

Homework 11

1. Show that if \mathbf{P} is a poset and $A : \mathbf{P}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$ a presheaf on \mathbf{P} , then the category of elements $\int_{\mathbf{P}} A$ is also a poset and the projection $\pi : \int_{\mathbf{P}} A \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$ is a monotone map.

Show, moreover, that the assignment $A \mapsto (\pi : \int_{\mathbf{P}} A \rightarrow \mathbf{P})$ determines a functor,

$$\int_{\mathbf{P}} : \mathbf{Sets}^{\mathbf{P}^{\text{op}}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Pos}/\mathbf{P}.$$

2. Show that every slice category \mathbf{Sets}/X is cartesian closed. Calculate the exponential of two objects $A \rightarrow X$ and $B \rightarrow X$ by first determining the Yoneda embedding $y : X \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}^X$, and then applying the formula for exponentials of presheaves. Finally, observe that \mathbf{Sets}/X is a topos, and determine its subobject classifier.

The next problems give examples of the notion of *adjoint functor*.

3. Let \mathbf{C} be any cartesian closed category. Show that for any three objects A, B, C the isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}(A \times B, C) \cong \text{Hom}(A, C^B)$$

is natural in both A and C . This means that the functor $(-) \times B : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is left adjoint to the functor $(-)^B : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$.

4. Let $F : \mathbf{Sets} \rightarrow \mathbf{Mon}$ be the free monoid functor and $U : \mathbf{Mon} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$ the forgetful functor. Show that for any set X and monoid M , there is an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}(F(X), M) \cong \text{Hom}(X, U(M))$$

which is natural in both X and M . This means that the functor F is left adjoint to the functor U .

5. Let \mathbf{C} be any category and consider the “diagonal functor”

$$\Delta : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C}.$$

Show that Δ has a right adjoint if \mathbf{C} has binary products. Thus consider the isomorphism,

$$\text{Hom}(\Delta(X), (A, B)) \cong \text{Hom}(X, A \times B),$$

which, if natural in both X and (A, B) , says that Δ is left adjoint to \times .

6. * Show that the contravariant powerset functor $\mathcal{P} : \mathbf{Sets}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$ is self-adjoint.