

Internal Adjunctions and Monads

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1 Internal Adjunctions

1.1 The Walking Adjunction

Definition 1.1.1.1. The **walking adjunction** is the bicategory Adj freely generated by¹

- *Objects.* A pair of objects A and B ;
- *Morphisms.* A pair of morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} L: A &\rightarrow B, \\ R: B &\rightarrow A; \end{aligned}$$

- *2-Morphisms.* A pair of 2-morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \eta: \text{id}_A &\rightarrow L \circ R, \\ \epsilon: R \circ L &\rightarrow \text{id}_B; \end{aligned}$$

¹See [SS86] for an explicit description of the 2-category (as opposed to a bicategory) version of Adj in terms of finite ordinals, similar to the description of the 2-category version of the walking monad (??) as a subcategory of Δ .

The diagrammatic proof of the Frobenius property for the comultiplication η is shown in two parts, each representing an equality of two triangular diagrams.

Top Part: The left diagram shows a triangle with nodes A (bottom), B (top-left), and B (top-right). The edges are L (from A to B), R (from B to B), and η (from B to A). The right diagram shows a triangle with nodes A (bottom), A (top-left), and B (top-right). The edges are L (from A to A), L (from A to B), and ϵ (from A to A). The two diagrams are equal.

Bottom Part: The left diagram shows a triangle with nodes B (bottom), A (top-left), and A (top-right). The edges are R (from B to A), L (from A to A), and η (from A to B). The right diagram shows a triangle with nodes B (bottom), B (top-left), and A (top-right). The edges are R (from B to B), R (from B to A), and ϵ (from B to B). The two diagrams are equal.

1. *The Left Triangle Identity.* The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
L \circ \mathrm{id}_A & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_L \circ \eta} & L \circ (R \circ L) & \xrightarrow{(\alpha_{L,R,L}^{\mathrm{Adj}})^{-1}} & (L \circ R) \circ L \\
& & & & \downarrow \epsilon \circ \mathrm{id}_L \\
& & & & \mathrm{id}_B \circ L \\
& & & & \downarrow \lambda_L^{\mathrm{Adj}} \\
& & & & L
\end{array}$$

2. *The Right Triangle Identity.* The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathrm{id}_A \circ R & \xrightarrow{\eta \circ \mathrm{id}_R} & (R \circ L) \circ R & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{R,L,R}^{\mathrm{Adj}}} & R \circ (L \circ R) \\
& & & & \downarrow \mathrm{id}_R \circ \epsilon \\
& & & & R \circ \mathrm{id}_B \\
& & & & \downarrow \rho_R^{\mathrm{Adj}} \\
& & & & R.
\end{array}$$

1.2 Internal Adjunctions

Let C be a bicategory.

Definition 1.2.1.1. An **internal adjunction** in $C^{2,3}$ is a 2-functor $\text{Adj} \rightarrow C$.

Remark 1.2.1.2. In detail, an **internal adjunction** in C consists of

- *Objects.* A pair of objects A and B of C ;
- *Morphisms.* A pair of morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} L &: A \rightarrow B, \\ R &: B \rightarrow A \end{aligned}$$

of C ;

- *2-Morphisms.* A pair of 2-morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &: \text{id}_A \rightarrow L \circ R, \\ \epsilon &: R \circ L \rightarrow \text{id}_B \end{aligned}$$

of C ;

subject to the equalities

The image shows two commutative diagrams, each representing an equality between two triangular structures. The top diagram shows the unit $\eta: \text{id}_A \rightarrow L \circ R$. The left triangle has vertices A , B , and A , with edges $L: A \rightarrow B$, $R: B \rightarrow A$, and $\text{id}_A: A \rightarrow A$. The right triangle has vertices B , A , and B , with edges $L: A \rightarrow B$, $R: B \rightarrow A$, and $\text{id}_B: B \rightarrow B$. The equality is between the two triangles, with η and ϵ as 2-morphisms. The bottom diagram shows the counit $\epsilon: R \circ L \rightarrow \text{id}_B$. The left triangle has vertices B , A , and B , with edges $R: B \rightarrow A$, $L: A \rightarrow B$, and $\text{id}_B: B \rightarrow B$. The right triangle has vertices A , B , and A , with edges $R: B \rightarrow A$, $L: A \rightarrow B$, and $\text{id}_A: A \rightarrow A$. The equality is between the two triangles, with η and ϵ as 2-morphisms.

²Further Terminology: Also called an **adjunction internal to C** .

³Further Terminology: In this situation, we also call (g, f) an **adjoint pair**, f the **left adjoint** of the pair, g the **right adjoint** of the pair, η the **unit** of the adjunction, and ϵ

of pasting diagrams in \mathcal{C} , which are equivalent to the following conditions:⁴

1. *The Left Triangle Identity.* The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L \circ \text{id}_A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_L \circ \eta} & L \circ (R \circ L) \xrightarrow{(\alpha_{L,R,L}^{\mathcal{C}})^{-1}} (L \circ R) \circ L \\
 & \searrow \rho_L^{\mathcal{C}} & \downarrow \epsilon \circ \text{id}_L \\
 & & \text{id}_B \circ L \\
 & & \downarrow \lambda_L^{\mathcal{C}} \\
 & & L
 \end{array}$$

commutes.

2. *The Right Triangle Identity.* The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{id}_A \circ R & \xrightarrow{\eta \circ \text{id}_R} & (R \circ L) \circ R \xrightarrow{\alpha_{R,L,R}^{\mathcal{C}}} R \circ (L \circ R) \\
 & \searrow \lambda_R^{\mathcal{C}} & \downarrow \text{id}_R \circ \epsilon \\
 & & R \circ \text{id}_B \\
 & & \downarrow \rho_R^{\mathcal{C}} \\
 & & R.
 \end{array}$$

Example 1.2.1.3. Here are some examples of internal adjunctions.

1. *Internal Adjunctions in \mathbf{Cats}_2 .* The internal adjunctions in the 2-category \mathbf{Cats}_2 of categories, functors, and natural transformations are precisely the adjunctions of **Categories**, ??.

the **counit** of the adjunction.

⁴When \mathcal{C} is a 2-category, these diagrams take the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_L \circ \eta} & L \circ R \circ L \\
 \searrow \text{id}_L & & \downarrow \epsilon \circ \text{id}_L \\
 & & L
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 R & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_R \circ \eta} & R \circ L \circ R \\
 \searrow \text{id}_L & & \downarrow \epsilon \circ \text{id}_R \\
 & & R.
 \end{array}$$

2. *Internal Adjunctions in **Rel***. The internal adjunctions in **Rel** are precisely the relations of the form $\text{Gr}(f) \dashv f^{-1}$ with f a function; see [Relations, Item 4](#) of [Proposition 2.5.1.1](#).
3. *Internal Adjunctions in **Span***. The internal adjunctions in **Span** are precisely the spans of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & S & \\ \phi \swarrow & & \searrow g \\ A & & B \end{array}$$

with ϕ an isomorphism; see [Spans, Item 4](#) of [Proposition 2.5.1.1](#).

Proposition 1.2.1.4. Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory.

1. *Duality*. Let (f, g, η, ϵ) be an internal adjunction in \mathcal{C} .
 - (a) The quadruple (g, f, η, ϵ) is an internal adjunction in \mathcal{C}^{op} .
 - (b) The quadruple (g, f, ϵ, η) is an internal adjunction in \mathcal{C}^{co} .
 - (c) The quadruple (f, g, η, ϵ) is an internal adjunction in $\mathcal{C}^{\text{coop}}$.
2. *Uniqueness of Adjoints*. Let (f, g, η, ϵ) and $(f, g', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} . We have a canonical isomorphism⁵

$$g \xrightarrow{(\lambda_g^{\mathcal{C}})^{-1}} \text{id}_A \circ g \xrightarrow{\eta' \circ \text{id}_g} (g' \circ f) \circ g \xrightarrow{\alpha_{g', f, g}^{\mathcal{C}}} g' \circ (f \circ g) \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{g'} \circ \epsilon} g' \circ \text{id}_B \xrightarrow{(\rho_{g'}^{\mathcal{C}})^{-1}} g'$$

with inverse


$$g' \xrightarrow{(\lambda_{g'}^{\mathcal{C}})^{-1}} \text{id}_B \circ g' \xrightarrow{\eta \circ \text{id}_{g'}} (g \circ f) \circ g' \xrightarrow{\alpha_{g', f, g}^{\mathcal{C}}} g \circ (f \circ g') \xrightarrow{\text{id}_g \circ \epsilon'} g \circ \text{id}_B \xrightarrow{(\lambda_g^{\mathcal{C}})^{-1}} g.$$

3. *Carrying Internal Adjunctions Through Pseudofunctors*. Let $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a pseudofunctor and (f, g, η, ϵ) be an internal adjunction in \mathcal{C} . There is an induced internal adjunction⁶

$$(F(f), F(g), \bar{\eta}, \bar{\epsilon})$$

in \mathcal{D} , where:

⁵*Slogan:* Left adjoints are unique up to canonical isomorphism. Dually, so are right adjoints.

⁶ *Warning:* Lax or oplax functors which are not pseudofunctors need not preserve

(a) The unit

$$\bar{\eta}: \text{id}_{F(A)} \Longrightarrow F(g) \circ F(f)$$

is the composition

$$\text{id}_{F(A)} \xrightarrow{F_A} F(\text{id}_A) \xrightarrow{F(\eta)} F(g \circ f) \xrightarrow{F_{g,f}^{-1}} F(g) \circ F(f).$$

(b) The counit

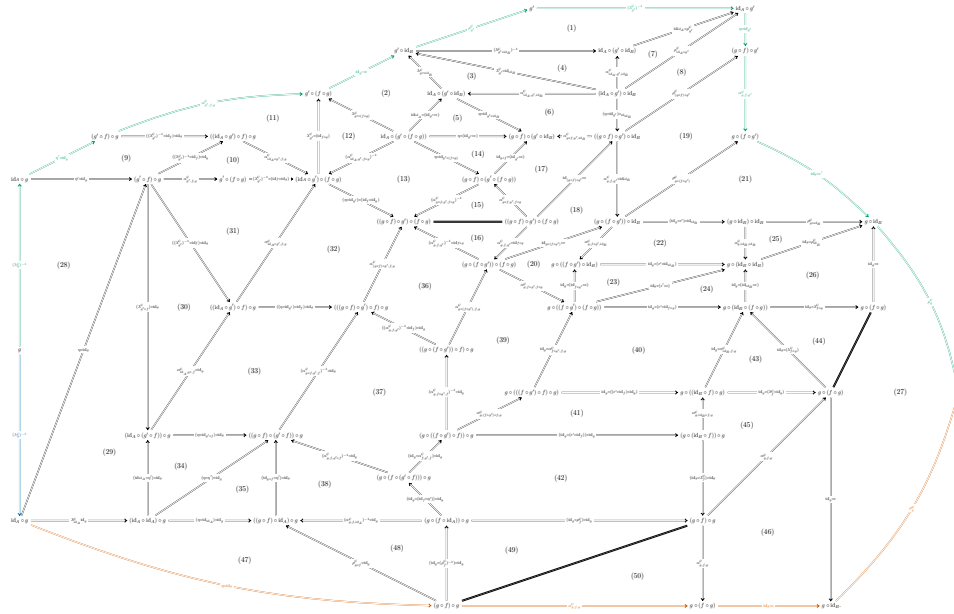
$$\bar{\epsilon}: F(f) \circ F(g) \Longrightarrow \text{id}_{F(B)}$$

is the composition

$$F(f) \circ F(g) \xrightarrow{F_{f,g}} F(f \circ g) \xrightarrow{F(\epsilon)} F(\text{id}_B) \xrightarrow{F_B} \text{id}_{F(B)}.$$

Proof. Item 1, Duality: Omitted.⁷

Item 2, Uniqueness of Adjoints: ⁸Consider the diagram (if you *really* want to consider it I fear you will need to zoom in)



In this diagram:

internal adjunctions.

⁷Reference: [JY21, Exercise 6.6.2].

⁸Reference: [JY21, Lemma 6.1.6].

1. The morphisms in **green** are the composition $g \xRightarrow{\cong} g' \xRightarrow{\cong} g$;
2. The morphisms in **red** are equal to λ_g^C by the right triangle identity for (f, g, η, ϵ) . Hence the composition of the morphism in **blue** with the morphisms in **red** is the identity;
3. Subdiagrams (1), (2), (10), (11), (29), (31), and (43) commute by the naturality of the left unitor of C and its inverse;
4. Subdiagrams (8), (19), and (21) commute by the naturality of the right unitor of C and its inverse;
5. Subdiagrams (6), (13), (17), (18), (20), (22), (32), (33), (36), (38), (40), (41), and (45) commute by the naturality of the associator of C and its inverse;
6. Subdiagrams (37), (39), and (42) commute by the pentagon identity for C ;
7. Subdiagrams (3), (4), (7), (12), (25), (30), and (48) commute by **Bicategories**, ?? of ??;
8. Subdiagrams (5), (14), (23), (24), (34), and (35) commute by middle-four exchange;
9. Subdiagrams (9), (15), (16), (27), (28), (44), (46), (49), and (50) commute trivially;
10. Subdiagram (26) commutes by **Bicategories**, ???? of ??;
11. Subdiagram (47) commutes by **Bicategories**, ?? of ?? and the naturality of the left unitor of right unitor of C .

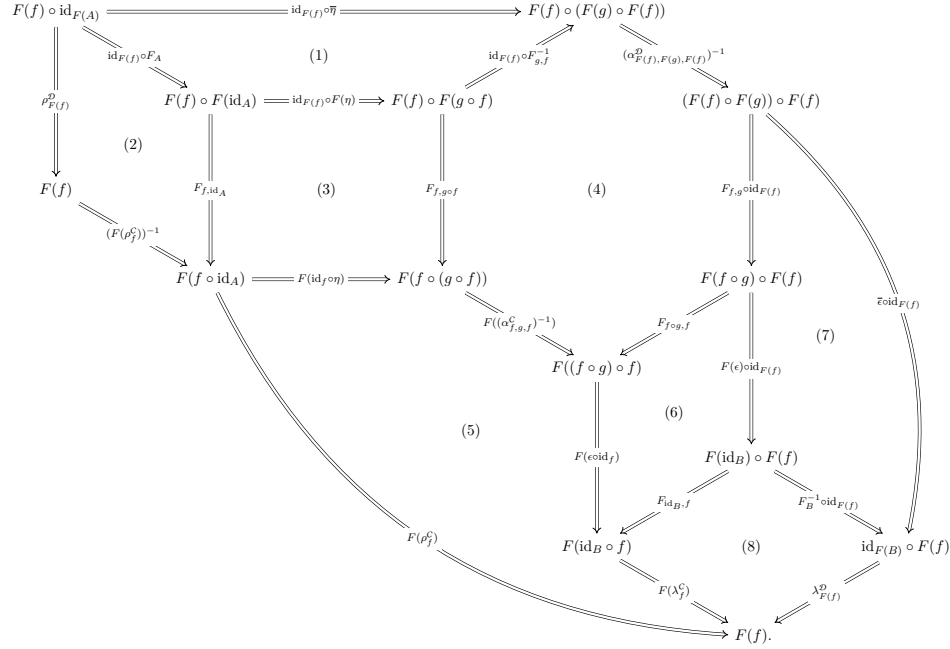
Hence $g \cong g'$.

Item 3, Carrying Internal Adjunctions Through Pseudofunctors: ⁹We claim that the left and right triangle identities for $(F(f), F(g), \bar{\eta}, \bar{\epsilon})$ hold:

1. The left triangle identity for $(F(f), F(g), \bar{\eta}, \bar{\epsilon})$ is the condition that the

⁹Reference: [JY21, Proposition 6.1.7].

boundary diagram of the diagram (you may need to zoom in)



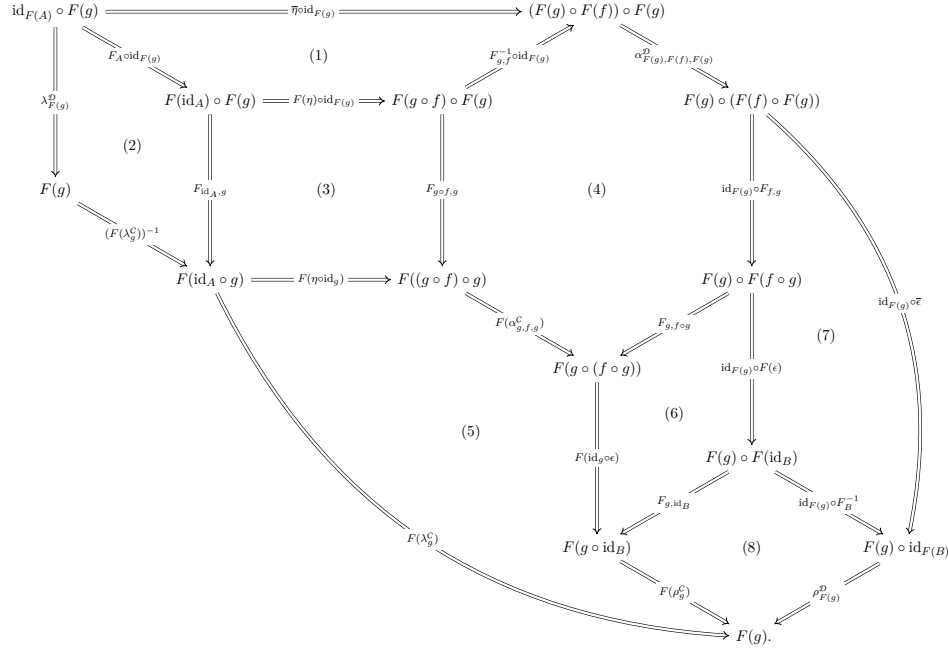
commutes. Since

- (a) Subdiagrams (1) and (7) commute by applying middle-four exchange twice,
- (b) Subdiagrams (2) and (8) commute by the left and right lax unity conditions for F ,
- (c) Subdiagrams (3) and (6) commute by the naturality of the lax functoriality constraints of F ,
- (d) Subdiagram (4) commutes by the lax associativity condition for F , and
- (e) Subdiagram (5) commutes by the left triangle identity for (f, g, η, ϵ) ,

so does the boundary diagram.

2. The right triangle identity for $(F(f), F(g), \bar{\eta}, \bar{\epsilon})$ is the condition that

the boundary diagram of the diagram (you may need to zoom in)



commutes. Since

- (a) Subdiagrams (1) and (7) commute by applying middle-four exchange twice,
- (b) Subdiagrams (2) and (8) commute by the left and right lax unity conditions for F ,
- (c) Subdiagrams (3) and (6) commute by the naturality of the lax functoriality constraints of F ,
- (d) Subdiagram (4) commutes by the lax associativity condition for F , and
- (e) Subdiagram (5) commutes by the right triangle identity for (f, g, η, ϵ) ,

so does the boundary diagram.

This finishes the proof. \square

1.3 Internal Adjoint Equivalences

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory.

Definition 1.3.1.1. An internal adjunction (f, g, η, ϵ) in C is an **internal adjoint equivalence** if η and ϵ are isomorphisms in C .

Example 1.3.1.2. Here are some examples of internal adjoint equivalences.

1. *Internal Adjoint Equivalences in \mathbf{Cats}_2 .* The internal adjoint equivalences in the 2-category \mathbf{Cats}_2 of categories, functors, and natural transformations are precisely the adjoint equivalences of **Categories**, ??.¹⁰
2. *Internal Adjoint Equivalences in \mathbf{Mod} .* The internal adjoint equivalences in \mathbf{Mod} are precisely the invertible R -modules; see ??.¹¹
3. *Internal Adjoint Equivalences in $\mathbf{PseudoFun}(C, \mathcal{D})$.* The internal adjoint equivalences in $\mathbf{PseudoFun}(C, \mathcal{D})$ are precisely the invertible strong transformations; see ??.¹²
4. *Internal Adjoint Equivalences in \mathbf{Rel} .* The internal adjoint equivalences in \mathbf{Rel} are precisely the relations of the form $\text{Gr}(f) \dashv f^{-1}$ with f an isomorphism; see ??.
5. *Internal Adjoint Equivalences in \mathbf{Span} .* The internal adjoint equivalences in \mathbf{Span} are precisely the spans of the form $A \xleftarrow{\phi} S \xrightarrow{\psi} B$ with ϕ and ψ isomorphisms; see ??.

Proposition 1.3.1.3. Let C be a bicategory.

1. *Carrying Internal Adjoint Equivalences Through Pseudofunctors.* Let $F: C \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a pseudofunctor and (f, g, η, ϵ) be an internal adjunction in C . If (f, g, η, ϵ) is an internal adjoint equivalence in C , then the induced internal adjunction

$$(F(f), F(g), \bar{\eta}, \bar{\epsilon})$$

in \mathcal{D} of **Item 3** of **Proposition 1.2.1.4** is an internal adjoint equivalence as well.

2. *Internal Adjunctions Always Refine to Internal Adjoint Equivalences.* Let (f, g, η, ϵ) be an internal adjunction in C . If f is an equivalence,

¹⁰Reference: [JY21, Examples 6.2.5].

¹¹Reference: [JY21, Examples 6.2.6].

¹²Reference: [JY21, Examples 6.2.7].

then there exist 2-morphisms

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\eta}: \text{id}_A &\Longrightarrow g \circ f \\ \bar{\epsilon}: f \circ g &\Longrightarrow \text{id}_B\end{aligned}$$

of \mathcal{C} such that $(f, g, \bar{\eta}, \bar{\epsilon})$ is an internal adjoint equivalence.

Proof. Item 1, Carrying Internal Adjoint Equivalences Through Pseudofunctors: See [JY21, Proposition 6.2.3].

Item 2, Internal Adjunctions Always Refine to Internal Adjoint Equivalences: See [JY21, Proposition 6.2.4]. \square

1.4 Mates

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory, let (f, g, η, ϵ) and $(f', g', \eta', \epsilon')$ be adjunctions, and let h and k be morphisms of \mathcal{C} as in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{g} \end{array} & B \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow k \\ C & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f'} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{g'} \end{array} & D \end{array}$$

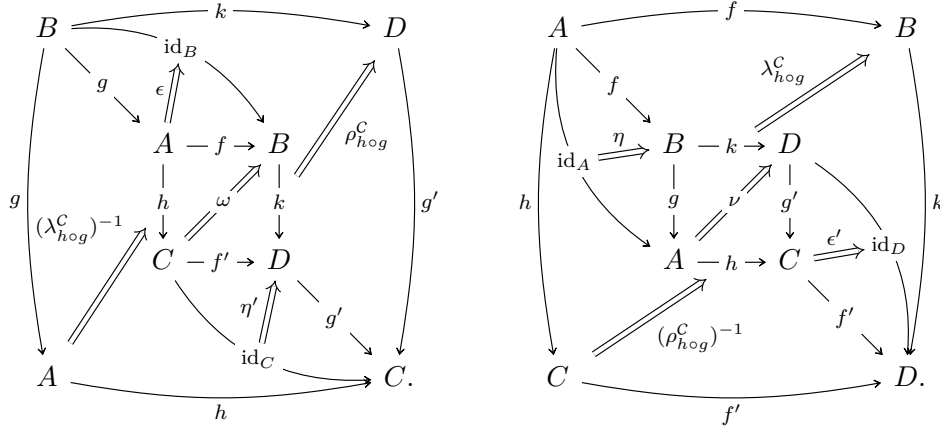
Definition 1.4.1.1. The **mates** of a pair of 2-morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ h \downarrow & \nearrow \omega & \downarrow k \\ C & \xrightarrow{f'} & D \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \omega: f' \circ h \Longrightarrow k \circ f, \\ \nu: h \circ g \Longrightarrow g' \circ k \end{array} & \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{g} & B \\ h \downarrow & \searrow \nu & \downarrow k \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \end{array} \end{array}$$

are the 2-morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{g} & B \\ h \downarrow & \searrow \omega^\dagger & \downarrow k \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \omega^\dagger: h \circ g \Longrightarrow g' \circ k, \\ \nu^\dagger: f' \circ h \Longrightarrow k \circ f \end{array} & \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ h \downarrow & \nearrow \nu^\dagger & \downarrow k \\ C & \xrightarrow{f'} & D \end{array} \end{array}$$

defined as the pastings of the diagrams¹³



Proposition 1.4.1.2. Let $\omega: f' \circ h \Rightarrow k \circ f$ and $\nu: h \circ g \Rightarrow g' \circ k$ be 2-morphisms.

1. *The Mate Correspondence.* The map

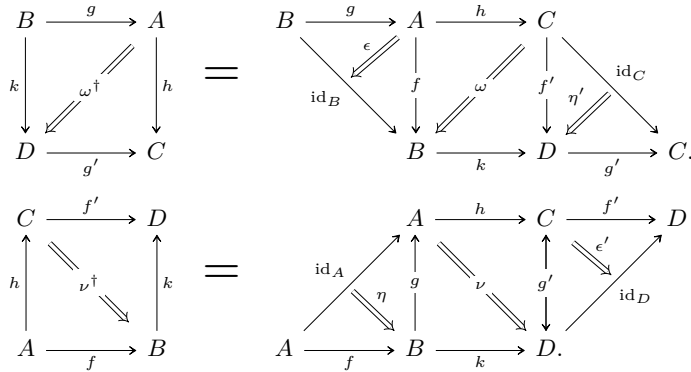
$$(-)^\dagger: \text{Hom}_{\text{Hom}_C(A,C)}(f' \circ h, k \circ f) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Hom}_C(B,D)}(h \circ g, g' \circ k)$$

$$\omega \longmapsto \omega^\dagger$$

is a bijection.

Proof. Item 1, The Mate Correspondence: Here we give a proof for 2-categories (which indirectly proves also the general case by [Bicategories](#), ??). A proof for general bicategories can be found in [[JY21](#), Lemma 6.1.13].

¹³If C is a 2-category, these pasting diagrams become the following:



Let

$$\nu: h \circ g \Rightarrow g' \circ k$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{g} & B \\ h \downarrow & \Downarrow \nu & \downarrow k \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \end{array}$$

be a 2-morphism of \mathcal{C} . The mate ν^\dagger of ν is then given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ h \downarrow & \Downarrow \nu^\dagger & \downarrow k \\ C & \xrightarrow{f'} & D \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} & & A \\ & \swarrow \text{id}_A & \downarrow f \\ A & \xleftarrow{g} & B \\ h \downarrow & \Downarrow \nu & \downarrow k \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \\ f' \downarrow & \Downarrow \epsilon' & \downarrow \text{id}_D \\ & & D \end{array}$$

and the mate of ν^\dagger is the 2-morphism $(\nu^\dagger)^\dagger: f' \circ h \Rightarrow k \circ f$ given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{g} & B \\ h \downarrow & \Downarrow (\nu^\dagger)^\dagger & \downarrow k \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} & & A \\ & \swarrow \text{id}_A & \downarrow f \\ A & \xleftarrow{g} & B \\ h \downarrow & \Downarrow \nu & \downarrow k \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \\ \text{id}_C \swarrow & \downarrow f' & \searrow \text{id}_D \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} & & A \\ & \swarrow \text{id}_A & \downarrow \text{id}_g \\ A & \xleftarrow{g} & B \\ h \downarrow & \Downarrow \nu & \downarrow k \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \\ \text{id}_C \swarrow & \downarrow \text{id}_{g'} & \searrow \text{id}_D \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{g} & B \\ h \downarrow & \Downarrow \nu & \downarrow k \\ C & \xleftarrow{g'} & D \end{array}$$

Similarly, $(\omega)^\dagger{}^\dagger = \omega$.

□

2 Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

2.1 Lax Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory and let $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ and $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} .

Definition 2.1.1.1. A **lax morphism of internal adjunctions** from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ is a lax transformation between these viewed as 2-functors from the walking adjunction.

Remark 2.1.1.2. In detail, a **lax morphism of internal adjunctions** from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ consists of

- *1-Morphisms.* A pair of 1-morphisms

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &: A \rightarrow A', \\ \psi &: B \rightarrow B'\end{aligned}$$

of \mathcal{C} ;

- *2-Morphisms.* A pair of 2-morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{F} & B \\ \phi \downarrow & \nearrow \alpha & \downarrow \psi \\ A' & \xrightarrow{F'} & B' \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \alpha: F' \circ \phi \Rightarrow \psi \circ F, \\ \beta: G' \circ \phi \Rightarrow \psi \circ G \end{array} & \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{G} & B \\ \phi \downarrow & \nwarrow \beta & \downarrow \psi \\ A' & \xleftarrow{G'} & B' \end{array} \end{array}$$

of \mathcal{C} ;

satisfying the following conditions:

1. *Compatibility With Units.* We have an equality

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccc} & & B & & \\ & F \nearrow & & \searrow G & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A & & \\ \phi \downarrow & \nearrow \lambda_\phi^C & \downarrow \phi & & \\ A' & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A' & & \\ & \searrow \rho_\phi^{C,-1} & & \nearrow \eta & \\ & & B & & \end{array} \\ \text{id}_{A'} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccc} & & B & & \\ & F \nearrow & & \searrow G & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A & & \\ \phi \downarrow & \nearrow \alpha & \downarrow \psi & & \\ A' & \xrightarrow{F'} & B' & \xrightarrow{G'} & A' \\ & \nearrow \eta' & \downarrow \eta' & & \\ & & B' & & \end{array} \\ \text{id}_{A'} \end{array}$$

of pasting diagrams in \mathcal{C} ;

2. *Compatibility With Counits.* We have an equality

The diagram shows an equality between two pasting diagrams in a bicategory \mathcal{C} . The left diagram has nodes B (top left), B' (bottom left), A (top middle), A' (bottom middle), and B (top right), B' (bottom right). It features 1-morphisms $G: B \rightarrow A$, $F: A \rightarrow B$, $G': B' \rightarrow A'$, $F': A' \rightarrow B'$, $\psi: B \rightarrow B'$, and $\phi: A \rightarrow A'$. 2-morphisms $\alpha: \psi \circ F \Rightarrow F' \circ \phi$ and $\beta: \psi \circ G \Rightarrow G' \circ \phi$ are shown. The right diagram is identical but uses the counit $\epsilon: B \rightarrow A$ and $\epsilon': B' \rightarrow A'$ instead of G and G' . The equality is indicated by a large equals sign between the two diagrams.

of pasting diagrams in \mathcal{C} .

2.2 Oplax Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory and let $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ and $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} .

Definition 2.2.1.1. An **oplax morphism of internal adjunctions** from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ is an oplax transformation between these viewed as 2-functors from the walking adjunction.

Remark 2.2.1.2. In detail, an **oplax morphism of internal adjunctions** from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ consists of

- *1-Morphisms.* A pair of 1-morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &: A \rightarrow A', \\ \psi &: B \rightarrow B' \end{aligned}$$

of \mathcal{C} ;

- *2-Morphisms.* A pair of 2-morphisms

The diagram shows two equations for 2-morphisms α and β . The first equation is $\alpha: \psi \circ F \Rightarrow F' \circ \phi$, and the second equation is $\beta: \psi \circ G \Rightarrow G' \circ \phi$. The nodes are A (top left), B (top right), A' (bottom left), and B' (bottom right). 1-morphisms $F: A \rightarrow B$, $F': A' \rightarrow B'$, $G: B \rightarrow A$, $G': B' \rightarrow A'$, $\phi: A \rightarrow A'$, and $\psi: B \rightarrow B'$ are shown. The equations are represented by double arrows between the compositions.

of \mathcal{C} ;

satisfying the following conditions:

1. *Compatibility With Units.* We have an equality

The diagram shows an equality between two complex commutative diagrams in a bicategory \mathcal{C} . The left diagram has nodes B , A , B , B' , B' arranged in a circular pattern. It includes arrows $G: B \rightarrow A$, $F: A \rightarrow B$, $\text{id}_B: B \rightarrow B$, $\psi: B \rightarrow B'$, $\lambda_{\phi}^{C, -1}: B \rightarrow B'$, $\rho_{\phi}^C: B \rightarrow B'$, and $\text{id}_{B'}: B' \rightarrow B'$. The right diagram is identical but with different intermediate nodes and arrows, showing the same equality after transformations.

of pasting diagrams in \mathcal{C} ;

2. *Compatibility With Counits.* We have an equality

The diagram shows an equality between two complex commutative diagrams in a bicategory \mathcal{C} . The left diagram has nodes A , B , A , A' , B' arranged in a circular pattern. It includes arrows $\text{id}_A: A \rightarrow A$, $\eta: A \rightarrow B$, $\phi: A \rightarrow A'$, $F: A \rightarrow B$, $G: B \rightarrow A$, $\alpha: A \rightarrow A'$, $\psi: B \rightarrow B'$, $\beta: B \rightarrow A'$, $F': A' \rightarrow B'$, $G': B' \rightarrow A$, and $\text{id}_{A'}: A' \rightarrow A'$. The right diagram is identical but with different intermediate nodes and arrows, showing the same equality after transformations.

of pasting diagrams in \mathcal{C} .

2.3 Strong Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory and let $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ and $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} .

Definition 2.3.1.1. A **strong morphism of internal adjunctions** from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ is a strong transformation between these viewed as 2-functors from the walking adjunction.

Remark 2.3.1.2. In detail, a **strong morphism of internal adjunctions** from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ is equivalently:

1. A lax morphism of internal adjunctions as in [Remark 2.1.1.2](#) whose 2-morphisms are invertible.
2. An oplax morphism of internal adjunctions as in [Remark 2.2.1.2](#) whose 2-morphisms are invertible.

2.4 Strict Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory and let $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ and $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} .

Definition 2.4.1.1. A **strict morphism of internal adjunctions** from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ is a strict transformation between these viewed as 2-functors from the walking adjunction.

Remark 2.4.1.2. In detail, a **strict morphism of internal adjunctions** from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ is equivalently:

1. A lax morphism of internal adjunctions as in [Remark 2.1.1.2](#) whose 2-morphisms are identities.
2. An oplax morphism of internal adjunctions as in [Remark 2.2.1.2](#) whose 2-morphisms are identities.

3 2-Morphisms Between Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

3.1 2-Morphisms Between Lax Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory, let $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ and $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} , and let $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ and $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ be lax morphisms of internal adjunctions from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$.

Definition 3.1.1.1. A **2-morphism from $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ to $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$** is a modification between these viewed as lax transformations.

Remark 3.1.1.2. In detail, a **2-morphism from $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ to $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$** consist of 2-morphisms

$$\Gamma: \phi_1 \Rightarrow \phi_2$$

$$\Sigma: \psi_1 \Rightarrow \psi_2$$

of \mathcal{C} such that we have equalities

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c}
 A \xrightarrow{F} B \\
 \phi_1 \left(\begin{array}{c} \xRightarrow{\Gamma} \end{array} \right) \phi_2 \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \alpha_2 \\ \parallel \end{array} \psi_2 \\
 A' \xrightarrow{F'} B'
 \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c}
 A \xrightarrow{F} B \\
 \phi_1 \left(\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \alpha_1 \\ \parallel \end{array} \right) \psi_1 \left(\begin{array}{c} \xRightarrow{\Sigma} \end{array} \right) \psi_2 \\
 A' \xrightarrow{F'} B'
 \end{array} \\
 \\
 \begin{array}{c}
 B \xrightarrow{G} A \\
 \psi_1 \left(\begin{array}{c} \xRightarrow{\Sigma} \end{array} \right) \psi_2 \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \beta_2 \\ \parallel \end{array} \phi_2 \\
 B' \xrightarrow{G'} A'
 \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c}
 B \xrightarrow{G} A \\
 \psi_1 \left(\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \beta_1 \\ \parallel \end{array} \right) \phi_1 \left(\begin{array}{c} \xRightarrow{\Gamma} \end{array} \right) \phi_2 \\
 B' \xrightarrow{G'} A'
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

of pasting diagrams in \mathcal{C} .

3.2 2-Morphisms Between Oplax Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory, let $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ and $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} , and let $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ and $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ be oplax morphisms of internal adjunctions from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$.

Definition 3.2.1.1. A **2-morphism from** $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ **to** $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ is a modification between these viewed as oplax transformations.

Remark 3.2.1.2. In detail, a **2-morphism from** $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ **to** $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ consist of 2-morphisms

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma: \phi_1 &\Rightarrow \phi_2 \\
 \Sigma: \psi_1 &\Rightarrow \psi_2
 \end{aligned}$$

of \mathcal{C} such that we have equalities

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c}
 A \xrightarrow{F} B \\
 \phi_2 \left(\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \\ \Downarrow \end{array} \right) \phi_1 \alpha_1 \Downarrow \psi_1 \\
 A' \xrightarrow{F'} B'
 \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c}
 A \xrightarrow{F} B \\
 \phi_2 \left(\begin{array}{c} \alpha_2 \\ \Downarrow \end{array} \right) \psi_2 \left(\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \Downarrow \end{array} \right) \psi_1 \\
 A' \xrightarrow{F'} B'
 \end{array} \\
 \\
 \begin{array}{c}
 B \xrightarrow{G} A \\
 \psi_2 \left(\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \Downarrow \end{array} \right) \psi_1 \beta_1 \Downarrow \phi_1 \\
 B' \xrightarrow{G'} A'
 \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c}
 B \xrightarrow{G} A \\
 \psi_2 \left(\begin{array}{c} \beta_2 \\ \Downarrow \end{array} \right) \phi_2 \left(\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \\ \Downarrow \end{array} \right) \phi_1 \\
 B' \xrightarrow{G'} A'
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

of pasting diagrams in \mathcal{C} .

3.3 2-Morphisms Between Strong Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory, let $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ and $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} , and let $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ and $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ be strong morphisms of internal adjunctions from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$.

Definition 3.3.1.1. A **2-morphism from** $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ **to** $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ is a modification between these viewed as strong transformations.

Remark 3.3.1.2. In detail, a **2-morphism from** $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ **to** $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ is equivalently:

- A 2-morphism (Γ, Σ) from $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ to $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ viewed as lax transformations as in [Remark 3.1.1.2](#).
- A 2-morphism (Γ, Σ) from $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ to $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ viewed as oplax transformations as in [Remark 3.2.1.2](#).

3.4 2-Morphisms Between Strict Morphisms of Internal Adjunctions

Let \mathcal{C} be a bicategory, let $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ and $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$ be internal adjunctions in \mathcal{C} , and let $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ and $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ be lax morphisms of internal adjunctions from $(A, B, F, G, \eta, \epsilon)$ to $(A', B', F', G', \eta', \epsilon')$.

Definition 3.4.1.1. A **2-morphism from** $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ **to** $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ is a modification between these viewed as strict transformations.

Remark 3.4.1.2. In detail, a **2-morphism from** $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ **to** $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ is equivalently:

- A 2-morphism (Γ, Σ) from $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ to $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ viewed as lax transformations as in [Remark 3.1.1.2](#).
- A 2-morphism (Γ, Σ) from $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ to $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ viewed as oplax transformations as in [Remark 3.2.1.2](#).
- A 2-morphism (Γ, Σ) from $(\phi_1, \psi_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ to $(\phi_2, \psi_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ viewed as strong transformations as in [Remark 3.3.1.2](#).

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