

Categorical theory and logic

Exercise Sheet 3

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Suggestion: In questions 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 it may be helpful to assume $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{Set}$, to get your bearings.

1. Show that the category **Poset** of posets and monotone functions is a cartesian closed category.
2. Let X be a set. The discrete poset on X has the following partial order: $x \leq y$ iff $x = y$.
 - (a) Show that the construction of discrete posets extends to a functor $D : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Poset}$.
 - (b) Show that this functor has a right adjoint, $U : \mathbf{Poset} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$.
3. Recall that $\hat{\Sigma}$ is the category whose objects are functions and whose morphisms are commuting squares. Consider the following functor $F_0 : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \hat{\Sigma}$: it takes a set X to the empty function ($\emptyset \rightarrow X$), and a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ to the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \emptyset & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \emptyset \\ \downarrow ! & & \downarrow ! \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

- (a) Show that this functor has a right adjoint, a functor $F_1 : \hat{\Sigma} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$.
 - (b) Show that $F_1 : \hat{\Sigma} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ has a right adjoint, $F_2 : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \hat{\Sigma}$.
 - (c) Does F_3 have a right adjoint, F_4 ? If so does F_4 have a right adjoint, F_5 ? If so does F_5 have a right adjoint? etc
4. Consider a cartesian closed category, $\mathcal{C}$. Let S be an object of $\mathcal{C}$. Define the category $\mathcal{C}_S$ as follows: the objects are the objects of $\mathcal{C}$; a morphism $(X \rightarrow Y)$ in $\mathcal{C}_S$ is given by a morphism $((X \times S) \rightarrow (Y \times S))$ in $\mathcal{C}$. [Here is some intuition: the morphisms of $\mathcal{C}_S$ are “stateful computations”, that take an argument and an initial state, and return a result and a final state.]
 - (a) Finish describing the category $\mathcal{C}_S$.
 - (b) Describe a functor $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_S$ which is identity on objects.
 - (c) Show that the functor has a right adjoint.
5. Consider a functor $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ that has a right adjoint, $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$.

If G is full and faithful, then it is called a ‘reflection’. Which of the functors $F_0, F_1 \dots$ in Question 3 are reflections?

Show that G is full and faithful if and only if the counit $\{\varepsilon_X : F(GX) \rightarrow X\}_{X \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{D})}$ is an isomorphism. [It’s good to know about this last part, but don’t worry about proving it if you find it tricky. It’s better to move on to the next page.]

6. What is a monomorphism in the category of posets and monotone functions?
7. Show that the category of posets and monotone functions has pullbacks.
8. Suppose that a category $\mathcal{C}$ has a terminal object. Describe an isomorphism of categories $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/1$.
9. Consider morphisms $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ in a category. Which of the following statements are true? Either prove it, or find a counter-example in the category of sets.
 - (a) If f and g are monomorphisms, so is gf .
 - (b) If f and gf are monomorphisms, so is g .
 - (c) If g and gf are monomorphisms, so is f .
10. Consider a morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in a category. Show that the following square is a pullback if and only if f is a monomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & X \\ \text{id} \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

11. Consider the following commuting squares in a category.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow j & & \downarrow k \\ D & \xrightarrow{m} & E & \xrightarrow{n} & F \end{array}$$

Which of the following statements are true? Either prove it, or find a counter-example in the category of sets.

- (a) If both inner squares are pullbacks, so is the outer square.
 - (b) If the right-hand square and the outer rectangle are pullbacks, so is the left-hand square.
 - (c) If the left-hand square and the outer rectangle are pullbacks, so is the right-hand square.
12. Consider a category $\mathcal{C}$ with products. For every object A there is always a morphism, $\delta_A = (\text{id}_A, \text{id}_A) : A \rightarrow A \times A$. [It is “the meaning of equality”.]
 - (a) Show that δ_A is always a monomorphism.
 - (b) Post-composing with δ_A yields a functor $\Sigma_{\delta_A} : \mathcal{C}/A \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/(A \times A)$.
Show that $\mathcal{C}/A$ has finite products if and only if Σ_{δ_A} has a right adjoint.