

Homework 7
Due Wednesday, November 2nd

1. Let \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} , and \mathcal{E} be categories and let F, G be functors of two variables (both contravariant in the first variable and covariant in the second variable) from $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{D}$ to \mathcal{E} . Give a definition of a natural transformation from F to G .
2. Show that the map assigning to a ring its group of (multiplicative) units defines a functor $\mathbb{G}_m : \mathcal{Ring} \rightarrow \mathcal{Grp}$ from the category of (non-trivial) rings with 1 to the category of groups. Show by an explicit example that this functor is not faithful.
3. If $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a covariant functor, let $\mathcal{Im} F$ consist of the objects $\{F(A) \mid A \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})\}$ and morphisms $\{F(f) \mid f : A \rightarrow B \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})\}$. Then show that $\mathcal{Im} F$ need not be a category. If the object function of F is injective or F is a full functor, then show that $\mathcal{Im} F$ is a category.
4. Construct functors as follows:
 - (a) A covariant functor $\mathcal{Grp} \rightarrow \mathcal{Set}$ that assigns to each group the set of all its subgroups.
 - (b) A covariant functor $\mathcal{Ring} \rightarrow \mathcal{Ring}$ that assigns to each ring R the polynomial ring $R[x]$.
 - (c) A functor covariant in both variables $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ such that $(A, B) \mapsto A \oplus B$.
5. Let \mathcal{V} be the category whose objects are all finite dimensional vector spaces over a field F (of characteristic $\neq 2, 3$) and whose morphisms are all vector-space *isomorphisms*.
 - (a) Construct a covariant functor $F : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ such that $F(V) = V^*$, where $V \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{V})$ and $V^* = \text{Hom}_F(V, F)$ is the dual of V .
 - (b) For each $V \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{V})$ choose a basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ and let $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$ be the dual basis of V^* . Define a map $\alpha_V : V \rightarrow V^*$ via $e_i \mapsto \delta_i$. Show that the assignment $V \mapsto \alpha_V$ is not a natural isomorphism from the identity functor $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{V}}$ to F (Hint: consider a one-dimensional vector space with basis $\{e\}$ and let $f(e) = ce$ with $c \neq 0, \pm 1$).
6. Prove that covariant representable functors $\mathcal{Set} \rightarrow \mathcal{Set}$ preserve surjective maps.
7. Show that the forgetful functor $\mathcal{Ring} \rightarrow \mathcal{Set}$ is representable.
8. Show that the forgetful functor $\mathcal{Top} \rightarrow \mathcal{Set}$ is representable.
9. Show that if $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Set}$ is a covariant functor that has a left adjoint, then F is representable.
10. Let X be a fixed set and define a functor $F_X : \mathcal{Set} \rightarrow \mathcal{Set}$ by $Y \mapsto X \times Y$. Show that F_X is a left adjoint of the covariant hom functor $h_X = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{Set}}(X, -)$.