

# Indexed and Fibred Sets

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This chapter contains a discussion of the un/straightening equivalence in the context of sets, as well as a general discussion of indexed and fibred sets. In particular, it contains:

1. A discussion of indexed sets (i.e. functors  $K_{\text{disc}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  with  $K$  a set), constructions with them like dependent sums and dependent products, and their properties (Sections 1 and 2);
2. A discussion of fibred sets (i.e. maps of sets  $X \rightarrow K$ ), constructions with them like dependent sums and dependent products, and their properties (Sections 3 and 4);
3. A discussion of the un/straightening equivalence for indexed and fibred sets (Section 5).

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## 1 Indexed Sets

### 1.1 Foundations

Let  $K$  be a set.

#### DEFINITION 1.1.1 ► INDEXED SETS

A  **$K$ -indexed set** is a functor  $X: K_{\text{disc}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ .

#### REMARK 1.1.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 1.1.1

By **Categories**, ??, a  **$K$ -indexed set** consists of a  $K$ -indexed collection

$$X^{\dagger}: K \rightarrow \text{Obj}(\text{Sets}),$$

of sets, assigning a set  $X_x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_x$  to each element  $x$  of  $K$ .

## 1.2 Morphisms of Indexed Sets

Let  $X: K_{\text{disc}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  and  $Y: K_{\text{disc}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  be indexed sets.

### DEFINITION 1.2.1 ► MORPHISMS OF INDEXED SETS

A **morphism of  $K$ -indexed sets from  $X$  to  $Y$** <sup>1</sup> is a natural transformation

$$f: X \Rightarrow Y, \quad K_{\text{disc}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{X} \\ \Downarrow f \\ \xrightarrow{Y} \end{array} \text{Sets}$$

from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

<sup>1</sup>Further Terminology: Also called a  **$K$ -indexed map of sets from  $X$  to  $Y$** .

### REMARK 1.2.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 1.2.1

In detail, a **morphism of  $K$ -indexed sets** consists of a  $K$ -indexed collection

$$\{f_x: X_x \rightarrow Y_x\}_{x \in K}$$

of maps of sets.

## 1.3 The Category of Sets Indexed by a Fixed Set

Let  $K$  be a set.

### DEFINITION 1.3.1 ► THE CATEGORY OF $K$ -INDEXED SETS

The **category of  $K$ -indexed sets** is the category  $\text{ISets}(K)$  defined by

$$\text{ISets}(K) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Fun}(K_{\text{disc}}, \text{Sets}).$$

## REMARK 1.3.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 1.3.1

In detail, the **category of  $K$ -indexed sets** is the category  $\mathbf{ISets}(K)$  where

- *Objects.* The objects of  $\mathbf{ISets}(K)$  are  $K$ -indexed sets as in [Definition 1.1.1](#);
- *Morphisms.* The morphisms of  $\mathbf{ISets}(K)$  are morphisms of  $K$ -indexed sets as in [Definition 1.2.1](#);
- *Identities.* For each  $X \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{ISets}(K))$ , the unit map

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

of  $\mathbf{ISets}(K)$  at  $X$  is defined by

$$\text{id}_X^{\mathbf{ISets}(K)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{id}_{X_x}\}_{x \in K};$$

- *Composition.* For each  $X, Y, Z \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{ISets}(K))$ , the composition map

$$\circ_{X,Y,Z}^{\mathbf{ISets}(K)} : \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K)}(Y, Z) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K)}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K)}(X, Z)$$

of  $\mathbf{ISets}(K)$  at  $(X, Y, Z)$  is defined by

$$\{g_x\}_{x \in K} \circ_{X,Y,Z}^{\mathbf{ISets}(K)} \{f_x\}_{x \in K} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{g_x \circ f_x\}_{x \in K}.$$

## 1.4 The Category of Indexed Sets

## DEFINITION 1.4.1 ► THE CATEGORY OF INDEXED SETS

The **category of indexed sets** is the category  $\mathbf{ISets}$  defined as the Grothendieck construction of the functor  $\mathbf{ISets} : \mathbf{Sets}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cats}$  of [Proposition 2.1.5](#):

$$\mathbf{ISets} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int^{\mathbf{Sets}} \mathbf{ISets}.$$

## REMARK 1.4.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 1.4.1

In detail, the **category of indexed sets** is the category  $\mathbf{ISets}$  where

- *Objects.* The objects of  $\mathbf{ISets}$  are pairs  $(K, X)$  consisting of

- *The Indexing Set.* A set  $K$ ;
- *The Indexed Set.* A  $K$ -indexed set  $X: K_{\text{disc}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ ;
- *Morphisms.* A morphism of  $\text{ISets}$  from  $(K, X)$  to  $(K', Y)$  is a pair  $(\phi, f)$  consisting of
  - *The Reindexing Map.* A map of sets  $\phi: K \rightarrow K'$ ;
  - *The Morphism of Indexed Sets.* A morphism of  $K$ -indexed sets  $f: X \rightarrow \phi_*(Y)$  as in the diagram

$$f: X \rightarrow \phi_*(Y), \quad \begin{array}{ccc} K_{\text{disc}} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & K'_{\text{disc}} \\ & \searrow f & \nearrow \\ & X & Y \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ & \text{Sets} & \end{array}$$

- *Identities.* For each  $(K, X) \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets})$ , the unit map

$$\mathbb{1}_{(K, X)}^{\text{ISets}}: \text{pt} \rightarrow \text{ISets}((K, X), (K, X))$$

of  $\text{ISets}$  at  $(K, X)$  is defined by

$$\text{id}_{(K, X)}^{\text{ISets}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\text{id}_K, \text{id}_X).$$

- *Composition.* For each  $\mathbf{X} = (K, X), \mathbf{Y} = (K', Y), \mathbf{Z} = (K'', Z) \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets})$ , the composition map

$$\circ_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}}^{\text{ISets}}: \text{ISets}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) \times \text{ISets}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \rightarrow \text{ISets}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})$$

of  $\text{ISets}$  at  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z})$  is defined by

$$(\psi, g) \circ (\phi, f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\psi \circ \phi, (g \circ \text{id}_\phi) \circ f),$$

as in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K_{\text{disc}} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & K'_{\text{disc}} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & K''_{\text{disc}} \\ & \searrow f & \nearrow g & \nearrow & \\ & X & Y & Z & \\ & \searrow & \nearrow & \nearrow & \\ & \text{Sets} & & & \end{array}$$

for each  $(\phi, f) \in \text{ISets}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  and each  $(\psi, g) \in \text{ISets}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z})$ .

## 2 Constructions With Indexed Sets

### 2.1 Change of Indexing

Let  $\phi: K \rightarrow K'$  be a function and let  $X$  be a  $K'$ -indexed set.

#### DEFINITION 2.1.1 ► CHANGE OF INDEXING OF INDEXED SETS

The **change of indexing of  $X$  to  $K$**  is the  $K$ -indexed set  $\phi^*(X)$  defined by

$$\phi^*(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X \circ \phi_{\text{disc}}.$$

#### REMARK 2.1.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 2.1.1

In detail, the **change of indexing of  $X$  to  $K$**  is the  $K$ -indexed set  $\phi^*(X)$  defined by

$$\phi^*(X)_x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_{\phi(x)}$$

for each  $x \in K$ .

#### PROPOSITION 2.1.3 ► FUNCTORIALITY OF CHANGE OF INDEXING

The assignment  $X \mapsto \phi^*(X)$  defines a functor

$$\phi^*: \mathbf{ISets}(K') \rightarrow \mathbf{ISets}(K),$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $X \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{ISets}(K'))$ , we have

$$[\phi^*](X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi^*(X);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $X, Y \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{ISets}(K'))$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$\phi_{X,Y}^*: \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K')}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K)}(\phi^*(X), \phi^*(Y))$$


of  $\phi^*$  at  $(X, Y)$  is the map sending a morphism of  $K'$ -indexed sets

$$f = \{f_x: X_x \rightarrow Y_x\}_{x \in K'}$$

from  $X$  to  $Y$  to the morphism of  $K$ -indexed sets defined by

$$\phi^*(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{f_{\phi(x)}: X_{\phi(x)} \rightarrow Y_{\phi(x)}\}_{x \in K}.$$

## PROOF 2.1.4 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.1.3

Omitted. PROPOSITION 2.1.5 ► FUNCTORIALITY OF CATEGORIES OF  $K$ -INDEXED SETS

The assignment  $K \mapsto \mathbf{ISets}(K)$  defines a functor

$$\mathbf{ISets} : \mathbf{Sets}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cats},$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $K \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets})$ , we have

$$[\mathbf{ISets}](K) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{ISets}(K);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $K, K' \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{Sets})$ , the action on Hom-sets


$$\mathbf{ISets}_{K,K'} : \mathbf{Sets}^{\text{op}}(K, K') \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathbf{ISets}(K), \mathbf{ISets}(K'))$$

of  $\mathbf{ISets}$  at  $(K, K')$  is the map defined by

$$\mathbf{ISets}_{K,K'}(\phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi^*$$

for each  $\phi \in \mathbf{Sets}^{\text{op}}(K, K')$ .

## PROOF 2.1.6 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.1.5

Omitted. 

## 2.2 Dependent Sums

Let  $\phi : K \rightarrow K'$  be a function and let  $X$  be a  $K$ -indexed set.

## DEFINITION 2.2.1 ► DEPENDENT SUMS OF INDEXED SETS

The **dependent sum of  $X$**  is the  $K'$ -indexed set  $\Sigma_\phi(X)$ <sup>1</sup> defined by

$$\Sigma_\phi(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Lan}_\phi(X),$$

and hence given by

$$\Sigma_\phi(X)_x \cong \coprod_{y \in \phi^{-1}(x)} X_y$$

for each  $x \in K'$ .

<sup>1</sup>Further Notation: Also written  $\phi_*(X)$ .

### PROPOSITION 2.2.2 ► FUNCTORIALITY OF DEPENDENT SUMS

The assignment  $X \mapsto \Sigma_\phi(X)$  defines a functor

$$\Sigma_\phi: \mathbf{ISets}(K) \rightarrow \mathbf{ISets}(K'),$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $X \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{ISets}(K))$ , we have

$$[\Sigma_\phi](X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Sigma_\phi(X);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $X, Y \in \mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{ISets}(K))$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$\Sigma_\phi|_{X,Y}: \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K)}(X, Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K')}(\Sigma_\phi(X), \Sigma_\phi(Y))$$

of  $\Sigma_\phi$  at  $(X, Y)$  is the map sending a morphism of  $K$ -indexed sets

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

to the morphism of  $K'$ -indexed sets defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_\phi(f) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Lan}_\phi(f); \\ &\cong \coprod_{y \in \phi^{-1}(X)} f y. \end{aligned}$$

### PROOF 2.2.3 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.2.2

Omitted.



## 2.3 Dependent Products

Let  $\phi: K \rightarrow K'$  be a function and let  $X$  be a  $K$ -indexed set.



**DEFINITION 2.3.1 ► DEPENDENT PRODUCTS OF INDEXED SETS**

The **dependent product of  $X$**  is the  $K'$ -indexed set  $\Pi_\phi(X)$ <sup>1</sup> defined by

$$\Pi_\phi(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Ran}_\phi(X),$$

and hence given by

$$\Pi_\phi(X)_x \cong \prod_{y \in \phi^{-1}(x)} X_y$$

for each  $x \in K'$ .

<sup>1</sup>Further Notation: Also written  $\phi_!(X)$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.3.2 ► FUNCTORIALITY OF DEPENDENT PRODUCTS**

The assignment  $X \mapsto \Pi_\phi(X)$  defines a functor

$$\Pi_\phi: \text{ISets}(K) \rightarrow \text{ISets}(K'),$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $X \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets}(K))$ , we have

$$[\Pi_\phi](X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pi_\phi(X);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $X, Y \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets}(K))$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$\Pi_{\phi|X,Y}: \text{Hom}_{\text{ISets}(K)}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{ISets}(K')}(\Pi_\phi(X), \Pi_\phi(Y))$$

of  $\Pi_\phi$  at  $(X, Y)$  is the map sending a morphism of  $K$ -indexed sets

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

to the morphism of  $K'$ -indexed sets defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_\phi(f) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Ran}_\phi(f); \\ &\cong \prod_{y \in \phi^{-1}(x)} f_y. \end{aligned}$$

## PROOF 2.3.3 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.3.2

Omitted.



## 2.4 Internal Homs

Let  $K$  be a set and let  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $K$ -indexed sets.

## DEFINITION 2.4.1 ► INTERNAL HOM OF INDEXED SETS

The **internal Hom of indexed sets from  $X$  to  $Y$**  is the indexed set  $\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K)}(X, Y)$  defined by

$$\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{ISets}(K)}(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Sets}(X_x, Y_x)$$

for each  $x \in K$ .

## 2.5 Adjointness of Indexed Sets

Let  $\phi: K \rightarrow K'$  be a map of sets.

## PROPOSITION 2.5.1 ► ADJOINTNESS OF INDEXED SETS

We have a triple adjunction

$$(\Sigma_\phi \dashv \phi^* \dashv \Pi_\phi): \mathbf{ISets}(K) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\Sigma_\phi} \\ \xleftarrow{\phi^*} \\ \xleftarrow{\Pi_\phi} \end{array} \mathbf{ISets}(K').$$

## PROOF 2.5.2 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.5.1

This follows from [Kan Extensions](#), ?? of ??.



# 3 Fibred Sets

## 3.1 Foundations

Let  $K$  be a set.

**DEFINITION 3.1.1 ► FIBRED SETS**

A  **$K$ -fibred set** is a pair  $(X, \phi)$  consisting of<sup>1</sup>

- *The Underlying Set.* A set  $X$ , called the **underlying set of**  $(X, \phi)$ ;
- *The Fibration.* A map of sets  $\phi: X \rightarrow K$ .

<sup>1</sup>*Further Terminology:* The **fibre of**  $(X, \phi)$  **over**  $x \in K$  is the set  $\phi^{-1}(x)$  (also written  $\phi_x$ ) defined by

$$\phi^{-1}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{pt} \times_{[x], K, \phi} X,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi^{-1}(x) & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \phi \\ \text{pt} & \xrightarrow{[x]} & K. \end{array}$$

**3.2 Morphisms of Fibred Sets****DEFINITION 3.2.1 ► MORPHISMS OF FIBRED SETS**

A **morphism of  $K$ -fibred sets from**  $(X, \phi)$  **to**  $(Y, \psi)$  is a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  such that the diagram<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \phi \searrow & & \swarrow \psi \\ & K & \end{array}$$

commutes.

<sup>1</sup>*Further Terminology:* The **transport map associated to  $f$  at  $x \in K$**  is the function

$$f_x^*: \phi^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \psi^{-1}(x)$$

given by the dashed map in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \phi^{-1}(x) & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \downarrow & \searrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \psi \\ & & \psi^{-1}(x) & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ \text{pt} & \xrightarrow{[x]} & K & \xrightarrow{[x]} & K. \\ & \parallel & & \parallel & \\ & \text{pt} & & \text{pt} & \end{array}$$

**3.3 The Category of Fibred Sets Over a Fixed Base**

**DEFINITION 3.3.1 ► THE CATEGORY OF  $K$ -FIBRED SETS**

The **category of  $K$ -fibred sets** is the category  $\text{FibSets}(K)$  defined as the slice category  $\text{Sets}_{/K}$  of Sets over  $K$ :

$$\text{FibSets}(K) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Sets}_{/K}.$$

**REMARK 3.3.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 3.3.1**

In detail  $\text{FibSets}(K)$  is the category where

- *Objects.* The objects of  $\text{FibSets}(K)$  are pairs  $(X, \phi)$  consisting of
  - *The Fibred Set.* A set  $X$ ;
  - *The Fibration.* A function  $\phi: X \rightarrow K$ ;
- *Morphisms.* A morphism of  $\text{FibSets}(K)$  from  $(X, \phi)$  to  $(Y, \psi)$  is a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \phi \searrow & & \swarrow \psi \\ & K & \end{array}$$

commute;

- *Identities.* For each  $(X, \phi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$ , the unit map

$$\mathbb{1}_{(X, \phi)}^{\text{FibSets}(K)}: \text{pt} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}((X, \phi), (X, \phi))$$

of  $\text{FibSets}(K)$  at  $(X, \phi)$  is given by

$$\text{id}_{(X, \phi)}^{\text{FibSets}(K)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{id}_X,$$

as witnessed by the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_X} & X \\ \phi \searrow & & \swarrow \phi \\ & K & \end{array}$$

in Sets;

- *Composition.* For each  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \phi)$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y, \psi)$ ,  $\mathbf{Z} = (Z, \chi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$ , the composition map

$$\circ_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}}^{\text{FibSets}(K)} : \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) \times \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})$$

of  $\text{FibSets}(K)$  at  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z})$  is defined by

$$\circ_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}}^{\text{FibSets}(K)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \circ_{X, Y, Z}^{\text{Sets}},$$

as witnessed by the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Z \\ & \searrow \phi & \downarrow \psi & \swarrow \chi & \\ & & K & & \end{array}$$

in  $\text{Sets}$ .

### 3.4 The Category of Fibred Sets

#### DEFINITION 3.4.1 ► THE CATEGORY OF FIBRED SETS

The **category of fibred sets** is the category  $\text{FibSets}$  defined as the Grothendieck construction of the functor  $\text{FibSets}^{\text{op}} : \text{Sets}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Cats}$  of [Proposition 4.1.4](#):

$$\text{FibSets} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int^{\text{Sets}} \text{FibSets}.$$

#### REMARK 3.4.2 ► UNWINDING DEFINITION 3.4.1

In detail, the **category of fibred sets** is the category  $\text{FibSets}$  where

- *Objects.* The objects of  $\text{FibSets}$  are pairs  $(K, (X, \phi_X))$  consisting of
  - *The Base Set.* A set  $K$ ;
  - *The Fibred Set.* A  $K$ -fibred set  $\phi_X : X \rightarrow K$ ;
- *Morphisms.* A morphism of  $\text{FibSets}$  from  $(K, (X, \phi_X))$  to  $(K', (Y, \phi_Y))$  is a pair  $(\phi, f)$  consisting of

- *The Base Map.* A map of sets  $\phi: K \rightarrow K'$ ;
- *The Morphism of Fibred Sets.* A morphism of  $K$ -fibred sets

$$f: (X, \phi_X) \rightarrow \phi_Y^*(Y), \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \times_{K'} K \\ & \searrow \phi_X & \swarrow \text{pr}_2 \\ & K & \end{array}$$

- *Identities.* For each  $(K, X) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets})$ , the unit map

$$\mu_{(K,X)}^{\text{FibSets}}: \text{pt} \rightarrow \text{FibSets}((K, X), (K, X))$$

of  $\text{FibSets}$  at  $(K, X)$  is defined by

$$\text{id}_{(K,X)}^{\text{FibSets}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\text{id}_K, \sim),$$

where  $\sim$  is the isomorphism  $X \rightarrow X \times_K K$  as in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\sim} & X \times_K K \\ & \searrow \phi_X & \swarrow \text{pr}_2 \\ & K & \end{array}$$

- *Composition.* For each  $\mathbf{X} = (K, X), \mathbf{Y} = (K', Y), \mathbf{Z} = (K'', Z) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets})$ , the composition map

$$\circ_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}}^{\text{FibSets}}: \text{FibSets}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) \times \text{FibSets}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \rightarrow \text{FibSets}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})$$

of  $\text{FibSets}$  at  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z})$  is defined by

$$g \circ_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}}^{\text{FibSets}} f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (g \times_{K'} \text{id}_K) \circ f$$

as in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \times_{K'} K & \xrightarrow{g \times_{K'} \text{id}_K} & \overbrace{(Z \times_{K''} K') \times_{K'} K}^{\cong Z \times_{K''} K} \\ & \searrow \phi_X & \downarrow \text{pr}_2 & \swarrow \text{pr}_2 & \\ & & K & & \end{array}$$

for each  $f \in \text{FibSets}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  and each  $g \in \text{FibSets}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z})$ .

## 4 Constructions With Fibred Sets

### 4.1 Change of Base

Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a function and let  $(X, \phi)$  be a  $K'$ -fibred set.

#### DEFINITION 4.1.1 ► CHANGE OF BASE FOR FIBRED SETS

The **change of base of**  $(X, \phi)$  **to**  $K$  is the  $K$ -fibred set  $f^*(X)$  defined by

$$f^*(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (K \times_{K'} X, \text{pr}_1),$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^*(X) & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} & X \\ \text{pr}_1 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \phi \\ K & \xrightarrow{f} & K'. \end{array}$$

#### PROPOSITION 4.1.2 ► FUNCTORIALITY OF CHANGE OF BASE

The assignment  $X \mapsto f^*(X)$  defines a functor

$$f^*: \text{FibSets}(K') \rightarrow \text{FibSets}(K),$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $(X, \phi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K'))$ , we have

$$f^*(X, \phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^*(X);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $(X, \phi), (Y, \psi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K'))$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$f_{X,Y}^*: \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K')}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}(f^*(X), f^*(Y))$$

of  $f^*$  at  $((X, \phi), (Y, \psi))$  is the map sending a morphism of  $K'$ -fibred sets

$$g: (X, \phi) \rightarrow (Y, \psi)$$

to the morphism of  $K$ -fibred sets given by the dashed morphism in the

diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 f^*(X) & \longrightarrow & X & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow \lrcorner & \downarrow \phi & \searrow g & \\
 & f^*(Y) & \longrightarrow & Y & \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\
 K & \xrightarrow{f} & K' & & \\
 \parallel & & \parallel & & \\
 K & \xrightarrow{f} & K' & & 
 \end{array}$$

#### PROOF 4.1.3 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.1.2

Omitted.



#### PROPOSITION 4.1.4 ► FUNCTORIALITY OF CATEGORIES OF $K$ -FIBRED SETS

The assignment  $K \mapsto \text{FibSets}(K)$  defines a functor

$$\text{FibSets}: \text{Sets}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Cats},$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $K \in \text{Obj}(\text{Sets})$ , we have

$$[\text{FibSets}](K) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{FibSets}(K);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $K, K' \in \text{Obj}(\text{Sets})$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$\text{Sets}_{/(-)|K, K'}: \text{Sets}^{\text{op}}(K, K') \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\text{FibSets}(K), \text{FibSets}(K'))$$

of  $\text{Sets}_{/(-)}$  at  $(K, K')$  is the map sending a map of sets  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  to the functor


$$\text{Sets}_{/f}: \text{FibSets}(K') \rightarrow \text{FibSets}(K)$$

defined by

$$\text{Sets}_{/f} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^*.$$



## PROOF 4.1.5 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.1.4

Omitted. 

## 4.2 Dependent Sums

Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a function and let  $(X, \phi)$  be a  $K$ -fibred set.

## DEFINITION 4.2.1 ► DEPENDENT SUMS FOR FIBRED SETS

The **dependent sum**<sup>1</sup> of  $(X, \phi)$  is the  $K'$ -fibred set  $\Sigma_f(X)$ <sup>2</sup> defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_f(X) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\Sigma_f(X), \Sigma_f(\phi)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X, f \circ \phi).\end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup>The name “dependent sum” comes from the fact that the fibre  $\Sigma_f(\phi)^{-1}(x)$  of  $\Sigma_f(X)$  at  $x \in K'$  is given by

$$\Sigma_f(\phi)^{-1}(x) \cong \coprod_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} \phi^{-1}(y);$$

see Item 2 of Proposition 4.2.2.

<sup>2</sup>Further Notation: Also written  $f_*(X)$ .

## PROPOSITION 4.2.2 ► PROPERTIES OF DEPENDENT SUMS OF FIBRED SETS

Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a function.

1. *Functoriality.* The assignment  $X \mapsto \Sigma_f(X)$  defines a functor

$$\Sigma_f: \text{FibSets}(K) \rightarrow \text{FibSets}(K'),$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $(X, \phi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$ , we have

$$\Sigma_f(X, \phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\Sigma_f(X), \Sigma_f(\phi));$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $(X, \phi), (Y, \psi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$\Sigma_{f|X,Y}: \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K')}(\Sigma_f(X), \Sigma_f(Y))$$

of  $\Sigma_f$  at  $((X, \phi), (Y, \psi))$  is the map sending a morphism of  $K$ -fibred sets

$$g: (X, \phi) \rightarrow (Y, \psi)$$

to the morphism of  $K'$ -fibred sets defined by

$$\Sigma_f(g) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g.$$

2. *Interaction With Fibres.* We have a bijection of sets

$$\Sigma_f(\phi)^{-1}(x) \cong \coprod_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} \phi^{-1}(y)$$

for each  $x \in K'$ .

#### PROOF 4.2.3 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.2.2


Item 1: Functoriality

Omitted.

Item 2: Interaction With Fibres

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_f(\phi)^{-1}(x) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{pt} \times_{[x], K', f \circ \phi} X \\ &\cong \{(a, y) \in X \times K \mid f(\phi(a)) = x\} \\ &\cong \coprod_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} \phi^{-1}(y) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $x \in K'$ . 

### 4.3 Dependent Products

Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a function and let  $(X, \phi)$  be a  $K$ -fibred set.

#### DEFINITION 4.3.1 ► DEPENDENT PRODUCTS FOR FIBRED SETS

The **dependent product**<sup>1</sup> of  $(X, \phi)$  is the  $K'$ -fibred set  $\Pi_f(X)$ <sup>2</sup> consisting of<sup>3</sup>

• *The Underlying Set.* The set  $\Pi_f(X)$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_f(X) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \coprod_{x \in K'} \Gamma_{f^{-1}(x)}^\phi(\phi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ (x, h) \in \coprod_{x \in K'} \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), \phi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) \mid \phi \circ h = \text{id}_{f^{-1}(x)} \right\};\end{aligned}$$

• *The Fibration.* The map of sets

$$\Pi_f(\phi): \coprod_{x \in K'} \Gamma_{f^{-1}(x)}^\phi(\phi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) \rightarrow K$$

defined by sending a map  $h: f^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \phi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))$  to its index  $x \in K$ .

<sup>1</sup>The name “dependent product” comes from the fact that the fibre  $\Pi_f(\phi)^{-1}(x)$  of  $\Pi_f(X)$  at  $x \in K'$  is given by

$$\Pi_f(\phi)^{-1}(x) \cong \prod_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} \phi^{-1}(y);$$

see [Item 2 of Proposition 4.3.3](#).

<sup>2</sup>*Further Notation:* Also written  $f_!(X)$ .

<sup>3</sup>We can also define dependent products via the internal **Hom** in  $\text{FibSets}(K')$ ; see [Item 3 of Proposition 4.3.3](#).

#### EXAMPLE 4.3.2 ► EXAMPLES OF DEPENDENT PRODUCTS OF SETS

Here are some examples of dependent products of sets.

1. *Spaces of Sections.* Let  $K = X$ ,  $K' = \text{pt}$ , and let  $\phi: E \rightarrow X$  be a map of sets. We have a bijection of sets

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{!_X}(\phi) &\cong \Gamma_X(\phi) \\ &\cong \{h \in \text{Sets}(X, E) \mid \phi \circ h = \text{id}_X\}.\end{aligned}$$

2. *Function Spaces.* Let  $K = K' = \text{pt}$ . We have a bijection of sets

$$\text{Sets}(X, Y) \cong \Pi_{!_X}(!_X^*(Y)).$$

**PROPOSITION 4.3.3 ► PROPERTIES OF DEPENDENT PRODUCTS OF FIBRED SETS**

Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a function.

1. *Functoriality.* The assignment  $X \mapsto \Pi_f(X)$  defines a functor

$$\Pi_f: \text{FibSets}(K) \rightarrow \text{FibSets}(K'),$$

where

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $(X, \phi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$ , we have

$$\Pi_f(X, \phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pi_f(X);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $(X, \phi), (Y, \psi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$\Pi_{f|X,Y}: \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K')}(\Pi_f(X), \Pi_f(Y))$$

of  $\Pi_f$  at  $((X, \phi), (Y, \psi))$  is the map sending a morphism of  $K$ -fibred sets

$$g: (X, \phi) \rightarrow (Y, \psi)$$

to the morphism of  $K'$ -fibred sets from

$$\Pi_f(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ (x, h) \in \coprod_{x \in K'} \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), \phi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) \mid \phi \circ h = \text{id}_{f^{-1}(x)} \right\};$$

to

$$\Pi_f(Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ (x, h) \in \coprod_{x \in K'} \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), \psi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) \mid \psi \circ h = \text{id}_{f^{-1}(x)} \right\};$$

induced by the composition

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), \phi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) &= \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), [\psi \circ g]^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) \\ &= \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), g^{-1}(\psi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x)))) \\ &\xrightarrow{g_*} \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), g(g^{-1}(\psi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))))) \\ &\xrightarrow{\iota_*} \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), \psi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\iota: g(g^{-1}(\psi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x)))) \hookrightarrow \psi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))$  is the canonical inclusion.<sup>1</sup>

2. *Interaction With Fibres.* We have a bijection of sets

$$\Pi_f(\phi)^{-1}(x) \cong \prod_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} \phi^{-1}(y)$$

for each  $x \in K'$ .

3. *Construction Using the Internal Hom.* We have

$$\Pi_f(X, \phi) = (K' \times_{\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{FibSets}(K')}(f, f)} \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{Sets}/K'}(f, f \circ \phi), \text{pr}_1),$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Pi_f(X, \phi) & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} & \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{Sets}/K'}(f, f \circ \phi) \\ \text{pr}_1 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ K' & \xrightarrow{I} & \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{FibSets}(K')}(f, f), \end{array}$$

where the bottom map is defined by

$$I(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{id}_{f^{-1}(x)}$$

for each  $x \in K'$ .

<sup>1</sup>Note that the section condition is satisfied: given  $(x, h) \in \Pi_f(X)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \circ [\Pi_f(g)](h) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \psi \circ (g \circ h) \\ &= (\psi \circ g) \circ h \\ &= \phi \circ h \\ &= \text{id}_{f^{-1}(x)}. \end{aligned}$$

#### PROOF 4.3.4 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.3.3

Item 1: Functoriality

Omitted.

Item 2: Interaction With Fibres

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pi_f(\phi)^{-1}(x) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(y, h) \in \Pi_f(X) \mid [\Pi_f(\phi)](h) = x\} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(y, h) \in \Pi_f(X) \mid y = x\} \\
 &\cong \{h \in \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), \phi^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) \mid \phi \circ h = \text{id}_{f^{-1}(x)}\} \\
 &\cong \prod_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} \phi^{-1}(y)
 \end{aligned}$$

for each  $x \in K'$ .

Item 3: Construction Using the Internal Hom

Omitted. 

#### 4.4 Internal Homs

Let  $K$  be a set and let  $(X, \phi)$  and  $(Y, \psi)$  be  $K$ -fibred sets.

##### DEFINITION 4.4.1 ► INTERNAL HOM OF FIBRED SETS

The **internal Hom of fibred sets from  $(X, \phi)$  to  $(Y, \psi)$**  is the fibred set  $\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y)$  consisting of

- *The Underlying Set.* The set  $\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y)$  defined by

$$\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \coprod_{x \in K} \text{Sets}(\phi^{-1}(x), \psi^{-1}(x));$$

- *The Fibration.* The map of sets<sup>1</sup>

$$\phi_{\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y)} : \underbrace{\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y)}_{\coprod_{x \in K} \text{Sets}(\phi^{-1}(x), \psi^{-1}(x))} \rightarrow K$$

defined by sending a map  $f: \phi^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \psi^{-1}(x)$  to its index  $x \in K$ .

<sup>1</sup>The fibres of the internal **Hom** of  $\mathbf{FibSets}(K)$  are precisely the sets  $\text{Sets}(\phi^{-1}(x), \psi^{-1}(x))$ , i.e. we have

$$\phi_{\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y)}|_x \cong \text{Sets}(\phi^{-1}(x), \psi^{-1}(x))$$

for each  $x \in K$ .

## 4.5 Adjointness for Fibred Sets

Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a map of sets.

### PROPOSITION 4.5.1 ► ADJOINTNESS FOR FIBRED SETS

We have a triple adjunction

$$(\Sigma_f \dashv f^* \dashv \Pi_f): \text{FibSets}(K) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_f} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{f^*} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{\Pi_f} \end{array} \text{FibSets}(K').$$

### PROOF 4.5.2 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.5.1

Omitted. 

## 5 Un/Straightening for Indexed and Fibred Sets

### 5.1 Straightening for Fibred Sets

Let  $K$  be a set and let  $(X, \phi)$  be a  $K$ -fibred set.

#### DEFINITION 5.1.1 ► THE STRAIGHTENING OF A FIBRED SET

The **straightening of**  $(X, \phi)$  is the  $K$ -indexed set

$$\text{St}_K(X, \phi): K_{\text{disc}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$$

defined by

$$\text{St}_K(X, \phi)_x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi^{-1}(x)$$

for each  $x \in K$ .

#### PROPOSITION 5.1.2 ► PROPERTIES OF STRAIGHTENING FOR FIBRED SETS

Let  $K$  be a set.

1. *Functoriality.* The assignment  $(X, \phi) \mapsto \text{St}_K(X, \phi)$  defines a functor

$$\text{St}_K: \text{FibSets}(K) \rightarrow \text{ISets}(K)$$

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $(X, \phi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$ , we have

$$[\text{St}_K](X, \phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{St}_K(X, \phi);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $(X, \phi), (Y, \psi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$\text{St}_{K|X,Y}: \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{ISets}(K)}(\text{St}_K(X), \text{St}_K(Y))$$

of  $\text{St}_K$  at  $(X, Y)$  is given by sending a morphism

$$f: (X, \phi) \rightarrow (Y, \psi)$$

of  $K$ -fibred sets to the morphism

$$\text{St}_K(f): \text{St}_K(X, \phi) \rightarrow \text{St}_K(Y, \psi)$$

of  $K$ -indexed sets defined by

$$\text{St}_K(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{f_x^*\}_{x \in K},$$

where  $f_x^*$  is the transport map associated to  $f$  at  $x \in K$  of [Definition 3.2.1](#).

2. *Interaction With Change of Base/Indexing.* Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a map of sets. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{FibSets}(K') & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \text{FibSets}(K) \\ \text{St}_{K'} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{St}_K \\ \text{ISets}(K') & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \text{ISets}(K) \end{array}$$

commutes.



3. *Interaction With Dependent Sums.* Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a map of sets. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{FibSets}(K) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma_f} & \text{FibSets}(K') \\ \text{St}_K \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{St}_{K'} \\ \text{ISets}(K) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma_f} & \text{ISets}(K') \end{array}$$

commutes.

4. *Interaction With Dependent Products.* Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a map of sets. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Sets}_{/K} & \xrightarrow{\Pi_f} & \text{FibSets}(K') \\ \text{St}_K \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{St}_{K'} \\ \text{ISets}(K) & \xrightarrow{\Pi_f} & \text{ISets}(K') \end{array}$$

commutes.

#### PROOF 5.1.3 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 5.1.2

Item 1: Functoriality

Omitted.

Item 2: Interaction With Change of Base/Indexing

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{St}_K(f^*(X, \phi))_x &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{St}_K(K \times_{K'} X)_x \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left( \text{pr}_1^{K \times_{K'} X} \right)^{-1}(x) \\
 &= \left\{ (k, y) \in K \times_{K'} X \mid \text{pr}_1^{K \times_{K'} X}(k, y) = x \right\} \\
 &= \{ (k, y) \in K \times_{K'} X \mid k = x \} \\
 &= \{ (k, y) \in K \times X \mid k = x \text{ and } f(k) = \phi(y) \} \\
 &\cong \{ y \in X \mid \phi(y) = f(x) \} \\
 &= \phi^{-1}(f(x)) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^*(\phi^{-1}(x)) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^*(\text{St}_{K'}(X, \phi)_x)
 \end{aligned}$$

for each  $(X, \phi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K'))$  and each  $x \in K$ , and similarly for morphisms.

#### Item 3: Interaction With Dependent Sums

Indeed, we have


$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{St}_{K'}(\Sigma_f(X, \phi))_x &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Sigma_f(\phi)^{-1}(x) \\
 &\cong \coprod_{\substack{y \in X \\ f(y)=x}} \phi^{-1}(y) \\
 &\cong \Sigma_f(\phi^{-1}(x)) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Sigma_f(\text{St}_K(X, \phi)_x)
 \end{aligned}$$

for each  $(X, \phi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$  and each  $x \in K'$ , where we have used [Item 2](#) of [Proposition 4.2.2](#) for the first bijection, and similarly for morphisms.

#### Item 4: Interaction With Dependent Products

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{St}_{K'}(\Pi_f(X, \phi))_x &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pi_f(\phi)^{-1}(x) \\
 &\cong \prod_{\substack{y \in X \\ f(y)=x}} \phi^{-1}(y) \\
 &\cong \Pi_f(\phi^{-1}(x)) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pi_f(\text{St}_K(X, \phi)_x)
 \end{aligned}$$

for each  $(X, \phi) \in \text{Obj}(\text{FibSets}(K))$  and each  $x \in K'$ , where we have used [Item 2](#) of [Proposition 4.3.3](#) for the first bijection, and similarly for morphisms. 

## 5.2 Unstraightening for Indexed Sets

Let  $K$  be a set and let  $X$  be a  $K$ -indexed set.

### DEFINITION 5.2.1 ► THE UNSTRAIGHTENING OF AN INDEXED SET

The **unstraightening** of  $X$  is the  $K$ -fibred set

$$\phi_{\text{Un}_K} : \text{Un}_K(X) \rightarrow K$$

consisting of

- *The Underlying Set.* The set  $\text{Un}_K(X)$  defined by

$$\text{Un}_K(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \coprod_{x \in K} X_x;$$

- *The Fibration.* The map of sets

$$\phi_{\text{Un}_K} : \text{Un}_K(X) \rightarrow K$$

defined by sending an element of  $\coprod_{x \in K} X_x$  to its index in  $K$ .

### PROPOSITION 5.2.2 ► PROPERTIES OF UNSTRAIGHTENING FOR INDEXED SETS

Let  $K$  be a set.

1. *Functoriality.* The assignment  $X \mapsto \text{Un}_K(X)$  defines a functor

$$\text{Un}_K : \text{ISets}(K) \rightarrow \text{FibSets}(K)$$

- *Action on Objects.* For each  $X \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets}(K))$ , we have

$$[\text{Un}_K](X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Un}_K(X);$$

- *Action on Morphisms.* For each  $X, Y \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets}(K))$ , the action on Hom-sets

$$\text{Un}_K|_{X,Y} : \text{Hom}_{\text{ISets}(K)}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{FibSets}(K)}(\text{Un}_K(X), \text{Un}_K(Y))$$

of  $\text{Un}_K$  at  $(X, Y)$  is defined by

$$\text{Un}_{K|X,Y}(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \coprod_{x \in K} f_x^*.$$

2. *Interaction With Fibres.* We have a bijection of sets

$$\phi_{\text{Un}_K}^{-1}(x) \cong X_x$$

for each  $x \in K$ .

3. *As a Pullback.* We have a bijection of sets

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Un}_K(X) & \rightarrow & \text{Sets}_* \\ \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow \text{忘} \\ K_{\text{disc}} & \xrightarrow{X} & \text{Sets}. \end{array}$$

$\text{Un}_K(X) \cong K_{\text{disc}} \times_{\text{Sets}} \text{Sets}_*,$

4. *As a Colimit.* We have a bijection of sets

$$\text{Un}_K(X) \cong \text{colim}(X).$$

5. *Interaction With Change of Indexing/Base.* Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a map of sets. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{ISets}(K') & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \text{ISets}(K) \\ \text{Un}_{K'} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Un}_K \\ \text{FibSets}(K') & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \text{FibSets}(K) \end{array}$$

commutes.

6. *Interaction With Dependent Sums.* Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a map of sets. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{ISets}(K) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma_f} & \text{ISets}(K') \\ \text{Un}_K \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Un}_{K'} \\ \text{FibSets}(K) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma_f} & \text{FibSets}(K') \end{array}$$

commutes.

7. *Interaction With Dependent Products.* Let  $f: K \rightarrow K'$  be a map of sets. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{ISets}(K) & \xrightarrow{\Pi_f} & \mathbf{ISets}(K') \\ \text{Un}_K \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Un}_{K'} \\ \mathbf{FibSets}(K) & \xrightarrow{\Pi_f} & \mathbf{FibSets}(K') \end{array}$$

commutes.

#### PROOF 5.2.3 ► PROOF OF PROPOSITION 5.2.2

Item 1: Functoriality

Omitted.

Item 2: Interaction With Fibres

Omitted.

Item 3: As a Pullback

Omitted.

Item 4: As a Colimit

Clear.

Item 5: Interaction With Change of Indexing/Base

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Un}_K(f^*(X)) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Un}_K(X \circ f) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \coprod_{x \in K} X_{f(x)} \\ &\cong \left\{ (x, (y, a)) \in K \times \coprod_{y \in K'} X_y \mid f(x) = y \right\} \\ &\cong K \times_{K'} \coprod_{y \in K'} X_y \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K \times_{K'} \text{Un}_{K'}(X) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^*(\text{Un}_{K'}(X)) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $X \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets}(K'))$ . Similarly, it can be shown that we also have  $\text{Un}_K(f^*(\phi)) = f^*(\text{Un}_{K'}(\phi))$  and that  $\text{Un}_K \circ f^* = f^* \circ \text{Un}_{K'}$  also holds on morphisms.

#### Item 6: Interaction With Dependent Sums

Indeed, we have


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Un}_{K'}(\Sigma_f(X)) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \coprod_{x \in K'} \Sigma_f(X)_x \\ &\cong \coprod_{x \in K'} \coprod_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} X_y \\ &\cong \coprod_{y \in K} X_y \\ &\cong \text{Un}_K(X) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Sigma_f(\text{Un}_K(X)) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $X \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets}(K))$ , where we have used **Item 2** of **Proposition 4.2.2** for the first bijection. Similarly, it can be shown that we also have  $\text{Un}_{K'}(\Sigma_f(\phi)) = \Sigma_f(\phi_{\text{Un}_K})$  and that  $\text{Un}_{K'} \circ \Sigma_f = \Sigma_f \circ \text{Un}_K$  also holds on morphisms.

#### Item 7: Interaction With Dependent Products

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Un}_{K'}(\Pi_f(X)) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{x \in K'} \Pi_f(X)_x \\ &\cong \prod_{x \in K'} \prod_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} X_y \\ &\cong \left\{ (x, h) \in \prod_{x \in K'} \text{Sets}(f^{-1}(x), \phi_{\text{Un}_K}^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))) \mid \phi \circ h = \text{id}_{f^{-1}(x)} \right\} \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pi_f \left( \prod_{y \in K} X_y \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pi_f(\text{Un}_K(X)) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $X \in \text{Obj}(\text{ISets}(K))$ , where we have used **Item 2** of **Proposition 4.3.3** for the first bijection. Similarly, it can be shown that we also have  $\text{Un}_{K'}(\Pi_f(\phi)) = \Pi_f(\phi_{\text{Un}_K})$  and that  $\text{Un}_{K'} \circ \Pi_f = \Pi_f \circ \text{Un}_K$  also holds on morphisms. 

### 5.3 The Un/Straightening Equivalence



We have an isomorphism of categories

$$(St_K \dashv Un_K): \text{FibSets}(K) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{St_K} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{Un_K} \end{array} \text{ISets}(K).$$

PROOF 5.3.2 ► PROOF OF THEOREM 5.3.1

Omitted. 

## 6 Miscellany

### 6.1 Other Kinds of Un/Straightening

#### REMARK 6.1.1 ► OTHER KINDS OF UN/STRAIGHTENING

There are also other kinds of un/straightening for sets, where Sets is replaced by **Rel** or Span:

- *Un/Straightening With **Rel**, I.* We have an isomorphism of sets

$$\text{Rel}(A, B) \cong \text{Sets}(B \times A, \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}).$$

by the definition of a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ , **Relations, Definition 1.1.1**.

- *Un/Straightening With **Rel**, II.* We have an equivalence of categories

$$\text{LaxFun}(K_{\text{disc}}, \mathbf{Rel}) \stackrel{\text{eq.}}{\cong} \text{Cats}_{/K_{\text{disc}}}^{\text{fth}},$$

where  $\text{Cats}_{/K_{\text{disc}}}^{\text{fth}}$  is the full subcategory of  $\text{Cats}_{/K_{\text{disc}}}$  spanned by the faithful functors; see [Nie04, Theorem 3.1].

- *Un/Straightening With Span, I.* For each  $A, B \in \text{Obj}(\text{Sets})$ , we have a morphism of sets

$$\text{Span}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Sets}(A \times B, \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\})$$

which assemble into an equivalence of categories between  $\text{Span}(\text{Sets})$  and the category **MRel** of “multirelations”; see **Spans, Remark 7.5.1**.



· *Un/Straightening With Span, II*. We have an equivalence of categories

$$\mathrm{LaxFun}(K_{\mathrm{disc}}, \mathrm{Span}) \stackrel{\mathrm{eq.}}{\cong} \mathrm{Cats}/K_{\mathrm{disc}};$$

see [nLa23, Section 3].

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