

# Basic Properties of Objects and Morphisms

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The articles [6], [8], [9], [1], [2], [3], [4], [7], and [5] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

Let  $C$  be a non empty category structure with units, let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ , and let  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_1$ . We say that  $A$  is left inverse of  $B$  if and only if:

(Def. 1)  $A \cdot B = \text{id}_{(o_2)}$ .

We introduce  $B$  is right inverse of  $A$  as a synonym of  $A$  is left inverse of  $B$ .

Let  $C$  be a non empty category structure with units, let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . We say that  $A$  is retraction if and only if:

(Def. 2) There exists a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_1$  which is right inverse of  $A$ .

Let  $C$  be a non empty category structure with units, let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . We say that  $A$  is coretraction if and only if:

(Def. 3) There exists a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_1$  which is left inverse of  $A$ .

We now state the proposition

(1) Let  $C$  be a non empty category structure with units and  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . Then  $\text{id}_o$  is retraction and  $\text{id}_o$  is coretraction.

Let  $C$  be a category and let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ . Let us assume that  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . Let us assume that  $A$  is retraction and coretraction. The functor  $A^{-1}$  yields a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_1$  and is defined by:

(Def. 4)  $A^{-1}$  is left inverse of  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$  is right inverse of  $A$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

(2) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . If  $A$  is retraction and coretraction, then  $A^{-1} \cdot A = \text{id}_{(o_1)}$  and  $A \cdot A^{-1} = \text{id}_{(o_2)}$ .

(3) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . If  $A$  is retraction and coretraction, then  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$ .

(4) For every category  $C$  and for every object  $o$  of  $C$  holds  $(\text{id}_o)^{-1} = \text{id}_o$ .

Let  $C$  be a category, let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . We say that  $A$  is iso if and only if:

(Def. 5)  $A \cdot A^{-1} = \text{id}_{(o_2)}$  and  $A^{-1} \cdot A = \text{id}_{(o_1)}$ .

Next we state three propositions:

- (5) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . If  $A$  is iso, then  $A$  is retraction and coretraction.
- (6) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . Then  $A$  is iso if and only if  $A$  is retraction and coretraction.
- (7) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ ,  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ , and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_3, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $A$  is iso and  $B$  is iso. Then  $B \cdot A$  is iso and  $(B \cdot A)^{-1} = A^{-1} \cdot B^{-1}$ .

Let  $C$  be a category and let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ . We say that  $o_1, o_2$  are iso if and only if:

(Def. 6)  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and there exists a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  which is iso.

Let us notice that the predicate  $o_1, o_2$  are iso is reflexive and symmetric.

We now state the proposition

- (8) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ . If  $o_1, o_2$  are iso and  $o_2, o_3$  are iso, then  $o_1, o_3$  are iso.

Let  $C$  be a non empty category structure, let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . We say that  $A$  is mono if and only if:

(Def. 7) For every object  $o$  of  $C$  such that  $\langle o, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and for all morphisms  $B, C$  from  $o$  to  $o_1$  such that  $A \cdot B = A \cdot C$  holds  $B = C$ .

Let  $C$  be a non empty category structure, let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . We say that  $A$  is epi if and only if:

(Def. 8) For every object  $o$  of  $C$  such that  $\langle o_2, o \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and for all morphisms  $B, C$  from  $o_2$  to  $o$  such that  $B \cdot A = C \cdot A$  holds  $B = C$ .

We now state a number of propositions:

- (9) Let  $C$  be an associative transitive non empty category structure and  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . If  $A$  is mono and  $B$  is mono, then  $B \cdot A$  is mono.
- (10) Let  $C$  be an associative transitive non empty category structure and  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . If  $A$  is epi and  $B$  is epi, then  $B \cdot A$  is epi.
- (11) Let  $C$  be an associative transitive non empty category structure and  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . If  $B \cdot A$  is mono, then  $A$  is mono.
- (12) Let  $C$  be an associative transitive non empty category structure and  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . If  $B \cdot A$  is epi, then  $B$  is epi.
- (13) Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $\text{Ens}_X$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  and  $F$  be a function from  $o_1$  into  $o_2$ . If  $F = A$ , then  $A$  is mono iff  $F$  is one-to-one.

- (14) Let  $X$  be a non empty set with non empty elements and  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $\text{Ens}_X$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  and  $F$  be a function from  $o_1$  into  $o_2$ . If  $F = A$ , then  $A$  is epi iff  $F$  is onto.
- (15) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . If  $A$  is retraction, then  $A$  is epi.
- (16) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . If  $A$  is coretraction, then  $A$  is mono.
- (17) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . If  $A$  is iso, then  $A$  is mono and epi.
- (18) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_3, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . If  $A$  is retraction and  $B$  is retraction, then  $B \cdot A$  is retraction.
- (19) Let  $C$  be a category and  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_3, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . If  $A$  is coretraction and  $B$  is coretraction, then  $B \cdot A$  is coretraction.
- (20) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . If  $A$  is retraction and mono and  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ , then  $A$  is iso.
- (21) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . If  $A$  is coretraction and epi and  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$ , then  $A$  is iso.
- (22) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ ,  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ , and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_3, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \cdot A$  is retraction. Then  $B$  is retraction.
- (23) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ ,  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ , and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . Suppose  $\langle o_1, o_2 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_2, o_3 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle o_3, o_1 \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \cdot A$  is coretraction. Then  $A$  is coretraction.
- (24) Let  $C$  be a category. Suppose that for all objects  $o_1, o_2$  of  $C$  holds every morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$  is retraction. Let  $a, b$  be objects of  $C$  and  $A$  be a morphism from  $a$  to  $b$ . If  $\langle a, b \rangle \neq \emptyset$  and  $\langle b, a \rangle \neq \emptyset$ , then  $A$  is iso.

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Let  $C$  be a category, let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ , and let  $A, B$  be epi morphisms from  $o$  to  $o$ . One can verify that  $A \cdot B$  is epi.

Let  $C$  be a category, let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ , and let  $A, B$  be iso morphisms from  $o$  to  $o$ . Observe that  $A \cdot B$  is iso.

Let  $C$  be a category, let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ , and let  $A, B$  be retraction morphisms from  $o$  to  $o$ . Observe that  $A \cdot B$  is retraction.

Let  $C$  be a category, let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ , and let  $A, B$  be coretraction morphisms from  $o$  to  $o$ . Note that  $A \cdot B$  is coretraction.

Let  $C$  be a graph and let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . We say that  $o$  is initial if and only if:

- (Def. 9) For every object  $o_1$  of  $C$  there exists a morphism  $M$  from  $o$  to  $o_1$  such that  $M \in \langle o, o_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle o, o_1 \rangle$  is trivial.

One can prove the following two propositions:

- (25) Let  $C$  be a graph and  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . Then  $o$  is initial if and only if for every object  $o_1$  of  $C$  there exists a morphism  $M$  from  $o$  to  $o_1$  such that  $M \in \langle o, o_1 \rangle$  and for every morphism  $M_1$  from  $o$  to  $o_1$  such that  $M_1 \in \langle o, o_1 \rangle$  holds  $M = M_1$ .
- (26) For every category  $C$  and for all objects  $o_1, o_2$  of  $C$  such that  $o_1$  is initial and  $o_2$  is initial holds  $o_1, o_2$  are iso.

Let  $C$  be a graph and let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . We say that  $o$  is terminal if and only if:

- (Def. 10) For every object  $o_1$  of  $C$  there exists a morphism  $M$  from  $o_1$  to  $o$  such that  $M \in \langle o_1, o \rangle$  and  $\langle o_1, o \rangle$  is trivial.

Next we state two propositions:

- (27) Let  $C$  be a graph and  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . Then  $o$  is terminal if and only if for every object  $o_1$  of  $C$  there exists a morphism  $M$  from  $o_1$  to  $o$  such that  $M \in \langle o_1, o \rangle$  and for every morphism  $M_1$  from  $o_1$  to  $o$  such that  $M_1 \in \langle o_1, o \rangle$  holds  $M = M_1$ .
- (28) For every category  $C$  and for all objects  $o_1, o_2$  of  $C$  such that  $o_1$  is terminal and  $o_2$  is terminal holds  $o_1, o_2$  are iso.

Let  $C$  be a graph and let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . We say that  $o$  is zero if and only if:

- (Def. 11)  $o$  is initial and terminal.

One can prove the following proposition

- (29) For every category  $C$  and for all objects  $o_1, o_2$  of  $C$  such that  $o_1$  is zero and  $o_2$  is zero holds  $o_1, o_2$  are iso.

Let  $C$  be a non empty category structure, let  $o_1, o_2$  be objects of  $C$ , and let  $M$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ . We say that  $M$  is zero if and only if the condition (Def. 12) is satisfied.

- (Def. 12) Let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . Suppose  $o$  is zero. Let  $A$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o$  and  $B$  be a morphism from  $o$  to  $o_2$ . Then  $M = B \cdot A$ .

We now state the proposition

- (30) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o_1, o_2, o_3$  be objects of  $C$ ,  $M_1$  be a morphism from  $o_1$  to  $o_2$ , and  $M_2$  be a morphism from  $o_2$  to  $o_3$ . If  $M_1$  is zero and  $M_2$  is zero, then  $M_2 \cdot M_1$  is zero.

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