

# 1 Intro

Unless otherwise notated, references are to *Abstract and Concrete Categories: The Joy of Cats*, [JHS04]. Notation follows theirs with some contamination from Awodey's *Category Theory* [Awo10], Pierce's *Basic Category Theory for Computer Scientists* [Pie91], and Riehl's *Category Theory in Context* [Rie].

Entries within each section are roughly sorted by definition, alphabetically.

Quantifiers are written perhaps unusually in this document, as  $Q_\phi$ , where  $Q$  is  $\forall, \exists, \cup$ , etc. and  $\phi$  is a list of variables or an expression whose free variables are quantified over. Constrained quantification may be written as  $v_1 : \tau_1, v_2 : \tau_2. \phi(v_1, v_2)$  to indicate "the pairs of values  $v_1 (\in \tau_1)$  and  $v_2 (\in \tau_2)$  such that  $\phi(v_1, v_2)$  holds". Strings of quantifiers are represented  $Q_\phi Q'_{\phi'}$ , etc. There is not necessarily a dot between quantifiers or between the quantifiers and quantified formula.

# 2 Basics

¶1 A **category**  $\mathbf{C}$  (§3.1) is a quadruple  $(\mathcal{O}, \text{Hom}, id, \circ)$  with

- A collection of objects  $\mathcal{O}$
- For each pair of objects  $A, B$ , a (disjoint) collection of arrows from **domain**  $A$  to **codomain**  $B$ ,  $\text{Hom}(A, B)$  (also written  $\mathbf{C}(A, B)$ ).
- An associative arrow composition operator  $\circ$ .
- Identity arrows ( $id_A$ ) on each object  $A$ , unit of  $\circ$

¶2 Categories may be described (Awodey:p21) as

$$C_2 \xrightarrow{\circ} C_1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} \\ \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} \end{array} C_0$$

¶3 A category is (Awodey:p24-25,D1.11-12)...

- **small** if  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are sets and **large** otherwise.
- **locally small** if  $\forall X, Y \in C_0 \text{Hom}_C(X, Y) \subseteq C_1$  is a set.

¶4 A predicate  $P$  is **essentially unique** (§7.3) if it is unique up to isomorphism:

- If both  $PA$  and  $PB$ , then  $A \simeq B$
- If  $PA$  and  $A \simeq B$ , then  $PB$ .

¶5  $\mathbf{B}$  is a **subcategory** of  $\mathbf{A}$  if it has subcollections of objects and morphisms with identical composition and identity (§4.1.1).  $\mathbf{B}$  is additionally ...

- **full** if it has all morphisms from  $\mathbf{A}$  between objects in  $\mathbf{B}$ . (§4.1.2)
- **reflective** if each  $B$  has an  $\mathbf{A}$ -reflection. (§4.16.2) ¶26

¶6 A category is ...

- **balanced** if all bi are iso (§7.49.2)
- **discrete** if all morphisms are identities. (§3.26.1)
- **thin** if  $\forall A, B \text{Hom}(A, B) \simeq \{*\}$ . (§3.26.2)

# 3 Derived Categories

¶7 The **arrow** (Awodey:p16,i3) category  $\mathbf{C}^\rightarrow$  has arrows for commutative squares in  $\mathbf{C}$ . There are two functors  $\text{cod}, \text{dom} : \mathbf{C}^\rightarrow \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ .

¶8 The **cone** category over a given diagram,  $\mathbf{Cone}(D(J))$ , has as objects **cones**[¶57] to that diagram and a morphism between cones is an arrow  $\phi : C \rightarrow C'$  s.t.  $\forall D_j \in D(J) c'_j \circ \phi = c_j$ .

¶9 The **dual** (§3.5;Awodey:p15,i2) category  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}$  which exchanges domains and codomains of arrows in  $\mathbf{A}$ . Any purely-categorical statement implies its dual.

¶10 The **slice** (Awodey:p16,i4) category  $\mathbf{C}/C$  has objects of arrows in  $\mathbf{C}$  with codomain  $C$ . Arrows are tops of commutative triangles.

# 4 Object Properties

¶11  $C$  is a **coseparator** if  $\forall f, g : B \rightarrow A f \neq g \Rightarrow \exists h : A \rightarrow C. h \circ f \neq h \circ g$ . (§7.17) (Contrast **monomorphism**[¶28].)

¶12 An object  $0$  is **initial** if  $\forall B \exists! f_{B:0 \rightarrow B} \top$ . (§7.1)

¶13 A **limit** (Awodey:D5.16) of a diagram  $D(J)$  is a terminal object in the category  $\mathbf{Cone}(D(J))$ . Written:  $c_i : (\varprojlim_j D_j) \rightarrow D_i$ . A **colimit** (Awodey:§5.6) is an initial object in the category of cocones;  $c_i : D_i \rightarrow (\varinjlim_j D_j)$ . ¶57

¶14 The pair of  $(\Pi A.X) \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $\pi : A \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(\Pi A.X, X)$  is the **power** of  $A : \mathbf{Set}$  and  $X : \mathbf{C}$  if  $\forall B : \mathbf{C}. g : A \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(B, X) \exists (\Delta_a \in A. g(a)) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(B, \Pi A.X) \forall f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(B, \Pi A.X). f = \Delta_a \in A. g(a) \Leftrightarrow \lambda \hat{a} \in A. \pi(\hat{a}) \cdot f = g$ . (see [Hin]).

¶15  $(A \times B, \pi_1, \pi_2)$  is a **product** iff (UMP)

$$\forall Z, z_1, z_2 \exists! u \quad u\pi_1 = z_1 \wedge u\pi_2 = z_2$$

¶16 The **product category**  $\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{D}$  of two categories  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  consists of objects which are each an ordered pair of an object from  $\mathbf{C}$  and one from  $\mathbf{D}$ ; morphisms are, similarly, pairs of morphisms from  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$ . This sense of  $\times$  is itself the trivial **bifunctor**[¶45].

¶17  $(P, p_1, p_2)$  is a **pullback** (Awodey:p80,D5.4) of  $f, g$  iff (UMP)

$$\forall Z, z_1, z_2. fz_1 = gz_2 \exists! u \quad z_1 = p_1 u \wedge z_2 = p_2 u$$

$P$  may be denoted  $A \times_C B$  when  $f, g$  are clear.

¶18  $S$  is a **separator** if  $\forall f, g: A \rightarrow B, f \neq g \Rightarrow \exists h: S \rightarrow A. f \circ h \neq g \circ h$ . (§7.10) (Contrast **epimorphism**[¶23].)  $S$  is a separator iff  $\text{Hom}(S, -)$  is faithful. (§7.12)

¶19 A set of objects  $\mathcal{T}$  is a **separating set** if  $\forall f, g: A \rightarrow B, f \neq g \Rightarrow \exists S \in \mathcal{T}, h: S \rightarrow A. f \circ h \neq g \circ h$ . (§7.14)

¶20 An object  $1$  is **terminal** if  $\forall A \exists! f: A \rightarrow 1 \top$ . (§7.4)

¶21 An object that is both initial and terminal is called a **zero**. (§7.7) EX: ¶85

## 5 Arrow Properties

¶22  $(Q, q)$  is a **coequalizer** (§7.51) of  $f, g$  iff (UMP)  $qf = qg$  and

$$\forall Z, z, z'f=zz'g \exists! u, u'q = z \quad Z \begin{array}{ccc} \xleftarrow{\dots} & Q & \xleftarrow{g} \\ \xleftarrow{u} & \xleftarrow{q} & B \xleftarrow{f} \\ & \xleftarrow{z} & A \end{array}$$

Coequalizers are essentially unique (§7.70.1) and epic (§7.71, §7.75.2). EX: ¶82

¶23  $e$  is an **epimorphism** (§7.39) (the dual of a monomorphism) (equiv: is **epic** (Awodey:D2.1)) if

$$\forall i, j, ie = je \Rightarrow i = j \quad A \xrightarrow{e} B \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xrightarrow{j} \end{array} C$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are epis, then so is  $g \circ f$ ; if  $g \circ f$  is epi, then so is  $g$ . (§7.41) EX: ¶81

¶24  $(E, e)$  is an **equalizer** (§7.51) of  $f, g$  iff (UMP)  $fe = ge$  and

$$\forall Z, z, z'fz=zz'g \exists! u, ueu = z \quad Z \begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{u} & E & \xrightarrow{e} \\ \xrightarrow{z} & \xrightarrow{z} & A \xrightarrow{f} \\ & \xrightarrow{z} & B \xrightarrow{g} \end{array}$$

Equalizers are essentially unique (§7.53) and monic (§7.56, §7.59.2). EX: ¶83

¶25 A mono  $m$  is a **extremal** (§7.61) if  $e$  epic and  $m = f \circ e$  implies that  $e$  iso.

¶26 Let  $G: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  and  $B \in \mathbf{B}$ . A  **$G$ -structured arrow with domain  $B$**  is a pair  $(f: B \rightarrow GA, A)$ . (§8.30) It is

- **generating** if  $\forall r, s: A \rightarrow A', Gr \circ f = Gs \circ f \Rightarrow r = s$
- **extremally generating** if it is generating and  $\forall m: A' \rightarrow A, m \text{ mono}, (g, A')f = Gm \circ g \Rightarrow m \text{ iso}$ .
- **$G$ -universal for  $B$**  if  $\forall (f', A') \exists! \tilde{f}' f' = G\tilde{f}' \circ f$ . That is,

$$B \begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{f} & GA & \xrightarrow{G\tilde{f}'} \\ \xrightarrow{f'} & \xrightarrow{f'} & GA' \\ & \xrightarrow{f'} & A \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}'} \end{array}$$

When  $G$  is a subcategory inclusion, a  $G$ -structured universal arrow is a **reflection** (§4.16).

¶27  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is an **isomorphism** if  $\exists! g. f \circ g = id_B \wedge g \circ f = id_A$ . (§3.8; ! in §3.11). Every isomorphism is both monic and epic (Awodey:P2.6).

¶28  $f$  is a **monomorphism** (§7.32) (equiv: is **monic** (Awodey:D2.1)) if

$$\forall i, j, mi = mj \Rightarrow i = j \quad C \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xrightarrow{j} \end{array} A \xrightarrow{m} B$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are monos, then so is  $g \circ f$ ; if  $g \circ f$  is mono, then so is  $f$ . (§7.34) Objects with monomorphisms to  $X$  are called **subobjects** of  $X$  (Awodey:D5.1). EX: ¶81

¶29 A **point** (Awodey:p32) of  $C$  is any  $c: 1 \rightarrow C$ . EX: ¶86

¶30  $f$  is a **regular monomorphism** (§7.56) if it is an equalizer of some pair of morphisms.

¶31  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a **retraction** if  $\exists g. f \circ g = 1_B$  (§7.24) aka **split epi** (Awodey:D2.7). If  $f$  and  $g$  are retractions, then so is  $g \circ f$ ; if  $g \circ f$  is a retraction, then so is  $g$ . (§7.27)

¶32  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a **section** if  $\exists g. g \circ f = 1_A$ . (§7.19) aka **split mono** (Awodey:D2.7). If  $f$  and  $g$  are sections, then so is  $g \circ f$ ; if  $g \circ f$  is a section, then so is  $f$ . (§7.21)

¶33 Several morphism properties combine in useful ways:

- mono, epi  $\Rightarrow$  **bimorphism** (§7.49) EX: ¶84
- section  $\Rightarrow$  regular mono (§7.35, §7.59.1)
- regular mono  $\Rightarrow$  extremal mono (§7.59.2, §7.63)
- retraction  $\Rightarrow$  epi (§7.42)
- mono, retraction  $\Leftrightarrow$  isomorphism (§7.36)
- section, epi  $\Leftrightarrow$  isomorphism (§7.43)

## 6 Exponentials

¶34 (Awodey:p107, D6.1) In a category with binary products, given two objects  $B$  and  $C$ , their **exponential** is an object  $C^B$  and arrow  $\epsilon: C^B \times B \rightarrow C$  s.t.

$$\forall A, f: A \times B \rightarrow C \exists! \tilde{f}: A \rightarrow C^B \quad \epsilon \circ (\tilde{f} \times 1_B) = f$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C^B & & C^B \times B \xrightarrow{\epsilon} C \\ \tilde{f} \uparrow & & \uparrow \tilde{f} \times 1_B \\ A & & A \times B \xrightarrow{f} \end{array}$$

The arrows  $f$  and  $\tilde{f}$  are “exponential transposes.”

¶35 Exponential transposition is self inverse (Awodey:p108). This implies

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(A \times B, C) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(A, C^B)$$

¶36 The **exponential category  $\mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{C}}$**  has as objects **functors**[¶39] from  $\mathbf{C}$  to  $\mathbf{D}$  and as morphisms the **natural transformations**[¶49] between these functors.

¶37 A category is **cartesian closed** (Awodey:p108, D6.2) if it has all finite products and exponentials.

## 7 Functors

¶38 Default notation here: functors  $F, G: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ .

¶39 A **covariant functor** (or just **functor**)  $F$  (§3.17;Awodey:D1.2) assigns to each  $\mathbf{A}$ -object a  $\mathbf{B}$ -object and to each  $\mathbf{A}$ -morphism a  $\mathbf{B}$ -morphism s.t. composition and identities are *preserved*.

¶40 A **contravariant functor**  $F$  (§3.20.5) is a (covariant) functor  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ .

¶41 A **diagram** (Awodey:D5.15) is a functor  $D : J \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  from some indexing category  $J$ .

¶42 A **endofunctor** has  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$ .  $F \circ F$  may be denoted  $F^2$ , etc. (§3.23; ftn 15)

¶43 Functors compose. (§3.23)

¶44 A functor  $F : C \rightarrow D \dots$

- **preserves limits of type  $J$**  if

$$\forall D:J \rightarrow C \forall \varprojlim_j D_j F(\varprojlim_j D_j) \simeq \varprojlim_j F(D_j).$$

- **creates limits of type  $J$**  if  $\forall D:J \rightarrow C$  and all limits  $L = \varprojlim_j F D_j$  (i.e., bundle  $p_j : L \rightarrow F D_j$  in  $C'$ ),  $\exists !(\bar{p}_j : \bar{L} \rightarrow D_j) \in C'$  with  $F(\bar{L}) = L$ ,  $F(\bar{p}_j) = p_j$ , and  $\bar{L} = \varprojlim_j D_j$ .

¶45 A (covariant) **bifunctor** is a functor from a **product category**[¶16] (i.e.  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ ) such that each partial application is *also* a functor. (See [HHJ12] and bifunctors.tex for more.) A **profunctor** is a bifunctor which is **contravariant**[¶40] in one argument and covariant in the other; i.e.  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ . A **diagonal profunctor** is a profunctor where both elements of the product are the same category; i.e.  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ .

¶46 A functor  $F$  is (§3.27, §3.33)

- **amnesic** if  $f$  is an identity iff  $Ff$  is an identity.
- **continuous** if it preserves all limits. (Awodey:D5.24)
- an **equivalence** if it is full, faithful, and isomorphism-dense.
- an **embedding** if it is injective on morphisms.
- **faithful** if  $\forall A, A' F|_{\mathbf{A}(A, A')} \subseteq \mathbf{B}(FA, FA')$  is injective.
- **full** if  $\forall A, A' F|_{\mathbf{A}(A, A')}$  surjective.
- **isomorphism-dense** if  $\forall B \exists A. F(A) \simeq B$ .

¶47 All functors **preserve** (in  $\mathbf{A}$  implies in  $\mathbf{B}$ ) isomorphisms (§3.21), sections (§7.22), and retractions (§7.28).

¶48 Some functors **reflect** (in  $\mathbf{B}$  implies in  $\mathbf{A}$ ) useful properties:

- Full, faithful functors reflect sections (§7.23) and retractions (§7.29).
- Faithful functors reflect monos (§7.37.2) and epis (§7.44).

## 7.1 Transformations

¶49 A **natural transformation**  $\tau : F \rightarrow G$  assigns each  $A \in \mathbf{A}$  to  $\tau_A : FA \rightarrow GA$  s.t.  $\forall f:A \rightarrow A' Gf \circ \tau_A = \tau_{A'} \circ Ff$  (§6.1;Awodey:D7.6). That is,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \forall A, B, f \in C & & \\ Gf \circ \tau_A = \tau_B \circ Ff & & \begin{array}{ccc} FA & \xrightarrow{\tau_A} & GA \\ Ff \downarrow & & \downarrow Gf \\ FB & \xrightarrow{\tau_B} & GB \end{array} \end{array}$$

More generally, given any functor from a **product category**[¶16], we may say that it is natural in the  $i$ -th position if, for all ways of fixing the other positions, the resulting partial applications form natural transformations.

¶50 There is special notation for functors ( $H$ ) applied to natural transformations and vice-versa (§6.3):  $H\tau : HF \rightarrow HG$  defined by  $(H\tau)_A = H(\tau_A)$  and  $\tau H : FH \rightarrow GH$  defined by  $(\tau H)_A = \tau_{HA}$ .

¶51 A **dinatural transform**  $\theta : R \overset{\bullet}{\rightarrow} S$  between **diagonal profunctors**[¶45]  $R, S : \mathbf{A}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is a  $A$ -object-indexed collection of arrows  $\theta$  where  $\forall f:A \rightarrow A' \in \mathbf{A} S id_A f \theta_{A'} \circ R f id_{A'} = S f id_{A'} \circ \theta_{A'} \circ R id_{A'} f : RA'A \rightarrow SAA'$ .

## 7.2 Special Functors

¶52 For every category  $\mathbf{C}$  and object  $D \in \mathbf{D}$  there is a unique **constant functor**  $!_D$  which sends every  $C$  to  $D$  and every  $f$  to  $1_D$ .

¶53 The **covariant representable functor** (Awodey:p44) at  $A \in \mathbf{C}$  is defined by  $\text{Hom}(A, \_ ) : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$ . These functors are continuous (Awodey:P5.25).

¶54 Representable functors preserve monos. (§7.37.1)

¶55 Pullback defines a functor

$$h^* : (A \xrightarrow{\alpha} C) \in \mathbf{C}/C \mapsto (C' \times_C A \xrightarrow{\alpha'} C') \in \mathbf{C}/C'$$

where  $\alpha'$  is the pullback of  $\alpha$  along  $h$ . (Awodey:P5.10)

¶56  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(\_, \_)$  is a **diagonal profunctor**[¶45] from  $\mathbf{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ , assuming that  $\mathbf{C}$  is locally small.

## 8 Cones and Sources

¶57 A **cone** (Awodey:D5.15) to a diagram  $D(J)$  is a collection of arrows  $c_j : C \rightarrow D_j$  s.t.  $\forall D_\alpha \in D(J) c_j = D_\alpha \circ c_i$ . (Cones are also **natural transformations**[¶49] from the **constant functor**[¶52] to the inclusion functor of the diagram  $D$ . [Mil]) (Cones are **sources**[¶58] subject to commutation diagrams implied by the diagram.)

¶58 A **source** in category  $\mathbf{A}$  indexed by  $I$  is a pair  $(A, \{f_i : A \rightarrow A_i\}_{i \in I})$ . This source has domain  $A$  and codomain  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ . (§10.1)

¶59 Given  $(A, \{f_i\}_{i \in I})$  and  $\{(A_i, \{g_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i})\}_{i \in I}$  all sources, their **composite** is  $(A, \{g_{ij} \circ f_i\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i})$ . (§10.3)

¶60 A **mono-source** (§10.5) is  $(A, \{f_i\})$  s.t.  
 $\forall r, s : B \rightarrow A [\forall i \in I f_i \circ r = f_i \circ s] \Rightarrow r = s$ .

## 9 Concrete Categories

¶61 For this section,  $\mathbf{A}$  is a **concrete category** over  $\mathbf{X}$  with **forgetful functor** [¶39]  $U : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$  **faithful** [¶46], denoted  $(\mathbf{A}, U)$ . (§5.1.1)

¶62 When  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{Alg}(U)$  has  **$U$ -algebras** [¶72] as objects and algebra homomorphisms as morphisms.

¶63 If  $\mathbf{X}$  is **Set**,  $\mathbf{A}$  is a **construct**. (§5.1.2)

¶64  $(UA \xrightarrow{f} UB) \in \mathbf{X}$  is an  **$\mathbf{A}$ -morphism** if  $f$  has an **unique  $U$ -preimage** in  $\mathbf{A}$ . (§5.3, §6.22)

¶65 A **free object**  $A \in \mathbf{A}$  is one with a ( $U$ -structured) universal arrow  $(u, UA)$  in  $B$ . (§8.22+§8.30) ¶26

## 10 Adjoints and Adjoint Situations

Be sure to see **subsection C.3** for examples.

### 10.1 Joy Approach

¶66 A functor  $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  is **adjoint** if  $\forall B \in \mathbf{B}$  there exists a  $G$ -structured universal arrow with domain  $B$ . (§18.1) ¶26

¶67 Adjoints compose (§8.5), preserve **mono-sources** [¶60] (§8.6), and preserve **limits** [¶13] (§8.9)

¶68 Given adjoint  $G$  with  $\eta_B : B \rightarrow G(A_B)$  the  $G$ -structured universal arrow with domain  $B$ ,  $\exists!_F$  such that  $FB = A_B$  and  $\eta : id_B \rightarrow G \circ F$  is natural; further, there is a unique, natural  $\epsilon : F \circ G \rightarrow id_A$  with  $G\epsilon \circ \eta G = id_G$  and  $\epsilon F \circ F\eta = id_F$ . (§19.1)

¶69  $(\eta, \epsilon) : F \dashv G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  is a **adjoint situation** if the above relationships hold. (§19.7)

### 10.2 Awodey Approach

¶70 An **adjunction** (Awodey:D9.1) of  $F : C \rightarrow D$  and  $G : D \rightarrow C$  is a **natural transformation** [¶49]  $\eta : IC \rightarrow (G \circ F)$  s.t.

$$\forall f : X \rightarrow GY \exists!_{f^\#} : FX \rightarrow Y \quad f = Gf^\# \circ \eta_X$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \xrightarrow{\eta_X} & GFX \\ \downarrow f^\# & \searrow f & \downarrow Gf^\# \\ Y & & GY \end{array}$$

Equivalently (Awodey:D9.7), a natural **isomorphism**  $\phi : \text{Hom}_D(FC, D) \simeq \text{Hom}_C(C, GD)$ ,  $\eta_X = \phi(1_{FX})$

## 10.3 Moving Right Along

¶71 A **monad** (§20.1) on  $\mathbf{X}$  is  $(T : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}, \eta : id_{\mathbf{X}} \rightarrow T, \mu : T^2 \rightarrow T)$  s.t.

$$\forall_X \quad \begin{array}{ccc} T^3X & \xrightarrow{T(\mu_X)} & T^2X \\ \downarrow \mu_{TX} & & \downarrow \mu_X \\ T^2X & \xrightarrow{\mu_X} & TX \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} TX & \xrightarrow{T(\eta_X)} & T^2X \xleftarrow{\eta_{TX}} TX \\ \searrow id_{TX} & & \downarrow \mu_X \swarrow id_{TX} \\ & & TX \end{array}$$

## A Miscellaneous Terminology

¶72 Given an **endofunctor** [¶42]  $F$  on  $\mathbf{C}$ , a  **$F$ -algebra** is a pair of a **carrier**  $X \in \mathbf{C}$  and interpretation morphism  $h : FX \rightarrow X \in \mathbf{C}$ . A **algebra homomorphism** is a morphism  $f$  such that  $f : (X, h) \rightarrow (X', h')$  s.t.  $f \circ h = h' \circ T(f)$ . (§5.37)

¶73 A category is **finitely presented** (Awodey:p75) if it is the free category over a finite graph quotiented by a finite set of equations.

¶74 The **local membership relation** for generalized element  $z : Z \rightarrow C$  and subobject  $M$  (i.e., with monic  $m : M \rightarrow C$ ),  $z \in_X M$ , holds iff  $\exists_{f:Z \rightarrow M}. z = mf$ .

¶75 An  **$\omega$ -complete Partial Order** ( $\omega$ CPO) is a Poset which has all **colimits** of type  $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$ . (All countably infinite ascending chains have a top.) (Awodey:p101,E5.33)

## B Miscellaneous Useful Properties

¶76 (Awodey:p84,L5.8) In the commuting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D \\ \downarrow h'' & \searrow f' & \downarrow h' & \searrow g' & \downarrow h \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \end{array}$$

1. If  $FEBA$  and  $EDCB$  are pullbacks, so is  $FDCA$ .
2. If  $FDCA$  and  $EDCB$  are pullbacks, so is  $FEBA$ .

¶77 (Awodey:p84,C5.9) Pullbacks preserve commutative triangles.

¶78 (?) Monic arrows pullback to monic arrows. (In the above, if  $g$  is monic, so is  $g'$ .)

¶79 Universal Constructions (or Universal Mapping Properties, UMP) reduce to limits (Awodey:p91,E5.17-20):

terminals	products	equalizers	pullbacks
	$x \quad y$	$x \xrightarrow{\alpha} y$ $\xrightarrow{\beta}$	$x$ $\downarrow$ $y \triangleright z$

¶80 Objects defined by UCs are unique up to isomorphism.

## C Examples To Jog Your Memory

### C.1 Set

¶81 **Epic** [¶23] is surjective, **monic** [¶28] is injective.

¶82 **Coequalizers**[¶22] correspond to equivalence classes (§7.69.1): Let  $\sim$  be *the smallest* eq. rel. s.t.  $\forall a \in A, f(a) \sim g(a)$ ; then  $(Q, q) = (B / \sim, b \mapsto [b]_{\sim})$  is a coequalizer of  $f$  and  $g$ .

¶83 **Equalizers**[¶24]:  $(E, e) = (\{x \mid f(x) = g(x)\} \subseteq X, \subseteq)$ .

## C.2 Mon

¶84 **Bimorphisms**[¶33] are not isos:  $((\mathbf{N}, +, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbf{Z}, +, 0))$ . (Pierce:§1.6.3)

¶85  $(\{*\}, \cdot, *)$  is a (the) **zero**[¶21].

¶86 Each monoid  $M$  has only one **point**[¶29],  $1 \rightarrow M$ .

## C.3 Adjoint Situations and Monads

Defintitons in **section 10**.

¶87 Consider  $(\eta, \epsilon) : F \dashv G : \mathbf{Mon} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ .  $\eta_X : X \rightarrow GFX$  is insertion of generators:  $\forall x \in X, \eta_X x = x$ .  $\epsilon_Y : FGY \rightarrow Y$  is the re-introduction of structure; if  $FGY = ((GY)^*, \cdot, \varepsilon)$  and  $Y = (GY, +, 0)$  then

$$\epsilon_Y \varepsilon = 0 \quad \epsilon_Y(y \cdot z) = y + z \quad \epsilon_Y(y \in GY) = y$$

¶88 Further,  $T = G \circ F$  is a monad. Generically,  $\mu \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_X(TTX) &= (G\epsilon F)_X(TTX) = (G\epsilon_{FX})(FGFX) \\ &= G((\epsilon_{FX})(FGFX)) = GFX \end{aligned}$$

So here  $\mu$  is the  $G$ -image of a function which takes  $y \in FGFX = F(X^*)$  (that is, a concatenation of symbols from  $FX$ ) and re-imposes structure to obtain  $\epsilon_{FX}y \in FX$ .

## D Bootstrapping Category Theory

¶89 **Cat** is the category which has locally small categories as objects and **functors**[¶39] as morphisms. (It is not, itself, locally small, and so is not an object in itself.) **Cat** is **cartesian closed**[¶37] (see **product category**[¶16] and **exponential category**[¶36]). Its initial object is the empty category and its terminal object is the category of a single object and its identity morphism.

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