y \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}, \forall X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ ,

then

$$\text{hom}(A, -)(f) = \text{hom}(A, f)$$

$$\text{hom}(A, X) \xrightarrow{\text{hom}(A, f)} \text{hom}(A, Y)$$

and

$$g \longmapsto f \circ g \quad \text{with } g \in \text{hom}(A, X)$$

$M$ -set is a covariant hom-functor on a monoid  $\mathbf{C}(M, \cdot, e) \equiv \mathbf{C}(M)$ ,  $M$  a monoid, i.e. the category that is the domain that the covariant hom-functor maps from is a monoid (category).

**Definition 6** (forgetful functor).  $\forall$  constructs (i.e. categories)

- $\text{Vec}$
- $\text{Grp}$
- $\text{Top}$
- $\text{Rel}$

$\exists U : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  s.t.

$U(A)$  is underlying set

$U(f) = f$  is underlying function

**Definition 7.** given functor  $F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ , **dual functor** or **opposite functor**  $F^{\text{op}} : \mathbf{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}^{\text{op}}$  is given by

$\forall f : A \rightarrow A', f \in \text{Hom}(A, A')$ ,

$$F^{\text{op}}f = Ff$$

$Ff : FA \rightarrow FA', Ff \in \text{Hom}(FA, FA')$

3.0.2. *Examples.*

- **duality functor for vector spaces**  $(*) : \text{Vec}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Vec}$   
 associates  $\forall$  vector space  $V$  its dual  $V^*$  (i.e. vector space  $\text{Hom}(V, \mathbb{R})$  with operations defined pointwise),  
 associates  $\forall V \xrightarrow{f} W, f \in \text{MorVec}^{\text{op}}$ ,  
 i.e.  $\forall$  linear map  $W \xrightarrow{f} V$ ,  
 morphism  $f^* : V^* \rightarrow W^*$  defined by  
 $f^*(g) = g \circ f$  i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Vec}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{(*)} & \text{Vec} \\
\\ 
V & \xmapsto{(*)} & V^* \\
\\ 
\begin{array}{ccc}
W & \xrightarrow{f} & V \\
\downarrow (*) & & \downarrow (*) \\
W^* & \xleftarrow{f^*} & V^*
\end{array}
\end{array}$$

3.1. **Functor properties.**

**Definition 8.** Let  $F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be a functor.

(1)  $F$  **embedding** if  $F$  is injective on morphisms ( $\forall f \in \text{Mor}_{\mathbf{A}}$ , if  $F(f) = F(g)$ , then  $f = g$ )  
 $g \in \text{Mor}_{\mathbf{B}}$

(2)  $F$  **faithful** if  $\forall$  hom-set restrictions,

$$F : \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(A, A') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(FA, FA')$$

are injective

- (3)  $F$  **full** if all hom-set restrictions are surjective
- (4)  $F$  **amnesitic** if  $Ff = 1_{\mathbf{B}}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$ -isomorphism  $f = 1_{\mathbf{A}}$

So

- (1)  $F$  an embedding iff  $F$  faithful and injective on objects
- (2)  $F$  isomorphism iff  $F$  full, faithful, and bijective on objects

### 3.2. Natural Transformation.

**Definition 9** (Natural transformation). Let functors  $F, G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ .

**natural transformation**  $\tau$  from  $F$  to  $G \equiv \tau : F \rightarrow G$  or  $F \xrightarrow{\tau} G$  is function that assigns  $\forall A \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\tau_A : FA \rightarrow GA$ ,  $\tau_A \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{B}$ , s.t. **naturality condition** holds:

$\forall A \xrightarrow{f} A'$ ,  $f \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FA & \xrightarrow{\tau_A} & GA \\ \downarrow Ff & & \downarrow Gf \\ FA' & \xrightarrow{\tau_{A'}} & GA' \end{array}$$

#### 3.2.1. Examples.

- Let  $(**) : \text{Vec} \rightarrow \text{Vec}$  be **second-dual functor for vector spaces** defined by

$$\text{Vec} \xrightarrow{(**)} \text{Vec} = (\text{Vec}^{\text{op}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(*)^{\text{op}}} \text{Vec}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(*)} \text{Vec}$$

where  $(*)^{\text{op}}$  is the dual of the duality functor for vector spaces.

Then linear transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_V : V &\rightarrow V^{**} \\ (\tau_V(x))(f) &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

yield a natural transformation  $1_{\text{Vec}} \xrightarrow{\tau} (**)$

Indeed, looking at the definition of the natural transformation, for

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Vec} &\xrightarrow{1_{\text{Vec}}} \text{Vec} \\ \text{Vec} &\xrightarrow{(**)} \text{Vec} \end{aligned}$$

$\forall V \in \text{Obj}(\text{Vec})$ ,  $\tau_V : 1_{\text{Vec}}V = V \rightarrow (**)V \equiv V^{**}$ ,  $\tau_V \in \text{MorVec}$ , and

$\forall f : V \rightarrow W$ ,  $f \in \text{MorVec}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\tau_V} & V^{**} \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f^{**} \\ W & \xrightarrow{\tau_W} & W^{**} \end{array}$$

- assignment of Hurewicz homomorphism  $\pi_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X)$  to each topological space  $X$  is a natural transformation from  $n$ th homotopy functor  $\pi_n : \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Grp}$  to  $n$ th homology functor  $H_n : \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Grp}$

$$\pi_n \xrightarrow{\tau} H_n$$

Indeed,  $\forall X \in \text{Obj}(\text{Top})$ ,  $\tau_X : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X)$ ,  $\tau_X \in \text{MorGrp}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \forall X \xrightarrow{\varphi} Y, \varphi \in \text{MorTop}, & & \\ \pi_n(X) & \xrightarrow{\tau_X} & H_n(X) \\ \downarrow \pi_n \circ \varphi & & \downarrow H_n \circ \varphi \\ \pi_n(Y) & \xrightarrow{\tau_Y} & H_n(Y) \end{array}$$

**Definition 10** (Grothendieck construction). Let category  $\mathbf{C}$ , a category of small categories  $\mathcal{CAT}$ ,

Let functor  $F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{CAT}$

Then category  $\Gamma(C)$  (also denoted  $C \int (F)$ ) is  $\Gamma(C) = (\text{Ob}_{\Gamma(F)}, \text{hom}_{\Gamma(F)}, 1, \circ)$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} (C, X) &\in \text{Ob}_{\Gamma(F)}, & C &\in \text{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}} \\ & & X &\in \text{Ob}_{F(C)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$\text{hom}_{\Gamma(F)}((C_1, X_1), (C_2, X_2)) \ni (f, x)$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} f : C_1 &\rightarrow C_2 \in \text{mor}_{\mathbf{C}} := \text{hom}_{\mathbf{C}} \\ x : F(f)(X_1) &\rightarrow X_2 \in \text{mor}_{F(C_2)} := \text{hom}_{F(C_2)} \end{aligned}$$

EY : 20150714, to clarify,  $f \in \text{hom}_{\mathbf{C}}$ , and  $x \in \text{hom}_{F(C_2)}$ ,

and

$$(f, x) \circ (f', x') = (ff', x \circ F(f)(x'))$$

i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & C_2 \\ & \Rightarrow & F(C_1) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(C_2) \\ (C_1, X_1) & \xrightarrow{(f', x')} (C_2, X_2) & \xrightarrow{(f, x)} (C_3, X_3) \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ & (f \circ f', x \circ F(f)(x')) & \end{array}$$

## 4. LIMITS

4.0.2. *Sources*. It appears Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5] defines *sources* to simply give a name and formalize a tuple.

**Definition 11** (source). **source** is a tuple:  $(a, (f_i)_{i \in I})$ ,  $f_i : A \rightarrow A_i$

### 4.1. Products.

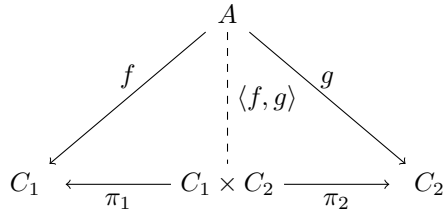
**Definition 12** (Products). (in Turi's notation [4])

Given objects  $C_1, C_2$  of category  $\mathbb{C}$ , **product** (if exists) consists of object  $C_1 \times C_2$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\pi_1 : C_1 \times C_2 \rightarrow C_1$  s.t.

$$\pi_2 : C_1 \times C_2 \rightarrow C_2$$

$\forall$  object  $A$  of  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\forall f : A \rightarrow C_1 \quad \exists! \quad \langle f, g \rangle : A \rightarrow C_1 \times C_2$  s.t.  $f = \pi_1 \circ \langle f, g \rangle$ , i.e.

$$g : A \rightarrow C_2 \quad g = \pi_2 \circ \langle f, g \rangle$$



(compare with Leinster (2014) [3])

Let category  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$ , **product** of  $X, Y$  consists of object  $P$  and maps

(compare this definition with Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5] and their notation)

**product** consisting of

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \times C_2 \times \cdots \times C_{\mathcal{N}} &\in \text{Obj}\mathbf{C} \\ \pi_1 : C_1 \times C_2 \times \cdots \times C_{\mathcal{N}} &\rightarrow C_1 \\ \pi_2 : C_1 \times C_2 \times \cdots \times C_{\mathcal{N}} &\rightarrow C_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \pi_{\mathcal{N}} : C_1 \times C_2 \times \cdots \times C_{\mathcal{N}} &\rightarrow C_{\mathcal{N}} \end{aligned}$$

is s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} &A \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{C} \\ &f_1 : A \rightarrow C_1 \\ \forall &f_2 : A \rightarrow C_2, \\ &\vdots \\ &f_{\mathcal{N}} : A \rightarrow C_{\mathcal{N}} \\ \exists! &\langle f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{\mathcal{N}} \rangle : A \rightarrow C_1 \times C_2 \times \cdots \times C_{\mathcal{N}} \text{ s.t.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= \pi_1 \circ \langle f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{\mathcal{N}} \rangle \\ f_2 &= \pi_2 \circ \langle f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{\mathcal{N}} \rangle \\ &\vdots \\ f_{\mathcal{N}} &= \pi_{\mathcal{N}} \circ \langle f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{\mathcal{N}} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

4.1.1. *Example: Set always has products.*  $\forall$  sets  $X, Y \in \text{Obj}(\text{Set})$ ,  $\exists$  product  $X \times Y \in \text{Obj}(\text{Set})$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Let } A \in \text{Obj}(\text{Set}), f_1 : A \rightarrow X & \text{Define } \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle : A \rightarrow X \times Y \\ f_2 : A \rightarrow Y & \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle(a) = (f_1(a), f_2(a)) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \pi_1 \circ \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle(a) &= f_1(a) & \implies \pi_1 \circ \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle &= f_1 \\ \pi_2 \circ \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle(a) &= f_2(a) & \pi_2 \circ \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle &= f_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } f' : A \rightarrow X \times Y \text{ s.t. } \pi_1 \circ f' &= f_1 \\ \pi_2 \circ f' &= f_2 \end{aligned}$$

Write  $f'(a) = (x, y)$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(a) &= \pi_1 \circ f'(a) = \pi_1(x, y) = x \\ f_2(a) &= \pi_2 \circ f'(a) = \pi_2(x, y) = y \end{aligned} \implies f'(a) = (f_1(a), f_2(a)) = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle(a)$$

$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$  unique.

**Proposition 1.** *If product  $(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{\mathcal{N}} \xrightarrow{\pi_i} A_i)_{i \in I}$ , if  $\exists i_0 \in I$  s.t.  $\text{Hom}(A_{i_0}, A_i) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ , then  $\pi_{i_0}$  retraction*

*Proof.*  $\forall i \in I$ , choose  $f_i \in \text{Hom}(A_{i_0}, A_i)$  with  $f_{i_0} = 1_{A_{i_0}}$ .

Then  $\langle f_i \rangle : A_{i_0} \rightarrow A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{\mathcal{N}}$  is a morphism s.t.

$$\pi_{i_0} \circ \langle f_i \rangle = f_{i_0} = 1_{A_{i_0}}$$

□

Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5] and their notation) calls a **sink** what Leinster (2014) [3] calls a **cocone**.

**Definition 13.** **sink**  $((f_i)_{i \in I}, A) \equiv (f_i, A)_I \equiv (A_i \xrightarrow{f_i} A)_I$ , object  $A$ , family of morphisms  $f_i : A_i \rightarrow A$

For the *coproduct*, consider this enlightening comparison:

product $(\prod_{i \in I} A_i, \pi_j)_{j \in I}$	coproduct $(\mu_j, \coprod_{i \in I} A_i)_{j \in I}$
projection $\pi_j : \prod_{i \in I} A_i \rightarrow A_j$	injection $\mu_j : A_j \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} A_i$

$C \xrightarrow{\langle f, g \rangle} A \times B$	$C \xleftarrow{[f, g]} A + B$
$\prod_{i \in I} f_i$ , or if $i = \{1, 2\}$ , $f \times g$	$\prod_{i \in I} f_i$ , or if $i = \{1, 2\}$ , $f + g$

4.1.2. *Examples (of coproducts).*

- if  $(A_i)_I$  pairwise-disjoint family of sets, then  $(\mu_j, \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i)_{j \in I}$  is coproduct in Set.

If  $(A_i)_I$  arbitrary set-indexed family of sets, then it can be “made disjoint” by pairing each  $A_i$  with index  $i$ , i.e. by working with  $A_i \times \{i\}$  rather than  $A_i$ .

So  $\bigcup_{i \in I} (A_i \times \{i\})$  disjoint. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_j : A_j &\rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \times \{i\} \\ \mu_i(a) &= (a, i) \end{aligned}$$

$(\mu_j, \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \times \{i\})_{j \in I}$  is a coproduct in Set.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Indeed, given } f_j : A_j &\rightarrow A, \\ f_j(a) &\in A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [f_i] : \prod_{i \in I} A_i \times \{i\} &\rightarrow A \\ [f_i] \circ \mu_j &= f_j \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f_j(a) = [f_i] \circ \mu_j(a) = [f_i](a, j) = f_j(a)$$

- Top coproducts are “topological sums”; they’re “concrete” coproducts (Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5])

- Vec (nonconcrete) coproducts called *direct sums*  
direct sum  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$  of vector spaces  $A_i$  is subspace of direct product  $\prod_{i \in I} A_i$  consisting of all elements  $(a_i)_{i \in I}$  with finite carrier (i.e.  $\{i \in I | a_i \neq 0\}$  is finite), injections

$$\mu_j : A_j \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$$

$$\mu_j(a) = (a_i)_{i \in I} \text{ with } a_i = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

- Grp has nonconcrete coproducts, “free products”

Let *diagram* (functor)  $D : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ . (diagram is, technically, exactly the same as a functor (Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5])).

**Definition 14.** **A**-source  $(A \xrightarrow{f_i} D_i)_{i \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$  **natural** for  $D$  if  $\forall i \xrightarrow{d} j, d \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{I}$ , then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & \\ D_i \downarrow & \searrow f_j & \\ D_i & \xrightarrow{Dd} & D_j \end{array}$$

**Definition 15.** **limit** of  $D$  is a natural source  $(L \xrightarrow{l_i} D_i)_{i \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$  for  $D$  with

(universal) property that  $\forall$  natural source  $(A \xrightarrow{f_i} D_i)_{i \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$  for  $D$  uniquely factors through it, i.e.

$\forall$  natural source  $(A \xrightarrow{f_i} D_i)_{i \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$ ,  $\exists!$  morphism  $f : A \rightarrow L$  s.t.  $f_i = l_i \circ f \quad \forall i \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{I})$ .

It may pay to read and compare with other books because I didn’t understand limits the first time reading through Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5]. So compare with Leinster (2014) [3].

*cone* from Leinster (2014) [3] is the same as *source* in Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5]:

**Definition 16.** **cone** on  $D$  (or natural source for  $D$ ),  $A \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{A}$  (vertex of the cone) (i.e. **A**-source),  $(A \xrightarrow{A_I} D(I))_{I \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$  s.t. if  $\forall I \xrightarrow{u} J, u \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{I}$ , then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & \\ f_I \downarrow & \searrow f_J & \\ D(I) & \xrightarrow{Du} & D(J) \end{array}$$

**Definition 17.** **limit** of  $D$  is natural source (or cone)  $(L \xrightarrow{\pi_I} D(I))_{I \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$  s.t.  $\forall$  natural source (or cone) on  $D$ ,

$(A \xrightarrow{f_I} D(I))_{I \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$ ,

$\exists!$  morphism  $f : A \rightarrow L$  s.t.  $f_I = \pi_I \circ f \quad \forall I \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}$ .  $\pi_I$  projections of limit.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & \xleftarrow{f} & A \\ & \searrow \pi_I & \downarrow f_I \\ & & D(I) \end{array}$$

i.e. this commutes:

**Definition 18.** Let diagram (functor)  $D : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ .

Consider functor  $D^{\text{op}} : \mathbf{I}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}$ .

natural sink  $(D(I) \xrightarrow{f_I} A)_{I \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$  for  $D$  s.t.  $\forall I \xrightarrow{d} J, d \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{I}$ , then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ f_I \uparrow & \swarrow f_J & \\ D(I) & \xrightarrow{Dd} & D(J) \end{array}$$

Natural sink of Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5] is the same as the “cocone” of Leinster (2014) [3].

**Definition 19.** **colimit** of  $D$  is natural sink  $(D(I) \xrightarrow{c_I} K)_{I \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$  for  $D$  with (universal) property that

$\forall$  natural sink for  $D$ ,  $(D(I) \xrightarrow{f_I} A)_{I \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}}$ ,  $\exists!$  morphism  $f : K \rightarrow A$  s.t.  $f \circ c_I = f_I \quad \forall I \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{I}$ , i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K & \xrightarrow{f} & A \\ & \swarrow c_I & \uparrow f_I \\ & & D(I) \end{array}$$

#### 4.2. Pullback.

**Definition 20.** For some category **A**, and for

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ & \downarrow t & \\ X & \xrightarrow{s} & Z \end{array}$$

$X, Y, Z \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{A}$ .

$s : X \rightarrow Z ; \quad s, t \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}$

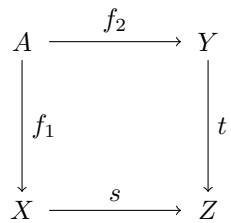
$t : Y \rightarrow Z$

Then the **pullback** or “pullback square” consists of  $P \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\pi_1 : P \rightarrow X$  s.t.

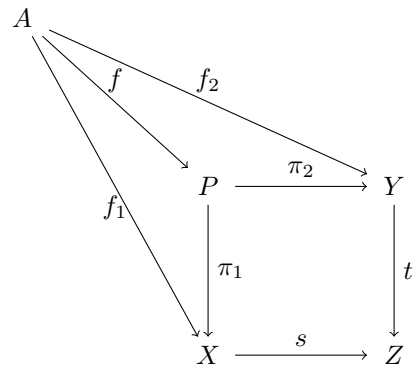
$\pi_2 : P \rightarrow Y$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & Y \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow t \\ X & \xrightarrow{s} & Z \end{array}$$

commutes and s.t.  $\forall$  commutative square in **A**



then  $\exists! f : A \rightarrow P$  s.t.



## 5. ADJOINT

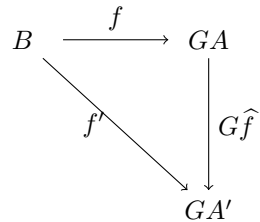
From the section on “Objects and Morphisms with Respect to a Factor” of Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5],

**Definition 21.** Let functor  $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ ,  $B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ .

$G$ -**structured arrow with domain**  $B$  is pair  $(f, A)$ ,  $A \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{A}$ ,  $f : B \rightarrow GA$ ,  $f \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{B}$ .

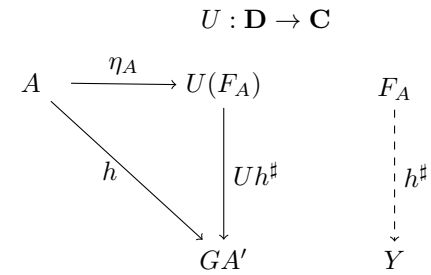
$G$ -structured arrow  $(f, A)$  with domain  $B$  is called

- (1) **generating** provided  $\forall$  pair of  $\mathbf{A}$ -morphism  $r : A \rightarrow A'$ ,  $s : A \rightarrow A'$   $Gr \circ f = Gs \circ f$  implies  $r = s$
- (2) **extremally generating** provided it's generating and if  $A' \xrightarrow{m} A$  is an  $\mathbf{A}$ -monomorphism,  $(g, A')$   $G$ -structured arrow, s.t.  $f = G(m) \circ g$ , then  $m$  is  $\mathbf{A}$ -isomorphism
- (3)  $G$ -**universal for**  $B$  if  $\forall G$ -structured arrow  $(f', A')$  with domain  $B$ ,  $\exists!$   $\mathbf{A}$ -morphism  $A \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} A'$ ,  $f' = G(\hat{f}) \circ f$  i.e. s.t.



commutes.

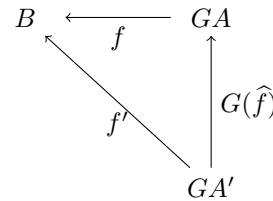
If you're reading Turi [4], then Turi calls  $G$ -universal for  $B$ , “**universal arrow**” from an object  $A$  of  $\mathbf{C}$ : inspection of his diagram immediately confirms that they're talking about the exact same thing (I know, it seems as different mathematicians have different names and notation for the exact same thing):



for  $F_A \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{D}$

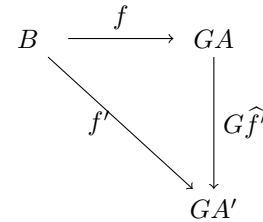
**Definition 22.** Let functor  $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ ; let  $B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ .

- (1)  $G$ -**costructured arrow** with codomain  $B$  is pair  $(A, f)$ ,  $A \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{A}$ ,  $GA \xrightarrow{f} B$ ,  $f \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{B}$ .
- (2)  $G$ -costructured arrow  $(A, f)$  with codomain  $B$  is called  $G$ -**couniversal** for  $B$  if  $\forall G$ -costructured arrow  $(A', f')$  with codomain  $B$ ,  $\exists! A' \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} A$ ,  $\hat{f} \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}$ , s.t.  $f' = f \circ G(\hat{f})$  i.e.



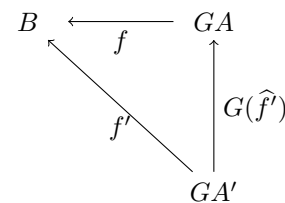
**Definition 23** (adjoint). functor  $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  **adjoint** if  $\forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\exists$   $G$ -universal arrow with domain  $B$ , i.e.

$\forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\exists (f, A)$  with domain  $B$  s.t.  $\forall (f', A')$  with domain  $B$ ,  $\exists! \hat{f}' \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}$  s.t.



**Definition 24** (co-adjoint). functor  $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  **co-adjoint** if  $\forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\exists$   $G$ -co-universal arrow with codomain  $B$ , i.e.

$\forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\exists (A, f)$  with codomain  $B$  s.t.  $\forall (A', f')$  with codomain  $B$ ,  $\exists! \hat{f}' \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}$  s.t.



In section 19 Adjoint situations of Adámek, Herrlich, and Strecker (2004) [5], their Theorem 19.1 is the same as Exercise 3.1 and Theorem 3.1 on pp. 11 of Turi [4], which Turi says is “Important!”

**Theorem 1.** Let adjoint functor  $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ , so (by def. of adjoint),  $\forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ , let  $\eta_B : B \rightarrow GA_B$  be the universal arrow.

Then  $\exists!$  functor  $F : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  s.t.  $F(B) = A_B$ .  $\forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ , and  $1_{\mathbf{B}} \xrightarrow{\eta=(\eta_B)} G \circ F$  natural transformation.

Moreover,  $\exists!$  natural transformation  $F \circ G \xrightarrow{\epsilon} 1_{\mathbf{A}}$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}
(1) \quad & G \xrightarrow{\eta G} GFG \xrightarrow{G\epsilon} G = G \xrightarrow{1_G} G \\
(2) \quad & F \xrightarrow{F\eta} FGF \xrightarrow{\epsilon F} F = F \xrightarrow{1_F} F
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Given an adjoint functor  $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ . By definition, this means that  $\forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}, \exists G$ -universal arrow with domain  $B$ ,  $(f, A)$ , s.t.  $\forall (f', A')$  (i.e. every other  $G$ -structured arrow  $(f', A')$ ),

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{f} & GA \\
& \searrow f' & \downarrow G\hat{f}' \\
& & GA'
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & & \\
\vdots \hat{f}' & & \\
A' & &
\end{array}$$

We want to define a function  $F$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
F : \text{Obj}\mathbf{B} &\rightarrow \text{Obj}\mathbf{A} \\
F(B) &:= A_B
\end{aligned}$$

and make a functor out of it. We know it exists from the definition of an adjoint, so that  $\exists a$   $G$ -universal arrow  $(f, A_B), \forall B$ . Is it well defined?

Suppose another  $F' : \text{Obj}\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \text{Obj}\mathbf{A}$ .

$$F'(B) = A'$$

Using universal arrow definition, then again we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{f} & GA \\
& \searrow GF' & \downarrow G\hat{f}' \\
& & GA'
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xleftarrow{F} & B \\
\vdots \hat{f}' & & \swarrow F' \\
A' & &
\end{array}$$

$$\implies F'(B) = A' = \hat{f}'(A) = \hat{f}' \circ F(B) \implies F' = \hat{f}' \circ F$$

So  $F$  unique up to a unique morphism, due to universal arrow definition (or property).

Consider how  $F$  can act on morphisms.

Take  $b \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{B}$ . The commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{F} & F(B) = A_B \\
\downarrow b & & \downarrow F(b) \\
B' & \xrightarrow{F} & F(B') = A_{B'}
\end{array}$$

tells us immediately what  $F(b) \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{A}$  is (composition  $F \circ b$ ).

A functor has to preserve identity and compositions. The following commutative diagrams show this:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{F} & F(B) = A_B \\
1_{\mathbf{B}} \downarrow & & \downarrow F \circ 1_{\mathbf{B}} \equiv 1_{F\mathbf{B}} \\
B & \xrightarrow{F} & F(B) = A_B
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{F} & F(B) = A_B \\
\downarrow b & & \downarrow F(b) \\
B' & \xrightarrow{F} & F(B') = A_{B'} \\
\downarrow b' & & \downarrow F(b') \\
B'' & \xrightarrow{F} & F(B'') = A_{B''}
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Left curved arrow: } b' \circ b \\
\text{Right curved arrow: } F(b') \circ F(b)
\end{array}$$

Thus,

$F : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  is a unique functor and it exists, and is defined s.t.  $F(B) = A_B$ , any time you have an adjoint functor  $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ .

Given  $G$ -universal arrow  $\eta_B : B \rightarrow G(A_B)$ , which exists by adjoint functor def. of  $G, \forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}$ . Then

$$B \xrightarrow{\eta_B} GA_B$$

$$B' \xrightarrow{\eta_{B'}} GA_{B'}$$

So  $\forall f \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{B}, f : B \rightarrow B'$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{\eta_B} & GA_B \\
\downarrow f & & \\
B' & \xrightarrow{\eta_{B'}} & GA_{B'}
\end{array}$$

Use unique functor  $F, F(B) = A_B$  ,  
 $F(B') = A_{B'}$



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{\eta_B} & GA_B = GF(B) \\
\downarrow f & & \downarrow GF(f) \\
B' & \xrightarrow{\eta_{B'}} & GA_{B'} = GF(B')
\end{array}$$

where  $GF(f) : GF(B) \rightarrow GF(B')$ , by functor property of  $G, F$ , so this holds  $\forall f \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{B}$ .

Thus,  $\eta : 1_{\mathbf{B}} \rightarrow G \circ F$  is a natural transformation for  $1_{\mathbf{B}}, G \circ F : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  (endofunctors, functors that map a category to itself), s.t.

$\forall B \in \text{Obj}\mathbf{B}, \eta_B : 1_{\mathbf{B}}B = B \rightarrow GFB, \quad \eta_B \in \text{Mor}\mathbf{B}$ .

Consider  $B = GA$ , and corresponding universal arrow  $\eta_B = \eta_{GA}$ , through the unique functor  $F$  so that  $F(GA) = A_{GA}$ .

$$GA \xrightarrow{\eta_{GA}} GA_{GA} = GFGA$$

Consider morphism  $1_{GA} : GA \rightarrow GA$ , then

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
GA & \xrightarrow{\eta_{GA}} & GFGA \\
\searrow 1_{GA} & & \downarrow G\epsilon_A \\
& & GA
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
F(GA) = A_{GA} \\
\vdots \epsilon_A \\
A
\end{array}$$

by definition of an adjoint functor.

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
(3) \quad G(f \circ \epsilon_A) \circ \eta_{GA} &= Gf \circ G\epsilon_A \circ \eta_{GA} = Gf = G\epsilon_{A'} \circ \eta_{GA'} \circ Gf = G\epsilon_{A'} \circ GFgf \circ \eta_{GA} = G(\epsilon_{A'} \circ FGf) \circ \eta_{GA} \\
&\implies f \circ \epsilon_A = \epsilon_{A'} \circ FGf
\end{aligned}$$

since for the first equality in Eq. 3, associativity of functor  $G$  was used, i.e.

$$G(f \circ \epsilon_A) = Gf \circ G\epsilon_A$$

and for the second equality, universal arrow definition was used, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
GA & \xrightarrow{\eta_{GA}} & GFGA \\
\searrow 1_{GA} & & \downarrow G\epsilon_A \\
& & GA
\end{array}$$

or i.e.  $G\epsilon_A \circ \eta_{GA} = 1_{GA}$ , and for the third equality, universal arrow definition was used again, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
GA' & \xrightarrow{\eta_{GA'}} & GFGA' \\
\searrow 1_{GA'} & & \downarrow G\epsilon_{A'} \\
& & GA'
\end{array}$$

or i.e.  $G\epsilon_{A'} \circ \eta_{GA'} = 1_{GA'}$ , and for the fourth equality, the natural transformation definition for  $\eta$  and its universal arrow definition was used together, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
A & \xrightarrow{G} & GA & \xrightarrow{\eta_{GA}} & GFGA \\
\downarrow f & & \downarrow Gf & & \downarrow GFGf \\
A' & \xrightarrow{G} & GA' & \xrightarrow{\eta_{GA'}} & GFGA' \\
& & \searrow 1_{GA'} & & \downarrow G\epsilon_{A'} \\
& & & & GA'
\end{array}$$

and for the fifth equality, associativity of functor  $G$  was used again, i.e.  $G\epsilon_{A'} \circ GFGf = G(\epsilon_{A'} \circ FGf)$ .

Thus,  $\epsilon$  is a natural transformation,  $\epsilon : FG \rightarrow 1_{\mathbf{A}}$ , for

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
FGA & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_A} & A \\
\downarrow FGA' & & \downarrow f \\
FGA' & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{A'}} & A'
\end{array}$$

commutes.

□

## 6. MONAD

**Definition 25** (monad). **monad** on category  $\mathbf{X}$  is triple  $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ , consisting of functor  $T : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$  (an endofunctor, maps a category to itself), and natural transformations

$$\begin{aligned}
&\eta : 1_{\mathbf{X}} \rightarrow T \text{ and} \\
&\mu : T \circ T \equiv T^2 \rightarrow T \text{ s.t.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
T \circ T \circ T \equiv T^3 & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & T \circ T \equiv T^2 \\
\downarrow \mu T & & \downarrow \mu \\
T \circ T \equiv T^2 & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T
\end{array}$$

commute.

and

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
T & \xrightarrow{T\eta} & T \circ T & \xleftarrow{\eta T} & T \\
& \searrow 1 & \downarrow \mu & \swarrow 1 & \\
& & T & & 
\end{array}$$

## 7. APPLICATIONS

**7.1. Databases.** Let category  $\text{db} = (\text{Ob}_{\text{db}}, \text{hom}_{\text{db}}, 1, \circ)$  be a **database schema**.

$\text{Ob}_{\text{db}}$  is a collection of tables  $\tau, \tau \in \text{Ob}_{\text{db}}$

$c \in \text{hom}_{\text{db}}$  where  $c$  is a column (i.e. attribute)

primary key column  $c!$  is a primary morphism (or arrow)

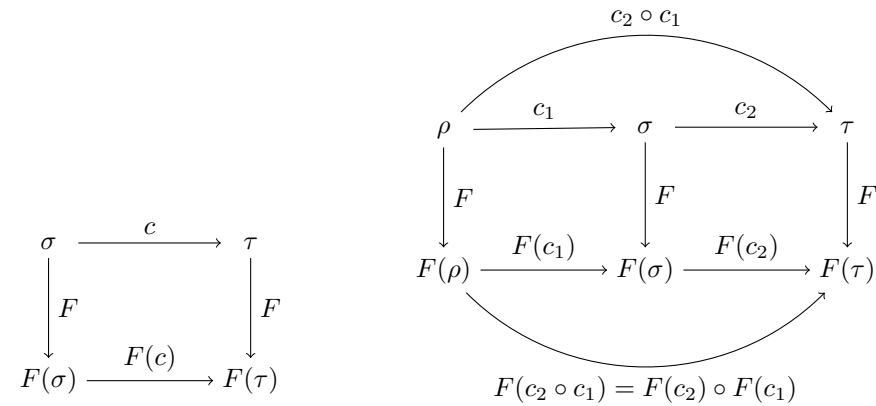
Declaring constraints is declaring a composition law, i.e. for tables  $\rho, \sigma, \tau \in \text{Ob}_{\text{db}}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\rho & \xrightarrow{c_1} & \sigma & \xrightarrow{c_2} & \tau \\
& \searrow & \text{ } & \swarrow & \\
& & c_2 \circ c_1 & & 
\end{array}$$

EY: 20150716 I think it should be emphasized that  $\text{Ob}_{\text{db}}$  is *a* collection of tables associated with this particular database db, not *the* collection of *all* possible tables.

Let **data functor** be a functor  $F : \text{db} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ .

So for tables  $\rho, \sigma, \tau \in \text{Ob}_{\text{db}}$ , columns  $c, c_1, c_2 \in \text{hom}_{\text{db}}(\sigma, \tau)$



Now note that  $F(\rho), F(\sigma), F(\tau) \in \text{Ob}_{\text{Set}}$  means that  $F(\rho), F(\sigma), F(\tau)$  are sets. They fill the tables with its data set; the data set of rows.

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