

## Assignment 2

1. Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $A \xrightarrow{a} C \xleftarrow{c} B$  forms a coproduct.

Consider  $g: \text{Hom}(C, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, Z) \times \text{Hom}(B, Z)$ ,  $f \mapsto (f \circ a, f \circ c)$ .

Let  $h: \text{Hom}(A, Z) \times \text{Hom}(B, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C, Z)$ ,  $(z_1, z_2) \mapsto [z_1, z_2]$

where  $[z_1, z_2]: C \rightarrow Z$  is the unique morphism determined by  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  according to the coproduct.

Then for all  $(z_1, z_2) \in \text{Hom}(A, Z) \times \text{Hom}(B, Z)$ ,  $f \in \text{Hom}(A, Z)$

$$(g \circ h)([z_1, z_2]) = g([z_1, z_2]) = ([z_1, z_2] \circ A, [z_1, z_2] \circ B) = (z_1, z_2)$$

$$(h \circ g)(f) = h([f \circ a, f \circ c]) = [f \circ a, f \circ c]$$

By definition of coproduct,  $[f \circ a, f \circ c]$  is unique with

$$[f \circ a, f \circ c] \circ A = f \circ a, [f \circ a, f \circ c] \circ B = f \circ c$$

Thus  $f = [f \circ a, f \circ c]$ , yielding that  $(h \circ g)(f) = f$

Therefore  $goh = 1_{\text{Hom}(A, Z) \times \text{Hom}(B, Z)}$ ,  $hg = 1_{\text{Hom}(C, Z)}$ .

It follows that  $g$  is an isomorphism.

$\Leftarrow$  Conversely, suppose  $g$  is an isomorphism. Then

$g': \text{Hom}(A, Z) \times \text{Hom}(B, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C, Z)$  exists.

For all  $Z$  with  $z_1: A \rightarrow Z$ ,  $z_2: B \rightarrow Z$ , we have

$$(z_1, z_2) = (g \circ g^{-1})(z_1, z_2) = (g(z_1, z_2) \circ A, g(z_1, z_2) \circ B)$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 = g(z_1, z_2) \circ A \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = g(z_1, z_2) \circ B$$

Now assume there is some  $u: C \rightarrow Z$  such that

$$z_1 = u \circ A \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = u \circ B$$

$$\text{Then } u = (g^{-1} \circ g)(u) = g^{-1}(g(u)) = g^{-1}([u \circ A, u \circ B]) = g^{-1}(z_1, z_2)$$

Therefore there exists unique  $g^{-1}(z_1, z_2)$  such that

$$z_1 = g^{-1}(z_1, z_2) \circ A \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = g^{-1}(z_1, z_2) \circ B$$

which yields that  $A \xrightarrow{a} C \xleftarrow{c} B$  forms a coproduct.

2. Proof: In the category  $\text{Ab}$  of abelian groups, suppose

$f, g: A \rightarrow B$  are group homomorphisms, denote group

composition law as “+”. Let

$$h: \ker(f-g) \rightarrow A, \quad a \mapsto a$$

For all  $a \in \ker(f-g)$ ,  $(f-g)(a) = 0_B$ . It follows that

$$f(a) = g(a), \quad \text{and} \quad f(ha) = g(ha), \quad \text{hence } fh = gh.$$

For all  $Z \in \text{Ob Ab}$  with  $z: Z \rightarrow A$ ,  $f \circ z = g \circ z$ . Let

$$u: Z \rightarrow \ker(f-g), \quad x \mapsto z(x)$$

Observe that this  $u$  is well-defined as  $f \circ z = g \circ z$  implies that

$$z(x) \in \ker(f-g) \quad \text{for all } x \in Z$$

and it is a group homomorphism as  $z$  is.

$$\text{We have } (h \circ u)(x) = h(u(x)) = u(x) = z(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in Z$$

$$\text{Hence } h \circ u = z$$

Now suppose there is some  $v: Z \rightarrow \ker(f-h)$  with  $h \circ v = z$ .

$$\text{Then } u(x) = z(x) = (h \circ v)(x) = h(v(x)) = v(x)$$

That is such  $u: Z \rightarrow \ker(f-g)$  is unique.

Hence by definition  $h: \ker(f-g) \rightarrow A$  forms an equalizer to  $A \xrightarrow{f-g} B$ .

3. Proof: Suppose  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is a binary relation, and we have two projections:

$$R \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} f \\ g \end{matrix}} A$$

Let  $\pi: A \rightarrow A/\langle R \rangle$ ,  $a \mapsto [a]$  be the canonical map.

$$\text{Then } (\pi \circ f)([a_1, a_2]) = \pi(a_1) = [a_1]$$

$$(\pi \circ g)([a_1, a_2]) = \pi(a_2) = [a_2]$$

Since  $\langle R \rangle$  is generated by  $R$ , for all  $(a_1, a_2) \in R$ , we have

$$(a_1, a_2) \in \langle R \rangle, \text{ thus } a_1 \sim_{\langle R \rangle} a_2, [a_1] = [a_2]$$

$$\text{Hence } (\pi \circ g)([a_1, a_2]) = (\pi \circ f)([a_1, a_2]) \text{ for all } (a_1, a_2) \in R,$$

yielding that  $\pi \circ g = \pi \circ f$ .

For all set  $Z$  with  $z: A \rightarrow Z$ ,  $z \circ f = z \circ g$ . let

$$u: A/\langle R \rangle \rightarrow Z, [a] \mapsto z(a)$$

Clearly since  $z \circ f = z \circ g$ , for all  $a \sim_{\langle R \rangle} a_2, (a, a_2) \in R$ ,

$$z(a) = z(f(a, a_2)) = z(g(a, a_2)) = z(a_2)$$

So  $u$  is a well-defined function.

$$\text{For all } a \in A, (u \circ \pi)(a) = u(\pi(a)) = u([a]) = z(a)$$

Hence  $u \circ \pi = z$ .

Now suppose  $v: A/\langle R \rangle \rightarrow Z$  also satisfies  $v \circ \pi = z$ .

$$\text{Then } v([a]) = z(a) = (v \circ \pi)(a) = v([a]) \text{ for all } [a] \in A/\langle R \rangle$$

That is  $v = u$ ,  $u$  is unique.

Therefore the canonical map  $\pi$  with  $A/\langle R \rangle$  form a coproduct for  $R \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} f \\ g \end{matrix}} A$ .

4. Proof: Clearly  $f \circ g$  implies  $\text{dom}(f) = \text{dom}(g)$  and  $\text{cod}(f) = \text{cod}(g)$ .

Suppose  $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f \circ g$ . For all  $a: A \rightarrow X, b: Y \rightarrow B$ ,

$$\text{clearly, } \text{dom}(b \circ f \circ a) = A = \text{dom}(b \circ g \circ a)$$

$$\text{and } (b \circ f \circ a) = B = \text{cod}(b \circ g \circ a)$$

Then for all category  $\mathbb{E}$  and functor  $H: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  such that  $H \circ F = H \circ G$ ,

we have  $H(f) = H(g)$  as  $f \circ g$ . Then,

$$H(b \circ f \circ a) = H(b) \circ H(f) \circ H(a) = H(b) \circ H(g) \circ H(a) = H(b \circ g \circ a)$$

Therefore  $b \circ f \circ a \sim b \circ g \circ a$ ,  $\sim$  defines a congruence.

Now in Cat, consider  $C \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} F \\ G \end{matrix}} \mathbb{D} \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbb{D}/\sim$

where  $\Pi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}/\sim$  is the canonical functor.

For all  $C \in \text{obj } \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f: C \rightarrow C' \in \text{mor } \mathbb{C}$

$$(\Pi \circ F)(f) = \Pi(F(f)) = \Pi(G(f)) = (\Pi \circ G)(f)$$

Observe that  $F(f) \sim G(f)$  as  $H \circ F = H \circ G$  implies  $H(F(f)) = H(G(f))$

for all functor  $H$ . Hence  $[F(f)] = [G(f)]$ . Then,

$$(\Pi \circ F)(f) = \Pi(F(f)) = [F(f)] = [G(f)] = \Pi(G(f)) = (\Pi \circ G)(f)$$

Thus  $\Pi \circ F = \Pi \circ G$ .

Now for all category  $Z$  with  $H: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow Z$  such that

$$H \circ F = H \circ G$$

Define  $U: \mathbb{D}/\sim \rightarrow Z$  such that

$$U(D) = H(D) \quad \text{for all } D \in \text{obj } \mathbb{D}$$

$$U([f]) = H(f) \quad \text{for all } f \in \text{mor } \mathbb{D}$$

Since  $H \circ F = H \circ G$ , for all  $f \circ g$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $H(f) = H(g)$ ,  $U$  is well-defined.

For all  $D \in \text{obj } \mathbb{D}$ ,  $f \in \text{mor } \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$(U \circ \Pi)(D) = U(\Pi(D)) = U(D) = H(D)$$

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Hence  $U \circ \Pi = H$ . Now assume  $W: \mathbb{D}/\sim \rightarrow Z$  also satisfies

$$W \circ \Pi = H$$

Then for all  $D \in \text{obj } \mathbb{D}$ ,  $f \in \text{mor } \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$U(D) = H(D) = (W \circ \Pi)(D) = W(D)$$

$$U([f]) = H(f) = (W \circ \Pi)(f) = W(f)$$

That is  $U = W$ , thus  $U$  is unique. Therefore  $C \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} F \\ G \end{matrix}} \mathbb{D} \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbb{D}/\sim$  forms a coproduct.

5. Proof: In any category, suppose in a pullback square  $m$  is monic.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M' & \xrightarrow{g} & M \\ m \downarrow & & \downarrow m \\ A' & \xrightarrow{f} & A \end{array}$$

Consider any  $x, y: X \rightarrow M$ , such that  $mx = my$

Let  $z: X \rightarrow A'$  such that  $f \circ z = mx = my$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{x} & M' & \xrightarrow{g} & M \\ & \searrow u_1 \quad \swarrow u_2 & \downarrow m' & & \downarrow m \\ & z & A' & \xrightarrow{f} & A \end{array}$$

By UMP of pullback square, there exists unique  $u_1, u_2: X \rightarrow M'$

with  $x = g \circ u_1$ ,  $z = m' \circ u_1$  and  $y = g \circ u_2$ ,  $z = m' \circ u_2$

Hence  $x = m' \circ u_1 = m' \circ u_2$

Since  $m'$  is monic,  $u_1 = u_2$

Thus  $x = g \circ u_1 = g \circ u_2 = y$

Therefore  $m$  is also monic.

6. Proof: (Identity) For each  $A \in \text{Obj Par}(\mathcal{C})$ , with  $|g|: U_g \rightarrow B \in \text{mor } \mathcal{C}$ .

Consider the morphism  $(I_A, A)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A \times_A U_g & \xrightarrow{P} & U_g & \xrightarrow{|g|} & B \\ p \downarrow & \swarrow u & \downarrow m & & \downarrow g \\ A & \xrightarrow{|g|_A} & A & & \\ I_A \downarrow & & & & \\ A & & & & \end{array}$$

Since  $A \times_A U_g$  is a pullback, for  $I_{U_g}: U_g \rightarrow U_g$  and  $m: U_g \rightarrow A$ ,  
there exists unique  $u: U_g \rightarrow A \times_A U_g$  such that

$$\begin{cases} I_{U_g} = P \circ u \\ m = P \circ u \\ m \circ P_u = |g|_A \circ P = P \end{cases}$$

Thus  $P \circ u \circ P_u = P$ , it follows that  $u \circ P_u = I_{A \times_A U_g}$

Therefore  $P_u$  forms an isomorphism,  $A \times_A U_g \cong U_g$ .

Hence  $(|g|, U_g) \circ (I_A, A) = (I_g, U_g) = (I_g, U_g)$ , showing that

$(I_A, A)$  is a well-defined identity in  $\text{Par}(\mathcal{C})$ .

(Associativity) Consider the following diagram in  $\mathcal{C}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U_g \times_h U_h & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U_h & \xrightarrow{|h|} & D \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U_g \times_g U_g & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U_g & \xrightarrow{|g|} & C & \nearrow f & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ U_f & \xrightarrow{|f|} & B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A & \nearrow g & \end{array}$$

By two-squares lemma,

$$U \cong (U_g \times_h U_h) \times_c U_h \cong (U_g \times_h U_h) \times_g (U_g \times_h U_h) \cong U_f \times_B (U_g \times_h U_h)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } ((|h|, U_h) \circ (|g|, U_g)) \circ (I_h, U_h)$$

$$= ((|f| \circ g), U_f \times_B U_g) \circ (I_h, U_h)$$

$$= ((|f \circ g| \circ h), (U_f \times_B U_g) \times_c U_h)$$

$$= ((|f \circ (g \circ h)|, U_f \times_B (U_g \times_h U_h)))$$

$$= ((|f|, U_f) \circ (|g|, U_g) \circ (|h|, U_h))$$

That is, the composition is associative. Hence  $\text{Par}(\mathcal{C})$  is a category.

7. Proof: Suppose  $f, g: B \rightarrow C$  such that  $c_j \circ f = c_j \circ g$  for all  $c_j: C \rightarrow D_j$

Let  $b_j = c_j \circ f = c_j \circ g$ . Then  $(B, b_j)$  forms a core object in  $\text{Cone}(D)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \\ & \searrow b_j & \downarrow c_j \\ & & D_j \end{array}$$

And by definition,  $f, g$  form morphisms from  $(B, b_j)$  to  $(C, c_j)$ .

Since  $(C, c_j)$  is a limiting cone,  $(C, c_j)$  is a terminal object in

$\text{Cone}(D)$ , thus there's a unique morphism from  $(B, b_j)$  to  $(C, c_j)$ .

Therefore .  $f = g$ .