

Categories

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00YK Create tags (see [MSE 350788] for some of these):

1. ??
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9. write material on sections and retractions
10. define bicategory $\mathbf{Adj}(\mathcal{C})$
11. <https://www.google.com/search?q=category+of+categories+is+not+locally+cartesian+closed>
12. <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/2864916/are-there-important-locally-cartesian-closed-categories-that-actually-are-not-cartesian-closed>
13. \mathbf{Cats} is not locally Cartesian closed: f^* does have a left adjoint (the proof for fibred sets seems to apply for any category with pullbacks), but does not have a right adjoint, as proved in example 1.7 of https://sinhp.github.io/files/CT/notes_on_lcccs.pdf
14. internal \mathbf{Hom} in categories of co/Cartesian fibrations

15. <https://mathoverflow.net/questions/460146/universal-property-of-isbell-duality>
16. <http://www.tac.mta.ca/tac/volumes/36/12/36-12abs.html>
17. Cartesian closed categories and locally Cartesian closed categories
 - (a) <https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/locally+cartesian+closed+functor>
 - (b) <https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/cartesian+closed+functor>
 - (c) <https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/locally+cartesian+closed+category>
 - (d) <https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/Frobenius+reciprocity>
18. <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/3657046/the-inverse-of-a-natural-isomorphism-is-a-natural-isomorphism> to justify adjunctions via homs
19. <https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/enrichment+versus+internalisation>
20. <https://mathoverflow.net/questions/382239/proof-that-a-cartesian-category-is-monoidal>

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1.1 Foundation

Definition 1.1.1.1. A category (C, \circ^C) consists of^{1,2}

- *Objects.* A class $\text{Obj}(C)$ of **objects**;
- *Morphisms.* For each $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$, a class $\text{Hom}_C(A, B)$, called the **class of morphisms of C from A to B** ;

¹*Further Notation:* We also write $C(A, B)$ for $\text{Hom}_C(A, B)$.

²*Further Notation:* We write $\text{Mor}(C)$ for the class of all morphisms of C .

- *Identities.* For each $A \in \text{Obj}(C)$, a map of sets

$$\mathbb{K}_A^C: \text{pt} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(A, A),$$

called the **unit map of C at A** , determining a morphism

$$\text{id}_A: A \rightarrow A$$

of C , called the **identity morphism of A** ;

- *Composition.* For each $A, B, C \in \text{Obj}(C)$, a map of sets

$$\circ_{A,B,C}^C: \text{Hom}_C(B, C) \times \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(A, C),$$

called the **composition map of C at (A, B, C)** ;

such that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. *Left Unitality.* The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{pt} \times \text{Hom}_C(A, B) & & \\ \downarrow \mathbb{K}_A^C \times \text{id}_{\text{Hom}_C(A, B)} & \searrow \lambda_{\text{Hom}_C(A, B)}^{\text{Sets}} & \\ \text{Hom}_C(A, A) \times \text{Hom}_C(A, B) & \xrightarrow{\circ_{A,A,B}^C} & \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \end{array}$$

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commutes, i.e. for each morphism $f: A \rightarrow B$ of C , we have

$$\text{id}_B \circ f = f.$$

2. *Right Unitality.* The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \times \text{pt} & & \\ \downarrow \text{id}_{\text{Hom}_C(A, B)} \times \mathbb{K}_B^C & \searrow \rho_{\text{Hom}_C(A, B)}^{\text{Sets}} & \\ \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \times \text{Hom}_C(B, B) & \xrightarrow{\circ_{A,B,B}^C} & \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \end{array}$$

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commutes, i.e. for each morphism $f: A \rightarrow B$ of C , we have

$$f \circ \text{id}_A = f.$$

3. *Associativity.* The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, D) \times (\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(B, C) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)) & & \\
 & \nearrow^{\alpha_{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, D), \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(B, C), \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)}^{\text{Sets}}} & & \searrow^{\text{id}_{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, D)} \times \circ_{A, B, C}^{\mathcal{C}}} & \\
 (\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, D) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(B, C)) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) & & & & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, D) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, C) \\
 & \searrow_{\circ_{B, C, D}^{\mathcal{C}} \times \text{id}_{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)}} & & \swarrow_{\circ_{A, C, D}^{\mathcal{C}}} & \\
 & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(B, D) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) & \xrightarrow{\circ_{A, B, D}^{\mathcal{C}}} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, D) &
 \end{array}$$

commutes, i.e. for each composable triple (f, g, h) of morphisms of \mathcal{C} , we have

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

Definition 1.1.1.2. Let κ be a regular cardinal. A category \mathcal{C} is

1. **Locally small** if, for each $A, B \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$, the class $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$ is a set.
2. **Locally essentially small** if, for each $A, B \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$, the class

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) / \{\text{isomorphisms}\}$$

is a set.

3. **Small** if \mathcal{C} is locally small and $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ is a set.
4. **κ -Small** if \mathcal{C} is locally small, $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ is a set, and we have $\#\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}) < \kappa$.

1.2 Examples of Categories

Example 1.2.1.1. The **punctual category**³ is the category **pt** where

- *Objects.* We have

$$\text{Obj}(\mathbf{pt}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\star\};$$

- *Morphisms.* The unique Hom-set of **pt** is defined by

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{pt}}(\star, \star) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{id}_{\star}\};$$

- *Identities.* The unit map

$$\mathbb{K}_{\star}^{\mathbf{pt}}: \mathbf{pt} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{pt}}(\star, \star)$$

of **pt** at \star is defined by

$$\text{id}_{\star}^{\mathbf{pt}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{id}_{\star};$$

- *Composition.* The composition map

$$\circ_{\star, \star, \star}^{\mathbf{pt}}: \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{pt}}(\star, \star) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{pt}}(\star, \star) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{pt}}(\star, \star)$$

of **pt** at (\star, \star, \star) is given by the bijection $\mathbf{pt} \times \mathbf{pt} \cong \mathbf{pt}$.

Example 1.2.1.2. We have an isomorphism⁴ of categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Mon} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Cats} \\ \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow \text{Obj} \\ \mathbf{pt} & \xrightarrow{[\mathbf{pt}]} & \mathbf{Sets} \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{Mon} \cong \mathbf{pt} \times_{\mathbf{Sets}} \mathbf{Cats},$

via the delooping functor $B: \mathbf{Mon} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cats}$ of ?? of ??.

³*Further Terminology:* Also called the **singleton category**.

⁴This can be enhanced to an isomorphism of 2-categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Mon}_{2-\text{disc}} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Cats}_{2,*} \\ \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow \text{Obj} \\ \mathbf{pt}_{\text{bi}} & \xrightarrow{[\mathbf{pt}]} & \mathbf{Sets}_{2-\text{disc}} \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{Mon}_{2-\text{disc}} \cong \mathbf{pt}_{\text{bi}} \times_{\mathbf{Sets}_{2-\text{disc}}} \mathbf{Cats}_{2,*},$

between the discrete 2-category $\mathbf{Mon}_{2-\text{disc}}$ on **Mon** and the 2-category of pointed categories with one object.

Proof. Omitted. □

Example 1.2.1.3. The **empty category** is the category \emptyset_{cat} where

- *Objects.* We have

$$\text{Obj}(\emptyset_{\text{cat}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset;$$

- *Morphisms.* We have

$$\text{Mor}(\emptyset_{\text{cat}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset;$$

- *Identities and Composition.* Having no objects, \emptyset_{cat} has no unit nor composition maps.

Example 1.2.1.4. The **n th ordinal category** is the category \ltimes where⁵

- *Objects.* We have

$$\text{Obj}(\ltimes) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[0], \dots, [n]\};$$

- *Morphisms.* For each $[i], [j] \in \text{Obj}(\ltimes)$, we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\ltimes}([i], [j]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \{\text{id}_{[i]}\} & \text{if } [i] = [j], \\ \{[i] \rightarrow [j]\} & \text{if } [j] < [i], \\ \emptyset & \text{if } [j] > [i]; \end{cases}$$

⁵In other words, \ltimes is the category associated to the poset

$$[0] \rightarrow [1] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow [n-1] \rightarrow [n].$$

The category \ltimes for $n \geq 2$ may also be defined in terms of \ltimes and joins: we have isomorphisms of categories

$$\begin{aligned} \ltimes &\cong \ltimes \star \ltimes, \\ \ltimes &\cong \ltimes \star \ltimes \\ &\cong (\ltimes \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes, \\ \ltimes &\cong \ltimes \star \ltimes \\ &\cong (\ltimes \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes \\ &\cong ((\ltimes \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes, \\ \ltimes &\cong \ltimes \star \ltimes \\ &\cong (\ltimes \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes \\ &\cong ((\ltimes \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes \\ &\cong (((\ltimes \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes) \star \ltimes, \end{aligned}$$

and so on.

- *Identities.* For each $[i] \in \text{Obj}(\ltimes)$, the unit map

$$\mathbb{K}_{[i]}^{\ltimes} : \text{pt} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\ltimes}([i], [i])$$

of \ltimes at $[i]$ is defined by

$$\text{id}_{[i]}^{\ltimes} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{id}_{[i]};$$

- *Composition.* For each $[i], [j], [k] \in \text{Obj}(\ltimes)$, the composition map

$$\circ_{[i],[j],[k]}^{\ltimes} : \text{Hom}_{\ltimes}([j], [k]) \times \text{Hom}_{\ltimes}([i], [j]) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\ltimes}([i], [k])$$

of \ltimes at $([i], [j], [k])$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id}_{[i]} \circ \text{id}_{[i]} &= \text{id}_{[i]}, \\ ([j] \rightarrow [k]) \circ ([i] \rightarrow [j]) &= ([i] \rightarrow [k]). \end{aligned}$$

Example 1.2.1.5. Here we list all the ~~conv~~ categories that appear throughout this work.

- The category Sets_* of pointed sets of **Pointed Sets**, **Definition 1.3.1.1**.
- The category Rel of sets and relations of **Relations**, **Definition 2.1.1.1**.
- The category $\text{Span}(A, B)$ of spans from a set A to a set B of **Spans**, **Definition 2.1.1.1**.
- The category $\text{ISets}(K)$ of K -indexed sets of **Indexed Sets**, **Definition 1.3.1.1**.
- The category ISets of indexed sets of **Indexed Sets**, **Definition 1.4.1.1**.
- The category $\text{FibSets}(K)$ of K -fibred sets of **Fibred Sets**, **Definition 1.3.1.1**.
- The category FibSets of fibred sets of **Fibred Sets**, **Definition 1.4.1.1**.

1.3 Subcategories ~~conv~~

Let \mathcal{C} be a category.

Definition 1.3.1.1. A **subcategory** of ~~conv~~ a category \mathcal{A} satisfying the following conditions:

1. *Objects.* We have $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{A}) \subset \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$.

2. *Morphisms.* For each $A, B \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{A})$, we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, B) \subset \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B).$$

3. *Identities.* For each $A \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{A})$, we have

$$\text{id}_A^{\mathcal{A}} = \text{id}_A^{\mathcal{C}}.$$

4. *Composition.* For each $A, B, C \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{A})$, we have

$$\circ_{A,B,C}^{\mathcal{A}} = \circ_{A,B,C}^{\mathcal{C}}.$$

Definition 1.3.1.2. A subcategory \mathcal{A} of \mathcal{C} is **full** if the canonical inclusion functor $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is full, i.e. if, for each $A, B \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{A})$, the inclusion

$$\iota_{A,B}: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, B) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$$

is surjective (and thus bijective).

Definition 1.3.1.3. A subcategory \mathcal{A} of \mathcal{C} is **strictly full** if it satisfies the following conditions:

1. *Fullness.* The subcategory \mathcal{A} is full.
2. *Closedness Under Isomorphisms.* The class $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{A})$ is closed under isomorphisms.⁶

Definition 1.3.1.4. A subcategory \mathcal{A} of \mathcal{C} is **wide**⁷ if $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$.

1.4 Skeletons of Categories

Definition 1.4.1.1. A⁸ **skeleton** of a category \mathcal{C} is a full subcategory $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{C})$ with one object from each isomorphism class of objects of \mathcal{C} .

Definition 1.4.1.2. A category \mathcal{C} is **skeletal** if $\mathcal{C} \cong \text{Sk}(\mathcal{C})$.⁹

Proposition 1.4.1.3. Let \mathcal{C} be a category.

1. *Existence.* Assuming the axiom of choice, $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{C})$ always exists.

⁶That is, given $A \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{A})$ and $C \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$, if $C \cong A$, then $C \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{A})$.

⁷*Further Terminology:* Also called **lluf**.

⁸Due to ?? of ??, we often refer to any such full subcategory $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{C})$ of \mathcal{C} as *the skeleton* of \mathcal{C} .

⁹That is, \mathcal{C} is **skeletal** if isomorphic objects of \mathcal{C} are equal.

2. *Pseudofunctoriality.* The assignment $C \mapsto \text{Sk}(C)$ defines a pseudo-functor

$$\text{Sk}: \text{Cats}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cats}_2.$$

3. *Uniqueness Up to Equivalence.* Any two skeletons of C are equivalent.

4. *Inclusions of Skeletons Are Equivalences.* The inclusion

$$\iota_C: \text{Sk}(C) \hookrightarrow C$$

of a skeleton of C into C is an equivalence of categories.

Proof. ??, Existence: See [nlab:skeleton].

??, Pseudofunctoriality: See [nlab:skeleton].

??, Uniqueness Up to Equivalence: Clear.

??, Inclusions of Skeletons Are Equivalences: Clear. □

1.5 Precomposition and Postcomposition

Let C be a category and let $A, B, C \in \text{Obj}(C)$.

Definition 1.5.1.1. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$ be morphisms of C .

- The **precomposition function associated to f** is the function

$$f^*: \text{Hom}_C(B, C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(A, C)$$

defined by

$$f^*(\phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi \circ f$$

for each $\phi \in \text{Hom}_C(B, C)$.

- The **postcomposition function associated to g** is the function

$$g_*: \text{Hom}_C(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(A, C)$$

defined by

$$g_*(\phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g \circ \phi$$

for each $\phi \in \text{Hom}_C(A, B)$.

Proposition 1.5.1.2. Let $A, B, C, D \in \text{Obj}(C)$ and let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ be morphisms of C .

1. *Interaction Between Precomposition and Postcomposition.* We have

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathrm{Hom}_C(B, C) & \xrightarrow{g_*} & \mathrm{Hom}_C(B, D) \\
 f^* \downarrow & & \downarrow f^* \\
 \mathrm{Hom}_C(A, C) & \xrightarrow{g_*} & \mathrm{Hom}_C(A, D).
 \end{array}$$

$g_* \circ f^* = f^* \circ g_*$

2. *Interaction With Composition I.* We have

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathrm{Hom}_C(X, A) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \mathrm{Hom}_C(X, B) \\
 & \searrow (g \circ f)_* & \downarrow g_* \\
 & & \mathrm{Hom}_C(X, C), \\
 \\
 \mathrm{Hom}_C(C, X) & \xrightarrow{g^*} & \mathrm{Hom}_C(B, X) \\
 & \searrow (g \circ f)^* & \downarrow f^* \\
 & & \mathrm{Hom}_C(A, X).
 \end{array}$$

$(g \circ f)^* = f^* \circ g^*$

$(g \circ f)_* = g_* \circ f_*$

3. *Interaction With Composition II.* We have

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathrm{pt} \xrightarrow{[f]} \mathrm{Hom}_C(A, B) & & \mathrm{pt} \xrightarrow{[g]} \mathrm{Hom}_C(B, C) \\
 \searrow [g \circ f] \quad \downarrow g_* & [g \circ f] = g_* \circ [f], & \searrow [g \circ f] \quad \downarrow f^* \\
 \mathrm{Hom}_C(A, C) & [g \circ f] = f^* \circ [g], & \mathrm{Hom}_C(A, C).
 \end{array}$$

4. *Interaction With Composition III.* We have

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{Hom}_C(B, C) \times \text{Hom}_C(A, B) & \xrightarrow{\circ_{A,B,C}^C} & \text{Hom}_C(A, C) \\
 \downarrow \text{id} \times f^* & & \downarrow f^* \\
 \text{Hom}_C(B, C) \times \text{Hom}_C(X, B) & \xrightarrow{\circ_{X,B,C}^C} & \text{Hom}_C(X, C), \\
 \downarrow g_* \times \text{id} & & \downarrow g_* \\
 \text{Hom}_C(B, D) \times \text{Hom}_C(A, B) & \xrightarrow{\circ_{A,B,D}^C} & \text{Hom}_C(A, D).
 \end{array}$$

$f^* \circ \circ_{A,B,C}^C = \circ_{X,B,C}^C \circ (f^* \times \text{id}),$
 $g_* \circ \circ_{A,B,C}^C = \circ_{A,B,D}^C \circ (\text{id} \times g_*),$

5. *Interaction With Identities.* We have

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{id}_A)^* &= \text{id}_{\text{Hom}_C(A,B)}, \\
 (\text{id}_B)_* &= \text{id}_{\text{Hom}_C(A,B)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. ??, Interaction Between Precomposition and Postcomposition: Clear.

??, Interaction With Composition I: Clear.

??, Interaction With Composition II: Clear.

??, Interaction With Composition III: Clear.

??, Interaction With Identities: Clear. □