Categories for the Working Hacker

Philip Wadler
University of Edinburgh & IOHK
Lambda Days
22 February 2018

Smart Contracts

Simplicity

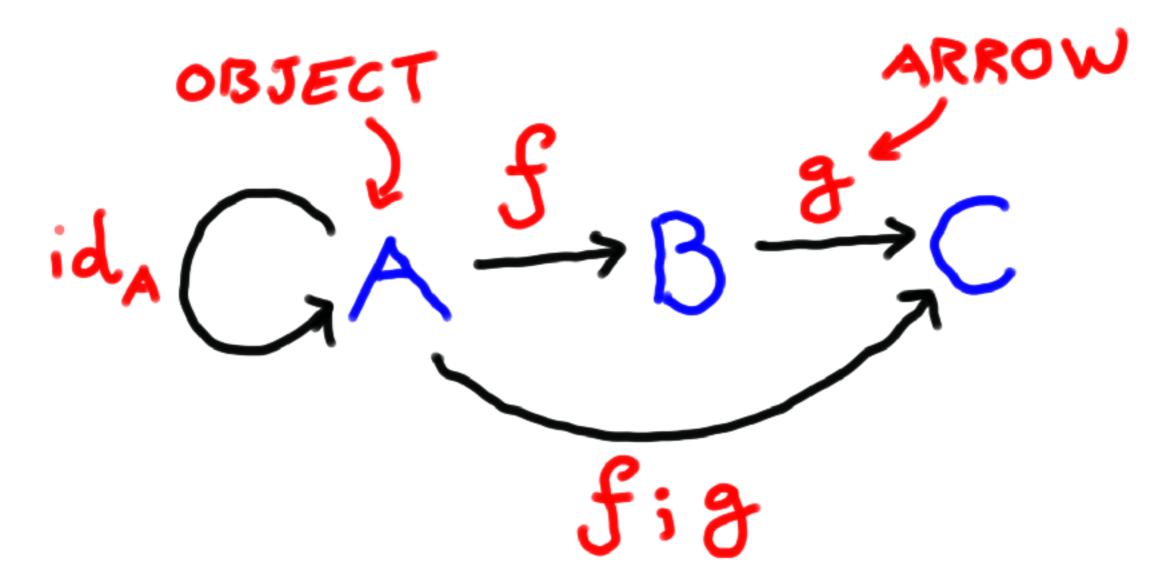
Michelson

Plutus

Categories

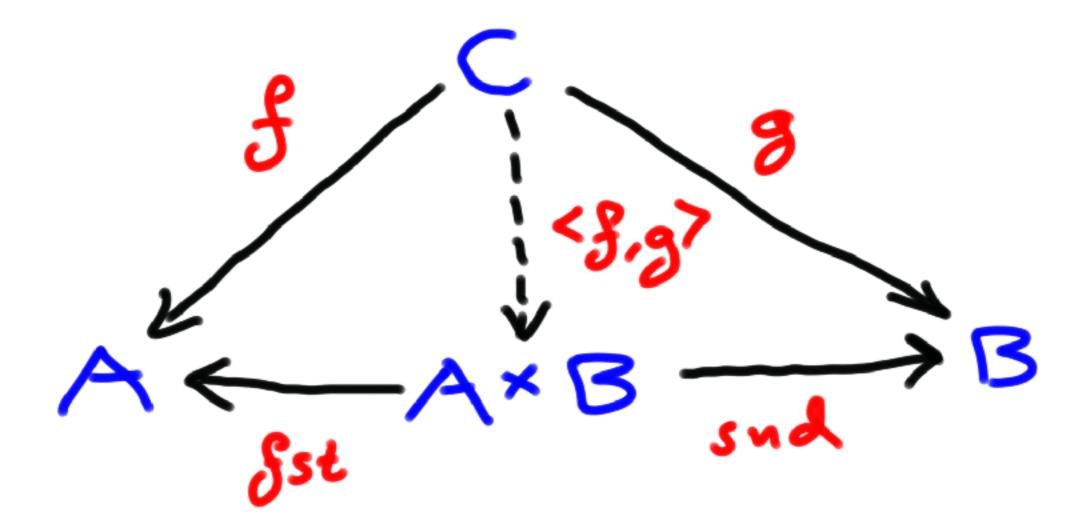
CATEGORIES

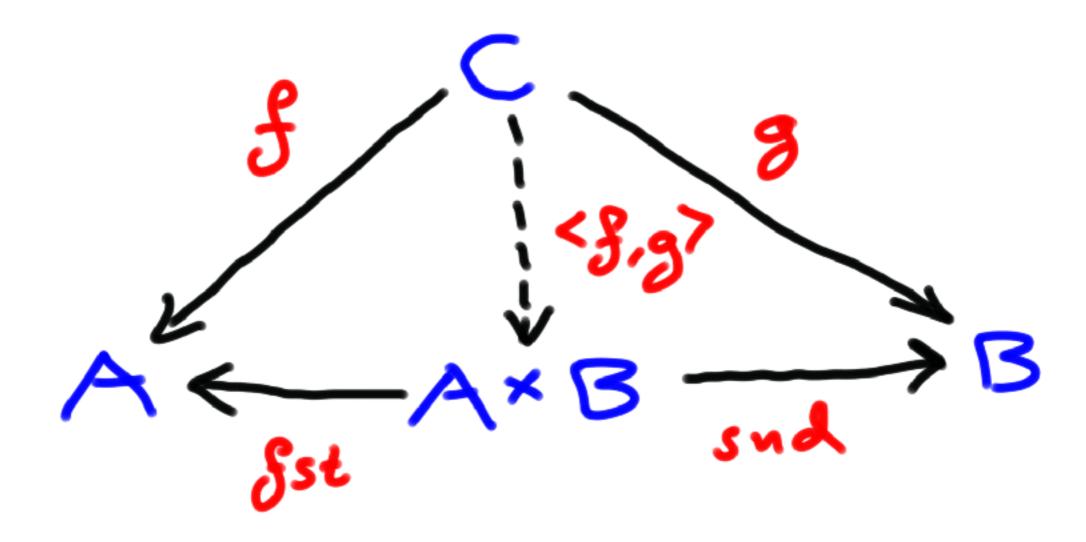
CATEGORIES

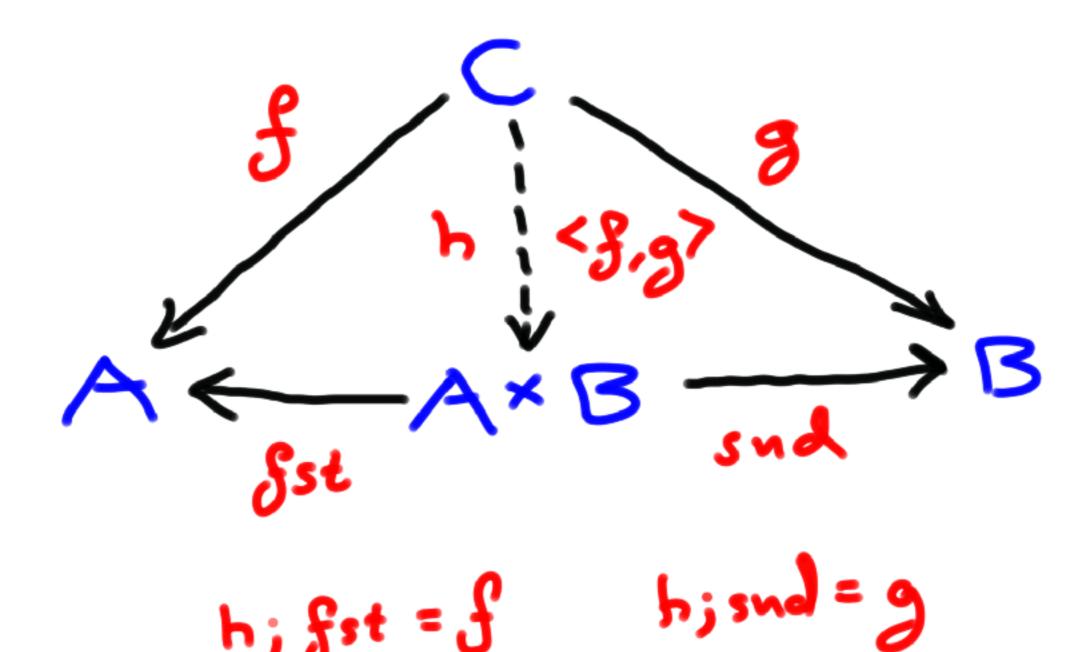


CATEGORIES

Products







PRODUCTS 3×2

$$\begin{cases}
A &\iff A \times B & \xrightarrow{snd} B \\
f &\iff g &\iff fst;f, \\
snd;g &\iff D
\end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases}
f \times g &\iff S \times G \\
S \times G &\iff S \times G
\end{cases}$$

$$C(C,A\times B)\cong C(C,A)\times C(C,B)$$

Products in Java

```
public class Product<A,B> {
  private A fst;
  private B snd;
  public Product(A fst, B snd) {
    this.fst = fst; this.snd = snd;
  public A getFst() {
    return this.fst;
  public B getSnd() {
    return this.snd;
```

Products in Java

```
public class Test {
  public Product<Integer,String> pair =
    new Product(1, "two");
  public Integer one = pair.getFst();
  public String two = pair.getSnd();
}
```

Products in Haskell

```
data Product a b =
  Pair { fst :: a, snd :: b }
```

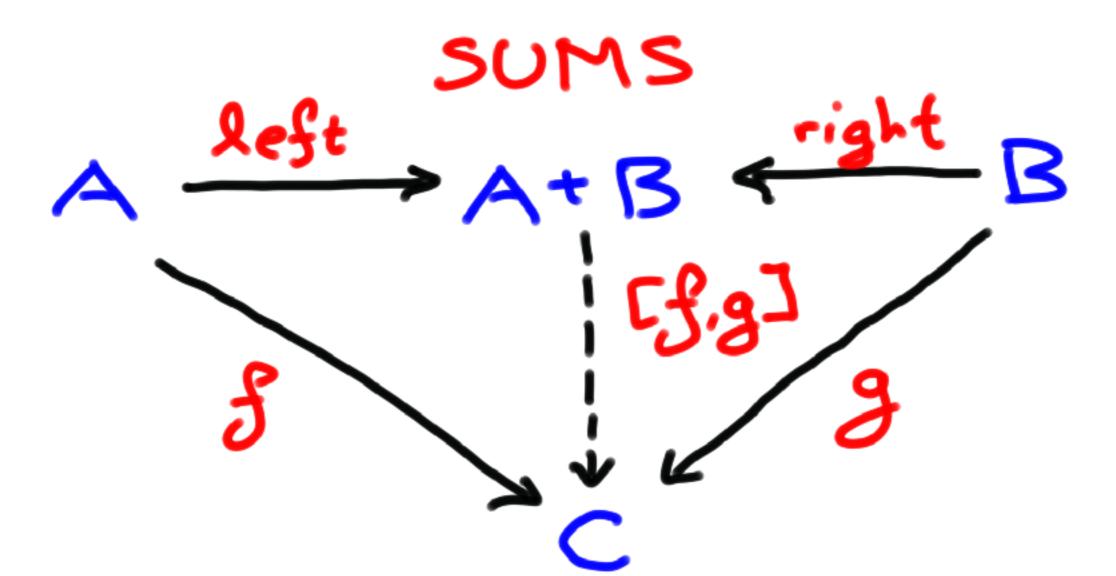
Products in Haskell

```
pair :: Product Int String
pair = Pair 1 "two"

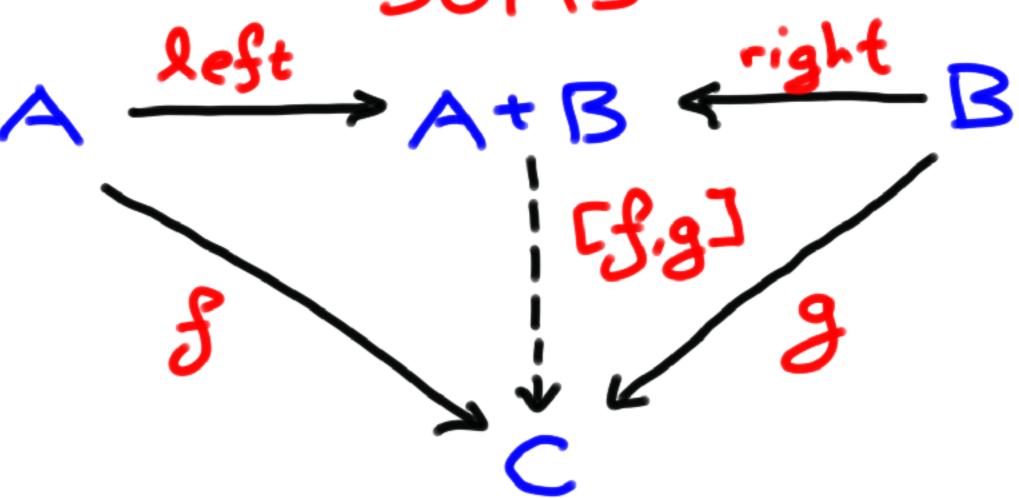
one :: Int
one = fst pair

two :: String
two = snd pair
```

Sums



SUMS



left;
$$\Gamma f,g^{3}=f$$
right; $\Gamma f,g^{3}=g$

A left A+B right B

h | Gg.g J

g

left;
$$h = f$$
 right; $h = g$

$$h = Cf, g^{I}$$

A left; h left; h left; h right; h right; h

50MS 3+2

left 'a' right 0
left 'b' right 1
left 'c'

$$C(A+B,C) \cong C(A,C) \times C(B,C)$$

Sums in Java

```
public interface Sum<A,B> {
  public <C> C caseExpr(Function<A,C> f,
                        Function<B,C> g);
public class Left<A,B> implements Sum<A,B> {
  private A x;
  public Left(A x) { this.x = x; }
  public <C> C caseExpr(Function<A,C> f,
                        Function<B,C> g) {
    return f.apply(x);
public class Right<A,B> implements Sum<A,B> {
  private B y;
  public Right(B y) { this.y = y; }
  public <C> C caseExpr(Function<A,C> f,
                        Function<B,C> g) {
    return q.apply(y);
```

Sums in Java

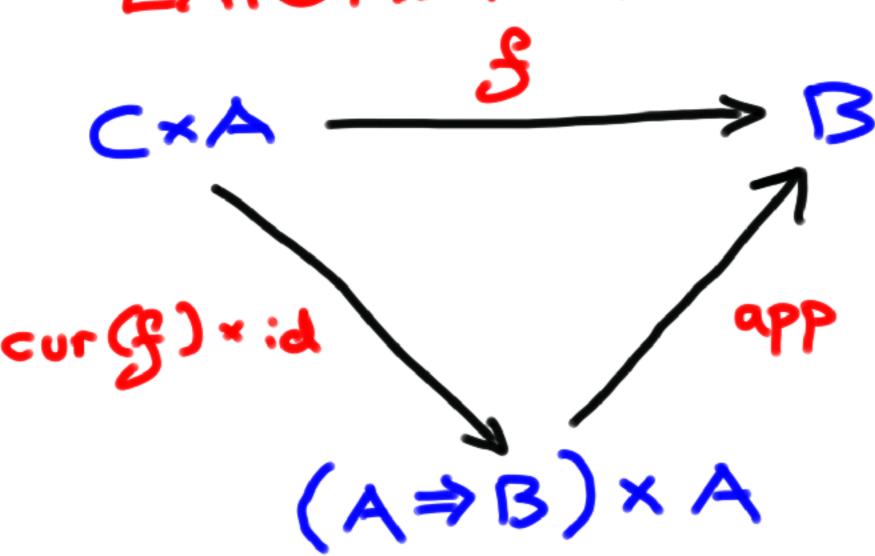
Sums in Haskell

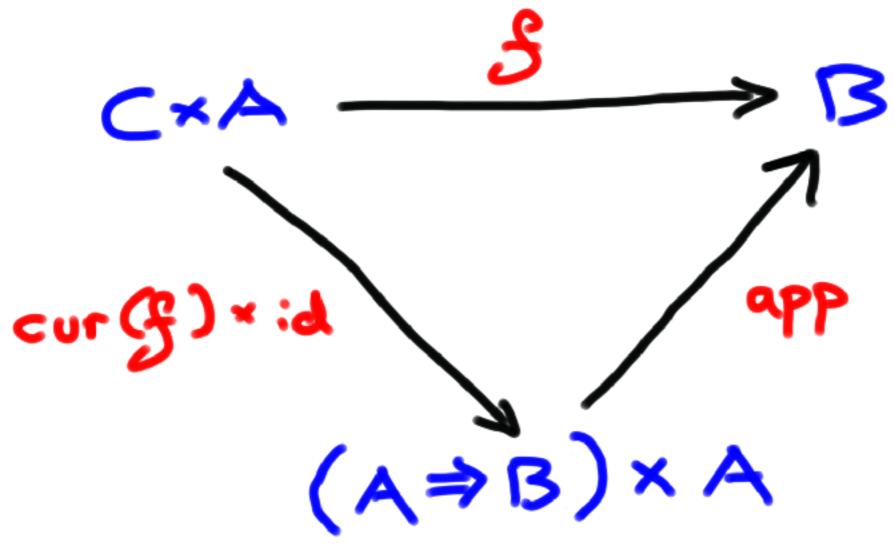
data Sum a b = Left a | Right b

Sums in Haskell

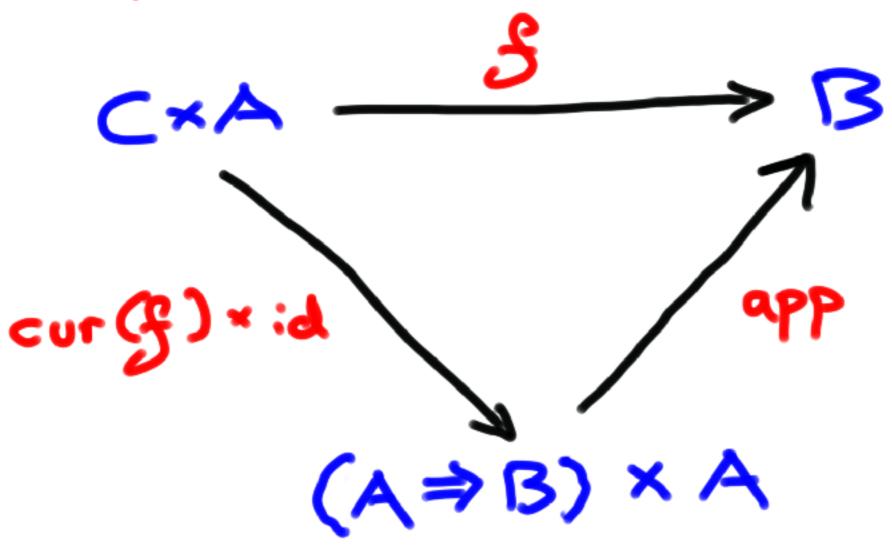
```
type ErrInt = Sum String Int
err = Left "error"
one = Right 1
add :: ErrInt -> ErrInt -> ErrInt
add (Left e) that = Left e
add this (Left e) = Left e
add (Right m) (Right n) = Right (m+n)
test = add one err
```

Exponentials





$$2 \Rightarrow 3 = 3^2$$



$$C(C,A\RightarrowB) \cong C(C*A,B)$$

Exponentials in Java

```
public class Test {
  public Function<Integer,Integer>
    add (Integer n) {
      return x \rightarrow x + n;
  public Function<Integer,Integer> incr =
    add(1);
  public Integer three = incr.apply(2);
```

Exponentials in Haskell

```
add :: Int -> (Int -> Int)
add n = \x -> n + x

incr :: Int -> Int
incr = add 1

three :: Int
three = incr 2
```

Exponentials in Haskell

```
add :: Int -> Int -> Int
add n x = n + x

incr :: Int -> Int
incr = add 1

three :: Int
three = incr 2
```

Simplicity & Michelson

Simplicity - Types

 $iden: A \vdash \overline{A}$

$$\frac{s:A \vdash B \qquad t:B \vdash C}{\mathsf{comp}\, s\, t:A \vdash C}$$

 $unit: A \vdash \mathbb{1}$

$$\frac{t:A \vdash B}{\mathsf{injl}\, t:A \vdash B + C}$$

$$\frac{t:A \vdash C}{\mathsf{injr}\, t:A \vdash B + C}$$

$$\frac{s:A\times C\vdash D}{\mathsf{case}\,s\,t:(A+B)\times C\vdash D} \quad \frac{s:A\vdash B}{\mathsf{pair}\,s\,t:A\vdash B\times C}$$

$$\frac{s:A\vdash B \qquad t:A\vdash C}{\mathsf{pair}\, s\, t:A\vdash B\times C}$$

$$\frac{t:A\vdash C}{\mathsf{take}\, t:A\times B\vdash C}$$

$$\frac{t:B\vdash C}{\operatorname{drop} t:A\times B\vdash C}$$

Figure 1: Typing rules for the terms of core Simplicity.

Simplicity - Semantics

```
\llbracket \mathsf{iden} \rrbracket(a) \coloneqq a
                        \llbracket \mathsf{comp}\, s\, t \rrbracket(a) \coloneqq \llbracket t \rrbracket(\llbracket s \rrbracket(a))
                                          \llbracket \mathsf{unit} \rrbracket(a) \coloneqq \langle \rangle
                                         \llbracket \mathsf{injl} \ t \rrbracket(a) \coloneqq \sigma^{\mathbf{L}}(\llbracket t \rrbracket(a))
                                       \llbracket \operatorname{injr} t \rrbracket(a) \coloneqq \sigma^{\mathbf{R}}(\llbracket t \rrbracket(a))
\llbracket \mathsf{case}\, s\, t \rrbracket \langle \sigma^{\mathbf{L}}(a), c \rangle \coloneqq \llbracket s \rrbracket \langle a, c \rangle
\llbracket \mathsf{case}\, s\, t \rrbracket \langle \sigma^{\mathbf{R}}(b), c \rangle \coloneqq \llbracket t \rrbracket \langle b, c \rangle
                               \llbracket \mathsf{pair}\, s\, t \rrbracket(a) \coloneqq \langle \llbracket s \rrbracket(a), \llbracket t \rrbracket(a) \rangle
                            \llbracket \mathsf{take}\, t \rrbracket \langle a,b \rangle \coloneqq \llbracket t \rrbracket (a)
                          \llbracket \mathsf{drop}\, t \rrbracket \langle a,b \rangle \coloneqq \llbracket t \rrbracket (b)
```

Michelson - Sums

Operations on unions

```
• LEFT 'b: Pack a value in a union (left case). :: 'a : 's -> or 'a 'b : 's
 > LEFT ; C / v :: S => C / (Left v) :: S
• RIGHT 'a: Pack a value in a union (right case). :: 'b : 's -> or 'a 'b : 's
 > RIGHT ; C / v :: S => C / (Right v) :: S
• IF LEFT bt bf: Inspect an optional value. :: or 'a 'b : 's -> 'c : 's
    iff bt :: [ 'a : 'S -> 'c : 'S]
         bf :: [ 'b : 'S -> 'c : 'S]
 > IF_LEFT ; C / (Left a) : S => bt ; C / a : S
 > IF_LEFT ; C / (Right b) : S => bf ; C / b : S
```

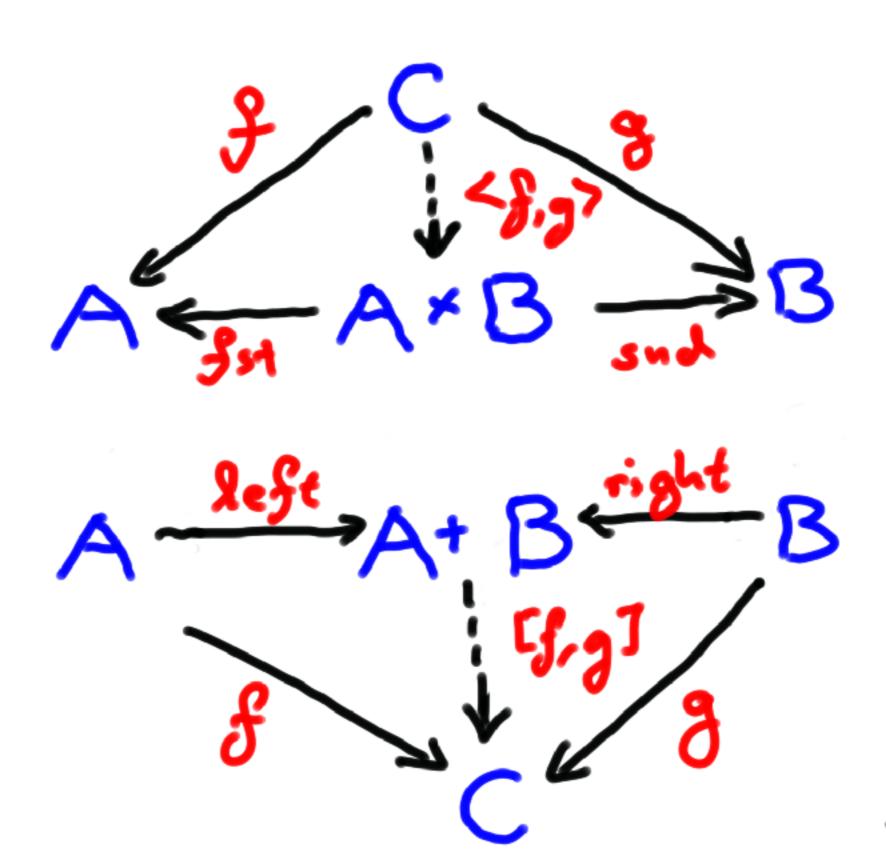
Plutus

IOHK is hiring 6 programming language engineers

https://iohk.io/careers/#op-235152-functional-compiler-engineer-

Conclusions

DUALS



ISOMORPHISMS

$$C(C,A\timesB) \cong C(C,A)\times C(C,B)$$

 $C(A+B,C) \cong C(A,C)\times C(B,C)$
 $C(C,A\RightarrowB) \cong C(C\timesA,B)$

HIGH SCHOOL

$$(A \times B)^{C} = A^{C} \times B^{C}$$

$$C(A + B)^{C} = C^{A} \times C^{B}$$

$$(B^{A})^{C} = B^{C} \times A$$

Further Reading

- Saunders MacLane, Categories for the Working Mathematician
- Benjamin Pierce, Basic Category Theory for Computer Scientists
- Bartosz Milewski, *Programming Cafe* (blog)