

# Cartesian closed categories

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A **cartesian closed category**  $\mathbb{C}$  can be defined as a category having a right adjoint of the unique functor to the terminal category  $*$ :  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow 1$ , a right adjoint of the diagonal functor  $\Delta: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ , and a right adjoint of  $- \times A: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  for each  $A \in \mathbb{C}$ . These three adjoints correspond to the existence of a *terminal* object, binary *products* and *exponentials*.

$$\frac{* \longrightarrow *}{C \xrightarrow{!} 1} \quad \frac{C, C \xrightarrow{f,g} A, B}{C \xrightarrow{\langle f,g \rangle} A \times B} \quad \frac{C \times A \xrightarrow{f} B}{C \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} B^A}$$

These three rules match the three introduction rules for the simply typed lambda calculus. We interpret  $C$  as a context  $\Gamma$  and each morphism  $a: C \rightarrow A$  as a term  $\Gamma \vdash a: A$ .

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash *: 1} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash a: A \quad \Gamma \vdash b: B}{\Gamma \vdash a, b: A \times B} \quad \frac{\Gamma, a: A \vdash b: B}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda a. b): A \rightarrow B}$$

Now, we should discuss if  $\beta$ -equivalence corresponds to the equality between morphisms.