

Category Theory Anki Study Document

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Def. Category

- Objects: A, B, C, \dots
- Arrows: f, g, h, \dots
- for each $f : A \rightarrow B$
domain: $A = \text{dom}(f)$
codomain: $B = \text{cod}(f)$
- for $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C$ with $\text{cod}(f) = \text{dom}(g)$
composite of f and g : $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$
- for each object A :
identity arrow: $1_A : A \rightarrow A$
- Associativity: $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$
- Unit: $f \circ 1_A = f = 1_B \circ f$

Def. concrete Categories

Categories in which Objects are Sets, possibly equipped with some structure, and arrows are certain, possibly structure-perserving, functions.

Def. functor

Let \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D} be categories, then $F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ is a functor with:

1. $F(f : A \rightarrow B) = F(f) : F(A) \rightarrow F(B)$
2. $F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$
3. $F(1_A) = 1_{F(A)}$

Def. discrete categories

categories with only the identity arrows

Def. monoid

A set M with an associative binary operation $\cdot : M \times M \rightarrow M$ and unit element $u \in M$.

Def. isomorphism

In any category \mathbf{C} , an arrow $f : A \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism, if there is an arrow $g : B \rightarrow A$ in \mathbf{C} such that.

$$g \circ f = 1_A \text{ and } f \circ g = 1_B$$

we write $f^{-1} = g$. A is isomorphic to B ($A \cong B$) if there exists an isomorphism between them.