

CATEGORIES

DEF A FUNCTOR $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ ASSIGNS

1) TO EACH OBJECT X IN $\mathcal{C}$
AN OBJECT $F(X)$ IN $\mathcal{D}$

2) FOR EACH MORPHISM $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$
IN $\mathcal{C}$ WE GET A MORPHISM

$$F(X) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(Y) \text{ IN } \mathcal{D}$$

$$\text{FOR } W \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} Y \text{ IN } \mathcal{C}$$

$$\text{WE GET } F(W) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(X) \xrightarrow{F(g)} F(Y)$$

$$\text{WITH } F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f).$$

EXAMPLE ① $\mathcal{C}$ = CATEGORY OF
TOP SPACES WITH
BASE POINT

$\mathcal{D}$ = CATEGORY OF GROUPS

π_1 IS THE FUNCTOR

EXAMPLE ② LET G BE GROUP

AND $\mathcal{B}G$ BE THE ONE OBJECT
CATEGORY WITH A MORPHISM FOR
EACH $g \in G$. LET $X: \mathcal{B}G \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}$
BE A FUNCTOR. IT IS A SPACE
(ALSO CALLED X) EQUIPPED
WITH AN ACTION OF G .

FOR EACH $g \in G$ WITH g GET
A HOMEOMORPHISM $X \xrightarrow{g} X$

③ $\mathbf{Top} \xrightarrow{U} \mathbf{Set}$ $U = \text{FORGETFUL FUNCTOR}$
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CATEGORY CATEGORY
OF TOP. OF SETS
SPACES

④ $\mathcal{C} = \begin{array}{ccc} \text{JOHN} & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \text{PAUL} \\ \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\ \text{GEORGE} & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \text{RINGO} \end{array}$ WITH
 $\gamma \alpha = \delta \beta$

$\mathcal{D} = \mathbf{Set}$ (OR ANY OTHER)
CATEGORY

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(\text{JOHN}) & \xrightarrow{F(\alpha)} & F(\text{PAUL}) \\ F(\beta) \downarrow & & \downarrow F(\gamma) \\ F(\text{GEORGE}) & \xrightarrow{F(\delta)} & F(\text{RINGO}) \end{array}$$

WITH $F(\gamma)F(\alpha) = F(\delta)F(\beta)$

DEF AN INITIAL OBJECT I

IN A CATEGORY $\mathcal{C}$ IS ONE WITH A UNIQUE MORPHISM ^{FROM} TO EVERY OTHER OBJECT IN $\mathcal{C}$

EXAMPLE $\mathcal{C} = A \rightarrow B$ NO INITIAL OBJECT

EASY FACT ANY TWO INITIAL (TERMINAL) OBJECTS ARE ISOMORPHIC

DEF A CATEGORY IS POINTED

IF EVERY INITIAL OBJECT IS TERMINAL AND VICE VERSA.

ADJOINT FUNCTORS (DAN KAN 1958) $L = \text{KAN TURNSTILE}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \in \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{F \text{ LEFT ADJOINT}} & \mathcal{D} \ni Y \\ & \perp & \\ & \xleftarrow{U \text{ RIGHT ADJOINT}} & \end{array} \quad F \dashv U$$

THESE FUNCTORS ARE ADJOINT IF FOR EACH X, Y AS ABOVE

NATURAL BIJECTION

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, UY) \xrightarrow{\Phi_{X,Y}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(FX, Y)$$

SET OF MORPHISMS
IN $\mathcal{C}$ FROM X TO UY

EXAMPLE $\mathcal{C} = \text{Set} = \text{CATEGORY OF SETS}$

$\mathcal{D} = \text{Ab} = \text{CAT. OF ABELIAN GPs}$

$F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ IS THE FREE ABELIAN GP

$U: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ IS THE FORGETFUL FUNCTOR

GIVEN $X \xrightarrow{\alpha} X'$
IN $\mathcal{C}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, UY) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(FX, Y) \\ \downarrow \alpha^* & \uparrow & \downarrow (\alpha)_* \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X', UY) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(FX', Y) \end{array}$$

LET X BE A SET AND LET
 A BE AN ABELIAN GP

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{ab}}(FX, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}}(X, UA)$$

$$X \in \mathcal{C} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{U} \end{array} \mathcal{D} \ni Y$$

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, UY) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Phi_{X,Y}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(FX, Y)$$

SUPPOSE $Y = FX$

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, UFX) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(FX, FX)$$

THE IDENTITY IN $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(FX, FX)$

LEADS TO A MORPHISM $X \xrightarrow{\eta_X} UFX$ IN $\mathcal{C}$

THE UNIT OF THE ADJUNCTION.

$$\text{SUPPOSE } X = UY \rightsquigarrow FUY \xrightarrow{\epsilon_Y} Y$$

COUNIT OF ADJUNCTION

MORE FUN: PULLBACKS AND
 PUSHOUTS

DEF SUPPOSE WE A DIAGRAM
 OF SETS

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\chi_2} & A' \\ \chi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array}$$

THE PULLBACK IS X AS ABOVE
WITH A UNIVERSAL PROPERTY
GIVEN ANY OTHER SUCH OBJECT
 P WITH

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\phi_2} & A' \\ \downarrow p_1 & \searrow \pi_2 & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A' \\ \downarrow \chi_1 & & \downarrow g \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ a_1 & & \end{array}$$

$$\exists! P \xrightarrow{\pi} X \text{ WITH } \phi_2 = \chi_2 \pi \text{ AND } \phi_1 = \chi_1 \pi$$

PROP SUCH AN X EXISTS.

PROOF: WE HAVE A MAP $X \rightarrow A \times A'$

CONSIDER THE SUBSET

$$X_B = \left\{ (a_1, a_2) \in A \times A' : f(a_1) = f(a_2) \right\} \subset A \times A'$$