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**Category Theory**  
**Exercise Sheet 3**  
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1. Show that for any objects  $X$  and  $Y$  in a cartesian closed category  $\mathbf{C}$ , there are functions

$$\begin{aligned} f \in \mathbf{C}(X, Y) &\mapsto \ulcorner f \urcorner \in \mathbf{C}(1, Y^X) \\ g \in \mathbf{C}(1, Y^X) &\mapsto \bar{g} \in \mathbf{C}(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

that give a bijection between the set  $\mathbf{C}(X, Y)$  of  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$  and the set  $\mathbf{C}(1, Y^X)$  of  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphisms from the terminal object  $1$  to the exponential  $Y^X$ . [Hint: use the isomorphism (7) from Exercise Sheet 2, question 2.]

2. Show that for any objects  $X$  and  $Y$  in a cartesian closed category  $\mathbf{C}$ , the morphism  $\text{app} : Y^X \times X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies  $\text{cur}(\text{app}) = \text{id}_{Y^X}$ . [Hint: recall from equation (4) on Exercise Sheet 2 that  $\text{id}_{Y^X} \times \text{id}_X = \text{id}_{Y^X \times X}$ .]

3. Suppose  $f : Y \times X \rightarrow Z$  and  $g : W \rightarrow Y$  are morphisms in a cartesian closed category  $\mathbf{C}$ . Prove that

$$\text{cur}(f \circ (g \times \text{id}_X)) = (\text{cur } f) \circ g \in \mathbf{C}(W, Z^X) \quad (1)$$

[Hint: use Exercise Sheet 2, question 1c.]

4. Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be a cartesian closed category. For each  $\mathbf{C}$ -object  $X$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphism  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ , define

$$f^X \triangleq \text{cur}(Y^X \times X \xrightarrow{\text{app}} Y \xrightarrow{f} Z) \in \mathbf{C}(Y^X, Z^X) \quad (2)$$

(a) Prove that  $(\text{id}_Y)^X = \text{id}_{Y^X}$ .

(b) Given  $f \in \mathbf{C}(Y \times X, Z)$  and  $g \in \mathbf{C}(Z, W)$ , prove that

$$\text{cur}(g \circ f) = g^X \circ \text{cur } f \in \mathbf{C}(Y, W^X) \quad (3)$$

(c) Deduce that if  $u \in \mathbf{C}(Y, Z)$  and  $v \in \mathbf{C}(Z, W)$ , then  $(v \circ u)^X = v^X \circ u^X \in \mathbf{C}(Y^X, W^X)$ .

[Hint: for part (4a) use question 2; for part (4b) use Exercise Sheet 2, question 1c.]

5. Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be a cartesian closed category. For each  $\mathbf{C}$ -object  $X$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphism  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ , define

$$X^f \triangleq \text{cur}(X^Z \times Y \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times f} X^Z \times Z \xrightarrow{\text{app}} X) \in \mathbf{C}(X^Z, X^Y) \quad (4)$$

(a) Prove that  $X^{\text{id}_Y} = \text{id}_{X^Y}$ .

(b) Given  $g \in \mathbf{C}(W, X)$  and  $f \in \mathbf{C}(Y \times X, Z)$ , prove that

$$\text{cur}(f \circ (\text{id}_Y \times g)) = Z^g \circ \text{cur } f \in \mathbf{C}(Y, Z^W) \quad (5)$$

(c) Deduce that if  $u \in \mathbf{C}(Y, Z)$  and  $v \in \mathbf{C}(Z, W)$ , then  $X^{(v \circ u)} = X^u \circ X^v \in \mathbf{C}(X^W, X^Y)$ .

[Hint: for part (5a) use question 2; for part (5b) use Exercise Sheet 2, question 1c.]

6. Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be a cartesian closed category in which every pair of objects  $X$  and  $Y$  possesses a binary coproduct  $X \xrightarrow{\text{inl}_{X,Y}} X + Y \xleftarrow{\text{inr}_{X,Y}} Y$ . For all objects  $X, Y, Z \in \mathbf{C}$  construct an isomorphism  $(Y + Z) \times X \cong (Y \times X) + (Z \times X)$ . [Hint: you may find it helpful to use some of the properties from question 4.]

7. Using the natural deduction rules for Intuitionistic Propositional Logic (given in Lecture 6), give proofs of the following judgements. In each case write down a corresponding typing judgement of the Simply Typed Lambda Calculus.

- (a)  $\diamond, \psi \vdash (\varphi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow \psi$
- (b)  $\diamond, \varphi \vdash (\varphi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow \psi$
- (c)  $\diamond, ((\varphi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow \psi \vdash \varphi \Rightarrow \psi$

8. (a) Given simple types  $A, B, C$ , give terms  $s$  and  $t$  of the Simply Typed Lambda Calculus that satisfy the following typing and  $\beta\eta$ -equality judgements:

$$\diamond, x : (A \times B) \rightarrow C \vdash s : A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \quad (6)$$

$$\diamond, y : A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash t : (A \times B) \rightarrow C \quad (7)$$

$$\diamond, x : (A \times B) \rightarrow C \vdash t[s/y] =_{\beta\eta} x : (A \times B) \rightarrow C \quad (8)$$

$$\diamond, y : A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash s[t/x] =_{\beta\eta} y : A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \quad (9)$$

(b) Explain why question (8a) implies that for any three objects  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  in a cartesian closed category  $\mathbf{C}$ , there are morphisms

$$f : Z^{(X \times Y)} \rightarrow (Z^Y)^X \quad (10)$$

$$g : (Z^Y)^X \rightarrow Z^{(X \times Y)} \quad (11)$$

that give an isomorphism  $Z^{(X \times Y)} \cong (Z^Y)^X$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ .

9. Make up and solve a question like question 8 ending with an isomorphism  $X^1 \cong X$  for any object  $X$  in a cartesian closed category  $\mathbf{C}$  (with terminal object 1).