

# Mathematical Semantics of Computer Systems, *MSCS* (4810-1168) Handout for Lecture 3 (2014/10/27)

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We loosely follow [4], but it hardly serves as an introductory textbook. More beginner-friendly ones include [1, 5]; other classical textbooks include [6, 2]. nLab ([ncatlab.org](http://ncatlab.org)) is an excellent online information source.

## 1 Today's Goal, I

Come to understand and prove the following statement.

**Proposition.** *Let  $X, Y \in \mathbb{C}$ . A product of  $X$  and  $Y$ , if it exists, is unique up-to a canonical isomorphism.*

## 2 Today's Agenda I

### 2.1 Categories, Functors

**Definition.** Functor

**Example.** Monotone functions as functors (for preorders considered as categories); monoid homomorphisms as functors (for monoids).

**Example.** Graphs as functors. Monoid/group actions as functors.

### 2.2 Reasoning with Arrows

**Definition.** Epi, mono. Split epi, split mono.

**Definition.** Coproduct.

## 3 Today's Goal II

Identify the following framework of *abstract interpretation* [3] as an instance of adjunction. (Thanks are due to Kengo Kido for a nice introduction.)

**Definition** (Galois connection). Let  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$  be posets; and  $\alpha: L \rightarrow \bar{L}$  and  $\gamma: \bar{L} \rightarrow L$  be monotone functions. The pair  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  is said to be a *Galois connection* if, for any  $x \in L$  and  $\bar{x} \in \bar{L}$ ,

$$\alpha(x) \leq_{\bar{L}} \bar{x} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x \leq_L \gamma(\bar{x}) .$$

**Example** (interval domain). Let

$$L := \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{L} := \{\emptyset\} \cup \{[l, r] \mid l, r \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}, l \leq r\}$$

where each set is ordered by inclusion. Moreover,

$$\alpha(S) := [\min S, \max X] \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma(\bar{S}) := \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \in \bar{S}\} .$$

Then the pair  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  is a Galois connection.

## 4 Today's Agenda II

### 4.1 Natural Transformations

**Definition.** Natural transformation

**Example.** Natural transformations in graphs, and in monoid/group actions.  
Natural transformations between monotone maps as functors.

**Definition.** Horizontal and vertical composition of natural transformation

### 4.2 Limits and Colimit

**Definition.** Diagram, cone, cocone

**Definition.** Limit, colimit

**Proposition.** *Limits from products and equalizers*

**Corollary.** *Concrete presentation of (co)limits in Sets*

### 4.3 Adjunction

**Definition.** Homset.

**Definition.** Adjunction.

**Example.** Free monoids.

**Definition.** Unit, counit.

**Lemma.** *Adjoint transposes by units and counits.*

**Proposition.** *Characterization of adjunction by: 1) the universality of  $\eta$  (Def. 3.2 of [Lambek & Scott], intuitive for free monoids); 2) the triangular equalities (Def. 3.1 of [Lambek & Scott]).*

**Lemma.** 1. *Adjoint functors determine each other uniquely up-to canonical natural isomorphisms.*

2. *Composition of adjoints.*

### 4.4 Limits as Adjoints

**Definition.** Functor category

**Proposition.** *A limit gives rise to an adjunction.*

## 5 Exercises

1. Formulate and prove the following statement.

A right adjoint preserves limits.

2. Prove the following: in an adjunction  $F \dashv G$ ,  $G$  is faithful if and only if every component of the counit  $\varepsilon$  is an epi. [6, Thm. IV.3.1]

## 6 Report Problems (New! Added to the Version Distributed at the Lecture)

1. Prove that: in the category **Sets** of sets and functions, an arrow is a mono if and only if it is an injective function. Similarly, an arrow is an epi if and only if it is a surjective function.
2. Give a detailed proof of the *Today's Goal, I*:

Let  $X, Y \in \mathbb{C}$ . A product of  $X$  and  $Y$ , if it exists, is unique up-to a canonical commuting isomorphism.

Reports are due at the beginning of the next lecture.

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