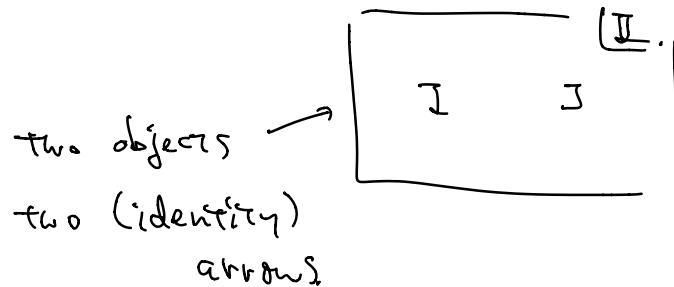


Def.  $\mathbb{I}$ : a category (called the index category)

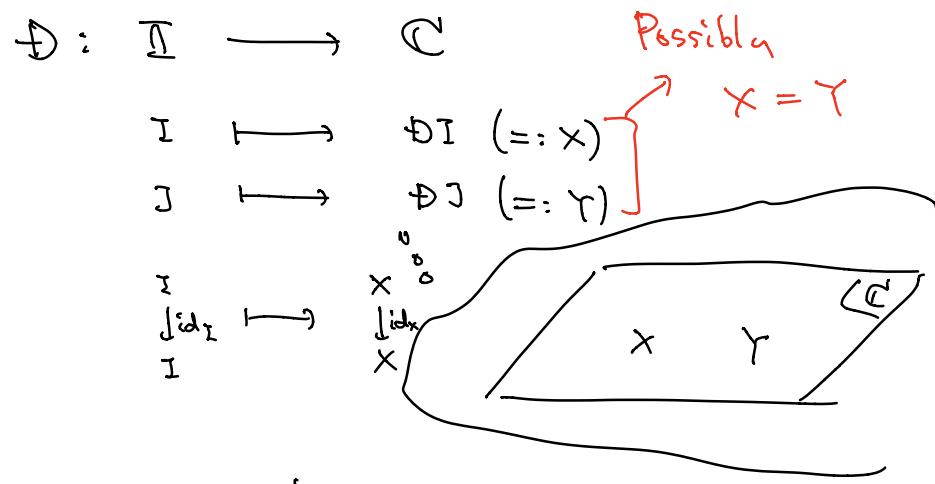
A diagram of the shape  $\mathbb{I}$  in the category  $\mathbb{C}$   
is a functor

$$F : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

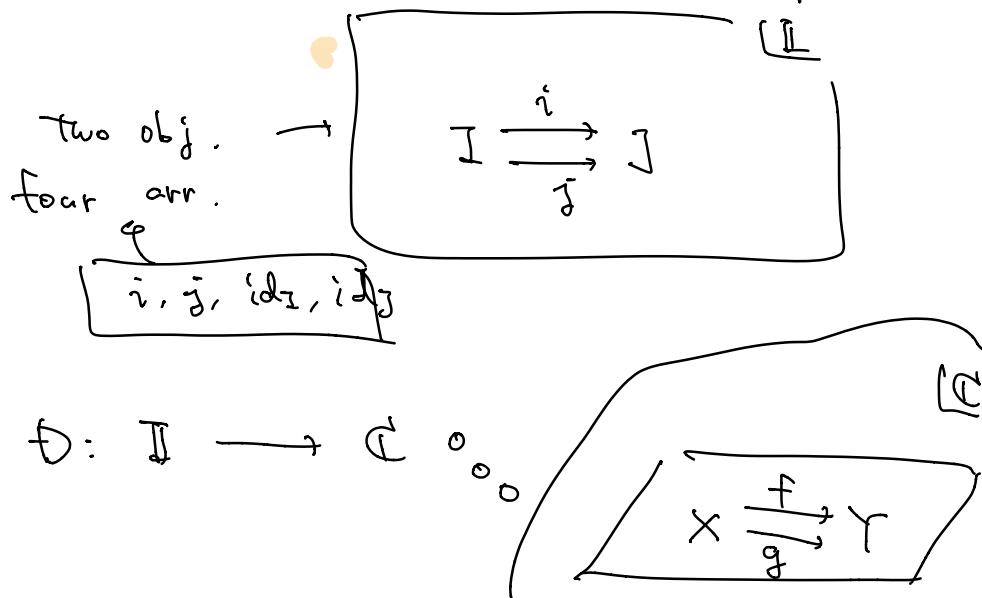
Ex. - products = limits of the shape



A diagram of shape II :



- equalizers = limits of the shape



Def. Let  $\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{C}$  be categories, and  $X \in \mathbb{C}$ .

The diagonal functor  $\Delta X : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

is  $\Delta X : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$\mathbb{I} \xrightarrow{\quad} X$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{I} \\ \downarrow i \\ \mathbb{J} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\quad} \left( \begin{array}{c} X \\ \downarrow id_X \\ X \end{array} \right)$$

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Def. Let  $D : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a diagram and



A cone from  $X \in \mathbb{C}$  to  $D : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is

a natural transformation

$$\begin{matrix} & \Delta X \\ \mathbb{I} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \Downarrow \gamma \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} D \end{array} & \mathbb{C} \end{matrix}$$

Concretely:

$$\gamma = \left( \frac{(\Delta x)(I) \xrightarrow{\gamma_I} D_I}{\parallel \text{def. of } \Delta x} \right)_{I \in \mathbb{I}}$$

subject to

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{I} \\ | \\ I \\ | \\ j \\ | \\ J \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} C \\ | \\ (\Delta x)(I) \\ | \\ id_x \\ | \\ (\Delta x)(j) \\ | \\ (\Delta x)(J) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\gamma_I} D_I \\ \parallel \\ \downarrow D_i \\ \xrightarrow{\gamma_J} D_J \end{array}$$

$$D_I \xrightarrow{D_i} D_J \quad [C]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (\Delta x) : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow C \\ I \in \mathbb{I} \\ (\Delta x)(I) \in C \end{array}$$

That is,

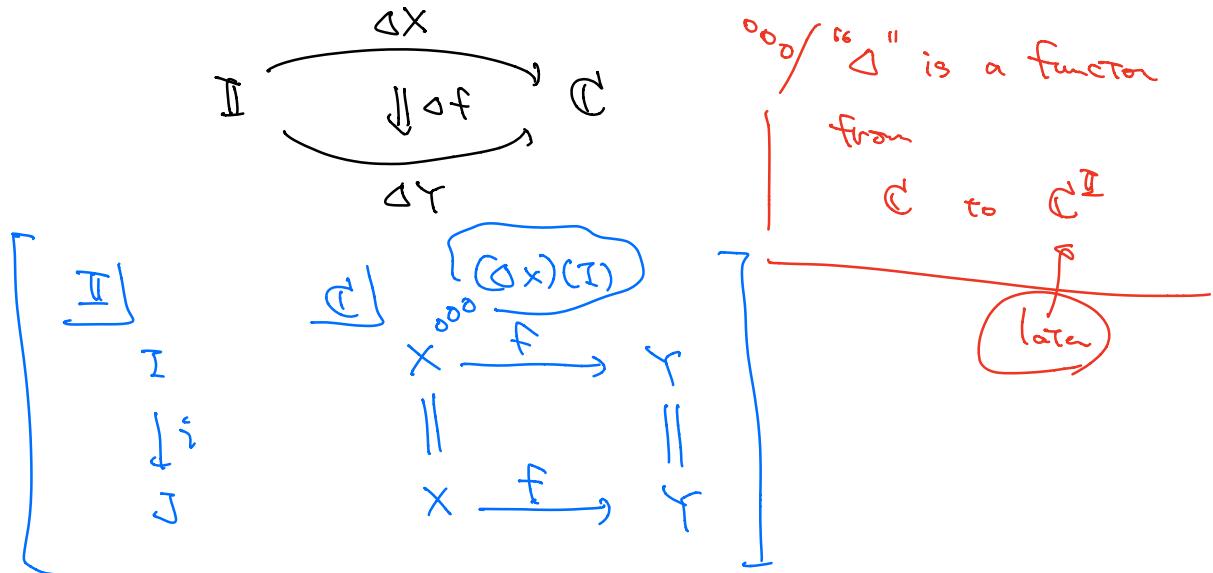
$$\begin{array}{c} x \xrightarrow{\gamma_I} D_I \\ \parallel \\ x \xrightarrow{\gamma_J} D_J \end{array}$$

that is,

$$\begin{array}{c} x \\ | \\ \gamma_I \\ | \\ \gamma_J \\ | \\ D_I \xrightarrow{D_i} D_J \end{array} \quad [C]$$

Def. (Lem.) Let  $f: X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be an arrow.

It induces a natural transformation

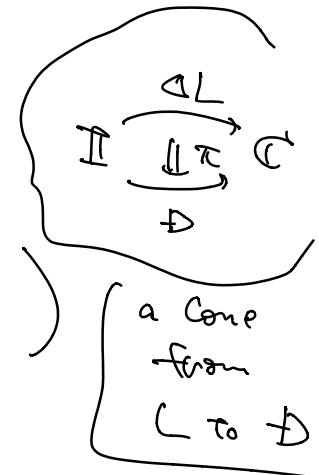


Def. Let  $\mathcal{D}: I \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be a diagram.

A limit of  $\mathcal{D}$  is a pair

$$\left( L, (\Delta L) \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{D} \right)$$

vertex

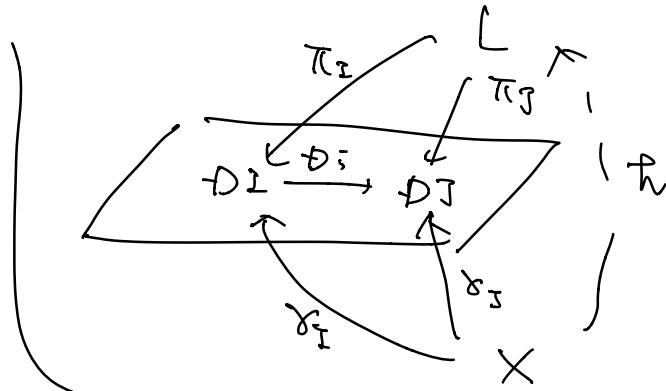


that is universal. This means: given another such pair

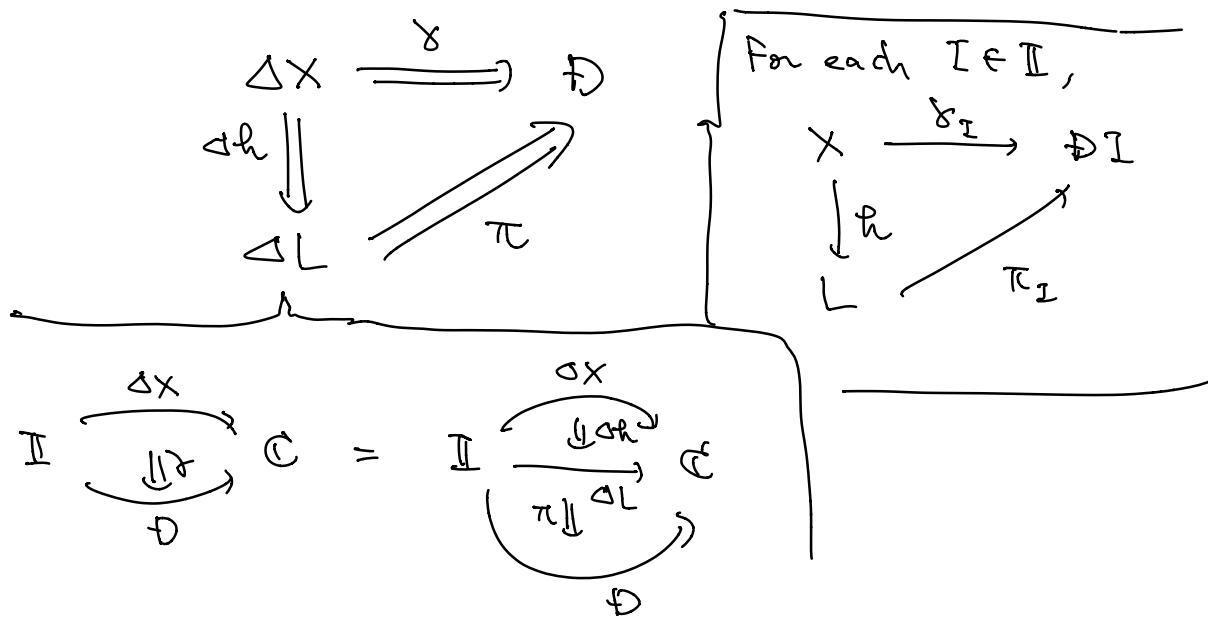
$$(X \in \mathcal{C}, (\Delta X) \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{D})$$

we have

$$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$



a unique arrow  $h: X \rightarrow L$  such that

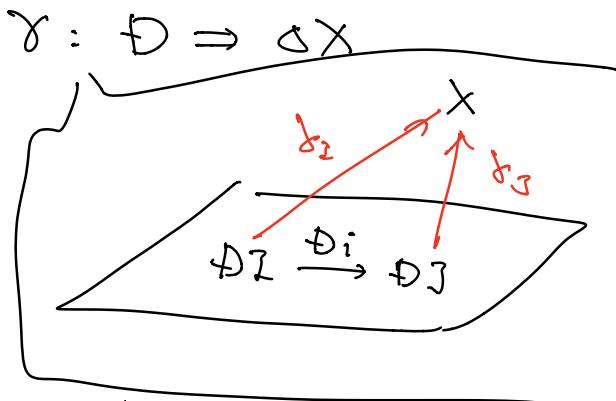
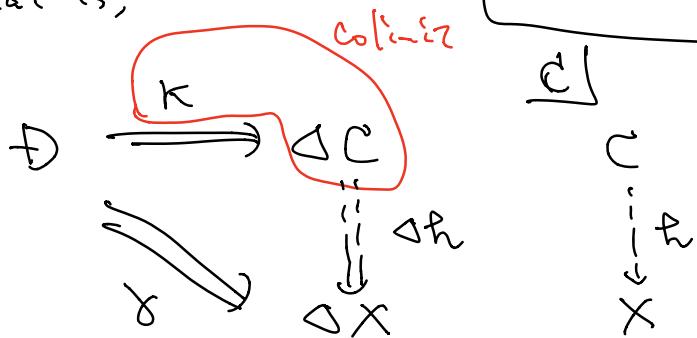


Def. Let  $D : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be a diagram.

- A cocone from  $D$  to  $X \in \mathcal{C}$

is a nat. trans.

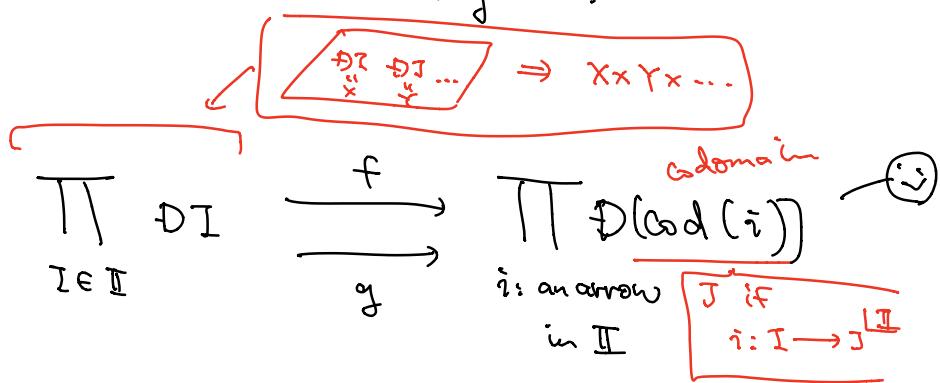
- A colimit is a universal cocone, that is,



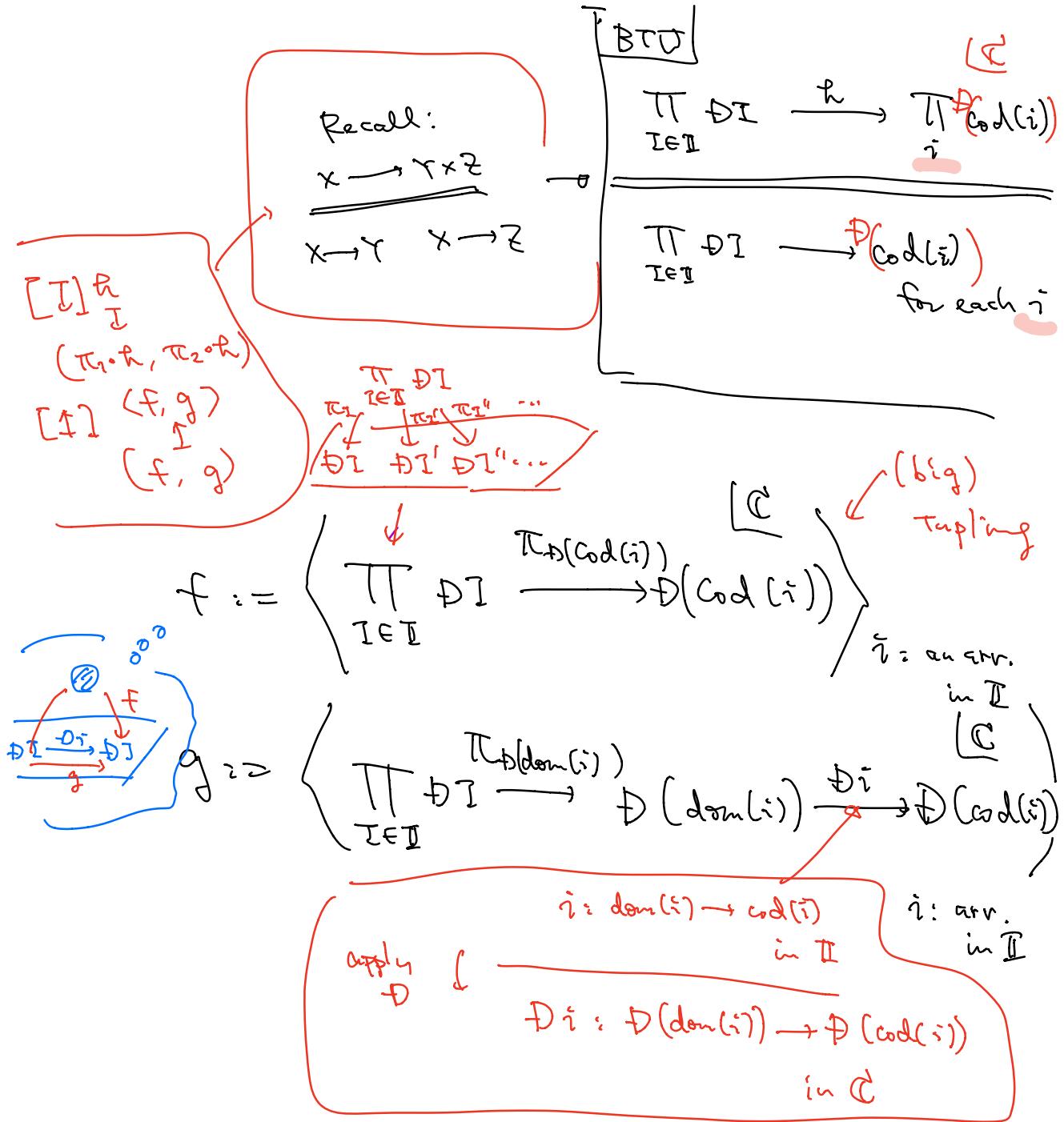
"An arbitrary limit is presented only using products and equalizers."

Let  $D : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be a diagram.

Consider



where  $f, g$  are defined as follows.



Take an equalizer

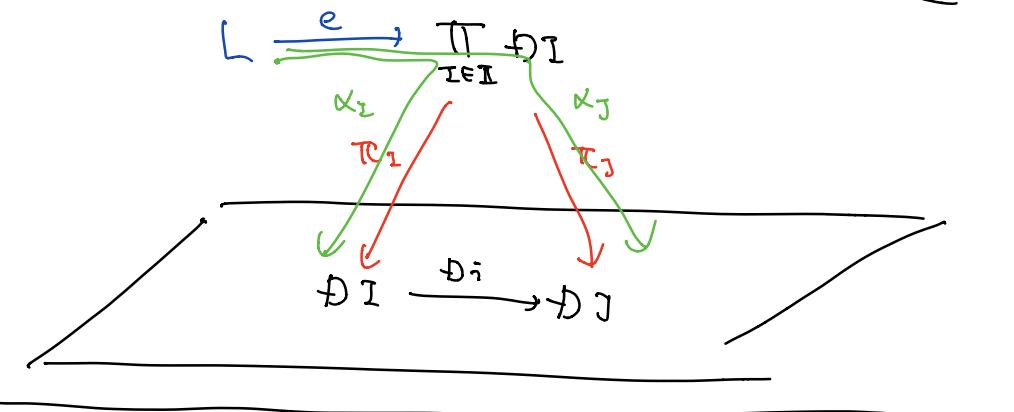
equalizer

$$L \xrightarrow{e} \prod_{I \in I} DI \xrightarrow{f} \prod_{I \in I} D(\text{cod}(i))$$

*i* is an arrow in  $I$

Then  $L$  is the vertex of  
a limit of  $D$ .

(C)



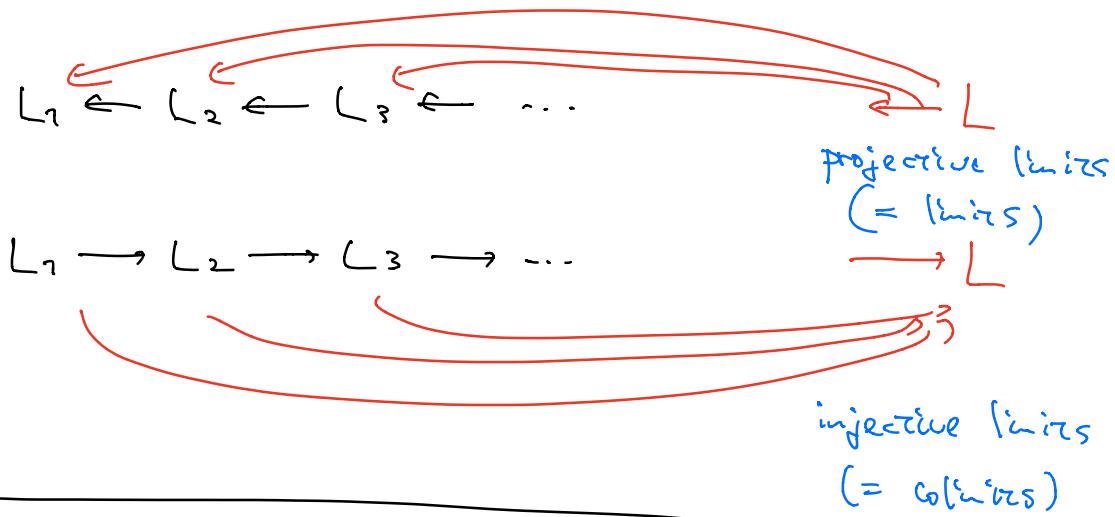
BTW:

An exercise :

- Show that this indeed gives a cone
- Prove its universality

w/ suitable  
commutativity

C<sub>J</sub>.



Thm. If  $\mathcal{C}$  has arbitrary products and equalizers  
then  $\mathcal{C}$  has arbitrary limits.

for any  $D: \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$   
 $\mathbb{I}$  and

In Sets, a limit of a diagram  $D: \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  is given by

$$\left\{ (x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \mid \begin{array}{l} x_i \in D_i, \text{ and for each arrow} \\ (D_i)(x_i) = x_j \end{array} \right\}$$

the set of "coherent elements"

Similarly, colimits are described using

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{coproducts and} \\ \text{coequalizers} \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{in Sets: disjoint union} \\ \text{in Sets: quotient} \end{array} \right\}$$

and this gives a descr. of colimits in Sets:

$$\left( \prod_{I \in \mathbb{I}} D_I \right) \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{where } \simeq \text{ is the smallest} \\ \text{equiv. rel. that contains} \\ \frac{x}{\pi} \simeq \frac{(D_i)(x)}{\pi} \\ D_I \\ D_J \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} I \xrightarrow{i} J \xrightarrow{\pi} \\ \hline D_I \xrightarrow{D_i} D_J \xrightarrow{\pi} \\ x \end{array}$$

In Sets there are arbitrary small limits

$\uparrow$  in  $D: \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ ,

$\mathbb{I}$  must be small

( $\text{obj}(\mathbb{I})$  and  $\text{arr}(\mathbb{I})$  are  
small sets)

Lem. If  $\mathcal{C}$  has arbitrary products

$\varprojlim$  not acc. small

then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a preorder

$\uparrow$  very few arrows

Cog

Agda

effective  
toposes  
(Hyland)