

**(CR15) CATEGORY THEORY FOR COMPUTER SCIENTISTS:  
HOMEWORK 4**

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EXERCISE 1

Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \times, T)$  be a cartesian category. The goal of this exercise is to look at an example of reasoning using the pairing  $\langle f, g \rangle: A \rightarrow B \times C$  of two morphisms  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: A \rightarrow C$ , and the equations  $\pi_1^{B,C} \circ \langle f, g \rangle = f$  and  $\pi_2^{B,C} \circ \langle f, g \rangle = g$  relating it to the projections.

1. Let  $f_1: A_1 \rightarrow B_1$  and  $f_2: A_2 \rightarrow B_2$ . Write down the definition of the functorial image  $f_1 \times f_2: A_1 \times A_2 \rightarrow B_1 \times B_2$ , defined in Lecture 5, in terms of the pairing operation  $\langle -, - \rangle$  and projections.

2. Let  $X, Y \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ . Recall that since  $(X \times Y, \pi_1^{X,Y}, \pi_2^{X,Y})$  and  $(Y \times X, \pi_2^{Y,X}, \pi_1^{Y,X})$  are both products of  $X$  and  $Y$ , there is a unique morphism  $\sigma^{X,Y}: X \times Y \rightarrow Y \times X$  such that  $\pi_2^{Y,X} \circ \sigma^{X,Y} = \pi_1^{X,Y}$  and  $\pi_1^{Y,X} \circ \sigma^{X,Y} = \pi_2^{X,Y}$ , and it is an iso. (This is the “uniqueness up to unique iso” of universal properties, in the case of products.)

Write down the definition of  $\sigma_{A,B}$  using pairings and projections, and check that it satisfies the above equations.

3. Prove that  $\sigma^{B_2, B_1} \circ (g \times f) \circ \sigma^{A_1, A_2} = f \times g$ .

EXERCISE 2

Consider the following functor – it is the composition of the forgetful functor  $\mathbf{Ord} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  with the functor  $F$  introduced in Homework 2:

$$G: \mathbf{PreOrd}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

$$(A, \preceq_A) \in \text{ob}(\mathbf{PreOrd}^{\text{op}}) \mapsto \text{UpClosed}(A, \preceq_A)$$

$$f \in \mathbf{PreOrd}^{\text{op}}(A, B) \mapsto (X \in \text{UpClosed}(A, \preceq_A) \mapsto f^{-1}(X))$$

(Reminder:  $\text{UpClosed}(A, \preceq_A)$  consists of subsets  $X \subseteq A$  which are upwards closed, i.e.  $\forall x \in X, \forall a \in A, x \preceq a \Rightarrow a \in X$ .)

Let  $\Omega = \{0, 1\}$  equipped with the partial order such that  $0 \leq 1$ .

1. Show that  $G$  is representable, using  $\Omega$  as part of the representation.
2. For any set  $X$ , let  $H(X) = \Omega^X$  equipped with the product order (which was used in Lecture 4 to explicitly construct categorical products of arbitrary families in  $\mathbf{Ord}$  and  $\mathbf{PreOrd}$ ). Explain how to extend  $H$  to a functor  $\mathbf{Set}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{PreOrd}$ . (Say how  $H$  acts on morphisms; you need not check the functor axioms.)
3. Prove that we have an adjunction  $H^{\text{op}} \dashv G$ , using the “natural isomorphism between homsets” definition.
4. Describe the unit and counit of this adjunction.