

# Tensor Products of Pointed Sets

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008H This chapter contains some material on tensor products of pointed sets.

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### 008J 1 Bilinear Morphisms of Pointed Sets

#### 008K 1.1 Left Bilinear Morphisms of Pointed Sets

Let  $(X, x_0)$ ,  $(Y, y_0)$ , and  $(Z, z_0)$  be pointed sets.

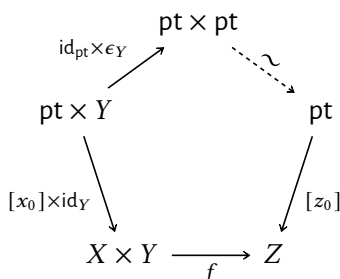
#### 008L DEFINITION 1.1.1 ► LEFT BILINEAR MORPHISMS OF POINTED SETS

A **left bilinear morphism of pointed sets** from  $(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$  to  $(Z, z_0)$  is a map of sets

$$f: (X \times Y, (x_0, y_0)) \rightarrow (Z, z_0)$$

satisfying the following condition:<sup>1,2</sup>

(★) *Left Unital Bilinearity*. The diagram



commutes, i.e. for each  $y \in Y$ , we have

$$f(x_0, y) = z_0.$$

<sup>1</sup>*Slogan:*  $f$  is left bilinear if it preserves basepoints in its first argument.

<sup>2</sup>Succinctly,  $f$  is bilinear if we have

$$f(x_0, y) = z_0$$

for each  $y \in Y$ .

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**DEFINITION 1.1.2 ► THE SET OF LEFT BILINEAR MORPHISMS OF POINTED SETS**

The **set of left bilinear morphisms of pointed sets from**  $(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$  **to**  $(Z, z_0)$  is the set  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\otimes, L}(X \times Y, Z)$  defined by

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\otimes, L}(X \times Y, Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{f \in \text{Sets}_*(A \times B, C) \mid f \text{ is left bilinear}\}.$$

**008N 1.2 Right Bilinear Morphisms of Pointed Sets**

Let  $(X, x_0)$ ,  $(Y, y_0)$ , and  $(Z, z_0)$  be pointed sets.

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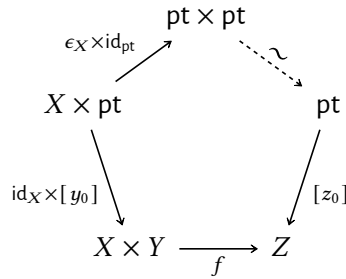
**DEFINITION 1.2.1 ► RIGHT BILINEAR MORPHISMS OF POINTED SETS**

A **right bilinear morphism of pointed sets from**  $(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$  **to**  $(Z, z_0)$  is a map of sets

$$f: (X \times Y, (x_0, y_0)) \rightarrow (Z, z_0)$$

satisfying the following condition:<sup>1,2</sup>

(★) *Right Unital Bilinearity*. The diagram



commutes, i.e. for each  $x \in X$ , we have

$$f(x, y_0) = z_0.$$

<sup>1</sup>*Slogan:*  $f$  is right bilinear if it preserves basepoints in its second argument.

<sup>2</sup>Succinctly,  $f$  is bilinear if we have

$$f(x, y_0) = z_0$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

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**DEFINITION 1.2.2 ► THE SET OF RIGHT BILINEAR MORPHISMS OF POINTED SETS**

The **set of right bilinear morphisms of pointed sets from**  $(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$  **to**  $(Z, z_0)$  is the set  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\otimes, R}(X \times Y, Z)$  defined by

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\otimes, R}(X \times Y, Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{f \in \text{Sets}_*(A \times B, C) \mid f \text{ is right bilinear}\}.$$

**008R 1.3 Bilinear Morphisms of Pointed Sets**

Let  $(X, x_0)$ ,  $(Y, y_0)$ , and  $(Z, z_0)$  be pointed sets.

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**DEFINITION 1.3.1 ► BILINEAR MORPHISMS OF POINTED SETS**

A **bilinear morphism of pointed sets from**  $(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$  **to**  $(Z, z_0)$  is a map of sets

$$f: (X \times Y, (x_0, y_0)) \rightarrow (Z, z_0)$$

that is both left bilinear and right bilinear.

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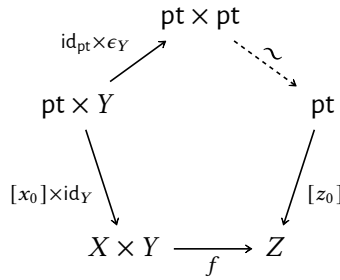
**REMARK 1.3.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 1.3.1**

In detail, a **bilinear morphism of pointed sets from**  $(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$  **to**  $(Z, z_0)$  is a map of sets

$$f: (X \times Y, (x_0, y_0)) \rightarrow (Z, z_0)$$

satisfying the following conditions:<sup>1,2</sup>

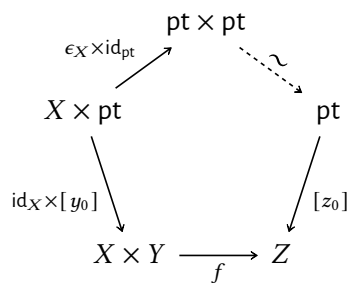
1. *Left Unital Bilinearity.* The diagram



commutes, i.e. for each  $y \in Y$ , we have

$$f(x_0, y) = z_0.$$

2. *Right Unital Bilinearity.* The diagram



commutes, i.e. for each  $x \in X$ , we have

$$f(x, y_0) = z_0.$$

<sup>1</sup>*Slogan:*  $f$  is bilinear if it preserves basepoints in each argument.

<sup>2</sup>Succinctly,  $f$  is bilinear if we have

$$f(x_0, y) = z_0,$$

$$f(x, y_0) = z_0$$

for each  $x \in X$  and each  $y \in Y$ .

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### DEFINITION 1.3.3 ► THE SET OF BILINEAR MORPHISMS OF POINTED SETS

The **set of bilinear morphisms of pointed sets from  $(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$  to  $(Z, z_0)$**  is the set  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\otimes}(X \times Y, Z)$  defined by

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\otimes}(X \times Y, Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{f \in \text{Sets}_*(A \times B, C) \mid f \text{ is bilinear}\}.$$

## 008V 2 Tensors and Cotensors of Pointed Sets by Sets

### 008W 2.1 Tensors of Pointed Sets by Sets

Let  $(X, x_0)$  be a pointed set and let  $A$  be a set.

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**DEFINITION 2.1.1 ► TENSORS OF POINTED SETS BY SETS**

The **tensor of**  $(X, x_0)$  **by**  $A$  is the pointed set  $A \odot (X, x_0)$  satisfying the following universal property:

(UP) We have a bijection

$$\mathbf{Sets}_*(A \odot X, K) \cong \mathbf{Sets}(A, \mathbf{Sets}_*(X, K)),$$

natural in  $(K, k_0) \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets}_*)$ .

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**REMARK 2.1.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 2.1.1**

The tensor of  $(X, x_0)$  by  $A$  satisfies the following universal property:

$$\mathbf{Sets}_*(A \odot X, K) \cong \mathbf{Sets}_{\mathbb{E}_0}^{\otimes}(A \times X, K),$$

where  $\mathbf{Sets}_{\mathbb{E}_0}^{\otimes}(A \times X, K)$  is the set defined by

$$\mathbf{Sets}_{\mathbb{E}_0}^{\otimes}(A \times X, K) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ f \in \mathbf{Sets}(A \times X, K) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{for each } a \in A, \text{ we have} \\ f(a, x_0) = k_0 \end{array} \right\}.$$

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**CONSTRUCTION 2.1.3 ► CONSTRUCTION OF TENSORS OF POINTED SETS BY SETS**

Concretely, the **tensor of**  $(X, x_0)$  **by**  $A$  is the pointed set  $A \odot (X, x_0)$  consisting of

- *The Underlying Set.* The set  $A \odot X$  given by

$$A \odot X \cong \bigvee_{a \in A} (X, x_0);$$

- *The Basepoint.* The point  $[x_0]$  of  $\bigvee_{a \in A} (X, x_0)$ .

**0090 2.2 Cotensors of Pointed Sets by Sets**

Let  $(X, x_0)$  be a pointed set and let  $A$  be a set.

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**DEFINITION 2.2.1 ► COTENSORS OF POINTED SETS BY SETS**

The **cotensor of**  $(X, x_0)$  **by**  $A$  is the pointed set  $A \pitchfork (X, x_0)$  satisfying the following universal property:

(UP) We have a bijection

$$\mathbf{Sets}_*(K, A \pitchfork X) \cong \mathbf{Sets}(A, \mathbf{Sets}_*(K, X)),$$

natural in  $(K, k_0) \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets}_*)$ .

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**REMARK 2.2.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 2.2.1**

The cotensor of  $(X, x_0)$  by  $A$  satisfies the following universal property:

$$\mathbf{Sets}_*(K, A \pitchfork X) \cong \mathbf{Sets}_{\mathbb{E}_0}^{\otimes}(A \times K, X),$$

where  $\mathbf{Sets}_{\mathbb{E}_0}^{\otimes}(A \times K, X)$  is the set defined by

$$\mathbf{Sets}_{\mathbb{E}_0}^{\otimes}(A \times K, X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ f \in \mathbf{Sets}(A \times K, X) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{for each } a \in A, \text{ we have} \\ f(a, k_0) = x_0 \end{array} \right\}.$$

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**CONSTRUCTION 2.2.3 ► CONSTRUCTION OF COTENSORS OF POINTED SETS BY SETS**

Concretely, the **cotensor of**  $(X, x_0)$  **by**  $A$  is the pointed set  $A \pitchfork (X, x_0)$  consisting of

- *The Underlying Set.* The set  $A \pitchfork X$  given by

$$A \pitchfork X \cong \bigwedge_{a \in A} (X, x_0);$$

- *The Basepoint.* The point  $[(x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots)]$  of  $\bigwedge_{a \in A} (X, x_0)$ .

**0094 3 The Left Tensor Product of Pointed Sets****0095 3.1 Foundations**

Let  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$  be pointed sets.

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**DEFINITION 3.1.1 ► THE LEFT TENSOR PRODUCT OF POINTED SETS**

The **left tensor product of pointed sets** is the functor

$$\triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} : \text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*$$

defined as the composition

$$\text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets}_* \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times \omega} \text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets} \xrightarrow{\beta_{\text{Sets}_*, \text{Sets}}^{\text{Cats}_2}} \text{Sets} \times \text{Sets}_* \xrightarrow{\odot} \text{Sets}_*.$$

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**REMARK 3.1.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 3.1.1, I: UNIVERSAL PROPERTY**

The left tensor product of pointed sets satisfies the following universal property:<sup>1</sup>

$$\text{Sets}_*(X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y, Z) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\odot, \text{L}}(X \times Y, Z).$$

<sup>1</sup>Namely, a pointed map  $f : X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y \rightarrow Z$  is the same as a map  $f^\dagger : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  such that

$$f^\dagger(x_0, y) = z_0$$

for each  $y \in Y$ .

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**REMARK 3.1.3 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 3.1.1, II: EXPLICIT DESCRIPTION**

In detail, the **left tensor product of**  $(X, x_0)$  **and**  $(Y, y_0)$  is the pointed set  $(X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y, [x_0])$  consisting of<sup>1</sup>

- *The Underlying Set.* The set  $X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |Y| \odot X \\ &\cong \bigvee_{y \in Y} (X, x_0); \end{aligned}$$

- *The Underlying Basepoint.* The point  $[x_0]$  of  $\bigvee_{y \in Y} (X, x_0)$ .

<sup>1</sup>Further Notation: We write  $x \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} y$  for the image of  $(x, y)$  under the map

$$X \times Y \rightarrow \underbrace{X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y}_{\cong \bigvee_{y \in Y} (X, x_0)}.$$



sending  $(x, y)$  to the element  $x \in X$  in the  $y$ th copy of  $X$  in  $\bigvee_{y \in Y} (X, x_0)$ . Note that we have

$$x_0 \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} y = x_0 \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} y',$$

for each  $y, y' \in Y$ .

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### PROPOSITION 3.1.4 ► PROPERTIES OF LEFT TENSOR PRODUCTS OF POINTED SETS

Let  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$  be pointed sets.

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1. *Functoriality.* The assignments  $X, Y, (X, Y) \mapsto X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y$  define functors

$$\begin{aligned} X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} - &: \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*, \\ - \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y &: \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*, \\ -_1 \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} -_2 &: \text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*. \end{aligned}$$

### PROOF 3.1.5 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3.1.4

Item 1: Functoriality

Omitted.



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## 3.2 The Skew Associator

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### DEFINITION 3.2.1 ► THE SKEW ASSOCIATOR OF $\triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*}$

The **skew associator of the left tensor product of pointed sets** is the natural isomorphism

$$\alpha^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*}),$$

whose component

$$\alpha_{X,Y,Z}^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : (X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y) \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Z \xrightarrow{\cong} X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} (Y \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Z)$$

at  $(X, Y, Z)$  is given by the composition<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 (X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y) \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Z &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |Z| \odot (X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |Z| \odot (|Y| \odot X) \\
 &\cong \bigvee_{z \in Z} (|Y| \odot X, [x_0]) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigvee_{z \in Z} \left( \bigvee_{y \in Y} (X, x_0) \right) \\
 &\cong \bigvee_{(z, y) \in \bigvee_{z \in Z} (Y, y_0)} (X, x_0) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigvee_{(z, y) \in |Z| \odot Y} (X, x_0) \\
 &\cong ||Z| \odot Y| \odot X \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |Y \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Z| \odot X \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} (Y \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Z),
 \end{aligned}$$

where the isomorphism

$$\bigvee_{z \in Z} \left( \bigvee_{y \in Y} (X, x_0) \right) \cong \bigvee_{(y, z) \in \bigvee_{z \in Z} (Y, y_0)} (X, x_0)$$

is given by  $[(z, (y, x))] \mapsto [((z, y), x)]$ .

<sup>1</sup>In other words,  $\alpha_{X, Y, Z}^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft}$  acts on elements as

$$\alpha_{X, Y, Z}^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} ((x \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} y) \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} (y \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} z)$$

for each  $(x \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} y) \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} z \in (X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y) \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Z$ .

### 009D 3.3 The Skew Left Unitor

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**DEFINITION 3.3.1 ► THE SKEW LEFT UNITOR OF  $\triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*}$** 

The **skew left unitor of the left tensor product of pointed sets** is the natural transformation

$$\lambda^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*} \times \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*}) \Longrightarrow \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*},$$

whose component

$$\lambda_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : S^0 \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} X \rightarrow X$$

at  $X$  is given by the composition<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} S^0 \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} X &\cong |X| \odot S^0 \\ &\cong \bigvee_{x \in X} S^0 \\ &\rightarrow X \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bigvee_{x \in X} S^0 \rightarrow X$  is the map given by

$$\begin{aligned} (x, 0) &\mapsto x, \\ (x, 1) &\mapsto x. \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup>In other words,  $\lambda_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft}$  acts on elements as

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} (x \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} 0) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x, \\ \lambda_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} (x \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} 1) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x, \end{aligned}$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

**009F 3.4 The Skew Right Unitor**

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**DEFINITION 3.4.1 ► THE SKEW RIGHT UNITOR OF  $\triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*}$** 

The **skew right unitor of the left tensor product of pointed sets** is the natural transformation

$$\rho^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \Longrightarrow \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*}),$$

whose component

$$\rho_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : X \rightarrow X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} S^0$$

at  $X$  is given by the composition<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} X &\rightarrow X \vee X \\ &\cong |S^0| \odot X \\ &\cong S^0 \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} X, \end{aligned}$$

where  $X \rightarrow X \vee X$  is the map sending  $X$  to the first factor of  $X$  in  $X \vee X$ .

<sup>1</sup>In other words,  $\rho_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft}$  acts on elements as

$$\rho_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} 0$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

### 009H 3.5 The Left-Skew Monoidal Category Structure on Pointed Sets

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#### PROPOSITION 3.5.1 ► THE LEFT-SKEW MONOIDAL CATEGORY STRUCTURE ON POINTED SETS

The category  $\text{Sets}_*$  admits a left-skew monoidal category structure consisting of<sup>¶</sup>

- *The Skew Monoidal Product.* The left tensor product functor

$$\triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} : \text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*,$$

of [Proposition 3.1.4](#);

- *The Skew Monoidal Unit.* The functor

$$\mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*} : \text{pt} \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*$$

defined by

$$\mathbb{K}_{\text{Sets}_*} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^0;$$

- *The Skew Associators.* The natural isomorphism

$$\alpha^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*}) \xRightarrow{\cong} \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*}),$$

of [Definition 3.2.1](#);

- *The Skew Left Unitors.* The natural transformation

$$\lambda^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*} \times \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*}) \Rightarrow \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*},$$

of [Definition 3.3.1](#);

· *The Skew Right Unitors.* The natural transformation

$$\rho^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft} : \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \Longrightarrow \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*}),$$

of **Definition 3.4.1**.

<sup>1</sup>Note in particular that, differently from general left-skew monoidal categories, the skew associator of  $(\text{Sets}_*, \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*}, S^0)$  is a natural isomorphism.

#### PROOF 3.5.2 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3.5.1

Omitted.



## 009K 4 The Right Tensor Product of Pointed Sets

### 009L 4.1 Foundations

Let  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$  be pointed sets.

#### 009M DEFINITION 4.1.1 ► THE RIGHT TENSOR PRODUCT OF POINTED SETS

The **right tensor product of pointed sets** is the functor

$$\triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} : \text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*$$

defined as the composition

$$\text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets}_* \xrightarrow{\cong \times \text{id}} \text{Sets} \times \text{Sets}_* \xrightarrow{\odot} \text{Sets}_*.$$

#### 009N REMARK 4.1.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 4.1.1, I: UNIVERSAL PROPERTY

The right tensor product of pointed sets satisfies the following universal property:<sup>1</sup>

$$\text{Sets}_*(X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y, Z) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\otimes, R}(X \times Y, Z).$$

<sup>1</sup>Namely, a pointed map  $f : X \triangleleft_{\text{Sets}_*} Y \rightarrow Z$  is the same as a map  $f^\dagger : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  such that

$$f^\dagger(x, y_0) = z_0$$

for each  $y \in Y$ .

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## REMARK 4.1.3 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 4.1.1, II: EXPLICIT DESCRIPTION

In detail, the **right tensor product of**  $(X, x_0)$  **and**  $(Y, y_0)$  is the pointed set  $(X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y, [y_0])$  consisting of<sup>1</sup>

- *The Underlying Set.* The set  $X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |X| \odot Y \\ &\cong \bigvee_{x \in X} (Y, y_0); \end{aligned}$$

- *The Underlying Basepoint.* The point  $[y_0]$  of  $\bigvee_{x \in X} (Y, y_0)$ .

<sup>1</sup>Further Notation: We write  $x \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} y$  for the image of  $(x, y)$  under the map

$$X \times Y \rightarrow \underbrace{X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y}_{\cong \bigvee_{x \in X} (Y, y_0)}.$$

sending  $(x, y)$  to the element  $y \in Y$  in the  $x$ th copy of  $Y$  in  $\bigvee_{x \in X} (Y, y_0)$ . Note that we have

$$x \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} y_0 = x' \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} y_0,$$

for each  $x, x' \in X$ .

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## PROPOSITION 4.1.4 ► PROPERTIES OF RIGHT TENSOR PRODUCTS OF POINTED SETS

Let  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$  be pointed sets.

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1. *Functoriality.* The assignments  $X, Y, (X, Y) \mapsto X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y$  define functors

$$\begin{aligned} X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} - &: \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*, \\ - \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y &: \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*, \\ -_1 \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} -_2 &: \text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*. \end{aligned}$$

## PROOF 4.1.5 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.1.4

Item 1: Functoriality

Omitted. 

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DEFINITION 4.2.1 ► THE SKEW ASSOCIATOR OF  $\triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*}$ 

The **skew associator of the right tensor product of pointed sets** is the natural isomorphism

$$\alpha^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*}),$$

whose component

$$\alpha_{X,Y,Z}^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} (Y \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Z) \xrightarrow{\cong} (X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y) \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Z$$

at  $(X, Y, Z)$  is given by the composition<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} (Y \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Z) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |X| \odot (Y \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Z) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |X| \odot (|Y| \odot Z) \\ &\cong |X| \odot \left( \bigvee_{y \in Y} (Z, z_0) \right) \\ &\cong \bigvee_{x \in X} \left( \bigvee_{y \in Y} (Z, z_0) \right) \\ &\cong \bigvee_{(x,y) \in \bigvee_{x \in X} (Y, y_0)} (Z, z_0) \\ &\cong \left| \bigvee_{x \in X} (Y, y_0) \right| \odot Z \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |X \odot Y| \odot Z \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y| \odot Z \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Y) \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Z \end{aligned}$$

where the isomorphism

$$\bigvee_{x \in X} \left( \bigvee_{y \in Y} (Z, z_0) \right) \cong \bigvee_{(x,y) \in \bigvee_{x \in X} (Y, y_0)} (Z, z_0)$$

is given by  $[(x, (y, z))] \mapsto [(x, y), z]$ .

<sup>1</sup>In other words,  $\alpha_{X,Y,Z}^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright}$  acts on elements as

$$\alpha_{X,Y,Z}^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} (x \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} (y \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} z)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} y) \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} z$$

for each  $x \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} (y \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} z) \in X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} (Y \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} Z)$ .

009U **4.3 The Skew Left Unitor**009V **DEFINITION 4.3.1 ► THE SKEW LEFT UNITOR OF  $\triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*}$** 

The **skew left unitor of the right tensor product of pointed sets** is the natural transformation

$$\lambda^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \Longrightarrow \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*} \times \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*}),$$

whose component

$$\lambda_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : X \rightarrow S^0 \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} X$$

at  $X$  is given by the composition<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} X &\rightarrow X \vee X \\ &\cong |S^0| \odot X \\ &\cong S^0 \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} X, \end{aligned}$$

where  $X \rightarrow X \vee X$  is the map sending  $X$  to the first factor of  $X$  in  $X \vee X$ .

<sup>1</sup>In other words,  $\lambda_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright}$  acts on elements as

$$\lambda_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0 \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} x$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

009W **4.4 The Skew Right Unitor**009X **DEFINITION 4.4.1 ► THE SKEW RIGHT UNITOR OF  $\triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*}$** 

The **skew right unitor of the right tensor product of pointed sets** is the natural transformation

$$\rho^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*}) \Longrightarrow \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*},$$

whose component<sup>1</sup>

$$\rho_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} S^0 \rightarrow X$$



at  $X$  is given by the composition

$$\begin{aligned} X \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} S^0 &\cong |X| \odot S^0 \\ &\cong \bigvee_{x \in X} S^0 \\ &\rightarrow X \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bigvee_{x \in X} S^0 \rightarrow X$  is the map given by

$$\begin{aligned} (x, 0) &\mapsto x, \\ (x, 1) &\mapsto x. \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup>In other words,  $\rho_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright}$  acts on elements as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} (x \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} 0) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x, \\ \rho_X^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} (x \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} 1) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \end{aligned}$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

## 009Y 4.5 The Right-Skew Monoidal Category Structure on Pointed Sets

### 009Z PROPOSITION 4.5.1 ► THE RIGHT-SKEW MONOIDAL CATEGORY STRUCTURE ON POINTED SETS

The category  $\text{Sets}_*$  admits a right-skew monoidal category structure consisting of<sup>1</sup>

- *The Skew Monoidal Product.* The right tensor product functor

$$\triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} : \text{Sets}_* \times \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*,$$

of [Item 1](#);

- *The Skew Monoidal Unit.* The functor

$$\mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*} : \text{pt} \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*$$

defined by

$$\mathbb{K}^{\text{Sets}_*} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^0;$$

- *The Skew Associators.* The natural isomorphism

$$\alpha^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*}),$$

of **Definition 4.2.1**;

- *The Skew Left Unitors.* The natural transformation

$$\lambda^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \Rightarrow \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\mu^{\text{Sets}_*} \times \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*}),$$

of **Definition 3.3.1**;

- *The Skew Right Unitors.* The natural transformation

$$\rho^{\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright} : \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*} \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \times \mu^{\text{Sets}_*}) \Rightarrow \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*},$$

of **Definition 3.4.1**.

<sup>1</sup>Note in particular that, differently from general right-skew monoidal categories, the skew associator of  $(\text{Sets}_*, \triangleright_{\text{Sets}_*}, S^0)$  is a natural isomorphism.

**PROOF 4.5.2 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3.5.1**

Omitted.



## 00A0 5 Smash Products of Pointed Sets

### 00A1 5.1 Foundations

Let  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$  be pointed sets.

#### 00A2 DEFINITION 5.1.1 ► SMASH PRODUCTS OF POINTED SETS

The **smash product** of  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$ <sup>1</sup> is the pointed set  $X \wedge Y$ <sup>2</sup> such that we have a bijection

$$\text{Sets}_*(X \wedge Y, Z) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\otimes}(X \times Y, Z),$$

natural in  $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0), (Z, z_0) \in \text{Obj}(\text{Sets}_*)$ .

<sup>1</sup>Further Terminology: Also called the **tensor product of  $\mathbb{F}_1$ -modules of  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$**  or the **tensor product of  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_1$** .

<sup>2</sup>Further Notation: Also written  $X \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_1} Y$ .

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**REMARK 5.1.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 5.1.1**

In detail, the **smash product of  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$**  is the pair  $((X \wedge Y, [(x_0, y_0)]), \iota)$  consisting of

- A pointed set  $(X \wedge Y, [(x_0, y_0)])$ ;
- A bilinear morphism of pointed sets  $\iota: (X \times Y, (x_0, y_0)) \rightarrow X \wedge Y$ ;

satisfying the following universal property:

(UP) Given another such pair  $((Z, z_0), f)$  consisting of

- A pointed set  $(Z, z_0)$ ;
- A bilinear morphism of pointed sets  $f: (X \times Y, (x_0, y_0)) \rightarrow Z$ ;

there exists a unique morphism of pointed sets  $X \wedge Y \xrightarrow{\exists!} Z$  making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & X \wedge Y \\ & \nearrow \iota & \downarrow \exists! \\ X \times Y & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

commute.

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**CONSTRUCTION 5.1.3 ► SMASH PRODUCTS OF POINTED SETS**

Concretely, the **smash product of  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$**  is the pointed set  $(X \wedge Y, [(x_0, y_0)])$  consisting of<sup>†</sup>

- *The Underlying Set.* The set  $X \wedge Y$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 X \wedge Y &\cong \text{pt} \coprod_{X \vee Y} (X \times Y) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{X \times Y}{X \vee Y} \\
 &\cong X \times Y / \sim,
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 X \wedge Y & \leftarrow & X \times Y \\
 \uparrow \scriptstyle \Gamma & & \uparrow \\
 \text{pt} & \xleftarrow{!} & X \vee Y,
 \end{array}$$

where  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation of  $X \times Y$  obtained by declaring  $(x, y) \sim (x', y')$  iff  $(x, y), (x', y') \in X \vee Y$ , i.e. by declaring

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x_0, y) &\sim (x_0, y'), \\
 (x, y_0) &\sim (x', y_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in Y$ ;

- *The Basepoint.* The element  $[(x_0, y_0)]$  of  $X \wedge Y$  given by the equivalence class of  $(x_0, y_0)$  under the equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $X \times Y$ .

<sup>1</sup>*Further Notation:* We write  $x \wedge y$  for the image of  $(x, y)$  under the quotient map

$$X \times Y \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{X \times Y}{X \vee Y}}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X \wedge Y}$$

Note that we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \wedge y_0 &= x' \wedge y_0, \\
 x_0 \wedge y &= x_0 \wedge y'
 \end{aligned}$$

for each  $x, x' \in X$  and each  $y, y' \in Y$ .

#### PROOF 5.1.4 ► PROOF OF CONSTRUCTION 5.1.3

Clear.



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#### EXAMPLE 5.1.5 ► EXAMPLES OF SMASH PRODUCTS OF POINTED SETS

Here are some examples of smash products of pointed sets.

1. *Smashing With  $S^0$ .* For any pointed set  $X$ , we have isomorphisms of pointed

sets

$$\begin{aligned} S^0 \wedge X &\cong X, \\ X \wedge S^0 &\cong X. \end{aligned}$$

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**PROPOSITION 5.1.6 ► PROPERTIES OF SMASH PRODUCTS OF POINTED SETS**

Let  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$  be pointed sets.

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1. *Functoriality.* The assignments  $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0), ((X, x_0), (Y, y_0)) \mapsto X \wedge Y$  define functors

$$\begin{aligned} X \wedge - &: \mathbf{Sets}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}_*, \\ - \wedge Y &: \mathbf{Sets}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}_*, \\ -_1 \wedge -_2 &: \mathbf{Sets}_* \times \mathbf{Sets}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}_*. \end{aligned}$$

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2. *Adjointness.* We have adjunctions

$$\begin{aligned} (X \wedge - \dashv \mathbf{Sets}_*(X, -)) &: \mathbf{Sets}_* \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{X \wedge -} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{\mathbf{Sets}_*(X, -)} \end{array} \mathbf{Sets}_*, \\ (- \wedge Y \dashv \mathbf{Sets}_*(Y, -)) &: \mathbf{Sets}_* \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{- \wedge Y} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{\mathbf{Sets}_*(Y, -)} \end{array} \mathbf{Sets}_*, \end{aligned}$$

witnessed by bijections

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Sets}_*(X \wedge Y, Z) &\cong \mathbf{Sets}_*(X, \mathbf{Sets}_*(Y, Z)), \\ \mathbf{Sets}_*(X \wedge Y, Z) &\cong \mathbf{Sets}_*(X, \mathbf{Sets}_*(A, Z)), \end{aligned}$$

natural in  $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0), (Z, z_0) \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets}_*)$ , which internalise to isomorphisms of pointed sets

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Sets}_*(X \wedge Y, Z) &\cong \mathbf{Sets}_*(X, \mathbf{Sets}_*(Y, Z)), \\ \mathbf{Sets}_*(X \wedge Y, Z) &\cong \mathbf{Sets}_*(X, \mathbf{Sets}_*(A, Z)), \end{aligned}$$

again natural in  $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0), (Z, z_0) \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets}_*)$ .

00A9 3. *Closed Symmetric Monoidality.* The quadruple  $(\mathbf{Sets}_*, \wedge, S^0, \mathbf{Sets}_*)$  is a closed symmetric monoidal category.

00AA 4. *Morphisms From the Monoidal Unit.* We have a bijection of sets<sup>1</sup>

$$\mathbf{Sets}_*(S^0, X) \cong X,$$

natural in  $(X, x_0) \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets}_*)$ , internalising also to an isomorphism of pointed sets

$$\mathbf{Sets}_*(S^0, X) \cong (X, x_0),$$

again natural in  $(X, x_0) \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets}_*)$ .

00AB 5. *Symmetric Strong Monoidality With Respect to Free Pointed Sets.* The free pointed set functor of **Pointed Sets**, **Item 1** of **Proposition 4.2.2** has a symmetric strong monoidal structure

$$((-)^+, (-)^{+, \times}, (-)_{\#}^{+, \times}) : (\mathbf{Sets}, \times, \text{pt}) \rightarrow (\mathbf{Sets}_*, \wedge, S^0),$$

being equipped with isomorphisms of pointed sets

$$(-)_{X,Y}^{+, \times} : X^+ \wedge Y^+ \xrightarrow{\cong} (X \times Y)^+,$$

$$(-)_{\#}^{+, \times} : S^0 \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{pt}^+,$$

natural in  $X, Y \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets})$ .

00AC 6. *Distributivity Over Wedge Sums.* We have isomorphisms of pointed sets

$$X \wedge (Y \vee Z) \cong (X \wedge Y) \vee (X \wedge Z),$$

$$(X \vee Y) \wedge Z \cong (X \wedge Z) \vee (Y \wedge Z),$$

natural in  $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0), (Z, z_0) \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets}_*)$ .

00AD 7. *Universal Property I.* The symmetric monoidal structure on the category  $\mathbf{Sets}_*$  is uniquely determined by the following requirements:

(a) *Two-Sided Preservation of Colimits.* The smash product

$$\wedge : \mathbf{Sets}_* \times \mathbf{Sets}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}_*$$

of  $\mathbf{Sets}_*$  preserves colimits separately in each variable.

(b) *The Unit Object Is  $S^0$ .* We have  $\#_{\text{Sets}_*} = S^0$ .

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8. *Universal Property II.* The symmetric monoidal structure on the category  $\text{Sets}_*$  is the unique symmetric monoidal structure on  $\text{Sets}_*$  such that the free pointed set functor

$$(-)^+ : \text{Sets} \rightarrow \text{Sets}_*$$

admits a symmetric monoidal structure.

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9. *Existence of Monoidal Diagonals.* The triple  $(\text{Sets}_*, \wedge, S^0)$  is a monoidal category with diagonals:

(a) *Monoidal Diagonals.* The natural transformation

$$\Delta : \text{id}_{\text{Sets}_*} \Rightarrow \wedge \circ \Delta_{\text{Sets}_*}^{\text{Cats}_2},$$

whose component

$$\Delta_X : (X, x_0) \rightarrow (X \wedge X, [(x_0, x_0)])$$

at  $(X, x_0) \in \text{Obj}(\text{Sets}_*)$  is given by the composition

$$\begin{aligned} (X, x_0) &\xrightarrow{\Delta_X} (X \times X, (x_0, x_0)) \\ &\longrightarrow \left( \frac{X \times X}{X \vee X}, [(x_0, x_0)] \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X \wedge X, [(x_0, x_0)]) \end{aligned}$$

in  $\text{Sets}_*$ , is a monoidal natural transformation:

- i. *Naturality.* For each morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of pointed sets, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \Delta_X \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta_Y \\ X \wedge X & \xrightarrow{f \wedge f} & Y \wedge Y \end{array}$$

commutes.

ii. *Compatibility With Strong Monoidality Constraints.* For each  $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0) \in \text{Obj}(\text{Sets}_*)$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \wedge Y & \xrightarrow{\Delta_X \wedge \Delta_Y} & (X \wedge X) \wedge (Y \wedge Y) \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \lambda \\ X \wedge Y & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{X \wedge Y}} & (X \wedge Y) \wedge (X \wedge Y) \end{array}$$

commutes.

iii. *Compatibility With Strong Unitality Constraints.* The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^0 & & \\ \parallel & \searrow (\lambda_{S^0}^{\text{Sets}_*})^{-1} = (\rho_{S^0}^{\text{Sets}_*})^{-1} & \\ S^0 & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{S^0}} & S^0 \wedge S^0 \end{array}$$

commutes.

(b) *The Diagonal of the Unit.* The component

$$\Delta_{S^0}^{\text{Sets}_*} : S^0 \xrightarrow{\cong} S^0 \wedge S^0$$

of the diagonal natural transformation of  $\text{Sets}_*$  at  $S^0$  is an isomorphism.

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10. *Comonoids in  $\text{Sets}_*$ .* The symmetric monoidal functor

$$((-)^+, (-)^{+, \times}, (-)^{+, \times}_\#) : (\text{Sets}, \times, \text{pt}) \rightarrow (\text{Sets}_*, \wedge, S^0),$$

of **Pointed Sets**, Item 4 of **Proposition 4.2.2** lifts to an equivalence of categories

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CoMon}(\text{Sets}_*, \wedge, S^0) &\stackrel{\text{eq.}}{\cong} \text{CoMon}(\text{Sets}, \times, \text{pt}) \\ &\cong \text{Sets}. \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup>In other words, the forgetful functor

$$\text{忘} : \text{Sets}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}$$

defined on objects by sending a pointed set to its underlying set is corepresentable by  $S^0$ .



**PROOF 5.1.7 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 5.1.6**

Item 1: Functoriality

Omitted.

Item 2: Adjointness

Omitted.

Item 3: Closed Symmetric Monoidality

Omitted.

Item 4: Morphisms From the Monoidal Unit

Omitted.

Item 5: Symmetric Strong Monoidality With Respect to Free Pointed Sets

Omitted.

Item 6: Distributivity Over Wedge Sums

This follows from [Item 3](#), Monoidal Categories, ?? of ??, and the fact that  $V$  is the coproduct in  $\mathbf{Sets}_*$ .

Item 7: Universal Property I

Omitted.

Item 8: Universal Property II

See [\[GCN15, Theorem 5.1\]](#).

Item 9: Existence of Monoidal Diagonals

Omitted.

Item 10: Comonoids in  $\mathbf{Sets}_*$ See [\[PS19, Lemma 2.4\]](#).

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