

L12 Mid-Term Test

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1. On Galois connections

(a) \implies In fact, g is monotone no matter whether f is monotone.

$$\boxed{\forall x \in Q, y \in Q. x \leq_Q y \implies g(x) \leq_P g(y)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{g(x) \leq_P g(x)}}{f(g(x)) \leq_Q x} \text{ (1)} \quad \frac{\overline{x \leq_Q y}}{\text{transitivity}} \text{ reflexivity}}{\frac{f(g(x)) \leq_Q y}{g(x) \leq_P g(y)} \text{ (1)}} \text{ assumption}$$

\Leftarrow Symmetrically, f is monotone. In the main theorem, instead of “iff” we have “and”.

$$\boxed{\forall x \in P, y \in P. x \leq_P y \implies f(x) \leq_Q f(y)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{x \leq_P y}}{\text{transitivity}} \text{ reflexivity}}{\frac{x \leq_P g(f(y))}{f(x) \leq_Q f(y)} \text{ (1)}} \text{ assumption}$$

(b) (1)

$$\boxed{\forall S \subseteq Y, T \subseteq Y. S \subseteq T \implies f^{-1}[S] \subseteq f^{-1}[T]}$$

$$\frac{\overline{S \subseteq T} \text{ assumption}}{\frac{\forall x \in X. f(x) \in S \implies f(x) \in T}{\forall x \in X. x \in f^{-1}[S] \implies x \in f^{-1}[T]} \text{ consequence of } \subseteq} \text{ definition of } f^{-1}$$

(2) Define \exists_f by $\exists_f(S) = \{f(x) \mid x \in S\}$. To show $\exists_f \dashv f^{-1}[_]$ is a Galois connection is to show

$$\boxed{\forall S \subseteq X, T \subseteq Y. \exists_f(S) \subseteq T \iff S \subseteq f^{-1}[T]}$$

$$\frac{\overline{(\forall x \in S. f(x) \in T) \iff (\forall x \in S. f(x) \in T)} \text{ simplification}}{\frac{(\forall y. (\exists x \in S. y = f(x)) \implies y \in T) \iff (\forall x. x \in S \implies f(x) \in T)}{\{\{f(x) \mid x \in S\} \subseteq T \iff S \subseteq \{x \mid f(x) \in T\}\} \text{ definitions of } \exists_f \text{ and } f^{-1}} \text{ definition of } \subseteq} \exists_f(S) \subseteq T \iff S \subseteq f^{-1}[T]$$

- (3) Define \forall_f by $\forall_f(T) = \{y \in Y \mid \forall x \in X. y = f(x) \implies x \in T\}$. To show $f^{-1}[_] \dashv \forall_f$ is a Galois connection is to show

$$\boxed{\forall S \subseteq Y, T \subseteq X. f^{-1}[S] \subseteq T \iff S \subseteq \forall_f(T)}$$

$$\frac{\overline{(\forall x. f(x) \in S \implies x \in T) \iff (\forall x. f(x) \in S \implies x \in T)}}{\overline{(\forall x. f(x) \in S \implies x \in T) \iff (\forall y. y \in S \implies \forall x. y = f(x) \implies x \in T)}} \text{ simplification}$$

$$\frac{\overline{(\forall x. f(x) \in S \implies x \in T) \iff (\forall y. y \in S \implies \forall x. y = f(x) \implies x \in T)}}{\overline{\{x \mid f(x) \in S\} \subseteq T \iff S \subseteq \{y \mid \forall x. y = f(x) \implies x \in T\}}} \text{ definition of } \subseteq$$

$$\frac{\overline{\{x \mid f(x) \in S\} \subseteq T \iff S \subseteq \{y \mid \forall x. y = f(x) \implies x \in T\}}}{f^{-1}[S] \subseteq T \iff S \subseteq \forall_f(T)} \text{ definitions of } f^{-1} \text{ and } \forall_f$$

2. On distributive categories

- (a) **Terminal object** Let $1 \in \mathcal{S}$ be terminal, and let ${}_{S \times 1}! : S \times 1 \rightarrow 1$ be the unique morphism from $S \times 1$. We show that the S -action $(1, {}_{S \times 1}!)$ is terminal in $S\text{-act}$. Let $(A, \alpha) \in S\text{-act}$. Then ${}_A! : A \rightarrow 1$ in \mathcal{S} gives a morphism $(A, \alpha) \rightarrow (1, {}_{S \times 1}!)$ in $S\text{-act}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \times A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times {}_A!} & S \times 1 \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow {}_{S \times 1}! \\ A & \xrightarrow{{}_A!} & 1 \end{array}$$

There is only one morphism $S \times A \rightarrow 1$ in \mathcal{S} , therefore ${}_A! \circ \alpha = {}_{S \times 1}! \circ (\text{id}_S \times {}_A!)$ as required. Uniqueness of ${}_A!$ in $S\text{-act}$ follows from its uniqueness in \mathcal{S} : the only candidates for $(A, \alpha) \rightarrow (1, {}_{S \times 1}!)$ are morphisms $A \rightarrow 1$ in \mathcal{S} . Thus $(1, {}_{S \times 1}!)$ is terminal.

Binary products Let (A, α) and (B, β) be objects in $S\text{-act}$. The object

$$(A, \alpha) \times (B, \beta) = (A \times B, \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \rangle)$$

is their product, with projections π_1 and π_2 . To see that this is an object of $S\text{-act}$, observe that $A \times B$ is an object of \mathcal{S} since \mathcal{S} contains products, and check the types of the morphisms:

$$\frac{\overline{\text{id}_S : S \rightarrow S} \quad \overline{\pi_1 : A \times B \rightarrow A}}{\overline{\text{id}_S \times \pi_1 : S \times (A \times B) \rightarrow S \times A}} \quad \frac{\overline{\text{id}_S : S \rightarrow S} \quad \overline{\pi_2 : A \times B \rightarrow B}}{\overline{\text{id}_S \times \pi_2 : S \times (A \times B) \rightarrow S \times B}} \quad \frac{\overline{\alpha : S \times A \rightarrow A}}{\overline{\beta : S \times B \rightarrow B}}$$

$$\frac{\overline{\alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1) : S \times (A \times B) \rightarrow A} \quad \overline{\beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) : S \times (A \times B) \rightarrow B}}{\overline{\langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \rangle : S \times (A \times B) \rightarrow A \times B}}$$

We check that π_1 and π_2 are morphisms in $S\text{-act}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \times (A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times \pi_1} & S \times A \\ \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ A \times B & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & A \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1) = \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1)}{\pi_1 \circ \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \rangle = \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1)} \text{ universal property of } A \times B$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \times (A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times \pi_2} & S \times B \\ \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\ A \times B & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & B \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) = \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2)}{\pi_2 \circ \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \rangle = \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2)} \text{ universal property of } A \times B$$

Finally, we check that $(A, \alpha) \times (B, \beta)$ satisfies the universal property for products.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (A, \alpha) \times (B, \beta) & \\ \swarrow \pi_1 & \uparrow \langle f, g \rangle & \searrow \pi_2 \\ (A, \alpha) & & (B, \beta) \\ \swarrow f & \downarrow \text{---} & \nearrow g \\ & (C, \gamma) & \end{array}$$

Suppose (C, γ) is another object with projections $f : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (A, \alpha)$ and $g : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (B, \beta)$. Since f and g are morphisms in $S\text{-act}$, the following diagrams commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \times C & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times f} & S \times A \\ \gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} S \times C & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times g} & S \times B \\ \gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\ C & \xrightarrow{g} & B \end{array}$$

We can take the product of morphisms $\langle f, g \rangle : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (A, \alpha) \times (B, \beta)$ in $S\text{-act}$ to be the product $\langle f, g \rangle : C \rightarrow A \times B$ in S . This is a morphism in $S\text{-act}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \times C & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times \langle f, g \rangle} & S \times (A \times B) \\ \gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \rangle \\ C & \xrightarrow{\langle f, g \rangle} & A \times B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, g \rangle \circ \gamma &= \langle f \circ \gamma, g \circ \gamma \rangle && \text{composition with product} \\ &= \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times f), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times g) \rangle && f, g \text{ are morphisms in } S\text{-act} \\ &= \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times (\pi_1 \circ \langle f, g \rangle)), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times (\pi_2 \circ \langle f, g \rangle)) \rangle && \text{universal property of } A \times B \\ &= \langle \alpha \circ ((\text{id}_S \circ \text{id}_S) \times (\pi_1 \circ \langle f, g \rangle)), \beta \circ ((\text{id}_S \circ \text{id}_S) \times (\pi_2 \circ \langle f, g \rangle)) \rangle && \text{id}_S \text{ is identity} \\ &= \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1) \circ (\text{id}_S \times \langle f, g \rangle), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \circ (\text{id}_S \times \langle f, g \rangle) \rangle && \text{composition of direct products} \\ &= \langle \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_1), \beta \circ (\text{id}_S \times \pi_2) \rangle \circ (\text{id}_S \times \langle f, g \rangle) && \text{composition with product} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the universal property diagram commutes because it commutes in \mathcal{S} : we only need consider the first component of each object since morphisms in $S\text{-act}$ are morphisms in \mathcal{S} on the first components, and composition in $S\text{-act}$ is composition in \mathcal{S} . Similarly, the product of morphisms $\langle f, g \rangle$ is unique in $S\text{-act}$ because it is unique in \mathcal{S} .

We have shown that $S\text{-act}$ has a terminal object, and has a binary product for each pair of objects. It follows that $S\text{-act}$ is cartesian.

- (b) Suppose \mathcal{S} is distributive. Then for any objects A, B , and C , the canonical map $[\text{id}_A \times \iota_1, \text{id}_A \times \iota_2]$ is an isomorphism $(A \times B) + (A \times C) \simeq A \times (B + C)$, and for any object A , the canonical map $\langle !_A, \text{id}_0 \rangle$ is an isomorphism $0 \simeq A \times 0$. To show that $S\text{-act}$ is distributive is to show that these maps exist and are isomorphisms in $S\text{-act}$. For the maps to exist, we must first show that $S\text{-act}$ is bicartesian. We have seen that $S\text{-act}$ is cartesian when \mathcal{S} is cartesian. We proceed to show that $S\text{-act}$ is cocartesian when \mathcal{S} is distributive, and then that $S\text{-act}$ is also distributive.

Initial object Let $0 \in \mathcal{S}$ be initial, and let $!_{S \times 0} : 0 \rightarrow S \times 0$ be the unique morphism to $S \times 0$. Since \mathcal{S} is distributive, the map $!_{S \times 0}$ is an isomorphism and has an inverse. We show that the S -action $(0, (!_{S \times 0})^{-1})$ is initial in $S\text{-act}$. Let $(A, \alpha) \in S\text{-act}$. Then $!_A : 0 \rightarrow A$ in \mathcal{S} gives a morphism $(0, (!_{S \times 0})^{-1}) \rightarrow (A, \alpha)$ in $S\text{-act}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \times 0 & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times !_A} & S \times A \\ \downarrow (!_{S \times 0})^{-1} & & \downarrow \alpha \\ 0 & \xrightarrow{!_A} & A \end{array}$$

There is only one morphism $0 \rightarrow A$ in \mathcal{S} , therefore $\alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times !_A) \circ !_{S \times 0} = !_A$. Composing on the right with the inverse isomorphism, we obtain $\alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times !_A) = !_A \circ (!_{S \times 0})^{-1}$ as required. Uniqueness of $!_A$ in $S\text{-act}$ follows from its uniqueness in \mathcal{S} . Thus $(0, (!_{S \times 0})^{-1})$ is initial.

Binary coproducts Let (A, α) and (B, β) be objects in $S\text{-act}$. The object

$$(A, \alpha) + (B, \beta) = (A + B, (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1})$$

is their sum, with injections ι_1 and ι_2 . To see that this is an object of $S\text{-act}$, observe that $A + B$ is an object of \mathcal{S} since \mathcal{S} contains coproducts, and check the types of the morphisms:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\text{id}_S : S \rightarrow S \quad \iota_1 : A \rightarrow A + B}{\text{id}_S \times \iota_1 : S \times A \rightarrow S \times (A + B)} \quad \frac{\text{id}_S : S \rightarrow S \quad \iota_2 : B \rightarrow A + B}{\text{id}_S \times \iota_2 : S \times B \rightarrow S \times (A + B)}}{[\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2] : (S \times A) + (S \times B) \rightarrow S \times (A + B)} \quad \frac{\alpha : S \times A \rightarrow A \quad \beta : S \times B \rightarrow B}{(\alpha + \beta) : (S \times A) + (S \times B) \rightarrow A + B}}{[\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} : S \times (A + B) \rightarrow (S \times A) + (S \times B)} \quad \frac{(\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} : S \times (A + B) \rightarrow A + B}$$

We check that ι_1 and ι_2 are morphisms in $S\text{-act}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S \times A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times \iota_1} & S \times (A + B) \\
\alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} \\
A & \xrightarrow{\iota_1} & A + B
\end{array}$$

$\frac{\iota_1 \circ \alpha = (\alpha + \beta) \circ \iota_1}{\text{universal property of } (S \times A) + (S \times B)^1}$
 $\frac{\iota_1 \circ \alpha = (\alpha + \beta) \circ \text{id}_{(S \times A) + (S \times B)} \circ \iota_1}{\text{id}_{(S \times A) + (S \times B)} \text{ is identity}}$
 $\frac{\iota_1 \circ \alpha = (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2] \circ \iota_1}{\text{composition of inverses}}$
 $\frac{\iota_1 \circ \alpha = (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} \circ (\text{id}_S \times \iota_1)}{\text{universal property of } (S \times A) + (S \times B)}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S \times B & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times \iota_2} & S \times (A + B) \\
\beta \downarrow & & \downarrow (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} \\
B & \xrightarrow{\iota_2} & A + B
\end{array}$$

$\frac{\iota_2 \circ \beta = (\alpha + \beta) \circ \iota_2}{\text{universal property of } (S \times A) + (S \times B)}$
 $\frac{\iota_2 \circ \beta = (\alpha + \beta) \circ \text{id}_{(S \times A) + (S \times B)} \circ \iota_2}{\text{id}_{(S \times A) + (S \times B)} \text{ is identity}}$
 $\frac{\iota_2 \circ \beta = (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2] \circ \iota_2}{\text{composition of inverses}}$
 $\frac{\iota_2 \circ \beta = (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} \circ (\text{id}_S \times \iota_2)}{\text{universal property of } (S \times A) + (S \times B)}$

Finally, we check that $(A, \alpha) + (B, \beta)$ satisfies the universal property for coproducts.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & (A, \alpha) + (B, \beta) & & \\
& \nearrow \iota_1 & \vdots & \nwarrow \iota_2 & \\
(A, \alpha) & & [f, g] & & (B, \beta) \\
& \searrow f & \vdots & \swarrow g & \\
& & (C, \gamma) & &
\end{array}$$

Suppose (C, γ) is another object with injections $f : (A, \alpha) \rightarrow (C, \gamma)$ and $g : (B, \beta) \rightarrow (C, \gamma)$. Since f and g are morphisms in $S\text{-act}$, the following diagrams commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S \times A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times f} & S \times C \\
\alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\
A & \xrightarrow{f} & C
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{ccc}
S \times B & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times g} & S \times C \\
\beta \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\
B & \xrightarrow{g} & C
\end{array}$$

We can take the sum of morphisms $[f, g] : (A, \alpha) + (B, \beta) \rightarrow (C, \gamma)$ in $S\text{-act}$ to be the

sum $[f, g] : A + B \rightarrow C$ in \mathcal{S} .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S \times (A + B) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times [f, g]} & S \times C \\
 \downarrow (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} & & \downarrow \gamma \\
 A + B & \xrightarrow{[f, g]} & C
 \end{array}$$

First, observe:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [\text{id}_S \times f, \text{id}_S \times g] \\
 &= [\text{id}_S \times ([f, g] \circ \iota_1), \text{id}_S \times ([f, g] \circ \iota_2)] && \text{universal property of } A + B \\
 &= [(\text{id}_S \circ \text{id}_S) \times ([f, g] \circ \iota_1), (\text{id}_S \circ \text{id}_S) \times ([f, g] \circ \iota_2)] && \text{id}_S \text{ is identity} \\
 &= [(\text{id}_S \times [f, g]) \circ (\text{id}_S \times \iota_1), (\text{id}_S \times [f, g]) \circ (\text{id}_S \times \iota_2)] && \text{composition of direct products} \\
 &= (\text{id}_S \times [f, g]) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2] && \text{composition with sum}
 \end{aligned}$$

Composing on the left with γ and on the right with $[\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1}$, we get

$$\gamma \circ [\text{id}_S \times f, \text{id}_S \times g] \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} = \gamma \circ (\text{id}_S \times [f, g])$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \gamma \circ (\text{id}_S \times [f, g]) \\
 &= \gamma \circ [\text{id}_S \times f, \text{id}_S \times g] \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} \\
 &= [\gamma \circ (\text{id}_S \times f), \gamma \circ (\text{id}_S \times g)] \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} && \text{composition with sum} \\
 &= [f \circ \alpha, g \circ \beta] \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} && f, g \text{ morphisms in } S\text{-act} \\
 &= [f, g] \circ (\alpha + \beta) \circ [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]^{-1} && \text{composition of sums}
 \end{aligned}$$

This equality represents commutativity of the diagram above, and thus implies $[f, g]$ is a morphism in $S\text{-act}$.

By the same reasoning we used for products, the universal property diagram for coproducts commutes in $S\text{-act}$ because it commutes in \mathcal{S} , and the sum of morphisms $[f, g]$ is unique in $S\text{-act}$ because it is unique in \mathcal{S} .

Distributivity

With initial object Let (A, α) be an object, and let $(0, (!_{S \times 0})^{-1})$ be an initial object in $S\text{-act}$. Since \mathcal{S} is distributive, the unique map $!_A : 0 \rightarrow A$ is an isomorphism. We have already seen that $!_A$ is a morphism in $S\text{-act}$, indeed the unique morphism $(0, (!_{S \times 0})^{-1}) \rightarrow (A, \alpha)$. We now show $(!_A)^{-1}$ is also a morphism in $S\text{-act}$. It will follow that $!_A$ is an isomorphism in $S\text{-act}$, since identities and composition are inherited from \mathcal{S} .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S \times A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1}} & S \times 0 \\
 \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow (!_{S \times 0})^{-1} \\
 A & \xrightarrow{(!_A)^{-1}} & 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\overline{\alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times !_A) = !_A \circ (!_{S \times 0})^{-1}} \quad !_A \text{ is a morphism in } S\text{-act} \\
\hline
\overline{(!_A)^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times !_A) \circ (\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1}) = (!_A)^{-1} \circ !_A \circ (!_{S \times 0})^{-1} \circ (\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1})} \\
\hline
\overline{(!_A)^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times !_A) \circ (\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1}) = \text{id}_0 \circ (!_{S \times 0})^{-1} \circ (\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1})} \quad \text{inverses} \\
\hline
\overline{(!_A)^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ ((\text{id}_S \circ \text{id}_S) \times (!_A \circ (!_A)^{-1})) = \text{id}_0 \circ (!_{S \times 0})^{-1} \circ (\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1})} \quad \text{composition of products} \\
\hline
\overline{(!_A)^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ (\text{id}_S \times \text{id}_A) = (!_{S \times 0})^{-1} \circ (\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1})} \quad \text{identities and inverses} \\
\hline
\overline{(!_A)^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ \text{id}_{S \times A} = (!_{S \times 0})^{-1} \circ (\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1})} \quad \text{product of identities} \\
\hline
\overline{(!_A)^{-1} \circ \alpha = (!_{S \times 0})^{-1} \circ (\text{id}_S \times (!_A)^{-1})} \quad \text{id}_{S \times A} \text{ is identity}
\end{array}$$

With binary coproducts Let (A, α) , (B, β) , and (C, γ) be objects in $S\text{-act}$. Since S is distributive, the canonical map $[\text{id}_A \times \iota_1, \text{id}_A \times \iota_2] : (A \times B) + (A \times C) \rightarrow A \times (B + C)$ is an isomorphism. We now show that it and its inverse are both morphisms in $S\text{-act}$. That they are isomorphisms in $S\text{-act}$ will follow immediately, since identities and composition are as in S .

We first calculate the objects between which we want $[\text{id}_A \times \iota_1, \text{id}_A \times \iota_2]$ to be a morphism in $S\text{-act}$. To simplify the notation, we introduce the following (polymorphic) abbreviations.

$$\begin{aligned}
p_1 &= \text{id}_S \times \pi_1 \\
p_2 &= \text{id}_S \times \pi_2 \\
s &= [\text{id}_S \times \iota_1, \text{id}_S \times \iota_2]
\end{aligned}$$

Also, we denote composition $- \circ -$ by juxtaposition $---$.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\overline{(A, \alpha)} \quad \overline{(B, \beta)} \quad \overline{(A, \alpha)} \quad \overline{(C, \gamma)} \\
\overline{(A \times B, \langle \alpha p_1, \beta p_2 \rangle)} \quad \overline{(A \times C, \langle \alpha p_1, \gamma p_2 \rangle)} \\
\hline
\overline{((A \times B) + (A \times C), (\langle \alpha p_1, \beta p_2 \rangle + \langle \alpha p_1, \gamma p_2 \rangle) s^{-1})} \\
\hline
\overline{(B, \beta)} \quad \overline{(C, \gamma)} \\
\overline{(A, \alpha)} \quad \overline{(B + C, (\beta + \gamma) s^{-1})} \\
\hline
\overline{(A \times (B + C), \langle \alpha p_1, (\beta + \gamma) s^{-1} p_2 \rangle)}
\end{array}$$

We now show $a = [\text{id}_A \times \iota_1, \text{id}_A \times \iota_2]$ is a morphism in $S\text{-act}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S \times ((A \times B) + (A \times C)) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_S \times a} & S \times (A \times (B + C)) \\
\downarrow \langle \alpha p_1, \beta p_2 \rangle + \langle \alpha p_1, \gamma p_2 \rangle s^{-1} & & \downarrow \langle \alpha p_1, (\beta + \gamma) s^{-1} p_2 \rangle \\
(A \times B) + (A \times C) & \xrightarrow{a} & A \times (B + C)
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& a (\langle \alpha p_1, \beta p_2 \rangle + \langle \alpha p_1, \gamma p_2 \rangle) s^{-1} \\
&= [\text{id}_A \times \iota_1, \text{id}_A \times \iota_2] (\langle \alpha p_1, \beta p_2 \rangle + \langle \alpha p_1, \gamma p_2 \rangle) s^{-1} \\
&= [(\text{id}_A \times \iota_1) \langle \alpha p_1, \beta p_2 \rangle, (\text{id}_A \times \iota_2) \langle \alpha p_1, \gamma p_2 \rangle] s^{-1} \\
&= [\langle \text{id}_A \alpha p_1, \iota_1 \beta p_2 \rangle, \langle \text{id}_A \alpha p_1, \iota_2 \gamma p_2 \rangle] s^{-1} \\
&= [\langle \alpha p_1, \iota_1 \beta p_2 \rangle, \langle \alpha p_1, \iota_2 \gamma p_2 \rangle] s^{-1} \\
&= [(\alpha \times \iota_1 \beta) \langle p_1, p_2 \rangle, (\alpha \times \iota_2 \gamma) \langle p_1, p_2 \rangle] s^{-1} \\
&= [\alpha \times \iota_1 \beta, \alpha \times \iota_2 \gamma] (\langle p_1, p_2 \rangle + \langle p_1, p_2 \rangle) s^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \alpha p_1, (\beta + \gamma) s^{-1} p_2 \rangle (\text{id}_S \times a) \\
&= (\alpha \times (\beta + \gamma) s^{-1}) \langle p_1, p_2 \rangle (\text{id}_S \times a)
\end{aligned}$$

3. On sections and regular, strong, and extremal monomorphisms

(a) **section** \implies **regular** Let $m : X \rightarrow Y$ be a section of $s : Y \rightarrow X$, which means $s \circ m = \text{id}_X$. (It follows, and in any case we assume, that m is a monomorphism.) Then m is an equaliser of id_Y and $m \circ s$, since

$$\begin{array}{l}
\frac{\overline{m = m}}{m = m \circ \text{id}_X} \text{id}_X \text{ is identity} \\
\frac{\overline{m = m \circ \text{id}_X}}{\text{id}_Y \circ m = m \circ s \circ m} \text{id}_Y \text{ is identity, } s \circ m = \text{id}_X
\end{array}$$

and m is universal: Specifically, given any $m' : Z \rightarrow Y$ satisfying $\text{id}_Y \circ m' = m \circ s \circ m'$, we immediately have $m' = m \circ u$, where $u = s \circ m'$, since id_Y is the identity. This u is unique: If u' also satisfies $m' = m \circ u'$, then

$$\begin{array}{l}
\frac{\overline{m \circ u' = m'}}{m \circ u' = m \circ s \circ m'} \text{ assumption on } u' \\
\frac{\overline{m \circ u' = m \circ s \circ m'}}{u' = s \circ m'} \text{ assumption on } m' \\
\frac{u' = s \circ m'}{u' = u} \text{ } m \text{ is mono} \\
\text{definition of } u
\end{array}$$

regular \implies **strong** Let $m : X \rightarrow Y$ be a monomorphism, so $\forall u, x : U \rightarrow X. m \circ u = m \circ x \implies u = x$. Furthermore, let m be regular, so there exist $f, g : Y \rightarrow Z$ such that m satisfies the following universal property: $\forall v : V \rightarrow Y. f \circ v = g \circ v \implies \exists! d : V \rightarrow X. v = m \circ d$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
X & \xrightarrow{m} & Y & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} & Z \\
\uparrow & & \nearrow & & \\
d \downarrow & & v & & \\
V & & & &
\end{array}$$

Now let $e : U \rightarrow V$ be an epimorphism, so $\forall a, b : V \rightarrow Z. a \circ e = b \circ e \implies a = b$. Also

let u and v morphisms such that the square below, without the diagonal, commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{e} & V \\ u \downarrow & \nearrow d & \downarrow v \\ X & \xrightarrow{m} & Y \end{array}$$

We first show that there is a unique morphism $d : V \rightarrow X$ that makes the lower triangle commute.

$$\frac{\frac{f \circ m = g \circ m}{f \circ m \circ u = g \circ m \circ u} \quad m \text{ equalises } f, g}{\frac{f \circ v \circ e = g \circ v \circ e}{f \circ v = g \circ v} \quad e \text{ is epi}} \quad \frac{\frac{m \circ u = v \circ e}{m \circ u = v \circ e} \text{ square commutes}}{\exists! d. v = m \circ d} \quad m \text{ equalises } f, g$$

We now show the upper triangle also commutes, given this morphism d .

$$\frac{\frac{m \circ u = v \circ e}{m \circ u = m \circ d \circ e} \text{ square commutes} \quad \frac{v = m \circ d}{v = m \circ d} \text{ lower triangle commutes}}{u = d \circ e} \quad m \text{ is mono}$$

It follows that d is unique among morphisms that make both triangles commute. Therefore m is strong.

strong \implies **extremal** Let $m : X \rightarrow Y$ be a strong monomorphism. Now let $e : X \rightarrow V$ be an epimorphism such that triangle on the left commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & V \\ & \nearrow e & \downarrow v \\ X & \xrightarrow{m} & Y \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{e} & V \\ \text{id}_X \downarrow & & \downarrow v \\ X & \xrightarrow{m} & Y \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{e} & V \\ \text{id}_X \downarrow & \nearrow d & \downarrow v \\ X & \xrightarrow{m} & Y \end{array}$$

From the commutativity of the triangle follows the commutativity of the square in the middle, because $m \circ \text{id}_X = m$. Then, since m is strong, there exists a unique $d : V \rightarrow X$ such that both triangles on the right commute.

We get $e \circ d = \text{id}_X$ from the commutativity of the upper triangle. Additionally,

$$\frac{\frac{v \circ e = m}{v \circ e = m} \text{ square commutes} \quad \frac{v = m \circ d}{v = m \circ d} \text{ lower triangle commutes}}{\frac{m \circ d \circ e = m}{m \circ d \circ e = m \circ \text{id}_V} \quad \text{id}_V \text{ is identity}} \quad \frac{d \circ e = \text{id}_V}{d \circ e = \text{id}_V} \quad m \text{ is mono}$$

Therefore e is an isomorphism, with inverse d .

4. On retractions, sections, pushouts, and coequalisers

(a) \implies Suppose the square below is a pushout.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\ r \downarrow & & \downarrow q \\ B & \xrightarrow{p} & P \end{array}$$

In other words, $p \circ r = q \circ g$, and for any other arrows $p' : B \rightarrow P'$ and $q' : C \rightarrow P'$ such that $p' \circ r = q' \circ g$, there is a unique arrow $u : P \rightarrow P'$ such that $p' = u \circ p$ and $q' = u \circ q$.

Then

$$\begin{array}{l} \overline{p \circ r = q \circ g} \text{ square commutes} \\ \overline{p \circ r \circ s = q \circ g \circ s} \\ \overline{p \circ \text{id}_B = q \circ g \circ s} \text{ } r \text{ retracts } s \\ \overline{p = q \circ g \circ s} \text{ } \text{id}_B \text{ is identity} \end{array}$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{array}{l} \overline{p \circ r = p \circ r} \text{ } \text{id}_B \text{ is identity} \\ \overline{p \circ r = p \circ \text{id}_B \circ r} \\ \overline{p \circ r = p \circ r \circ s \circ r} \text{ } r \text{ retracts } s \\ \overline{q \circ g = q \circ g \circ s \circ r} \end{array} \quad \overline{p \circ r = q \circ g} \text{ square commutes}$$

and, for any other $q' : C \rightarrow P'$ such that $q' \circ g = q' \circ g \circ s \circ r$, we can take $p' = q' \circ g \circ s$ and instantiate the universal property of the pushout to obtain a unique $u : P \rightarrow P'$ such that $p' = u \circ p$ and $q' = u \circ q$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & P' \\ & q' \nearrow & \uparrow u \\ A & \xrightarrow{g} & C \xrightarrow{q} P \\ & \xrightarrow{g \circ s \circ r} & \end{array}$$

In fact, u is unique among arrows u' that make $q' = u' \circ q$:

$$\begin{array}{l} \overline{u' \circ q \circ g \circ s = u' \circ q \circ g \circ s} \\ \overline{q' \circ g \circ s = u' \circ q \circ g \circ s} \text{ } q' = u' \circ q \\ \overline{q' \circ g \circ s = u' \circ p} \text{ } p = q \circ g \circ s \\ \overline{p' = u' \circ p} \text{ } p' = q' \circ g \circ s \quad \overline{q' = u' \circ q} \text{ assumption} \\ \overline{u' = u} \text{ } u \text{ is unique} \end{array}$$

Therefore q coequalises g and $g \circ s \circ r$.

\Leftarrow Suppose now that $p = q \circ g \circ s$ and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{g} & C \xrightarrow{q} P \\ & \xrightarrow{g \circ s \circ r} & \end{array}$$

