

Some Proofs of the Category Theory
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Notes and notation:

Ob_C and C are used interchangeable. (e.g. Ob_{Set} and Set .)

Duality: $\text{Ob}_C = \text{Ob}_{C^{\text{op}}}$ and $\forall x, y \in \text{Ob}_C. \text{Hom}_C(x, y) = \text{Hom}_{C^{\text{op}}}(y, x)$.

$\circ : \Pi(C \in \text{Cat}). \Pi(X, Y, Z \in C). \text{Hom}_C(X, Y) \times \text{Hom}_C(Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(X, Z)$

1 Yoneda embedding lemma

Let C be a locally small category.

Let Set be a category of sets.

$[C^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$ is some functor category.

Definition 1.1. Let C, D be the categories.

(F, \tilde{F}) is a (covariant) functor iff

1. $F : C \rightarrow D$
2. $\tilde{F} : \Pi(A, B : C). \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_D(F(A), F(B))$
3. $\forall A \in \text{Ob}_C, \tilde{F}^{A,A}(1_A) = 1_{F(A)}$
4. $\forall X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}_C. \forall f \in \text{Hom}_C(Y, Z). \forall g \in \text{Hom}_C(X, Y). \tilde{F}^{X,Z}(f \circ_C^{X,Y,Z} g) = \tilde{F}^{Y,Z}(f) \circ_D^{F(X), F(Y), F(Z)} \tilde{F}^{X,Y}(g)$

Definition 1.2. Let C, D be the categories.

$[C, D]$ is the set of functors from C to D .

Definition 1.3. The morphism function of the Hom-functor.

Let $f \in \text{Hom}_C(A, B)$.

$$\text{Hom}_C : \text{Ob}_C \times \text{Ob}_C \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$\text{Hom}_C(-, x) : \text{Ob}_C \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$\widetilde{\text{Hom}_C}^{A,B}(f, x) : \text{Hom}_C(B, x) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(A, x)$$

$$\widetilde{\text{Hom}_C}^{A,B}(f, x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (g \in \text{Hom}_C(B, x) \mapsto (g \circ_C f))$$

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$$\left(\text{another form is } \widetilde{\text{Hom}_C}^{A,B}(-, x)(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (g \in \text{Hom}_C(B, x) \mapsto (g \circ_C f) \in \text{Hom}_C(A, x)) \right)$$

Lemma 1.1.

$$\text{Hom}_C(-, x) \in [C^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$$

Proof.

Substitution:

$$C := C^{\text{op}}, D := \text{Set}, F := \text{Hom}_C(-, x), \tilde{F} := \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(-, x)$$

1. $\text{Hom}(-, x) : C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ by definition of Hom .
2. $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}(-, x) : \Pi(A B : C). \text{Hom}_{C^{\text{op}}}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}}(\text{Hom}_C(A, x), \text{Hom}_C(B, x))$
 $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{A,B}(f \in \text{Hom}_{C^{\text{op}}}(A, B), x) = (g \in \text{Hom}_C(A, x) \mapsto (g \circ_C f) \in \text{Hom}_C(B, x))$ (this is a definition).
 In other words, fix the $A, B \in C$ and $f \in \text{Hom}_{C^{\text{op}}}(A, B)$.
 $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{A,B}(f, x) = (g \mapsto (g \circ_C f))$
 $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{A,B}(f, x) : \text{Hom}_C(A, x) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(B, x)$
 Hom is total since $f : \text{Hom}_{C^{\text{op}}}(A, B) \Rightarrow f \in \text{Hom}_C(B, A)$ by definition of dual category. (It follows that composition is defined, so it is total.)
3. $1_A \in \text{Hom}_{C^{\text{op}}}(A, A)$
 $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{A,A}(1_A, x) = (g \in \text{Hom}_C(A, x) \mapsto g \circ_C 1_A) =$
 $= (g \in \text{Hom}_C(A, x) \mapsto g \in \text{Hom}_C(A, x)) =$
 $= 1_{\text{Hom}_C(A, x)} \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}}(\text{Hom}_C(A, x), \text{Hom}_C(A, x)).$
 since $1_A \circ_C g = g$
4. Now we need do a substitution in $\forall X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}_C. \forall f \in \text{Hom}_C(Y, Z). \forall g \in \text{Hom}_C(X, Y). \tilde{F}^{X,Z}(f \circ_C^{X,Y,Z} g) = \tilde{F}^{Y,Z}(f) \circ_D^{F(X), F(Y), F(Z)} \tilde{F}^{X,Y}(g)$ and prove it.
 Again, $C := C^{\text{op}}, D := \text{Set}, F := \text{Hom}_C(-, x), \tilde{F} := \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(-, x)$
 So $\tilde{F}^{X,Z}(f \circ_C^{X,Y,Z} g) = \tilde{F}(f) \circ_D^{F(X), F(Y), F(Z)} \tilde{F}(g)$ becomes
 $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{X,Z}(f \circ_C^{X,Y,Z} g, x) = \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(f, x) \circ_D^{F(X), F(Y), F(Z)} \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g, x).$
 Equivalently, $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{X,Z}(f \circ_{C^{\text{op}}}^{X,Y,Z} g, x) =$
 $= \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{Y,Z}(f, x) \circ_{\text{Set}}^{\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(X, x), \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(Y, x), \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(Z, x)} \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{X,Y}(g, x).$
 We'll omit some notation for arrow composition below.
 $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C^{X,Z}(f \circ_{C^{\text{op}}}^{X,Y,Z} g, x) = \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(f, x) \circ_{\text{Set}} \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g, x),$
 where $f \in \text{Hom}_{C^{\text{op}}}(Y, Z)$ and $g \in \text{Hom}_{C^{\text{op}}}(X, Y).$
 So $f \in \text{Hom}_C(Z, Y)$ and $g \in \text{Hom}_C(Y, X).$
 $f \circ_{C^{\text{op}}}^{X,Y,Z} g = g \circ_C^{Z,Y,X} f$
 So it's enough to prove that $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g \circ_C f, x) = \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(f, x) \circ_{\text{Set}} \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g, x)$
 a) $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g \circ_C f, x) = (h \in \text{Hom}_C(Z, x) \mapsto (h \circ_C (g \circ_C f))) \in \text{Hom}_C(X, x)$
 b) $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(f, x) = (u \in \text{Hom}_C(Z, x) \mapsto (u \circ_C f) \in \text{Hom}_C(Y, x))$
 c) $\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g, x) = (v \in \text{Hom}_C(Y, x) \mapsto (v \circ_C g) \in \text{Hom}_C(X, x))$
 $u \mapsto \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g, x) \mapsto (u \circ_C g) \mapsto \widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g, x) \mapsto ((u \circ_C g) \circ_C f)$
 $\text{Hom}_C(Z, x) \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(g, x)} \text{Hom}_C(Y, x) \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\text{Hom}}_C(f, x)} \text{Hom}_C(X, x)$

Qed.

Definition 1.4. Yoneda functor between categories C and $[C^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$.

$$h_x = \text{Hom}_C(-, x)$$

Definition 1.5.

$$\eta : \Pi(w \in C^{\text{op}}). \text{Hom}_C(w, x) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(w, y)$$

$$\eta = \lambda(w \in C^{\text{op}}). \lambda g \in \text{Hom}_C(w, x). (f \circ_C^w, x, yg)$$

Now our aim is to define a natural transformation of the elements of $[C^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$.

Lemma 1.2.

We have:

$$F = \text{Hom}_C(-, x) \in [C^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$$

$$G = \text{Hom}_C(-, y) \in [C^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$$

$$f \in \text{Hom}_C(x, y)$$

We want:

Find a natural transformation η from $\text{Hom}_C(-, x)$ to $\text{Hom}_C(-, y)$.

(define and prove)

Fix $w \in C^{\text{op}}$. $\eta_w = ?$.

$$\eta_w : \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}}(\text{Hom}_C(w, x), \text{Hom}_C(w, y))$$

$$\eta_w : \text{Hom}_C(w, x) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(w, y)$$

Substitution:

$$C := C^{\text{op}}, D := \text{Set}, F := \text{Hom}_C(-, x), G := \text{Hom}_C(-, y), x := a, y := b,$$

$$f := m$$

Lemma 1.3.

$$\forall a, b \in C^{\text{op}}. \forall m \in \text{Hom}_C(a, b). \eta_b \circ_{\text{Set}} \text{Hom}_C(m, x) = \text{Hom}_C(m, y) \circ_{\text{Set}} \eta_a$$

Proof.

Fix a, b and $m \in \text{Hom}_C(b, a)$.

$$\text{Aim: } (\lambda g_1 \in \text{Hom}_C(b, x). f \circ_C^{b, x, y} g_1) \circ_{\text{Set}} \widetilde{\text{Hom}_C}^{B, A}(m, x) =$$

$$= \widetilde{\text{Hom}_C}^{B, A}(m, y) \circ_{\text{Set}} (\lambda g_2 \in \text{Hom}_C(a, x). f \circ_C^{a, x, y} g_2).$$

Note that $(f \circ_C^{a, x, y} g_2) \in \text{Hom}_C(a, y)$

$$\widetilde{\text{Hom}_C}^{B, A}(m, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\lambda g_3 \in \text{Hom}_C(a, y). g_3 \circ_C^{b, a, y} m)$$

$$\widetilde{\text{Hom}_C}^{B, A}(m, y) : \text{Hom}_C(a, y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(b, y)$$

$$\text{RightHandSide} = \lambda g_2 \in \text{Hom}_C(a, x). ((f \circ_C^{a, x, y} g_2) \circ_C^{b, a, y} m)$$

$$\text{RHS: } \text{Hom}_C(a, x) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(b, y)$$

$$\widetilde{\text{Hom}_C}^{B, A}(m, x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\lambda g_4 \in \text{Hom}_C(a, y). g_4 \circ_C^{b, a, y} m)$$

$$\text{LeftHandSide} = \lambda g_2 \in \text{Hom}_C(a, x). (f \circ_C^{b, x, y} (g_2 \circ_C^{b, a, x} m))$$

$$\text{LHS: } \text{Hom}_C(a, x) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(b, y)$$

$$\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

Qed.

Lemma 1.4. $h_- : C \rightarrow [C^{op}, \text{Set}]$ is a fully faithful functor.

Proof.

- h_- is a functor.
 $\tilde{h}_- = \dots$
 Substitution: $C := C$, $D := [C^{op}, \text{Set}]$, $F := h_-$,
 1. $F : C \rightarrow D$
 2. $\tilde{F} : \Pi(A : B : C). \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_D(F(A), F(B))$
 3. $\forall A \in \text{Ob}_C, \tilde{F}^{A,A}(1_A) = 1_{F(A)}$
 4. $\forall X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}_C. \forall f \in \text{Hom}_C(Y, Z). \forall g \in \text{Hom}_C(X, Y). \tilde{F}^{X,Z}(f \circ_C^{X,Y,Z} g) = \tilde{F}^{Y,Z}(f) \circ_D^{F(X), F(Y), F(Z)} \tilde{F}^{X,Y}(g)$
- h_- is full.
- h_- is faithful.
- h_- is injective on morphisms.

Qed.

Lemma 1.5. by N. Yoneda. (Contravariant version) $G : C^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$h_A = \text{Hom}_C(-, A)$

$h_A : C^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$\text{Nat}(h_A, G) \sim G(A)$

(there is a bijection between value of functor G and natural transformations from h_A to G)

Proof.

Let $u \in G(A)$. Let's define a natural transformation Φ from h_A to G .

$\Phi : \Pi(x \in C^{op}). h_A(x) \rightarrow G(x)$ (because it's a Hom in Set)

1) Let $\Phi_A^u(\text{id}_A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} u$.

Now we need to define $\Phi_x(f)$ for arbitrary $x \in C$ and

$f \in h_A(x) = \text{Hom}_C(x, A) = \text{Hom}_{C^{op}}(A, x) \implies$

\implies therefore $\tilde{G}^{A,x}(f) : G(A) \rightarrow G(x)$ is defined.

So the definition will be $\Phi_x^u(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\tilde{G}^{A,x}(f))(u)$.

Now we need to show the correctness of the definition.

$\Phi_A^u(\text{id}_A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\tilde{G}^{A,A}(f))(\text{id}_A) = (\text{id}_{G(A)})(u) = u$. The correctness is proved. 2)

The next aim is proving commutativity of natural transformation with functor applied to morphisms.

$\forall x, y \in C^{op}. \forall f \in \text{Hom}_{C^{op}}(x, y). (G(f) \circ_{\text{Set}} \Phi_x) = (\Phi_y \circ_{\text{Set}} (\text{Hom}_C(f, A)))$ Fix $x, y \in C^{op}$ and $f \in \text{Hom}_{C^{op}}(x, y)$.

Aim: $(G(f) \circ_{\text{Set}} \Phi_x) = (\Phi_y \circ_{\text{Set}} (\text{Hom}_C(f, A)))$. Fix $g \in \text{Hom}_C(x, A)$. Recall that $\text{Hom}_C(f, A) = (- \circ^{y,x,A})$.

Aim: $(G(f) \circ_{\text{Set}} \Phi_x)(g) = (\Phi_y \circ_{\text{Set}} (\text{Hom}_C(f, A)))(g)$.

Equivalently, $(G(f) \circ_{\text{Set}} \Phi_x)(g) = \Phi_y(g \circ_C^{y,x,A} f)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &:= (G(f) \circ_{\text{Set}} \Phi_x)(g) = (\text{def of } \Phi) = \tilde{G}^{x,y}(f) \left(\left(\tilde{G}^{A,x}(g) \right) (u) \right) = \\ &= \tilde{G}^{A,y}(g \circ_C f)(u) \end{aligned}$$

Then since $g \circ_C f = f \circ_{C \circ p} g$ and $\tilde{G}(f \circ_{C \circ p} g) = \tilde{G}(f) \circ_{\text{Set}} \tilde{G}(g)$ we have:

$$\text{RHS} := \Phi_y^u(g \circ f) = (\text{def of } \Phi) = \tilde{G}^{A,y}(g \circ_C f)(u)$$

This LHS=RHS holds therefore we obtained a natural transformation $\Phi \in \text{Nat}(h_A, G)$ using the $u \in G(A)$.

We already know that the relation between $G(A)$ and $\Phi \in \text{Nat}(h_A, G)$ is functional and total on $G(A)$. The next step is to prove its injectivity and surjectivity on $\Phi \in \text{Nat}(h_A, G)$.

Injectivity: $u_1, u_2 \in G(A)$, $u_1 \neq u_2$.

$$\Phi_{1,A}(\text{id}(A)) = u_1 \neq u_2 = \Phi_{2,A}(\text{id}(A)) \implies \Phi_1 \neq \Phi_2. \text{ It's proved.}$$

Surjectivity on $\text{Nat}(h_A, G)$:

Let $\Psi \in \text{Nat}(h_A, G)$. Let's show that $\exists u \in G(A). \Phi^u = \Psi$.

$$u := \Psi_A(\text{id}_A)$$

$$\Psi : \Pi(x \in C). h_A(x) \rightarrow G(x)$$

$$\Phi_x^u(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\tilde{G}^{A,x}(f))(u).$$

Fix $x \in C$ and $f \in \text{Hom}_C(x, A)$. $\Psi_x(f) = ?$. In other words, there is a $\Psi \in \text{Nat}(h_A, G)$, and it is known that $\Psi_A(\text{id}_A) = u$. Find $\Psi_x(f)$.

Firstly, $\text{id}_A \in \text{Hom}_C(A, A)$. $\implies (\text{id}_A \circ_C^{x,A,A} f) \in \text{Hom}_C(x, A)$. $\implies \Psi_x(\text{id}_A \circ_C^{x,A,A} f) \in G(A)$. $\implies \Psi_x(f) \in G(A)$.

Secondly, $\text{id}_A \in \text{Hom}_C(A, A)$. $\implies \Psi_A(\text{id}_A) \in G(A)$. Since $\Psi_A(\text{id}_A) = u$ we have $G(f)(u) \in G(x)$.

Since Ψ is a natural transformation we obtained that $\Psi_x(f) = G(f)(u)$, which is equal to $\Phi_x^u(f)$.

This equality holds for any argument $f \in \text{Hom}_C(x, A)$ then $\forall x \in C. \Psi_x = \Phi_x^u$ by functional extensionality. Therefore the relation is surjective on $\text{Nat}(h_A, G)$.

Qed.