University of Cambridge 2022/23 Part II / Part III / MPhil ACS *Category Theory* Exercise Sheet 2 by Andrew Pitts

- 1. Let C be a category with binary products.
 - (a) For morphisms $f \in C(X, Y)$, $g_1 \in C(Y, Z_1)$ and $g_2 \in C(Y, Z_2)$, show that

$$\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle \circ f = \langle g_1 \circ f, g_2 \circ f \rangle \in \mathbb{C}(X, Z_1 \times Z_2)$$
(1)

(b) For morphisms $f_1 \in C(X_1, Y_1)$ and $f_2 \in C(X_2, Y_2)$, define

$$f_1 \times f_2 \triangleq \langle f_1 \circ \pi_1, f_2 \circ \pi_2 \rangle \in \mathbf{C}(X_1 \times X_2, Y_1 \times Y_2)$$
(2)

For any $g_1 \in \mathbf{C}(Z, X_1)$ and $g_2 \in \mathbf{C}(Z, X_2)$, show that

$$(f_1 \times f_2) \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle = \langle f_1 \circ g_1, f_2 \circ g_2 \rangle \in \mathcal{C}(Z, Y_1 \times Y_2)$$
(3)

(c) Show that the operation $f_1, f_2 \mapsto f_1 \times f_2$ defined in part (1b) satisfies

$$(h_1 \times h_2) \circ (k_1 \times k_2) = (h_1 \circ k_1) \times (h_2 \circ k_2)$$
(4)

$$\mathrm{id}_X \times \mathrm{id}_Y = \mathrm{id}_{X \times Y} \tag{5}$$

2. Let C be a category with binary products $_\times_$ and a terminal object 1. Given objects $X, Y, Z \in \mathbb{C}$, construct isomorphisms

$$\alpha_{X,Y,Z}: X \times (Y \times Z) \cong (X \times Y) \times Z \tag{6}$$

$$\lambda_X : \mathbf{1} \times X \cong X \tag{7}$$

$$\rho_X : X \times \mathbf{1} \cong X \tag{8}$$

$$\tau_{X,Y}: X \times Y \cong Y \times X \tag{9}$$

 A *pairing* for a monoid (M, ·, e) consists of elements p₁, p₂ ∈ M and a binary operation ⟨_, _): M×M → M satisfying for all x, y, z ∈ M

$$p_1 \cdot \langle x, y \rangle = x \tag{10}$$

$$p_2 \cdot \langle x, y \rangle = y \tag{11}$$

$$\langle p_1, p_2 \rangle = e \tag{12}$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \cdot z = \langle x \cdot z, y \cdot z \rangle \tag{13}$$

Given such a pairing, show that the monoid, when regarded as a one-object category, has binary products.

4. A monoid (M, \cdot_M, e_M) is said to be *abelian* if its multiplication is commutative: $(\forall x, y \in M) x \cdot_M y = y \cdot_M x$.

(a) If (M, \cdot_M, e_M) is an abelian monoid, show that the functions $m \in \text{Set}(M \times, M, M)$ and $u \in \text{Set}(1, M)$ defined by

$$m(x, y) = x \cdot_M y \qquad (all x, y \in M)$$
$$u(0) = e_M$$

determine morphisms in the catgory **Mon** of monoids, $m \in Mon(M \times M, M)$ and $u \in Mon(1, M)$ (where as usual we just write M for the monoid (M, \cdot_M, e_M) and 1 for the terminal monoid $(1, \cdot_1, e_1)$ with 1 a one-element set, $\{0\}$ say, $0 \cdot_1 0 = 0$ and $e_1 = 0$). Show further that m and u make the monoid M into a "monoid object in the category **Mon**", in the sense that the following diagrams in **Mon** commute:

. 1

$$(M \times M) \times M \xrightarrow{m \times \mathrm{id}} M \times M \xrightarrow{m} M$$

$$\langle \pi_{1} \circ \pi_{1}, \langle \pi_{2} \circ \pi_{1}, \pi_{2} \rangle \rangle \downarrow \cong \qquad \cong \downarrow \mathrm{id} \quad (\mathrm{associativity}) \quad (14)$$

$$M \times (M \times M) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \times m} M \times M \xrightarrow{m} M$$

$$1 \times M \xrightarrow{u \times \mathrm{id}} M \times M \xrightarrow{m} M$$

$$\pi_{2} \downarrow \cong \qquad \cong \downarrow \mathrm{id} \quad (\mathrm{left unit}) \quad (15)$$

$$M \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \times u} M \times M \xrightarrow{m} M$$

$$\pi_{1} \downarrow \cong \qquad \cong \downarrow \mathrm{id} \quad (\mathrm{right unit}) \quad (16)$$

$$M \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \longrightarrow} M$$

- (b) Show that every monoid object in the category Mon (in the above sense) arises as in (4a). [Hint: if necessary, search the internet for "Eckmann-Hilton argument".]
- 5. Let **AbMon** be the category whose objects are abelian monoids (question 4) and whose morphisms, identity morphisms and composition are as in **Mon**.
 - (a) Show that the product in Mon of two abelian monoids gives their product in AbMon.
 - (b) Given $M, N \in AbMon$ define morphisms $i \in AbMon(M, M \times N)$ and $j \in AbMon(N, M \times N)$ that make $M \times N$ into a *coproduct* in AbMon.
- 6. The category **Set**^{ω} of 'sets evolving through discrete time' is defined as follows:
 - Objects are triples $(X, (_)^+, |_|)$, where $X \in Set, (_)^+ \in Set(X, X)$ and $|_| \in Set(X, \mathbb{N})$ satisfy for all $x \in X$

$$|x^+| = |x| + 1 \tag{17}$$

[Think of |x| as the instant of time at which x exists and $x \mapsto x^+$ as saying how an element evolves from one instant to the next.]

• Morphisms $f : (X, (_)^+, |_-|) \to (Y, (_)^+, |_-|)$ are functions $f \in Set(X, Y)$ satisfying for all $x \in X$

$$(f x)^{+} = f(x^{+}) \tag{18}$$

$$|f x| = |x| \tag{19}$$

• Composition and identities are as in the category **Set**.

Show that \mathbf{Set}^ω has a terminal object and binary products.

7. Show that the category **PreOrd** of pre-ordered sets and monotone functions is a cartesian closed category.

University of Cambridge 2022/23 Part II / Part III / MPhil ACS *Category Theory* Exercise Sheet 2 – Solution Notes by Andrew Pitts

Question 1

(a) For i = 1, 2 we have $\pi_i \circ (\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle \circ f) = (\pi_i \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle) \circ f = g_i \circ f = \pi_i \circ \langle g_1 \circ f, g_2 \circ f \rangle$ and hence by the uniqueness part of the universal property for the product $Z_1 \times Z_2$, it is the case that $\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle \circ f = \langle g_1 \circ f, g_2 \circ f \rangle$.

(b)
$$(f_1 \times f_2) \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle \triangleq \langle f_1 \circ \pi_1, f_2 \circ \pi_2 \rangle \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle (f_1 \circ \pi_1) \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle, (f_2 \circ \pi_2) \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle \rangle \quad \text{(by part (a))}$$

$$= \langle f_1 \circ (\pi_1 \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle), f_2 \circ (\pi_2 \circ \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle) \rangle$$

$$= \langle f_1 \circ g_1, f_2 \circ g_2 \rangle$$

(c)
$$(h_1 \times h_2) \circ (k_1 \times k_2) \triangleq (h_1 \times h_2) \circ \langle k_1 \circ \pi_1, k_2 \circ \pi_2 \rangle$$

 $= \langle h_1 \circ (k_1 \circ \pi_1), h_2 \circ (k_2 \circ \pi_2) \rangle$ (by part (b))
 $= \langle (h_1 \circ k_1) \circ \pi_1, (h_2 \circ k_2) \circ \pi_2 \rangle$
 $\triangleq (h_1 \circ k_1) \times (h_2 \circ k_2)$

For the second identity, note that $id_X \times id_Y \triangleq \langle id_X \circ \pi_1, id_Y \circ \pi_2 \rangle = \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle$. Since $\pi_i \circ id_{X \times Y} = \pi_i = \pi_i \circ \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle$, by the uniqueness part of the universal property for the product $X \times Y$, we have $id_{X \times Y} = \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle$. Therefore $id_X \times id_Y = \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = id_{X \times Y}$.

Question 2 Define

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha_{X,Y,Z} \triangleq \langle \operatorname{id}_X \times \pi_1, \pi_2 \circ \pi_2 \rangle & \alpha_{X,Y,Z}^{-1} \triangleq \langle \pi_1 \circ \pi_1, \pi_2 \times \operatorname{id}_Z \rangle \\ \lambda_X \triangleq \pi_2 & \lambda_X^{-1} \triangleq \langle \langle \rangle_X, \operatorname{id}_X \rangle \\ \rho_X \triangleq \pi_1 & \rho_X^{-1} \triangleq \langle \operatorname{id}_X, \langle \rangle_X \rangle \\ \tau_{X,Y} \triangleq \langle \pi_2, \pi_1 \rangle & \tau_{X,Y}^{-1} \triangleq \langle \pi_2, \pi_1 \rangle \end{array}$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{X,Y,Z} \circ \alpha_{X,Y,Z}^{-1} &\triangleq \langle \operatorname{id}_X \times \pi_1, \pi_2 \circ \pi_2 \rangle \circ \langle \pi_1 \circ \pi_1, \pi_2 \times \operatorname{id}_Z \rangle \\ &= \langle (\operatorname{id}_X \times \pi_1) \circ \langle \pi_1 \circ \pi_1, \pi_2 \times \operatorname{id}_Z \rangle, \pi_2 \circ \pi_2 \circ \langle \pi_1 \circ \pi_1, \pi_2 \times \operatorname{id}_Z \rangle \rangle \qquad \text{by (1)} \\ &= \langle \langle \pi_1 \circ \pi_1, \pi_1 \circ (\pi_2 \times \operatorname{id}_Z) \rangle, \pi_2 \circ \pi_2 \circ \langle \pi_1 \circ \pi_1, \pi_2 \times \operatorname{id}_Z \rangle \rangle \qquad \text{by (3)} \\ &= \langle \langle \pi_1 \circ \pi_1, \pi_2 \circ \pi_1 \rangle, \pi_2 \rangle \qquad \qquad \text{by (2)} \end{aligned}$$

and since $\langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = id$ (see the proof of question 1c), we get $\alpha_{X,Y,Z} \circ \alpha_{X,Y,Z}^{-1} = \langle id_{X \times Y} \circ \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = id_{(X \times Y) \times Z}$. Similar tedious calculations using the properties from question 1 give

$$\alpha^{-1} \circ \alpha = \text{id}$$
$$\lambda \circ \lambda^{-1} = \text{id}$$
$$\lambda^{-1} \circ \lambda = \text{id}$$
$$\rho \circ \rho^{-1} = \text{id}$$
$$\rho^{-1} \circ \rho = \text{id}$$
$$\tau \circ \tau^{-1} = \text{id}$$
$$\tau^{-1} \circ \tau = \text{id}$$

Question 3 Regarding *M* as a category with a single object, * say, it suffices to show that $* \xleftarrow{p_1} * \xrightarrow{p_2} *$ is a product in *M*, that is: for all $x, y \in M$, there is a unique $z \in M$ with $p_1 \cdot z = x$ and $p_2 \cdot z = y$. But $\langle x, y \rangle$ is such a *z*; and it is unique since if $p_1 \cdot z = x$ and $p_2 \cdot z = y$, then $z = e \cdot z = \langle p_1, p_2 \rangle \cdot z = \langle p_1 \cdot z, p_2 \cdot z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$.

Question 4

(a) Recall that the product monoid $(M, \cdot_M, e_M) \times (M, \cdot_M, e_M)$ is $(M \times M, \cdot, (e_M, e_M))$ where the binary operation $_{-} \cdot _{-} : (M \times M) \times (M \times M) \rightarrow (M \times M)$ is given by:

$$(x, y) \cdot (x', y') = (x \cdot_M x', y \cdot_M y')$$

Thus for all $x, x', y, y' \in M$ we have

$$m((x, y) \cdot (x', y')) = m(x \cdot_M x', y \cdot_M y')$$

$$\triangleq (x \cdot_M x') \cdot_M (y \cdot_M y')$$

$$= x \cdot_M ((x' \cdot_M y) \cdot_M y')$$
since \cdot_M is associative

$$= x \cdot_M ((y \cdot_M x') \cdot_M y')$$
since \cdot_M is commutative

$$= (x \cdot_M y) \cdot_M (x' \cdot_M y')$$
since \cdot_M is associative

$$\triangleq m(x, y) \cdot_M m(x', y')$$

$$m(e_M, e_M) \triangleq e_M \cdot_M e_M$$

$$= e_M$$
since e_M is a unit for \cdot_M

so *m* is a monoid morphism; and *u* is one too because $u(0 \cdot 0) = u(0) = e_M = e_M \cdot_M e_M = u(0) \cdot_M u(0)$.

To see that *m* and *u* make *M* into a monoid object in **Mon**, just note that diagram (14) commutes because $(\forall x, y, z \in M) \ x \cdot_M (y \cdot_M z) = (x \cdot_M y) \cdot_M z$, (15) commutes because $(\forall x \in M) \ e_M \cdot_M x = x$ and (16) commutes because $(\forall x \in M) \ x \cdot_M e_M = x$.

(b) Suppose we are given monoid morphisms $m \in Mon(M \times M, M)$ and $u \in Mon(1, M)$ that make (14)–(16) commute. Since u is a monoid morphism we have $u(0) = e_M$ and therefore from the commutation of (15) and (16) we deduce that for all $x \in M$

$$m(e_M, x) = x = m(x, e_M) \tag{20}$$

Now by definition of the monoid multiplication operation for the product monoid $(M, \cdot_M, e_M) \times (M, \cdot_M, e_M)$ we have

$$(x, e_M) \cdot (e_M, y) = (x \cdot_M e_M, e_M \cdot_M y) = (x, y) = (e_M \cdot_M x, y \cdot_M e_M) = (e_M, y) \cdot (x, e_M)$$

Therefore since m is a monoid homomorphism, we have

$$m(x, e_M) \cdot_M m(e_M, y) = m((x, e_M) \cdot (e_M, y)) = m(x, y) = m((e_M, y) \cdot (e_M, x)) = m(e_M, y) \cdot_M m(x, e_M)$$

and hence from (20) we get $x \cdot y = m(x, y) = y \cdot x$. Therefore (M, \cdot_M, e_M) is abelian and the monoid object $((M, \cdot_M, e_M), m, u)$ in **Mon** coincides with the one from part (a).

Question 5

(a) If *M* and *N* are both abelian monoids, then the product operation of the monoid $M \times N$ satisfies for all $x, x' \in M$ and $y, y' \in N$

$$(x, y) \cdot (x', y') \triangleq (x \cdot x', y \cdot y')$$
$$= (x' \cdot x, y' \cdot y)$$
$$\triangleq (x', y') \cdot (x, y)$$

since M and N are abelian

so that $M \times N$ is also abelian. Therefore the universal property of $M \xleftarrow{\pi_1} M \times N \xrightarrow{\pi_2} N$ in **Mon** restricts to give the correct universal property for a product in **AbMon**.

(b) The functions

$$i(x) \triangleq (x, e)$$
$$j(y) \triangleq (e, y)$$

clearly give morphisms $M \xrightarrow{i} M \times N \xleftarrow{j} N$ in **AbMon**. We show that it is a coproduct diagram. Given any morphisms $M \xrightarrow{f} P \xleftarrow{g} N$ in **AbMon**, consider the function $h : M \times N \to P$ defined by

$$h(x,y) \triangleq (f x) \cdot (g y)$$

It is a morphism in AbMon $(M \times N, P)$ because $h(e, e) = (f e) \cdot (g e) = e \cdot e = e$ and

$$h((x, y) \cdot (x', y')) \triangleq f(x \cdot x') \cdot g(y \cdot y')$$

= $(f x \cdot f x') \cdot (g y \cdot g y')$ since f and g are morphisms
= $f x \cdot (f x' \cdot g y) \cdot g y'$ associativity
= $f x \cdot (g y \cdot f x') \cdot g y'$ since P is abelian
= $(f x \cdot g y) \cdot (f x' \cdot g y')$ associativity
 $\triangleq h(x, y) \cdot h(x', y')$

Furthermore, since $h(ix) = h(x, e) = f x \cdot g e = f x \cdot e = f x$ and $h(jy) = h(e, y) = f e \cdot g y = e \cdot g y = g y$, we have that



commutes. Finally, h is the unique such morphism, since if $h' \in AbMon(M \times N, P)$ also satisfies $h' \circ i = f$ and $h' \circ j = g$, then

$$h'(x,y) = h'((x,e) \cdot (e,y)) = h'(x,e) \cdot h'(e,y) = h'(ix) \cdot h'(jy) = f x \cdot g y \triangleq h(x,y).$$

so that h' = h.

Question 6

- Terminal object is $(\mathbb{N}, (_)^+, |_|)$, where for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n^+ \triangleq n + 1$ and $|n| \triangleq n$, which trivially have the required property (17). For each object $(X, (_)^+, |_|) \in \mathbf{Set}^{\omega}$, the unique morphism $(X, (_)^+, |_|) \to (\mathbb{N}, (_)^+, |_|)$ is given by $|_|$.
- *Binary product* of $(X, (_)^+, |_|)$ and $(Y, (_)^+, |_|)$ is $(X, (_)^+, |_|) \xleftarrow{\pi_1} (P, (_)^+, |_|) \xrightarrow{\pi_2} (Y, (_)^+, |_|)$, where

$$P \triangleq \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid |x| = |y|\}$$
$$(x, y)^+ \triangleq (x^+, y^+)$$
$$|(x, y)| \triangleq |x|(=|y|)$$
$$\pi_1(x, y) \triangleq x$$
$$\pi_2(x, y) \triangleq y$$

Given morphisms $(X, (_)^+, |_|) \stackrel{f}{\leftarrow} (Z, (_)^+, |_|) \stackrel{g}{\rightarrow} (Y, (_)^+, |_|)$, the unique morphism $\langle f, g \rangle : (Z, (_)^+, |_|) \rightarrow (P, (_)^+, |_|)$ with $\pi_1 \circ \langle f, g \rangle = f$ and $\pi_2 \circ \langle f, g \rangle = g$ maps each $z \in Z$ to

$$\langle f,g\rangle z \triangleq (f z,g z)$$

(which does lie in *P* because |f z| = |z| = |g z|).

Question 7 I do not give the proof that a one-element poset is terminal in **PreOrd**, or that the binary product of (P, \leq) and (Q, \leq) in **PreOrd** is given by the cartesian product of underlying sets together with the partial order

$$(p_1, q_1) \le (p_2, q_2) \triangleq p_1 \le p_2 \land q_1 \le q_2$$
 for all $p_1, p_2 \in P$ and $q_1, q_2 \in Q$.

Let us show that the exponential of (P, \leq) and (Q, \leq) is given by:

$$P \to Q \triangleq \{ f \in Q^P \mid (\forall p, p') \ p \le p' \in P \implies f \ p \le f \ p' \in Q \}$$
(21)

$$f \le f' \in P \to Q \triangleq (\forall p \in P) f p \le f'p$$
(22)

$$\operatorname{app}(f,p) \triangleq f p \tag{23}$$

Two things need checking (that we don't do here):

- (22) does define a partial order on the set (21), and
- (23) does give a monotone function.

So we have a morphism app : $(P \to Q, \leq) \times (P, \leq) \to (Q, \leq)$ in **PreOrd** and we need to see that it has the universal property of the exponential of (P, \leq) and (Q, \leq) .

Given $f : (R, \leq) \times (P, \leq) \rightarrow (Q, \leq)$ in **PreOrd**, since $f \in \text{Set}(R \times P, Q)$ we have the function $\operatorname{cur} f \in \operatorname{Set}(R, Q^P)$, where as usual, $\operatorname{cur} f r p = f(r, p)$ for all $r \in R$ and $p \in P$. Note that

$$p \le p' \in P \Rightarrow (r, p) \le (r, p') \in R \times P$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{cur} f r p = f(r, p) \le f(r, p') = \operatorname{cur} f r p' \qquad \text{since } f \text{ is monotone}$$

so that for each $r \in R$, we have cur $f r \in P \to Q$. In other words, cur $f \in \text{Set}(R, P \to Q)$. Furthermore cur f is a monotone function, because

$$\begin{aligned} r &\leq r' \in R \Rightarrow (\forall p \in P) \ (r, p) \leq (r', p) \in R \times P \\ \Rightarrow (\forall p \in P) \ \operatorname{cur} f \, r \, p = f(r, p) \leq f(r', p) = \operatorname{cur} f \, r' p \qquad \text{since } f \text{ is monotone} \end{aligned}$$

Note that app \circ (cur $f \times id_P$) = $f \in \mathbf{PreOrd}((R, \leq) \times (P, \leq), (Q, \leq))$, because for all $(r, p) \in R \times P$

$$(\operatorname{app} \circ (\operatorname{cur} f \times \operatorname{id}_P))(r, p) = \operatorname{app}((\operatorname{cur} f \times \operatorname{id}_P)(r, p)) = \operatorname{app}(\operatorname{cur} f r, p) = \operatorname{cur} f r p = f(r, p)$$

Finally, cur *f* is the only element $g \in \mathbf{PreOrd}((R, \leq), (P \to Q, \leq))$ satisfying app $\circ(g \times id_P) = f$, since the latter equation implies that $g r p = (\operatorname{app} \circ (g \times id_P))(r, p) = f(r, p) = \operatorname{cur} f r p$ for all $(r, p) \in R \times P$. Hence for any $r \in R$, gr and cur fr are equal functions from *P* to *Q*; and therefore $g = \operatorname{cur} f$.