

Comma Category

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Summary. Comma category of two functors is introduced.

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The terminology and notation used in this paper have been introduced in the following articles: [9], [10], [1], [5], [2], [7], [4], [3], [6], and [8]. We now define four new functors. Let x be arbitrary. The functor $x_{1,1}$ is defined by:

(Def.1) $x_{1,1} = (x_1)_1$.

The functor $x_{1,2}$ is defined as follows:

(Def.2) $x_{1,2} = (x_1)_2$.

The functor $x_{2,1}$ is defined by:

(Def.3) $x_{2,1} = (x_2)_1$.

The functor $x_{2,2}$ is defined as follows:

(Def.4) $x_{2,2} = (x_2)_2$.

In the sequel x, x_1, x_2, y, y_1, y_2 are arbitrary. One can prove the following proposition

- (1) $\langle \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle, y \rangle_{1,1} = x_1$ and $\langle \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle, y \rangle_{1,2} = x_2$ and $\langle x, \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle \rangle_{2,1} = y_1$ and $\langle x, \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle \rangle_{2,2} = y_2$.

Let D_1, D_2, D_3 be non-empty sets, and let x be an element of $[\{D_1, D_2\}, D_3]$. Then $x_{1,1}$ is an element of D_1 . Then $x_{1,2}$ is an element of D_2 .

Let D_1, D_2, D_3 be non-empty sets, and let x be an element of $[\{D_1, \{D_2, D_3\}\}]$. Then $x_{2,1}$ is an element of D_2 . Then $x_{2,2}$ is an element of D_3 .

For simplicity we follow a convention: C, D, E are categories, c is an object of C , d is an object of D , x is arbitrary, f is a morphism of E , g is a morphism of C , h is a morphism of D , F is a functor from C to E , and G is a functor from D to E . Let us consider C, D, E , and let F be a functor from C to E , and let G be a functor from D to E . Let us assume that there exist c_1, d_1, f_1 such

that $f_1 \in \text{hom}(F(c_1), G(d_1))$. The functor $\text{Obj}_{(F,G)}$ yields a non-empty subset of $[\![\text{the objects of } C, \text{ the objects of } D \!]\!]$, the morphisms of E] and is defined as follows:

(Def.5) $\text{Obj}_{(F,G)} = \{ \langle \langle c, d \rangle, f \rangle : f \in \text{hom}(F(c), G(d)) \}$.

In the sequel o, o_1, o_2 will denote elements of $\text{Obj}_{(F,G)}$. The following proposition is true

(2) Suppose there exist c, d, f such that $f \in \text{hom}(F(c), G(d))$. Then $o = \langle \langle o_{1,1}, o_{1,2} \rangle, o_2 \rangle$ and $o_2 \in \text{hom}(F(o_{1,1}), G(o_{1,2}))$ and $\text{dom}(o_2) = F(o_{1,1})$ and $\text{cod}(o_2) = G(o_{1,2})$.

Let us consider C, D, E, F, G . Let us assume that there exist c_1, d_1, f_1 such that $f_1 \in \text{hom}(F(c_1), G(d_1))$. The functor $\text{Morph}_{(F,G)}$ yielding a non-empty subset of $[\![\text{Obj}_{(F,G)}, \text{Obj}_{(F,G)} \text{ qua a non-empty set } \!]\!]$, $[\![\text{the morphisms of } C, \text{ the morphisms of } D \!]\!]$ is defined by:

(Def.6) $\text{Morph}_{(F,G)} = \{ \langle \langle o_1, o_2 \rangle, \langle g, h \rangle \rangle : \text{dom } g = o_{1,1,1} \wedge \text{cod } g = o_{2,1,1} \wedge \text{dom } h = o_{1,1,2} \wedge \text{cod } h = o_{2,1,2} \wedge o_{2,2} \cdot F(g) = G(h) \cdot o_{1,2} \}$.

In the sequel k, k_1, k_2, k' denote elements of $\text{Morph}_{(F,G)}$. Let us consider C, D, E, F, G, k . Then $k_{1,1}$ is an element of $\text{Obj}_{(F,G)}$. Then $k_{1,2}$ is an element of $\text{Obj}_{(F,G)}$. Then $k_{2,1}$ is a morphism of C . Then $k_{2,2}$ is a morphism of D .

The following proposition is true

(3) Suppose There exist c, d, f such that $f \in \text{hom}(F(c), G(d))$. Then

- (i) $k = \langle \langle k_{1,1}, k_{1,2} \rangle, \langle k_{2,1}, k_{2,2} \rangle \rangle$,
- (ii) $\text{dom}(k_{2,1}) = (k_{1,1})_{1,1}$,
- (iii) $\text{cod}(k_{2,1}) = (k_{1,2})_{1,1}$,
- (iv) $\text{dom}(k_{2,2}) = (k_{1,1})_{1,2}$,
- (v) $\text{cod}(k_{2,2}) = (k_{1,2})_{1,2}$,
- (vi) $(k_{1,2})_2 \cdot F(k_{2,1}) = G(k_{2,2}) \cdot (k_{1,1})_2$.

Let us consider C, D, E, F, G, k_1, k_2 . Let us assume that there exist c_1, d_1, f_1 such that $f_1 \in \text{hom}(F(c_1), G(d_1))$. Let us assume that $k_{1,1,2} = k_{2,1,1}$. The functor $k_2 \cdot k_1$ yielding an element of $\text{Morph}_{(F,G)}$ is defined as follows:

(Def.7) $k_2 \cdot k_1 = \langle \langle k_{1,1,1}, k_{2,1,2} \rangle, \langle k_{2,2,1} \cdot k_{1,2,1}, k_{2,2,2} \cdot k_{1,2,2} \rangle \rangle$.

Let us consider C, D, E, F, G . The functor $\circ_{(F,G)}$ yields a partial function from $[\![\text{Morph}_{(F,G)}, \text{Morph}_{(F,G)} \!]\!]$ to $\text{Morph}_{(F,G)}$ and is defined by:

(Def.8) $\text{dom}(\circ_{(F,G)}) = \{ \langle k_1, k_2 \rangle : k_{1,1,1} = k_{2,1,2} \}$ and for all k, k' such that $\langle k, k' \rangle \in \text{dom}(\circ_{(F,G)})$ holds $\circ_{(F,G)}(\langle k, k' \rangle) = k \cdot k'$.

Let us consider C, D, E, F, G . Let us assume that there exist c_1, d_1, f_1 such that $f_1 \in \text{hom}(F(c_1), G(d_1))$. The functor (F, G) yielding a strict category is defined by the conditions (Def.9).

- (Def.9) (i) The objects of $(F, G) = \text{Obj}_{(F,G)}$,
- (ii) the morphisms of $(F, G) = \text{Morph}_{(F,G)}$,
 - (iii) for every k holds (the dom-map of $(F, G))(k) = k_{1,1}$,
 - (iv) for every k holds (the cod-map of $(F, G))(k) = k_{1,2}$,
 - (v) for every o holds (the id-map of $(F, G))(o) = \langle \langle o, o \rangle, \langle \text{id}_{(o_{1,1})}, \text{id}_{(o_{1,2})} \rangle \rangle$,

(vi) the composition of $(F, G) = \circ_{(F, G)}$.

We now state two propositions:

(4) The objects of $\dot{\circ}(x, y) = \{x\}$ and the morphisms of $\dot{\circ}(x, y) = \{y\}$.

(5) For all objects a, b of $\dot{\circ}(x, y)$ holds $\text{hom}(a, b) = \{y\}$.

Let us consider C, c . The functor $\dot{\circ}(c)$ yielding a strict subcategory of C is defined as follows:

(Def.10) $\dot{\circ}(c) = \dot{\circ}(c, \text{id}_c)$.

We now define two new functors. Let us consider C, c . The functor (c, C) yields a strict category and is defined by:

(Def.11) $(c, C) = (\dot{\circ}(c), \text{id}_C)$.

The functor (C, c) yields a strict category and is defined as follows:

(Def.12) $(C, c) = (\text{id}_C, \dot{\circ}(c))$.

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