

0.1 Equalizers

Definition 1. Given a pair of categories and parallel morphisms of the shape

$$A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} B$$

The equalizer is the limit.

This means that for $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : A \rightarrow B$ in a category C , their equalizer is, if it exists

- an object $eq(f, g) \in C$
- a morphism $eq(f, g) \rightarrow x$
- such that
 - pulled back to $eq(f, g)$ both morphisms become equal
 - and $eq(f, g)$ is the universal object with this property

Examples : In $C = \text{SET}$, the equalizer of two function of sets is the subset of elements of c on which both functions coincide

$$eq(f, g) = \{s \in c \mid f(s) = g(s)\}$$

For C a category with a zero object the equalizer of a morphism $f : c \rightarrow d$ with the corresponding zero morphism is the kernel of f .

Proposition 1. A category has equalizers if it has products and pullbacks.

Proposition 2. If a category has products and equalizers, then it has limits.