

A 2-Categorical Note On Day's Tensor Product

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1. For a small category \mathbb{C} , let $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{C}^{\text{op}}}$ and let $\mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}} : \mathbb{C} \hookrightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ be the Yoneda embedding.
2. For a functor $F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$, where \mathbb{C} is small, we have the following situation

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \mathcal{S} \\
 & \nearrow F & \downarrow \langle F \rangle \\
 \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow[\text{Lan}]{F} & \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}}} &
 \end{array}$$

where $\langle F \rangle(S) = \mathcal{S}(F-, S)$ and $\underline{F}_{\mathbb{C}} = \{ F_{c,z} : \mathbb{C}(c, z) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(Fc, Fz) \}_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$.

Furthermore, for \mathcal{S} cocomplete, $\langle F \rangle$ has a left adjoint $F^{\#}$ given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}}} & \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \\
 \searrow F & \xrightarrow[\text{Lan}]{\cong} & \searrow F^{\#} \\
 & \mathcal{S} &
 \end{array}$$

3. For a functor between small categories $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$, let $f_! \dashv f^* : \widehat{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ be given by $f_! \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{D}} f)^{\#}$ and $f^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{D}} f \rangle$.

Since $f^* Q \cong Q f^{\text{op}}$, we have that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{f^{\text{op}}} & \mathbb{D}^{\text{op}} \\
 \searrow P & \xrightarrow[\text{Lan}]{\cong} & \searrow f_! P \\
 & \mathbf{Set} &
 \end{array}$$

4. Let (\mathbb{C}, I, \otimes) be a small monoidal category. Day's monoidal structure on $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ has tensor unit $\mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}}(I)$ and tensor product $\widehat{\otimes}$ given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{C}^2 & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}}^2} & \widehat{\mathbb{C}}^2 \\
 \otimes \downarrow & \xrightarrow[\text{Lan}]{\cong} & \downarrow \widehat{\otimes} \\
 \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}}} & \widehat{\mathbb{C}}
 \end{array}$$

Since

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \widehat{\mathbb{C}}^2 \\
 & \nearrow \mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}^2} & \downarrow \langle \mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}^2} \rangle \\
 \mathbb{C}^2 & \xrightarrow[\text{Lan}]{\cong} & \widehat{\mathbb{C}}^2 \\
 \downarrow \otimes & \cong & \downarrow \otimes! \uparrow \otimes^* \\
 \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}}} & \widehat{\mathbb{C}}
 \end{array}$$

it follows that

$$\widehat{\otimes} \cong \otimes! \langle \mathbf{y}_{\mathbb{C}^2} \rangle$$

and hence that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathbb{C}^{\text{op}})^2 \cong (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\otimes^{\text{op}}} & \mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} \\
 P \times Q \downarrow & \xrightarrow[\text{Lan}]{} & \downarrow P \widehat{\otimes} Q \\
 \mathbf{Set}^2 & \xrightarrow[\times]{} & \mathbf{Set}
 \end{array}$$