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What is Category Theory?

- objects and arrows

- Higher-level patterns in mathematics, "background"/"meta-theory"

- Higher level of abstractions (mathematics is about rising level of abstractions)

Antiquity
 \downarrow
 Geometric shapes

\downarrow
 Numbers

\downarrow
 Functions \rightarrow Set theory $P(N) \setminus \{U \subseteq N\} \cong \{f: N \rightarrow \{0,1\}\}$

\downarrow Continuum hypothesis $\dots (2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph_1)$

Mathematical, axiomatically defined structures

Example: $\boxed{\text{Partially ordered set}} \quad (\text{POSET}) \quad c.s. (P(S), \leq)$

(S, \leq) . (Reflexivity) $\forall x \in S, x \leq x$

(Transitivity) $\forall x, y, z \in S, x \leq y, y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$

(Anti-symmetry) $\forall x, y \in S, x \leq y, y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y$.

Pre order: (REFL) + (TRANS) only

POSET \subseteq PREORDER \subseteq TOTAL ORDER

Group: $(G, \cdot; e) \quad (i): G \times G \rightarrow G$

* $e \cdot x = x \cdot e = x$

* (inverse)

* (associativity)

Abelian vs Non-abelian Groups

$S_3 \dots$ (permutation)

$D_3 \dots$ (dihedral)

Matrix multiplication (\mathbb{C}^n groups)

Monoids: unit, associativity, no need for inverses

e.g. $(\mathbb{N}, \times, 1)$

e.g. string concatenation

Example of non-commutative monoid:

Function composition

(e.g. general functions $S \rightarrow S$)

* we say 'commutative monoid', not 'abelian ~~monoid~~'

Offers: graphs, vector spaces, topological space

('closedness', but distance not numerically measured)

Observation: Most notions of axiomatically defined structure come with an associated notion of structure-preserving mapping.

e.g. posets, monotone functions

Monoid, ~~homomorphism~~

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Def: A CATEGORY contains the following data

- Objects $A, B, C, D\dots$
- Morphisms (Arrows) $f, g, h\dots$
- For each arrow there are given objects $\underline{\text{dom}}(f), \underline{\text{cod}}(f)$
(domain (codomain))
we say $f: A \rightarrow B$ to say that f has domain A and codomain B .

- Composition of morphisms $f: A \rightarrow B, g: B \rightarrow C$ gives $H = G \circ F: A \rightarrow C$
- For each object A , there is an identity arrow $1_A: A \rightarrow A$ ($\text{id}_A: A \rightarrow A$)
- Axioms : Associativity $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$

$$\text{Identity } 1_B \circ f = f = f \circ 1_A \text{ for } f: A \rightarrow B$$

Examples. POS (monotone w.r.t.) AB (abelian groups)

PREORD (monotone w.r.t.) R-VECT

MON (monoids)

TOP (topological space, continuous function)

GRP (groups)

SET (sets and functions)

Categories of structured sets and structure-preserving maps are called concrete categories.

Note: $\text{id}_Q: Q \rightarrow Q$

(opposed to 'abstract')

$j: Q \hookrightarrow R$ "canonical inclusion"
 $j(q) = \{$

we have to specify triples $(A, B, f: A \rightarrow B)$ for morphism in SET

Examples of abstract (non-categorical) categories:

MAT Objects are natural numbers $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Morphisms from m to n are $(n \times m)$ -matrices

Composition is given by matrix multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if we allow } m, n \text{ to equal 0. ...}$$

$$2 \times 0 : \mathbb{R}^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\text{e.g. } \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{\text{id}_3} \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{\text{id}_3} \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{composition gives}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: $\text{Mat}(\mathbb{R})$ is equivalent to the category of finite dimensional real vector spaces & linear maps.

REL Objects are sets

Morphisms are binary relations, i.e. a morphism from A to B is a subset $R \subseteq A \times B$

$$\text{Composition} \quad A \xrightarrow{R \subseteq A \times B} B \xrightarrow{S \subseteq B \times C} C$$

$$(S \circ R) = \{(a, c) \mid \exists b, (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S\}$$

$$\text{Id}_A = \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{rel arrow} \\ A \rightarrow B \\ \text{observations:} \\ P(A) \xrightarrow{\text{function}} P(B) \end{array}$$

Relations between finite sets can be written as matrices

$$\text{e.g. } \begin{array}{c|ccc} & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

(almost matrix multiplication)

but must define $(I+I=I)??$

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Finite Categories

1 = \emptyset the terminal category

A^0

$B = \begin{cases} f \\ \text{arrow category} \end{cases}$

B^1

$C =$

A^2

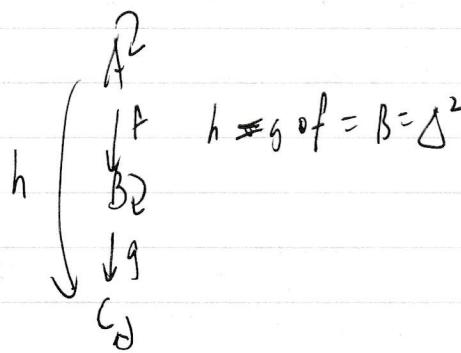
discrete category

B^2

(unique isomorphism...)

codiscrete/Indiscrete

posetal



$f \begin{cases} A \\ \uparrow f \\ B \\ \downarrow g \\ C \end{cases}$ not posetal!

(Poset) Categories

Given a preorder (A, \leq) we can define a category (A, \leq) whose objects are the elements of A , and where there is a unique arrow from $a \rightarrow b$ whenever $a \leq b$ in A .

If $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$, then the composition of the corresponding arrows is the unique arrow that exists between a, c because $a \leq c$ by transitivity.

id arrows exist because of reflexivity.

Given a monoid (M, \cdot, e) , we can define a category $(M, \cdot, e) = \Sigma(M, \cdot, e)$ with one object $*$ and arrows being the elements of M

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{C} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{C} \end{array} \rightarrow m \in M, \text{ dom}(m) = \text{cod}(m) = *$$

$$\rightarrow m \circ n = m \cdot n$$

$$\rightarrow l_*=e$$

So we say that monoids are "the same thing" as small categories.

Def: Given a category \mathcal{C} and an arrow $f: A \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{C} , an arrow $g: B \rightarrow A$ is called an inverse of f , if $g \circ f = l_A$ and $f \circ g = l_B$.

* If an inverse exists, it is unique.

$$g, g': B \rightarrow A, g \circ g' = l_B \Rightarrow g \circ (f \circ g') = (g \circ f) \circ g' = l_A \circ g' = g'$$

Def: f is called an isomorphism if it has an inverse, say g .

$f: A \rightarrow A$, isomorphisms \Rightarrow automorphisms

$f: A \rightarrow A$, arrow \Rightarrow endomorphism, $\text{auto} = \text{id} + \text{endo}$

* In sets, $A = \{0, 1\}$, $f: A \rightarrow A$, $f \circ f = \text{id}$ is an automorphism

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 1 \\ f(1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Observation: A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is isomorphic in set iff it is bijective.

(\Leftarrow)

$\forall B$, exist unique A that maps to B this is the inverse

(\Rightarrow) Definition.

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Prop: A monoid homomorphism $f: (M, \cdot, e) \rightarrow (N, \cdot, e)$
is an isomorphism iff it is bijective.

Proof. Assuming $\stackrel{(\Leftarrow)}{f}$ is bijective wts f^{-1} is also a homomorphism.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad e = f(f^{-1}(e)) = f(e)$$

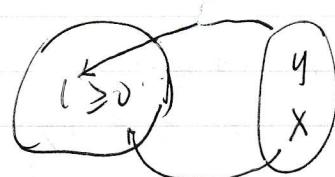
$$\therefore f^{-1}(e) = e.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad f(f^{-1}(a \cdot b)) &= f(f^{-1}(a) \cdot f^{-1}(b)) \\ &= f(f^{-1}(a)) \cdot f(f^{-1}(b)) = a \cdot b. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(a \cdot b) = f^{-1}(a) \cdot f^{-1}(b)$$

We conclude that isomorphisms in category Mon are those bijective maps.

In PREORDER



not every bijective monotone map is an isomorphism.

Suppose neither $x \leq y$ nor $y \geq x$ (possible in PRE-ORDER!)

Then the map $\stackrel{(\Leftarrow)}{f}$ is monotone (IPVQ!), but the inverse is not:

$\textcircled{1,0} \not\Rightarrow f^{-1}(1) \ni \underbrace{f^{-1}(0)}_{y} \ni \underbrace{f^{-1}(0)}_{x}$. However it is still a valid bijection.

Definition: Given categories \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} , a functor $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a mapping sending

- objects A in \mathcal{C} to objects $F(A)$ in \mathcal{D}

- arrows f in \mathcal{C} to arrows $F(f)$ in \mathcal{D}

such that

- $\text{dom}(F(f)) = F(\text{dom}(f))$

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

- $\text{cod}(F(f)) = F(\text{cod}(f))$

$$f \circ g \downarrow \begin{matrix} g \\ \downarrow \\ c \end{matrix} \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C}$$

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

$$F(A) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(B) \quad \mathcal{D}$$

$$F(g \circ f) \downarrow$$

$$= F(g) \circ F(f) \quad F(C)$$

Example Forgetful Functors

$$U: \text{Preord} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$(A, \leq) \mapsto A \text{ "underlying"}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow f & \\ A & \rightarrow & B \end{array}$$

$$U: \text{Mon} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$(M, \cdot, e) \mapsto M, f \mapsto f \text{ "dotted" (simplify)}$$

Prop. Functors preserve isomorphisms. If $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$, $f: A \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{C} is isomorphism

then $F(f)$ is isomorphism in \mathcal{D} .

$$F(f) \circ F(f^{-1}) = F(f \circ f^{-1}) = F(1_B) = 1_{FB}, F(f^{-1}) \circ F(f) = f(1_A) = 1_{FA}$$

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→ On the other hand, if $F(f)$ is an isomorphism, then f is not necessarily an isomorphism.

Proof by counterexample - (Preorder $\xrightarrow{\text{shifting}}$ Set)

→ If f isomorphic \Rightarrow when $F(f)$ is isomorphic, then the functor is called conservative.

$U: \text{Manifolds} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ is conservative.

$R\text{Lys}$

Groups

$\text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Set} \nmid \text{not conservative}$

SUBCATEGORIES "special case"

$\text{Ab} \subseteq \text{Groups}$, $\text{Pos} \subseteq \text{Partial orders}$

[see p112.]

Formally, a subcategory of C specifies a subclass of the objects and a subclass of the morphisms.

Is $\text{Cat} \in \text{Cat?}$

• 'Free Group'? we cannot have a set of groups. (Group not a set)

• Recall Russell's Paradox / $R = \{M \mid M \notin M\}$. Does $R \in R$?? $\text{Sets} \subseteq \text{Posets}$ not set)

↑
trivial underlying

$\{M \mid \cancel{M \in M}\}$ $\{M \mid \cancel{M \in \text{sets}}\}$ 'set of all sets'
 \rightarrow comprehension (unbounded)

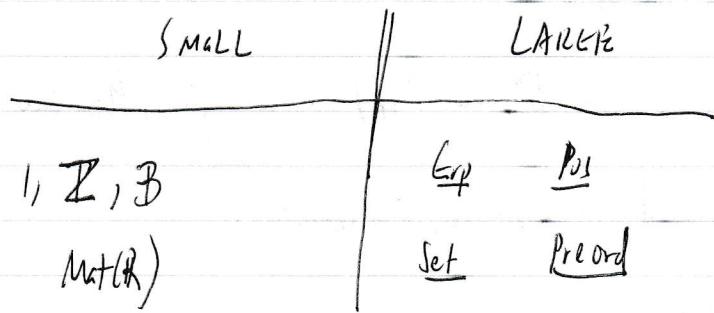
So we only allow bounded comprehension

$\{M \in A \mid \cancel{\phi(M)}\}$

Intentional ambiguity

→ So we think of objects and arrows as 'collections' or 'classes'

Def A category \mathcal{C} is called 'small' if \mathcal{C}_0 (collections of objects) and \mathcal{C}_1 (collections of arrows) are sets.



Def A category \mathcal{C} is called locally small if for all objects A, B in \mathcal{C} , the collection $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) = \{f: A \rightarrow B\} = \{f \in \mathcal{C}_1 \mid \text{dom}(f) = A, \text{cod}(f) = B\}$ is a set.

Ex. All these are locally small!

(*note SMALL \subseteq LOCALLY SMALL)

Def. Cat is the (large) categories of small categories.

Theorem

Every small category \mathcal{C} is isomorphic to a category of sets of functions.

Proof sketch.

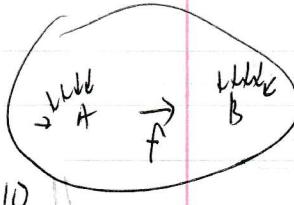
For $A \in \mathcal{C}_0$, define $\underline{A} = \{f \in \mathcal{C}_1 \mid \text{cod}(f) = A\}$

For $f: A \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{C}_1 , define $f: \underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{B}$, $h \mapsto f \circ h$

composition of morphisms

"post-composition functions"

Define $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ by $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 = \{\underline{A} \mid A \in \mathcal{C}_0\}$, $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 = \{f \mid f \in \mathcal{C}_1\}$



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'size issues'

→ (locally) small/large distinction comes to its limit if we want to consider
• Functor Categories

'the category of large categories should be a "very large category"

??!

[cannot have class containing other classes]

'agglomerates'??

Frobenius

To make "very large categories" precise, we can use universes.

Def A Frobenius universe is a set U such that

• $N \in U$ ^{'transitive'}

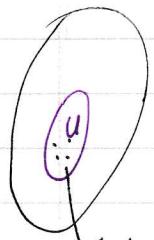
• $M \in U, x \in M \Rightarrow x \in U$

• $x, y \in U \Rightarrow \{x, y\} \in U$

• $A \in U \Rightarrow P(A) \in U$

• $(A_j)_{j \in J}$ with $J \in U$, all $A_j \in U$ then $\bigcup_{j \in J} A_j \in U$.

sets



'actual sets'
'small sets'

With a Frobenius Universe U , (ZF + U can be used as a set of axioms)

• a set is small if it is in U

• a category C is small if C_0, C_1 are in U

• a category C is locally small if all $\text{hom}(A, B) \in U$, and $C_0 \subseteq U$

We could also postulate a 2nd universe U_1 with $U_0 \in U_1$, $C \in U_2 \subseteq U_1$, and call C locally small if all $\text{hom}_C(A, B) \in U_0$ and $C_0 \in U_1$.

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A subcategory of a category D is a category C s.t.

- $C_0 \subseteq D_0$

- $C_1 \subseteq D_1$

- Dom, Cod, Identities, Composition in C are obtained by restriction from D

more ex.

$$\underline{\text{Pos}} \subseteq \underline{\text{Preord}}, \underline{\text{Ab}} \subseteq \underline{\text{Grp.}}$$

$$\underline{\text{Man}} \subseteq \underline{\text{Man}}, \underline{\text{Set}_{\text{inj}}} \subseteq \underline{\text{Set}} \checkmark$$

\uparrow
only morphisms allowed
are the injective functions.
Set_{surj} ✓

• "X"

• Every preimage / fiber has at most 2 elements
"semi-injective"

→ this is not a category!

To define a subcat of C , we can choose an arbitrary subclass $B_0 \subseteq C_0$
but when choosing B_0 , we have to make sure it contains ids, compositions...

Def. A subcategory $C \subseteq D$ is called full if $\text{hom}_C(A, B) = \text{hom}_D(A, B)$ for all $A, B \in C_0$.

Def. Given a cat C and an object $A \in C_0$, the slice cat C/A is given as follows:

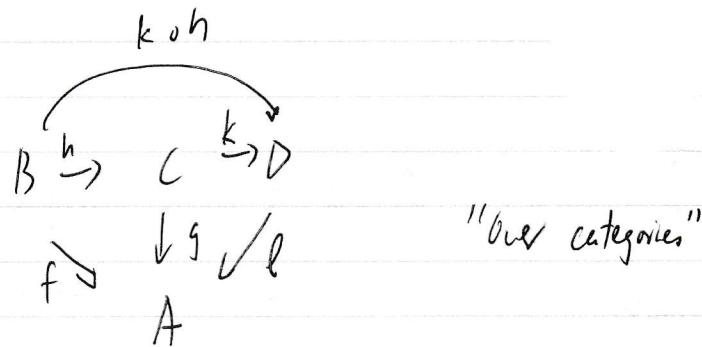
- Objects of C/A are morphisms f of C with $\text{cod}(f) = A$

- Morphisms from $(f: B \rightarrow A)$ to $(g: C \rightarrow A)$ are morphisms $h: B \rightarrow C$ s.t.

$$g \circ h = f \text{ i.e. } \begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{h} & C \\ f \Downarrow & & \Downarrow g \\ A & & \end{array}$$

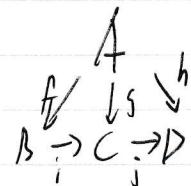
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Composition & identities are inherited from \mathcal{C} .

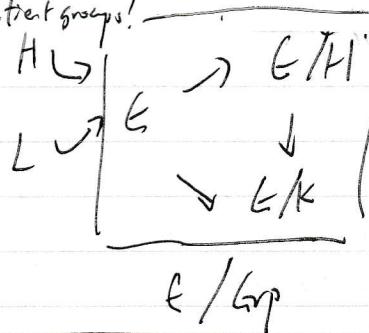
"under categories"



- Objects in A/\mathcal{C} are arrows in \mathcal{C} with domain A

- Morphisms are commutative triangles e.g. $i: B \rightarrow C$ such that $i \circ f = g$.

Analogous to quotient groups?



Hw 1 Q4 (sketch) A single category is automatically a pre-order.

But we can think of Cat (each object in Cat is a category)

and the functor



$$(a_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} a_2, a_1 \leq a_2)$$

(Cat, Pre)

Pre (each object in Pre is a pre-ordered set)

$$\coprod_{d_{b_1} \rightarrow d_{b_2}} \coprod_{b_1 \leq b_2} F: \text{Cat} \mapsto \text{f} \text{ (monotone function)}$$

arrows in Cat
are themselves
functors

* We can simply take $C_1 \in \text{f}(\text{Cat}) = (\text{Co}, \text{C}_1)$ and prove that it defines a monotone map

let $f: A \rightarrow B$

let $a_1 \leq a_2$

Hw 1 & 4 (cont)

Inclusion functor /

arrows

e.g. $f: A \rightarrow B$ ($A \subseteq B$)

$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array}$

$f(a) = a$ is an inclusion but not an identity

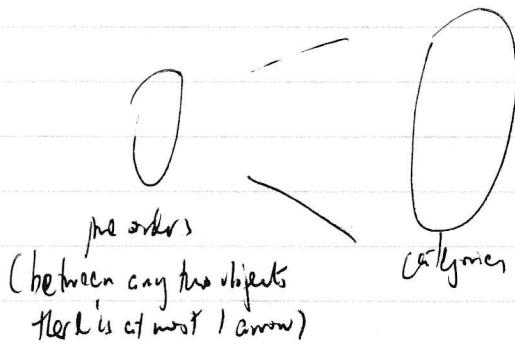
Inclusion functor \rightarrow preserve structure

(because it cannot be left composed by another arrow
 $g: A \rightarrow C$)

To be pedantic: $(A, f, B) \neq (A, f, A)$

'same function definition' but different object!

"evident inclusion functor of preorders into categories"



$$\xrightarrow{\text{Incl functor}} \xleftarrow{p}$$

$$p \cdot (\text{Incl}) = 1$$

So p is the left inverse of Incl.

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Abstract "Structures"

Recall: A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called

injective if $\forall a, a' \in A, f(a) = f(a') \Rightarrow a = a'$

surjective if $\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A$ s.t. $f(a) = b$

Def. A morphism $f: A \rightarrow B$ in a category C is called

monomorphic / mono / monic, if

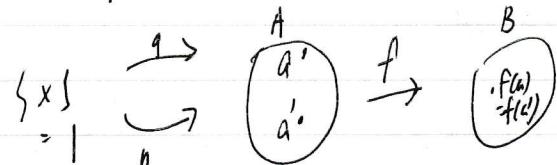
for all objects X of C and parallel pairs

$$g, h: X \rightarrow A$$

of arrows, we have $f \circ g = f \circ h \Rightarrow g = h$.

Prop. A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a mono in the category Set iff it is injective.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Assume f is monic, and let $a, a' \in A$ with $f(a) = f(a')$.



$$g(x) = a \quad f \circ g = f \circ g'$$

$$g'(x) = a' \quad \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, f(g(x)) = f(g'(x))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(g(x)) = f(g'(x))$$

$$\text{we have } f \circ g = f \circ g' \Leftrightarrow g = g' \text{, } g'(x) = g(x) \Rightarrow a = a'$$

(\Leftarrow) Let $g, h: X \rightarrow A$ with $f \circ g = f \circ h$. Then: $g = h$.
 we know $f \circ g = f \circ h \Leftrightarrow \forall x, f(g(x)) = f(h(x))$ $\xrightarrow{f \text{ injective}} g(x) = h(x)$

Remark. By the same argument, we see that arrows in

Pos, Preord, Mor (?)

are monic iff they are injective.

Def. $f: A \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{C} is called

epimorphism / epi / epimorphic / epic (?) if

for all parallel pairs $g, h: B \rightarrow Y$ we have

$$g \circ f = h \circ f \Rightarrow g = h.$$

(right cancellation)

$$X \xrightarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{g} Y$$

(also terminal)

Def. The opposite category \mathcal{C}^{op} of a category \mathcal{C} is as follows:

• Objects and morphisms of \mathcal{C}^{op} are the same as in \mathcal{C}

$$\mathcal{C}_0^{\text{op}} = \mathcal{C}_0, \quad \mathcal{C}_1^{\text{op}} = \mathcal{C}_1$$

$$\text{dom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(f) = \text{cod}_{\mathcal{C}}(f)$$

$$\text{cod}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(f) = \text{dom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f)$$

$$\cdot f \circ_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} g = g \circ_{\mathcal{C}} f$$

' 1_A in \mathcal{C}^{op} same as 1_A in \mathcal{C}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightleftharpoons[f]{\quad\quad\quad} & B \\ & \xleftarrow[g]{\quad\quad\quad} & C \end{array}$$

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Observations

• $f: A \rightarrow B$ is epic in \mathcal{C} iff it ismonic in \mathcal{C}^{op} (duality)

• Slice categories: $(A/C)^{\text{op}} = \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}/A$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \begin{matrix} A \\ \downarrow \\ B \xrightarrow{\quad} C \\ \downarrow \\ A/C \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} B \xrightarrow{\quad} C \xrightarrow{\quad} D \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ A \xrightarrow{\quad} C/A \end{matrix} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow [(A/C)^{\text{op}}]^{\text{op}} = A/C = (\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}/A)^{\text{op}}$$

Prop. A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is epic iff it is surjective.

→ Proof. Assume first that f is surjective. To show that f is epic, let $g, h: B \rightarrow y$ with $g \circ f = h \circ f$.
 (\Leftarrow)

Claim: $g = h \Leftrightarrow \forall b, g(b) = h(b)$

Let $b \in B$. Then by surjectivity of f ,

$$\exists a \text{ with } fa = b, g(b) = g(fa) = (g \circ f)(a)$$

$$= (h \circ f)(a) = h(fa) = h(b).$$

(\Rightarrow) Now assume f epic, and let $b \in B$.

$$\text{Def } A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} \{0,1\} \quad g(b) = 1$$

$$h(b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \exists a, fa = b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\forall a \in A, h(fa) = 1 = g(fa) \Rightarrow h \circ f = g \circ f \Rightarrow h = g$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall b, \exists a, fa = b.$$

$0 \leq 1$
 So ... can show
 preorder.
 to denote $B_{a,b} \iff a \leq b$
 (denote $a = b \iff a \leq b$)

Prop. The monoid map (Epimorphisms need not be surjective)

$f: (\mathbb{N}, +, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$ $n \mapsto n$
is an epimorphism in (Mon.)
(commutative monoid)
not in set because it
is not surjective

Prop. Let $(\mathbb{Z}, +, 0) \xrightarrow{g} (M, +, 0)$

with $g \circ f = h \circ f$. For $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have to show $g(z) = h(z)$.

$$\text{If } z \geq 0, \text{ then } g(z) = g(f(z)) = h(f(z)) = h(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} z < 0, \quad g(z) &= -g(-z) = -g(f(-z)) = -h(f(-z)) \\ &= -h(-z) = h(z). \end{aligned}$$

[However, this epimorphism is NOT injective!]

Furthermore, this map, being 'mon' + 'epi', is not an 'isomorphism'

non-Vector space \rightarrow Banach space (a complete normed vector space)
add (archimedean)
not injective unless space is complete
always epimorphic

Ring Theory $\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ (ring inclusion) is
an epimorphism but not surjective.

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Lemma: Given $f: A \rightarrow B$, $g: B \rightarrow C$ in \mathcal{C} with $g \circ f = 1$, we have f monic & g epic.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{h} & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ & \downarrow k & & & \downarrow g \\ & & A & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ & & & & \downarrow m \\ & & & & Y \end{array}$$

$$\text{Prof. } f \circ h = f \circ k$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ (f \circ h) = g \circ (f \circ k)$$

$$m \circ g = n \circ g$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f) \circ h = (g \circ f) \circ k$$

$$\Rightarrow m \circ (g \circ f) = n \circ (g \circ f)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = k$$

$$\Rightarrow m \circ n$$

$\Rightarrow f$ monic, and g epic by duality.

$\therefore g$ epic.

Remark: In particular, isomorphisms are monic and epic.

Terminology: We call $f: A \rightarrow B$ a split mono ("the mono f " is split)

if $\exists g: B \rightarrow A$ s.t. $g \circ f = 1$ (split mono \Rightarrow mono)

- Call g a split epi if $\exists f$ with $g \circ f = 1$.

- If $g \circ f = 1$ we also call f a section and g a retraction

- With the same situation, call A a retract of B .

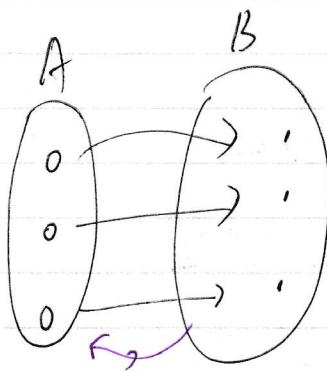
Observation: Retractions $A \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} B$ are preserved by arbitrary functors.

$$F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \quad F A \xrightarrow{\quad Ff \quad} F B, \text{ since if } g \circ f = 1, \text{ then } F(g) \circ F(f) = F(g \circ f) = F(1) = 1.$$

→ Given a mono $f: A \rightarrow B$ in Set, it splits whenever A non-empty.
 (If we can find a right f^{-1} to map to)

→ Now, which epis in Set split?

[Recall $f: A \rightarrow B$ is epi iff it is surjective $\Rightarrow \forall b \in B, \exists a \in A, f(a) = b$.]



Find $g: B \rightarrow A$ s.t. $f \circ g = 1_B$.

This depends on the Axiom of Choice

Given a family $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ of non-empty sets, we can pick one of each.



• Every surjection has a right inverse section.

→ Need Law of Excluded Middle to show that every injection f with
 → So all epimorphisms in set split. non-empty domain has a retraction / left inverse section.)

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Initial and Terminal Objects

Def. Given category C ,

• an object O is called initial if for every object A of C there exists exactly one arrow from O to A .

• an object I is called terminal if for every A there exists exactly one arrow from A to I .

Comments.

→ Definitions are dual to each other in the sense of opposite cats.

→ These definitions are examples of the Universal Mapping Properties.

→ UMP's are often used in definitions: they constructive defined objects up to unique isomorphism.

Lemma: If I and I' are terminal in C , then there exists a unique iso $I \rightarrow I'$.

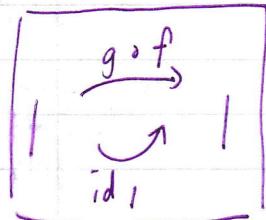
"they are the same"

Proof. By terminality of I' , we know that there is a unique arrow

$$I \xrightarrow{f} I'.$$

By terminality of I , \exists unique $g: I' \rightarrow I$ s.t.

$$g \circ f = \text{id}_I, \quad f \circ g = \text{id}_{I'}$$



By terminality of I , \exists exactly one arrow $I \rightarrow I$.

Therefore $\text{id}_I = g \circ f \wedge f \circ g = \text{id}_{I'}$.

* object can have multiple arrows to itself in general. $\# \text{Fun}(A, B) = (\#B)^{\#A}$

(10,11) $f(x) = {}^1x, f(\lambda) = x, f(\lambda) = 0, f(x) = 1\dots$

Examples

• Terminal object in Set $A \rightarrow \{*\} \text{ (e.g. } \{0\}, \{1\}\text{)}$

• Initial object: Empty set $\emptyset \rightarrow A$ - (injective functions)

$$\# \text{Fun}(\emptyset, A) = \#A^{\#\emptyset} = \#A^0 = 1.$$

(By convention) $\# \text{Fun}(\emptyset, \emptyset) = 1$.

Category of sets

not isomorphic to its
opposite...

In Pos,

- the initial poset is empty
- posets with exactly one element are terminal.

$$(A, \leq) \rightarrow (1, \leq) \\ a \leq b \quad \begin{matrix} f(a) \leq f(b) \\ \approx \end{matrix}$$

In Mon, the initial monoid cannot be empty.

For $(G, \cdot, 1)$ $\{$ \cdot The initial monoid is $(\{1\}, \cdot, 1)$. $(\{1\}, \cdot, 1) \xrightarrow{f} (M, \cdot, e)$
 $\rightarrow f(1) = f(1) = e$.

this phenomenon holds $\} \cdot$ The terminal monoid is $(\{1\}, \cdot, 1) \rightarrow f(1 \cdot 1) = f(1) \cdot f(1)$
 $\rightarrow f(1) = e$. $e \cdot e = e$
 also (we call (M, \cdot, e) the "zero object") $(M, \cdot, e) \rightarrow (\{1\}, \cdot, 1)$

the unique functor is a monoid homomorphism, because in \mathbf{I} all equalities are true.

Other examples: "pointed set"

"vector spaces" (over any field)

Hw 2.

faithful + mono \rightarrow $F(\cdot)$ has $A_{S_{1,2}} \xrightarrow{F} B_{S_{1,2}}$ (C)

E.g. (incho) $\begin{matrix} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F(A) \\ S_{1,2} & \downarrow & S_{1,2} \end{matrix} \rightarrow F(B)$ (D)

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Generalized Elements (forget) (C): $0 \xrightarrow{f} 1$
 (D) set $f(p) = q, g(x) = 1$.

Slogan of Category Theory: "Forget about elements, focus on arrows"

In Set we can recover elements: elements of a set A correspond to arrows

$$I \xrightarrow{f} A \quad f: a \in A.$$

$$* \mapsto a$$

(In appropriate categories, we call arrows $I \rightarrow A$ 'points' of A)

In Mn, elements of $(M, +, e)$ correspond not to arrows

$$I \rightarrow (M, +, e) \text{ in } Mn \quad (\text{since initial} = \text{terminal in Mn})$$

but $(N, +, 0) \xrightarrow{f} (M, +, e)$ works!

$[(D, +, 0) \rightarrow (G, +, e) \text{ similarly}]$
 for Groups

Given $m \in M$, $n \mapsto \underbrace{m \dots m}_{n\text{-times}} = m^n$

(integers for the free monoid)
 on 1 generator
 in other words $\hom_{Mn}((N, +, 0), (M, +, e)) \cong M$. bifunctor

Def. Given an object C of a cat C , a generalized element of C is ^{not} any arrow

$T \rightarrow C$ into C from any object T "test object"

Dually, a generalized co-element of C is an arrow $C \rightarrow T$

Recall:

$$(p10) \quad \begin{matrix} C & \stackrel{\text{isomorphic}}{\cong} & \text{sets of functions} \\ \text{small category} & \cong & \end{matrix}$$

$$A \leftrightarrow A = \{ f: C_1 \mid \text{cod}(f) = A \} = \{\text{generalized elements of } A\}$$

$$A \hookrightarrow \underline{A} = \{g \in \mathcal{C}_1 \mid \text{cod}(g) = A\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f & \downarrow & f \\ \underline{B} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \underline{B} \end{array} = \{ \text{generalized elements of } A \}$$

$$f(g) = f \circ g.$$

Observation An arrow $f: A \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{C} is mono iff f is injective

i.e. f acts injectively on generalized elements by post-composition.

$$C \xrightarrow{\quad} A \rightarrow B$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A \rightarrow B \\ D & \nearrow & \end{array}$$

Binary Products

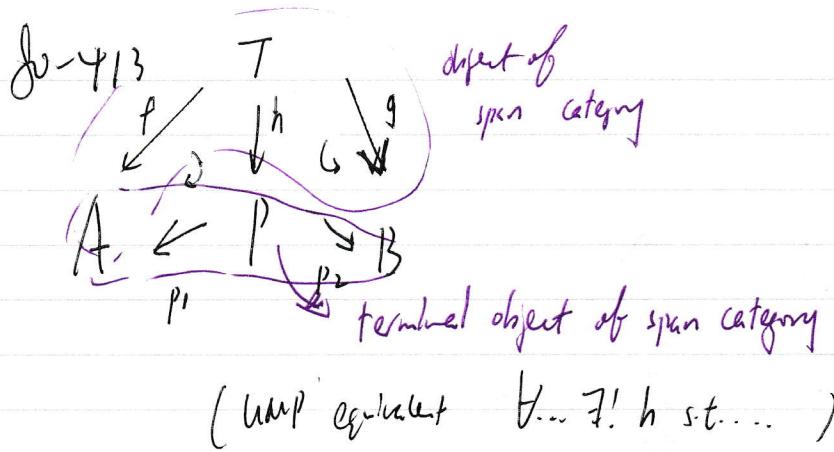
In set theory, the cartesian product $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$

Definition: A $\boxed{\text{binary product}}$ of objects A and B of a category \mathcal{C} consists of an object P together with two projection arrows

$$p_1: P \rightarrow A, \quad p_2: P \rightarrow B \quad \text{such that}$$

for every object T and pair $f: T \rightarrow A, g: T \rightarrow B$ of arrows, there exists a unique $h: T \rightarrow P$ with $p_1 \circ h = f, p_2 \circ h = g$.

!?



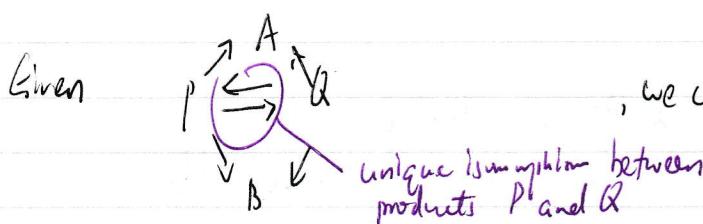
→ We show that the cartesian product is a binary product in Set.

i.e. Given sets S, T , the binary product is

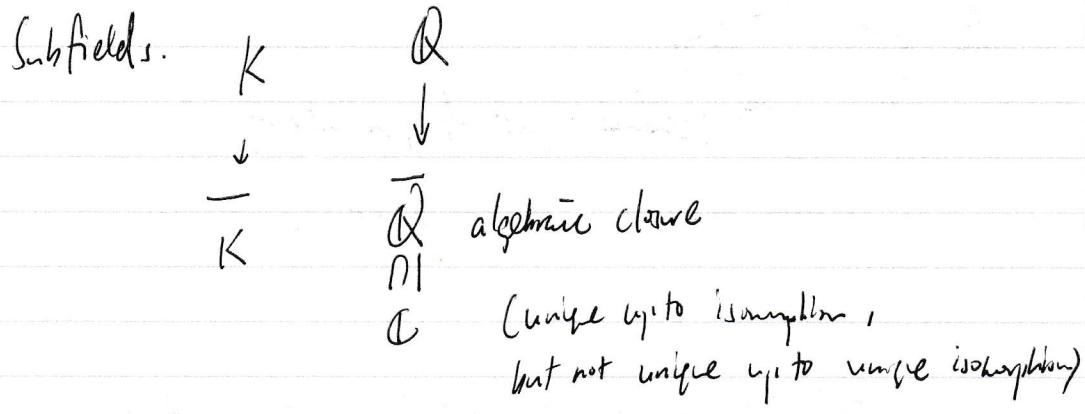
$$\boxed{
 \begin{array}{l}
 S \\
 \uparrow p_1 \qquad p_1(s, t) = s \\
 S \times T = \{(s, t) \mid s \in S, t \in T\} \\
 \downarrow p_2 \qquad p_2(s, t) = t \\
 T
 \end{array}
 \text{ordered pairs}
 }$$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & \xrightarrow{f} & S \\
 & \dashv \dfrac{\partial}{\partial} \dashv & \uparrow p_1 \qquad x \in X \\
 & \xrightarrow{h} & S \times T \qquad h(x) = (f(x), g(x)) \\
 & \xrightarrow{g} & \downarrow p_2 \qquad p_1(h(x)) = f(x), p_2(h(x)) = g(x)
 \end{array}
 & \text{Existence } \checkmark \\
 & \text{uniqueness?}
 \end{array}$$



, we can show the UMP more explicitly.



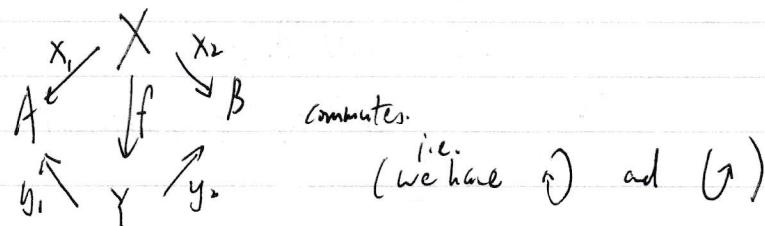
Definition. Given a category \mathcal{C} and objects A, B of \mathcal{C} ,
Span category define a cat $\text{Span}(A, B)$ as follows.

→ Objects are diagrams ("plans") $A \xleftarrow{x_1} X \xrightarrow{x_2} B$

→ Morphisms between $(A \xleftarrow{x_1} X \xrightarrow{x_2} B)$

and $(A \xleftarrow{y_1} Y \xrightarrow{y_2} B)$

are arrows $f: X \rightarrow Y$ such that



→ Composition and identities are inherited from f .

$$(\text{i.e. } \text{id}_{(A \xleftarrow{x_1} X \xrightarrow{x_2} B)} = \text{id}_X)$$

eg. A biliney product is an object in a span category. ("product span")

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Note Moreover, A binary product of $A \& B$ is precisely a terminal object of $\text{Span}(A, B)$.

Binary products are unique up to unique isomorphism in $\text{Span}(A, B)$.

Remark Arrows arising from UMPs are often called canonical arrows. In particular, the isomorphism between two product spans is called canonical iso.

Lemma Given product span $X \xleftarrow{p_1} A \times B \xrightarrow{p_2} B$

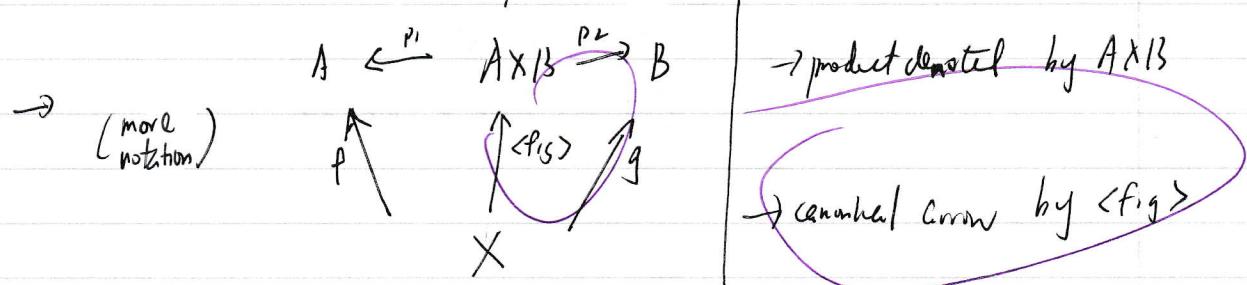
and $f: X \rightarrow P$, we have $f \circ g = p_1 \circ f$ whenever $p_1 \circ f = p_2 \circ g$ and $p_2 \circ f = p_2 \circ g$.

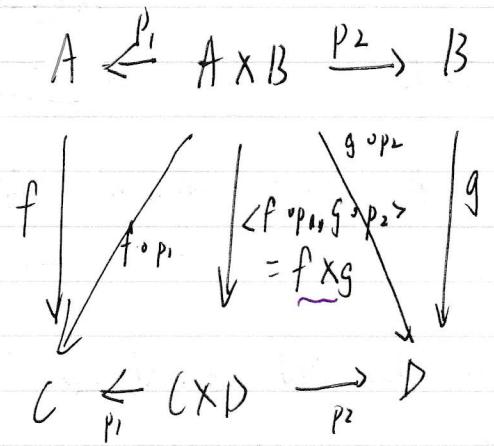
Proof. Only 1 arrow makes them commute...

[Recall the definition of monomorphism $\rightarrow A \rightarrow B$)

Terminology: we also say that p_1 and p_2 are jointly monic.

→ We say that a category C has /counits a binary product, if for all pairs A, B of objects there exists a product span

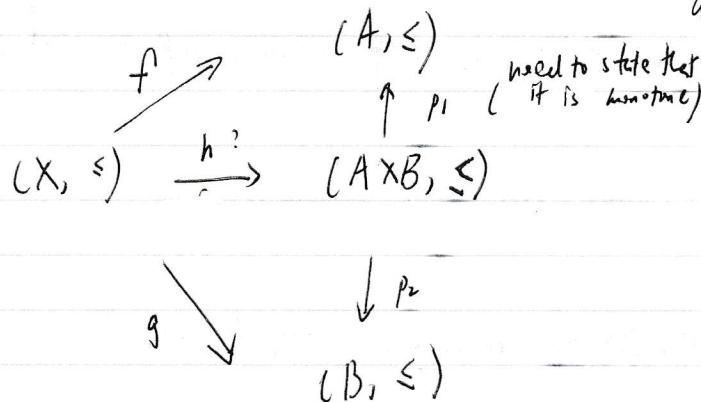




Example: Binary products in Preord:

$$(A, \leq) \times (B, \leq) = (A \times B, \leq) \text{ where } (a, b) \leq (c, d) \text{ iff }$$

$a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$



→ we know that h has to (f_X, g_X) , following sets and functions

→ remains to show that h is monotone, given f, g , monotone.

pf. Assume $x \leq y$ in X , we claim that

$$h_x \leq h_y \text{ in } (A \times B, \leq)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (f_x, g_x) \leq (f_y, g_y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f_x = f_y \text{ & } g_x \leq g_y.$$

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(Example of Monoids
Binary Products)

(and monoid isomorphism)

$$(M, \cdot, e_m) \times (N, \cdot, e_n) = (M \times N, \cdot, (e_m, e_n))$$

$$(m, n) \cdot (m', n') = (m \cdot m', n \cdot n')$$

($M \cdot e$)

Products in Cat
"product category"

$\mathcal{C} \times \mathbb{D}$ is given by $(\mathcal{C} \times \mathbb{D})_o = \mathcal{C}_o \times \mathbb{D}_o$.

$$(\mathcal{C} \times \mathbb{D})_i = \mathcal{C}_i \times \mathbb{D}_i$$

$$I_{(A, B)} = (I_A, I_B)$$

$$\text{dom}(f, g) = (\text{dom}(f), \text{dom}(g))$$

$$\text{cod}(f, g) = (\text{cod}(f), \text{cod}(g))$$

$$(f, g) \circ (h, k) = (f \circ h, g \circ k)$$

"Inclusion functor preserves binary products"

Example $\mathbb{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & f \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\mathbb{D}_o = \{0, 1\}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (1, f) & (0, 1) & (f, 1) \\ (0, 0) & \xrightarrow{(f, f)} & (1, 1) \\ (f, 1) & \searrow & (1, 0) \xrightarrow{(1, f)} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}$$

In the same way as binary products, we can define ternary products:

Given A, B, C in \mathcal{C} , a ternary product is given by

$$P \text{ and } \begin{array}{l} p_1: P \rightarrow A \\ p_2: P \rightarrow B \\ p_3: P \rightarrow C \end{array} \quad X \xrightarrow{\text{must be unique!}} P \downarrow \begin{matrix} A & B & C \end{matrix}$$

such that for $X \xrightarrow{k} P$

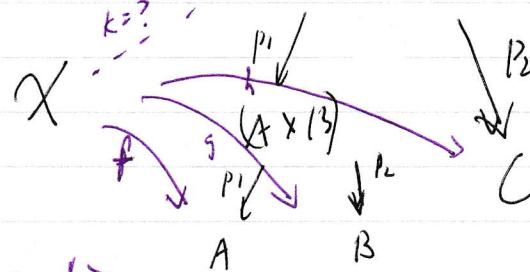
$$\exists! k: X \rightarrow P$$

$$\text{s.t. } p_1k = f, p_2k = g, p_3k = h.$$

Lemma If \mathcal{C} has binary products, then it also has ternary products

Proof A ternary product of A, B, C is given by $(A \times B) \times C$

p_1 : take 1st element of tuple
 p_2 : take 2nd ...



Show that $k = \langle (f, g), h \rangle$ works, and that it is unique.

(see p 27, Lemma)
 Same composition result \Rightarrow same proof

Corollary: Given A, B, C in \mathcal{C} with binary products, there is a canonical iso

such that

$$(A \times B) \times C \xrightarrow{\cong} A \times (B \times C)$$

Proof Both sides are ternary products (use unique isomorphism property on the ternary open terminal object)

Generally, $(n \geq 2)$ -ary products exist.

1-ary product is the object itself 0-ary product is the terminal object]

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Lemma \mathcal{C} has finite products if it has bin products and a terminal object.

Proof: Every product always exists...
 $2 \rightarrow 2^+ \dots$

$$\text{Span}(A, B) = \begin{array}{c} X \\ A \swarrow \searrow B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} X \\ \nearrow \text{binary product} \quad f \quad \downarrow \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \quad \searrow \\ A \xleftarrow{p_1} A \times B \xrightarrow{p_2} B \end{array}$$

Ternary ($n=3$), and generally many products for $n > 2$ can be constructed as iterated binary products.

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

$$\begin{array}{c} (n=0) \quad A \times (B \times (C \times \dots)) \quad \text{many variations...} \\ \cdot \text{Terminal object} \\ \cdot \text{Wrey object} \quad \begin{array}{c} ? \quad ? \quad ? \\ \times \quad f \quad \circ \end{array} \quad \text{let } P = A, \ p_1 = 1_A. \\ (n=1) \end{array}$$

Infinite products

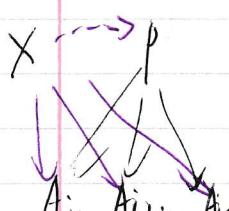
$$A \times A_2 \times A_3 \times A_4 \dots \text{countable!}$$

Def. A product of a family $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ of objects in a category \mathcal{C} consists of

An object P

For each $i \in I$, a projection arrow $p_i: P \rightarrow A_i$, such that for all objects X together with arrows $f_i: X \rightarrow A_i$ ($i \in I$)

There exists a unique $X \xrightarrow{h} P$ such that $\forall i \in I \quad p_i \circ h = f_i$



Terminology: We say that a cat \mathcal{C} has (small) products if there exists products for all set-indexed families.

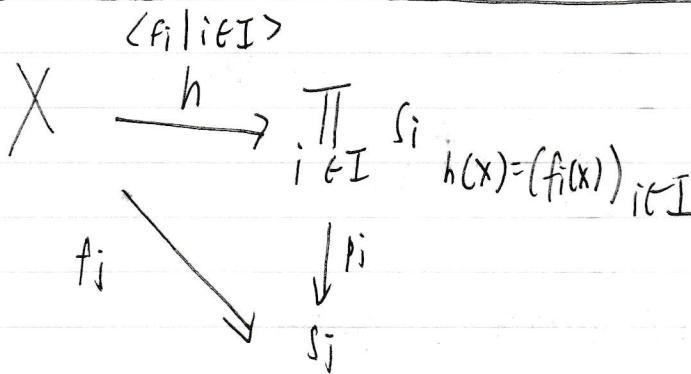
Recall small products in sets:

Given a family $(S_i)_{i \in I}$ of sets, its product is given by

$$\prod_{i \in I} S_i = \{f: I \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} S_i \mid \forall i, f(i) \in S_i\}$$

under the selector p_i : $\prod_{i \in I} S_i \rightarrow S_i$, $p_i(f) = f_i$

$$(a_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} S_i, p_j((a_i)_{i \in I}) = a_j.$$



another preordered set!

E.g. Small products in Preord. $\prod_{i \in I} (A_i, \leq) = \left(\prod_{i \in I} A_i, \leq \right)$

$$(a_i)_{i \in I} \leq (b_i)_{i \in I} \text{ in } \prod_{i \in I} A_i$$

iff $\forall i \in I, a_i \leq b_i$

→ componentwise comparison against

→ (e.g. function comparison $\prod_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R}, \leq)$)



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Finite sets do not admit infinite products.

(Infinite products of sets could be infinite ...)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\quad F \quad} & \mathbb{D} \\ A & & F(A) \\ p_1 \uparrow & & F(p_1) \uparrow \\ A \times B & & F(A \times B) \\ p_2 \downarrow & & F(p_2) \downarrow \\ B & & F(B) \end{array}$$

Def. If \mathcal{C} has finite/small products, we say that functor F preserves (finite/small) products if product diagrams in \mathcal{C} are mapped to product diagrams in \mathbb{D} .

In particular, F is said to preserve binary products if

$F(A) \leftarrow F(A \times B) \rightarrow F(B) \rightsquigarrow$ a bin product diagram in \mathbb{D} for bin product diagrams

$$A \leftarrow A \times B \rightarrow B \text{ in } \mathcal{C}.$$

If \mathbb{D} also has binary products, then we must have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{C} & & F(\mathcal{C}) & \xleftarrow{p_1} & \mathbb{D} \\ \uparrow & & F(p_1) \uparrow & & \\ A \times B & & F(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\langle F(p_1), F(p_2) \rangle} & F(A) \times F(B) \\ \downarrow & & F(p_2) \downarrow & \xrightarrow{\text{unique!}} & \\ B & & F(B) & \checkmark_{p_2} & (\mathbb{D}) \end{array}$$

\mathbb{D} can have fewer products than \mathcal{C} .

(e.g. functor F sends everything to the terminal object ...)
 h is the identity.

• If F preserves binary products then h is an isomorphism. ($F(p_1) \circ h = p_1 \circ h = F(p_1)$)

• If h is an isomorphism for A, B then F preserves binary products.

$$F(A \times B) \cong F(A) \times F(B)$$

Recall: Given A, B in locally small \mathcal{C}

$$\text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) = \{ f \in \mathcal{C} \mid \text{dom}(f) = A, \text{cod}(f) = B \} \text{ is a set.}$$

Given $f: B \rightarrow C$, we can define

$$\boxed{\text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, f)}: \text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{hom}(A, C)$$

$$h \mapsto f \circ h$$

(illustration of 'preserving binary products')

For fixed A , we get a functor

$$\underline{\text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -)}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{set}$$

cong
set of functors $A \times B$

$$(\text{objects}) \quad B \mapsto \text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$$

$$(\text{morphs}) \quad f: B \rightarrow C \mapsto \text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, f)$$

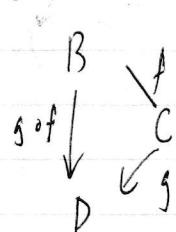
set of functions
from A to C

We verify that $\text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -)$ is indeed a functor:

$$\text{hom}(A, l_B): \text{hom}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{hom}(A, B)$$

$$h \mapsto l_B \circ h = h$$

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



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{hom}(A, B) \\ \text{hom}(A, g \circ f) \quad \text{hom}(A, f) \\ \downarrow \quad \swarrow \\ \text{hom}(A, g) \quad \text{hom}(A, C) \\ \text{hom}(A, D) \end{array}$$

$$(g \circ f) \circ h = g \circ (f \circ h)$$

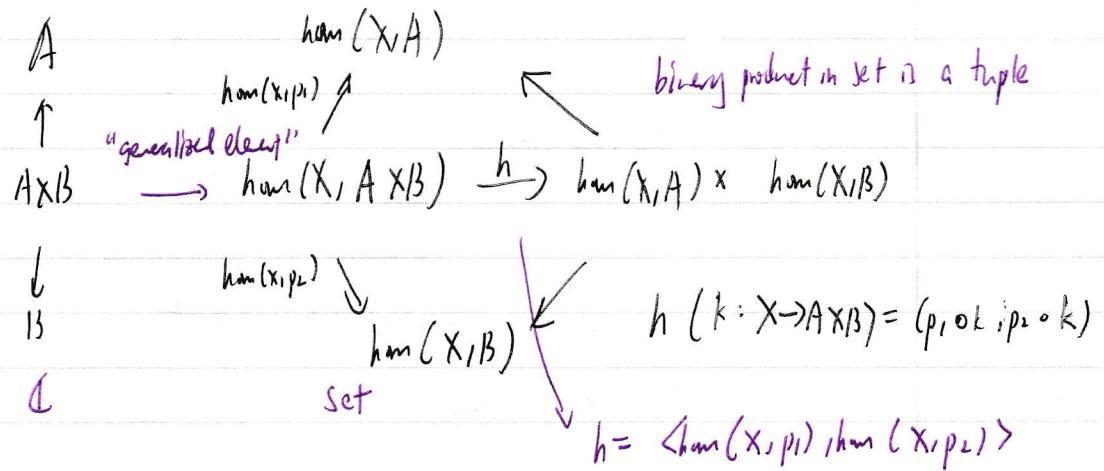
Associativity of functions

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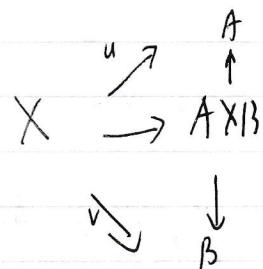
Prop: Given $A \in \mathcal{C}$, $\text{hom}(A, -)$ preserves all binary products that exist in \mathcal{C} .

Proof (of binary case)



Have to check that h is a bijection.

i.e. $\forall (u, v) \in \text{hom}(X, A) \times \text{hom}(X, B), \exists! k \in \text{hom}(X, A \times B), (p_1 \circ k, p_2 \circ k) = (u, v)$



But this is precisely the Universal Mapping Property.
as applied to \mathcal{C} .

Duality (Ch 3)

(allowing for opposite categories)

Observation: Definition of category is symmetric! We can exchange domain and codomain, $f \circ g \leftrightarrow g \circ f$

$$I_A \leftrightarrow I_A$$

Dualizing definitions

initial \leftrightarrow terminal

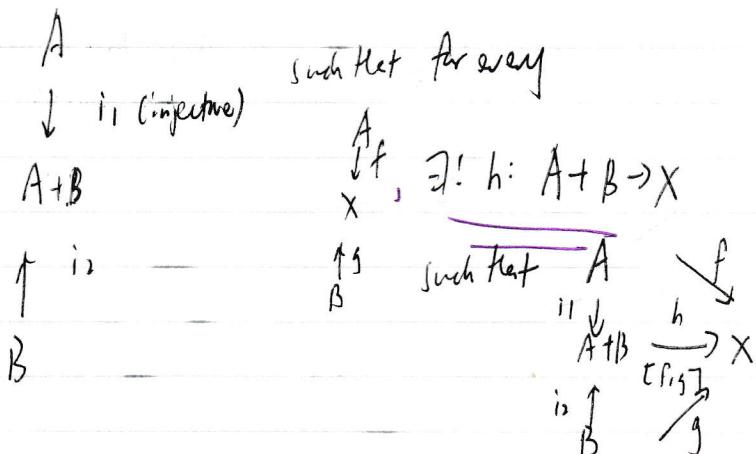
homomorphisms \leftrightarrow epimorphisms

product \leftrightarrow coproduct

Dualizing properties,

Terminal objects are unique up to isomorphism
 \Leftrightarrow initial objects are unique".

Def. A coproduct of objects A, B in \mathcal{C} is a diagram



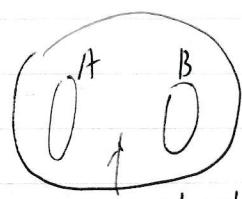
Coproduct of finite sets

\rightarrow no. of elements is added.

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Example Coproduct in set

Given sets A, B , $A+B = A \times \{0\} \cup B \times \{1\} = A \sqcup B$ 

no overlaps! we tags '0' and '1'

↑
upward down, inverse of product= $A \sqcup B$

:

$i_1: A \rightarrow A+B, a \mapsto (a, 0)$

$i_2: B \rightarrow A+B, b \mapsto (b, 1)$

w.t.s $\exists! h \dots$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & & X \\
 \downarrow i_1 & \searrow f & \\
 A+B & \xrightarrow{h} & X \\
 \uparrow i_2 & \nearrow g & \\
 B & &
 \end{array}$$

Existence
 $h(x_{n,1}) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } n=1 \\ g(x) & \text{if } n=2 \end{cases}$
 $h(i_1(a)) = h(a, 1) = f(a)$

uniqueness Assume
 $h \circ i_1 = f = k \circ i_1$
 $h \circ i_2 = g = k \circ i_2$

To show $h = k$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in A+B, h(x) = k(x)$$

First case: $h(x) = h(a, 1) = h(i_1(a)) = k(i_1(a)) = k(a, 1) \stackrel{\substack{\in A \\ \in B}}{=} k(x)$

Second case similar.

We proved that

$\text{hom}(X, -) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ preserves products.

how to formalize the dualization?

If \mathcal{C} has binary coproducts, then \mathcal{C}^{op} has products.

We say $\text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(X, -) : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ preserves products.

↓ alternative notation

$\text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, X) : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ $B \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\cong} X$

$A \mapsto \text{hom}(A, X)^{\cong A}$

$(\text{in } \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}) f \quad \dots \quad \text{hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f, X) : b \mapsto b \circ f$

$B \mapsto \text{hom}(B, X)^{\cong b}$ $B \xrightarrow{\cong} X$

This is the "representable functor" (also contravariant, reverses arrows)

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Coproducts in Set

$$A + B = A \times \{1\} \cup B \times \{2\}$$

- Coproducts are unique up to unique isomorphisms

- Coproduct of objects A, B in \mathcal{C}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i_1} & A + B & \xleftarrow{i_2} & B \\ f \searrow & & \downarrow & \swarrow (f, g) & \downarrow g \\ & X & & & \end{array}$$

Coproducts in Preord

$$(A, \leq) + (B, \leq) = (A + B, \leq)$$

↳ defined by cases

$$(a, 1) \leq (a', 1) \text{ iff } a \leq a' \text{ in } A$$

$$(b, 2) \leq (b', 2) \text{ iff } b \leq b'$$

* Similar in Typ...

* Monoids: deferred

$(a, 1), (b, 2)$ cannot be compared, neither can $(b, 2), (a, 1)$

$$(A, \leq) \xrightarrow{a \mapsto (a, 1)} (A + B, \leq) \xleftarrow{(b, 2) \mapsto b} (B, \leq)$$

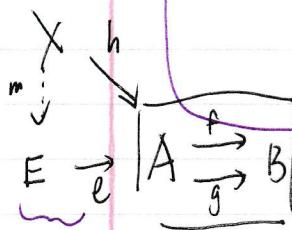
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \downarrow (f, g) \\ f \searrow & & \downarrow & \swarrow g \\ & X, \leq & & \end{array}$$

Def: An equalizer of a parallel pair

$$f, g: A \rightarrow B$$

In a cat \mathcal{C} consists of an object E and an arrow $e: E \rightarrow A$ such that

- $f \circ e = g \circ e$
- for all $(h: X \rightarrow A)$ with $f \circ h = g \circ h$, there exists unique $m: X \rightarrow E$ with $e \circ m = h$.



(Definition) Observation: Given $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ in \mathcal{C} , define the category

$E(f, g)$ as follows -

objects of $E(f, g)$ are arrows $X \xrightarrow{x} A$ in \mathcal{C} such that $f \circ x = g \circ x$

morphisms in $E(f, g)$ from $(X \xrightarrow{x} A)$ to $(Y \xrightarrow{y} A)$ are arrows $m: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $y \circ m = x$.

$$\text{Given } A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

we have f, g iff $\text{Hom}(f, g) \neq \emptyset$

(extensional equivalence)

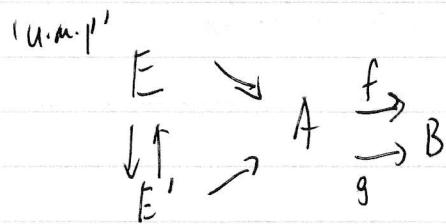
→ Furthermore, an equalizer of f, g is the same thing as a terminal object in $E(f, g)$.

extra condition

→ Note also that $E(f, g) \subseteq \mathcal{C}/A$

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Equalizers in set

$$E = \{a \in A \mid f_a = g_a\} \xrightarrow{e} A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

$\begin{matrix} e(a) = a \\ \uparrow m \\ h \\ \uparrow \\ x \end{matrix}$

If $f \circ h = g \circ h$,
then $\forall x, f(h(x)) = g(h(x))$
 $\Rightarrow \forall x, h(x) \in E$
 $\Rightarrow m = h.$

Another example:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{circle} & \xrightarrow{y} & E = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\} \\ & \xrightarrow{x} & \\ & \xrightarrow{h} & \mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{Inclusion map}} \\ & \downarrow f & \downarrow g \\ & \mathbb{R} & \end{array}$$

$$f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$$

$$g(x,y) = 1$$

Equalizers in Preord

$$\underbrace{\left(\{a \mid f_a = g_a\}, \leq\right)}_E \hookrightarrow (A, \leq) \xrightarrow{f} (B, \leq)$$

 $a \leq a'$ in E iff $a \leq a'$ in A

'same set'

Equalizers in Monoids

$$\underbrace{\left(\{a \mid f_a = g_a\}, \cdot, e\right)}_E \hookrightarrow (M, \cdot, e) \xrightarrow{f} (N, \cdot, e)$$

To see that E is a submonoid, have to check

$$(1) e \in E \quad (f(e) = e = g(e))$$

$$(2) \forall a, a' \in E, a \cdot a' \in E \quad (f(x \cdot y) = f(x) \cdot f(y) \text{ for } x, y \in E \Rightarrow x \cdot y \in E)$$

$$(E, \cdot, e) \xrightarrow{h} (M, \cdot, e) \xrightarrow{f} (N, \cdot, e)$$

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Lemma: If $E \xrightarrow{e} A \xrightarrow{f}{\atop g} B$ is an equalizer in \mathcal{C} , then e is unique in \mathcal{C}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{e \circ h = e \circ k} & \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow k & \searrow & \\ E & \xrightarrow{e} A & \xrightarrow{f}{\atop g} B \end{array}$$

$f \circ e = g \circ e$
 $f \circ (e \circ h) = g \circ (e \circ h)$

$\Rightarrow h = k \dots$ (by left cancellation)

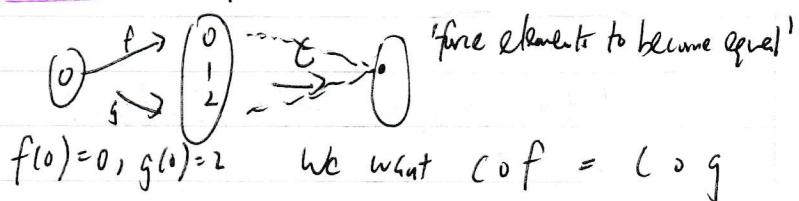
Def. A coequalizer of maps $A \xrightarrow{f}{\atop g} B$

is given by an object C and an arrow $c: B \rightarrow C$ such that

- $c \circ f = c \circ g$
- $\forall (B \xrightarrow{y} Y)$ with $y \circ f = y \circ g$,
- $\exists! m: C \rightarrow Y$ with $m \circ c = y$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{c} & C \\ & {\downarrow g} & & {\downarrow y} & {\downarrow m} \\ & & Y & & \end{array}$$

coequalizer in set



$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \text{(a)} & {\downarrow g} & \left(\begin{matrix} f(a) \\ g(a) \end{matrix} \right) \\ & & \begin{matrix} c_1 & - & C_1 \\ \searrow & & \swarrow \\ c_2 & & C_2 \end{matrix} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow c(f(a)) = c(g(a))$
 $\Rightarrow c(0) = c(2)$

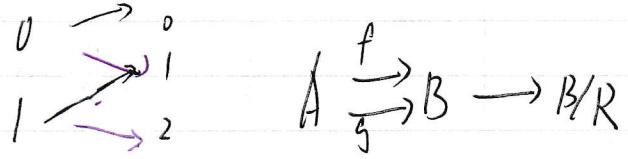
c_1, c_2 should be
 'unique' (minimal) \rightarrow otherwise uniqueness
 $\Rightarrow 1 \neq 2$

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$$A = \{0, 1\}, B = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$f(a) = a, g(a) = a+1$$



- Def: A binary relation $\mathbb{R} \subseteq B \times B$ on a set B is called an equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

For \mathbb{R} an equivalence relation and $b \in B$ write

$$[b]_R = \{b' \in B \mid (b, b') \in R\} \text{ for the equivalence class of } b \text{ w.r.t. } R.$$

Given equivalence relation R on B , the quotient of B by R is the set

$$B/R = \{[b]_R \mid b \in B\}$$

There is a projection function $B \xrightarrow{c} B/R$, $c(b) = [b]$ $R^0 = \{(b, b) \mid (b, b) \in R\}$

Prop: for every binary relation R on B , there exists a least equivalence relation $S \subseteq B \times B$ containing R . Proof. First way, note that $R^0 = R \cup R^1 \cup \dots \cup R^{n-1} \cup R^n$ where $n = \text{dist}(R)$

So what are (equivalences in set)?

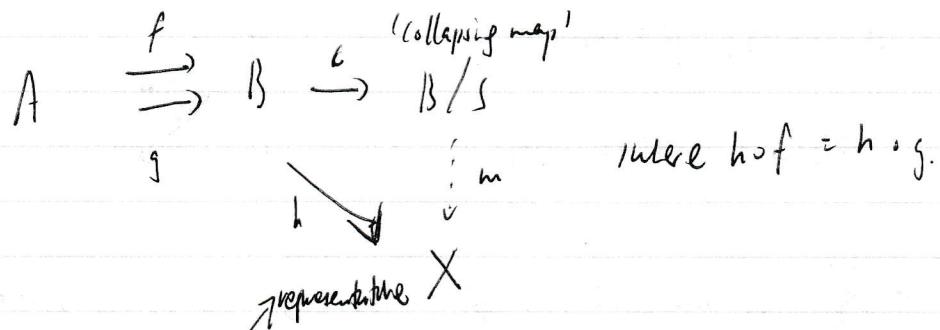
second way. $S = \bigcap \{T \subseteq B \times B \mid R \subseteq T \wedge T \text{ equivalence relation}\}$

Prop: The (equivalence of parallel maps) $A \xrightarrow[g]{f} B$ in set is given by

$B \xrightarrow{c} B/S$ where S is the least relation containing

$$R = \{(f(a), g(a)) \mid a \in A\}, \text{ and } c(b) = [b]_S.$$

Proof



We are tempted to write $m([b]) := h(b)$, but we first want to make sure it's 'well-defined'
i.e. $h(b) = h(b')$ if $b \sim b'$

$$\text{i.e. } h(b) = h(b') \Rightarrow b \sim b'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow S \subseteq \{ (b, b') \mid h(b) = h(b') \}$$

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(refl)

Observe that T is an equivalence relation. So it suffices to show $R \subseteq T$. (Ken $R \subseteq S \subseteq T$)

$$R \subseteq T \Leftrightarrow \{ (f(a), g(a)) \mid a \in A \} \subseteq \{ (b, b') \mid h(b) = h(b') \}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall a, h(f(a)) = h(g(a))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow h \circ f = h \circ g \quad \checkmark \quad \text{so we can say}$$

Prove that m is correct: (same proof)

Prove that m is unique: different $m \Rightarrow$ different map

for some b
 \Rightarrow wrong result

$$h(b) = m(c(b)) = m([b])$$

use the underlying function
on any representative

Remark: (is epil in ((withn)
(equivalences)) use the fact that is surjective)

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