

# Categorical Categories and Slice Categories

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**Summary.** By categorical categories we mean categories with categories as objects and morphisms of the form  $(C_1, C_2, F)$ , where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are categories and  $F$  is a functor from  $C_1$  into  $C_2$ .

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The articles [10], [6], [13], [11], [9], [14], [2], [3], [7], [12], [5], [4], [8], and [1] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

## 1. CATEGORIES WITH TRIPLE-LIKE MORPHISMS

Let  $D_1, D_2, D$  be non empty sets and let  $x$  be an element of  $[:D_1, D_2:], D:]$ . Then  $x_{1,1}$  is an element of  $D_1$ . Then  $x_{1,2}$  is an element of  $D_2$ .

Let  $D_1, D_2$  be non empty sets and let  $x$  be an element of  $[D_1, D_2:]$ . Then  $x_2$  is an element of  $D_2$ .  
The following proposition is true

- (1) Let  $C, D$  be category structures. Suppose the category structure of  $C =$  the category structure of  $D$ . If  $C$  is category-like, then  $D$  is category-like.

Let  $I_1$  be a category structure. We say that  $I_1$  has triple-like morphisms if and only if:

(Def. 1) For every morphism  $f$  of  $I_1$  there exists a set  $x$  such that  $f = \langle \langle \text{dom } f, \text{cod } f \rangle, x \rangle$ .

Let us observe that there exists a strict category which has triple-like morphisms.

One can prove the following proposition

- (2) Let  $C$  be a category structure with triple-like morphisms and  $f$  be a morphism of  $C$ . Then  $\text{dom } f = f_{1,1}$  and  $\text{cod } f = f_{1,2}$  and  $f = \langle \langle \text{dom } f, \text{cod } f \rangle, f_2 \rangle$ .

Let  $C$  be a category structure with triple-like morphisms and let  $f$  be a morphism of  $C$ . Then  $f_{1,1}$  is an object of  $C$ . Then  $f_{1,2}$  is an object of  $C$ .

In this article we present several logical schemes. The scheme *CatEx* deals with non empty sets  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ , a binary functor  $\mathcal{F}$  yielding a set, and a ternary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

There exists a strict category  $C$  with triple-like morphisms such that

- (i) the objects of  $C = \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (ii) for all elements  $a, b$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for every element  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, f]$  holds  $\langle \langle a, b \rangle, f \rangle$  is a morphism of  $C$ ,
- (iii) for every morphism  $m$  of  $C$  there exist elements  $a, b$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and there exists an element  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $m = \langle \langle a, b \rangle, f \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, f]$ , and

(iv) for all morphisms  $m_1, m_2$  of  $C$  and for all elements  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for all elements  $f_1, f_2$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $m_1 = \langle \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle, f_1 \rangle$  and  $m_2 = \langle \langle a_2, a_3 \rangle, f_2 \rangle$  holds  $m_2 \cdot m_1 = \langle \langle a_1, a_3 \rangle, \mathcal{F}(f_2, f_1) \rangle$

provided the parameters have the following properties:

- For all elements  $a, b, c$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for all elements  $f, g$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, f]$  and  $\mathcal{P}[b, c, g]$  holds  $\mathcal{F}(g, f) \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{P}[a, c, \mathcal{F}(g, f)]$ ,
- Let  $a$  be an element of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then there exists an element  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that
  - (i)  $\mathcal{P}[a, a, f]$ , and
  - (ii) for every element  $b$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for every element  $g$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  holds if  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, g]$ , then  $\mathcal{F}(g, f) = g$  and if  $\mathcal{P}[b, a, g]$ , then  $\mathcal{F}(f, g) = g$ ,  
and
- Let  $a, b, c, d$  be elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $f, g, h$  be elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, f]$  and  $\mathcal{P}[b, c, g]$  and  $\mathcal{P}[c, d, h]$ , then  $\mathcal{F}(h, \mathcal{F}(g, f)) = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(h, g), f)$ .

The scheme *CatUniq* deals with non empty sets  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ , a binary functor  $\mathcal{F}$  yielding a set, and a ternary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

Let  $C_1, C_2$  be strict categories with triple-like morphisms. Suppose that the objects of  $C_1 = \mathcal{A}$  and for all elements  $a, b$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for every element  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, f]$  holds  $\langle \langle a, b \rangle, f \rangle$  is a morphism of  $C_1$  and for every morphism  $m$  of  $C_1$  there exist elements  $a, b$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and there exists an element  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $m = \langle \langle a, b \rangle, f \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, f]$  and for all morphisms  $m_1, m_2$  of  $C_1$  and for all elements  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for all elements  $f_1, f_2$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $m_1 = \langle \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle, f_1 \rangle$  and  $m_2 = \langle \langle a_2, a_3 \rangle, f_2 \rangle$  holds  $m_2 \cdot m_1 = \langle \langle a_1, a_3 \rangle, \mathcal{F}(f_2, f_1) \rangle$  and the objects of  $C_2 = \mathcal{A}$  and for all elements  $a, b$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for every element  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, f]$  holds  $\langle \langle a, b \rangle, f \rangle$  is a morphism of  $C_2$  and for every morphism  $m$  of  $C_2$  there exist elements  $a, b$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and there exists an element  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $m = \langle \langle a, b \rangle, f \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, f]$  and for all morphisms  $m_1, m_2$  of  $C_2$  and for all elements  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for all elements  $f_1, f_2$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $m_1 = \langle \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle, f_1 \rangle$  and  $m_2 = \langle \langle a_2, a_3 \rangle, f_2 \rangle$  holds  $m_2 \cdot m_1 = \langle \langle a_1, a_3 \rangle, \mathcal{F}(f_2, f_1) \rangle$ . Then  $C_1 = C_2$

provided the parameters have the following property:

- Let  $a$  be an element of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then there exists an element  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that
  - (i)  $\mathcal{P}[a, a, f]$ , and
  - (ii) for every element  $b$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for every element  $g$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  holds if  $\mathcal{P}[a, b, g]$ , then  $\mathcal{F}(g, f) = g$  and if  $\mathcal{P}[b, a, g]$ , then  $\mathcal{F}(f, g) = g$ .

The scheme *FunctorEx* deals with categories  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ , a unary functor  $\mathcal{F}$  yielding an object of  $\mathcal{B}$ , and a unary functor  $\mathcal{G}$  yielding a set, and states that:

There exists a functor  $F$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  such that for every morphism  $f$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  holds  $F(f) = \mathcal{G}(f)$

provided the following conditions are met:

- Let  $f$  be a morphism of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mathcal{G}(f)$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{B}$  and for every morphism  $g$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $g = \mathcal{G}(f)$  holds  $\text{dom } g = \mathcal{F}(\text{dom } f)$  and  $\text{cod } g = \mathcal{F}(\text{cod } f)$ ,
- For every object  $a$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  holds  $\mathcal{G}(\text{id}_a) = \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}(a)}$ , and
- For all morphisms  $f_1, f_2$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for all morphisms  $g_1, g_2$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $g_1 = \mathcal{G}(f_1)$  and  $g_2 = \mathcal{G}(f_2)$  and  $\text{dom } f_2 = \text{cod } f_1$  holds  $\mathcal{G}(f_2 \cdot f_1) = g_2 \cdot g_1$ .

We now state two propositions:

- (3) Let  $C_1$  be a category and  $C_2$  be a subcategory of  $C_1$ . Suppose  $C_1$  is a subcategory of  $C_2$ . Then the category structure of  $C_1 =$  the category structure of  $C_2$ .
- (4) For every category  $C$  and for every subcategory  $D$  of  $C$  holds every subcategory of  $D$  is a subcategory of  $C$ .

Let  $C_1, C_2$  be categories. Let us assume that there exists a category  $C$  such that  $C_1$  is a subcategory of  $C$  and  $C_2$  is a subcategory of  $C$ . And let us assume that there exists an object  $o_1$  of  $C_1$  such that  $o_1$  is an object of  $C_2$ . The functor  $C_1 \cap C_2$  yielding a strict category is defined by the conditions (Def. 2).

- (Def. 2)(i) The objects of  $C_1 \cap C_2 = (\text{the objects of } C_1) \cap (\text{the objects of } C_2)$ ,
- (ii) the morphisms of  $C_1 \cap C_2 = (\text{the morphisms of } C_1) \cap (\text{the morphisms of } C_2)$ ,
- (iii) the dom-map of  $C_1 \cap C_2 = (\text{the dom-map of } C_1) \upharpoonright (\text{the morphisms of } C_2)$ ,
- (iv) the cod-map of  $C_1 \cap C_2 = (\text{the cod-map of } C_1) \upharpoonright (\text{the morphisms of } C_2)$ ,
- (v) the composition of  $C_1 \cap C_2 = (\text{the composition of } C_1) \upharpoonright \{ \text{the morphisms of } C_2, \text{ the morphisms of } C_2 \}$ , and
- (vi) the id-map of  $C_1 \cap C_2 = (\text{the id-map of } C_1) \upharpoonright (\text{the objects of } C_2)$ .

In the sequel  $C$  is a category and  $C_1, C_2$  are subcategories of  $C$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (5) If the objects of  $C_1$  meets the objects of  $C_2$ , then  $C_1 \cap C_2 = C_2 \cap C_1$ .
- (6) Suppose the objects of  $C_1$  meets the objects of  $C_2$ . Then  $C_1 \cap C_2$  is a subcategory of  $C_1$  and  $C_1 \cap C_2$  is a subcategory of  $C_2$ .

Let  $C, D$  be categories and let  $F$  be a functor from  $C$  to  $D$ . The functor  $\text{Im } F$  yielding a strict subcategory of  $D$  is defined by the conditions (Def. 3).

- (Def. 3)(i) The objects of  $\text{Im } F = \text{rng Obj } F$ ,
- (ii)  $\text{rng } F \subseteq$  the morphisms of  $\text{Im } F$ , and
- (iii) for every subcategory  $E$  of  $D$  such that the objects of  $E = \text{rng Obj } F$  and  $\text{rng } F \subseteq$  the morphisms of  $E$  holds  $\text{Im } F$  is a subcategory of  $E$ .

The following three propositions are true:

- (7) Let  $C, D$  be categories,  $E$  be a subcategory of  $D$ , and  $F$  be a functor from  $C$  to  $D$ . If  $\text{rng } F \subseteq$  the morphisms of  $E$ , then  $F$  is a functor from  $C$  to  $E$ .
- (8) For all categories  $C, D$  holds every functor  $F$  from  $C$  to  $D$  is a functor from  $C$  to  $\text{Im } F$ .
- (9) Let  $C, D$  be categories,  $E$  be a subcategory of  $D$ ,  $F$  be a functor from  $C$  to  $E$ , and  $G$  be a functor from  $C$  to  $D$ . If  $F = G$ , then  $\text{Im } F = \text{Im } G$ .

## 2. CATEGORIAL CATEGORIES

Let  $I_1$  be a set. We say that  $I_1$  is categorial if and only if:

- (Def. 4) For every set  $x$  such that  $x \in I_1$  holds  $x$  is a category.

One can verify that there exists a non empty set which is categorial. Let  $X$  be a non empty set. Let us observe that  $X$  is categorial if and only if:

- (Def. 5) Every element of  $X$  is a category.

Let  $X$  be a non empty categorial set. We see that the element of  $X$  is a category.

Let  $C$  be a category. We say that  $C$  is categorial if and only if the conditions (Def. 6) are satisfied.

- (Def. 6)(i) The objects of  $C$  are categorial,
- (ii) for every object  $a$  of  $C$  and for every category  $A$  such that  $a = A$  holds  $\text{id}_a = \langle \langle A, A \rangle, \text{id}_A \rangle$ ,
- (iii) for every morphism  $m$  of  $C$  and for all categories  $A, B$  such that  $A = \text{dom } m$  and  $B = \text{cod } m$  there exists a functor  $F$  from  $A$  to  $B$  such that  $m = \langle \langle A, B \rangle, F \rangle$ , and
- (iv) for all morphisms  $m_1, m_2$  of  $C$  and for all categories  $A, B, C$  and for every functor  $F$  from  $A$  to  $B$  and for every functor  $G$  from  $B$  to  $C$  such that  $m_1 = \langle \langle A, B \rangle, F \rangle$  and  $m_2 = \langle \langle B, C \rangle, G \rangle$  holds  $m_2 \cdot m_1 = \langle \langle A, C \rangle, G \cdot F \rangle$ .

Let us note that every category which is categorial has also triple-like morphisms.

Next we state two propositions:

(10) Let  $C, D$  be categories. Suppose the category structure of  $C =$  the category structure of  $D$ . If  $C$  is categorial, then  $D$  is categorial.

(11) For every category  $C$  holds  $\mathring{\circ}(C, \langle\langle C, C \rangle, \text{id}_C \rangle)$  is categorial.

Let us observe that there exists a strict category which is categorial.

Next we state two propositions:

(12) For every categorial category  $C$  holds every object of  $C$  is a category.

(13) For every categorial category  $C$  and for every morphism  $f$  of  $C$  holds  $\text{dom } f = f_{1,1}$  and  $\text{cod } f = f_{1,2}$ .

Let  $C$  be a categorial category and let  $m$  be a morphism of  $C$ . Then  $m_{1,1}$  is a category. Then  $m_{1,2}$  is a category.

We now state the proposition

(14) Let  $C_1, C_2$  be categorial categories. Suppose the objects of  $C_1 =$  the objects of  $C_2$  and the morphisms of  $C_1 =$  the morphisms of  $C_2$ . Then the category structure of  $C_1 =$  the category structure of  $C_2$ .

Let  $C$  be a categorial category. One can verify that every subcategory of  $C$  is categorial.

The following proposition is true

(15) Let  $C, D$  be categorial categories. Suppose the morphisms of  $C \subseteq$  the morphisms of  $D$ . Then  $C$  is a subcategory of  $D$ .

Let  $a$  be a set. Let us assume that  $a$  is a category. The functor  $\text{cat } a$  yields a category and is defined as follows:

(Def. 7)  $\text{cat } a = a$ .

The following proposition is true

(16) For every categorial category  $C$  and for every object  $c$  of  $C$  holds  $\text{cat } c = c$ .

Let  $C$  be a categorial category and let  $m$  be a morphism of  $C$ . Then  $m_2$  is a functor from  $\text{cat } \text{dom } m$  to  $\text{cat } \text{cod } m$ .

Next we state two propositions:

(17) Let  $X$  be a categorial non empty set and  $Y$  be a non empty set. Suppose that

(i) for all elements  $A, B, C$  of  $X$  and for every functor  $F$  from  $A$  to  $B$  and for every functor  $G$  from  $B$  to  $C$  such that  $F \in Y$  and  $G \in Y$  holds  $G \cdot F \in Y$ , and

(ii) for every element  $A$  of  $X$  holds  $\text{id}_A \in Y$ .

Then there exists a strict categorial category  $C$  such that

(iii) the objects of  $C = X$ , and

(iv) for all elements  $A, B$  of  $X$  and for every functor  $F$  from  $A$  to  $B$  holds  $\langle\langle A, B \rangle, F \rangle$  is a morphism of  $C$  iff  $F \in Y$ .

(18) Let  $X$  be a categorial non empty set,  $Y$  be a non empty set, and  $C_1, C_2$  be strict categorial categories. Suppose that

(i) the objects of  $C_1 = X$ ,

(ii) for all elements  $A, B$  of  $X$  and for every functor  $F$  from  $A$  to  $B$  holds  $\langle\langle A, B \rangle, F \rangle$  is a morphism of  $C_1$  iff  $F \in Y$ ,

(iii) the objects of  $C_2 = X$ , and

(iv) for all elements  $A, B$  of  $X$  and for every functor  $F$  from  $A$  to  $B$  holds  $\langle\langle A, B \rangle, F \rangle$  is a morphism of  $C_2$  iff  $F \in Y$ .

Then  $C_1 = C_2$ .

Let  $I_1$  be a categorial category. We say that  $I_1$  is full if and only if the condition (Def. 8) is satisfied.

(Def. 8) Let  $a, b$  be categories. Suppose  $a$  is an object of  $I_1$  and  $b$  is an object of  $I_1$ . Let  $F$  be a functor from  $a$  to  $b$ . Then  $\langle\langle a, b \rangle, F\rangle$  is a morphism of  $I_1$ .

Let us note that there exists a categorial strict category which is full.

The following four propositions are true:

- (19) Let  $C_1, C_2$  be full categorial categories. Suppose the objects of  $C_1 =$  the objects of  $C_2$ . Then the category structure of  $C_1 =$  the category structure of  $C_2$ .
- (20) For every categorial non empty set  $A$  there exists a full categorial strict category  $C$  such that the objects of  $C = A$ .
- (21) Let  $C$  be a categorial category and  $D$  be a full categorial category. Suppose the objects of  $C \subseteq$  the objects of  $D$ . Then  $C$  is a subcategory of  $D$ .
- (22) Let  $C$  be a category,  $D_1, D_2$  be categorial categories,  $F_1$  be a functor from  $C$  to  $D_1$ , and  $F_2$  be a functor from  $C$  to  $D_2$ . If  $F_1 = F_2$ , then  $\text{Im } F_1 = \text{Im } F_2$ .

### 3. SLICE CATEGORIES

Let  $C$  be a category and let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . The functor  $\text{Hom}(o)$  yielding a subset of the morphisms of  $C$  is defined as follows:

(Def. 9)  $\text{Hom}(o) = (\text{the cod-map of } C)^{-1}(\{o\})$ .

The functor  $\text{hom}(o, \square)$  yields a subset of the morphisms of  $C$  and is defined by:

(Def. 10)  $\text{hom}(o, \square) = (\text{the dom-map of } C)^{-1}(\{o\})$ .

Let  $C$  be a category and let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . Observe that  $\text{Hom}(o)$  is non empty and  $\text{hom}(o, \square)$  is non empty.

Next we state several propositions:

- (23) For every category  $C$  and for every object  $a$  of  $C$  and for every morphism  $f$  of  $C$  holds  $f \in \text{Hom}(a)$  iff  $\text{cod } f = a$ .
- (24) For every category  $C$  and for every object  $a$  of  $C$  and for every morphism  $f$  of  $C$  holds  $f \in \text{hom}(a, \square)$  iff  $\text{dom } f = a$ .
- (25) For every category  $C$  and for all objects  $a, b$  of  $C$  holds  $\text{hom}(a, b) = \text{hom}(a, \square) \cap \text{Hom}(b)$ .
- (26) For every category  $C$  and for every morphism  $f$  of  $C$  holds  $f \in \text{hom}(\text{dom } f, \square)$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}(\text{cod } f)$ .
- (27) For every category  $C$  and for every morphism  $f$  of  $C$  and for every element  $g$  of  $\text{Hom}(\text{dom } f)$  holds  $f \cdot g \in \text{Hom}(\text{cod } f)$ .
- (28) For every category  $C$  and for every morphism  $f$  of  $C$  and for every element  $g$  of  $\text{hom}(\text{cod } f, \square)$  holds  $g \cdot f \in \text{hom}(\text{dom } f, \square)$ .

Let  $C$  be a category and let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ . The functor  $\text{SliceCat}(C, o)$  yields a strict category with triple-like morphisms and is defined by the conditions (Def. 11).

- (Def. 11)(i) The objects of  $\text{SliceCat}(C, o) = \text{Hom}(o)$ ,
- (ii) for all elements  $a, b$  of  $\text{Hom}(o)$  and for every morphism  $f$  of  $C$  such that  $\text{dom } b = \text{cod } f$  and  $a = b \cdot f$  holds  $\langle\langle a, b \rangle, f\rangle$  is a morphism of  $\text{SliceCat}(C, o)$ ,
  - (iii) for every morphism  $m$  of  $\text{SliceCat}(C, o)$  there exist elements  $a, b$  of  $\text{Hom}(o)$  and there exists a morphism  $f$  of  $C$  such that  $m = \langle\langle a, b \rangle, f\rangle$  and  $\text{dom } b = \text{cod } f$  and  $a = b \cdot f$ , and
  - (iv) for all morphisms  $m_1, m_2$  of  $\text{SliceCat}(C, o)$  and for all elements  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  of  $\text{Hom}(o)$  and for all morphisms  $f_1, f_2$  of  $C$  such that  $m_1 = \langle\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle, f_1\rangle$  and  $m_2 = \langle\langle a_2, a_3 \rangle, f_2\rangle$  holds  $m_2 \cdot m_1 = \langle\langle a_1, a_3 \rangle, f_2 \cdot f_1\rangle$ .

The functor  $\text{SliceCat}(o, C)$  yielding a strict category with triple-like morphisms is defined by the conditions (Def. 12).

- (Def. 12)(i) The objects of  $\text{SliceCat}(o, C) = \text{hom}(o, \square)$ ,
- (ii) for all elements  $a, b$  of  $\text{hom}(o, \square)$  and for every morphism  $f$  of  $C$  such that  $\text{dom } f = \text{cod } a$  and  $f \cdot a = b$  holds  $\langle \langle a, b \rangle, f \rangle$  is a morphism of  $\text{SliceCat}(o, C)$ ,
  - (iii) for every morphism  $m$  of  $\text{SliceCat}(o, C)$  there exist elements  $a, b$  of  $\text{hom}(o, \square)$  and there exists a morphism  $f$  of  $C$  such that  $m = \langle \langle a, b \rangle, f \rangle$  and  $\text{dom } f = \text{cod } a$  and  $f \cdot a = b$ , and
  - (iv) for all morphisms  $m_1, m_2$  of  $\text{SliceCat}(o, C)$  and for all elements  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  of  $\text{hom}(o, \square)$  and for all morphisms  $f_1, f_2$  of  $C$  such that  $m_1 = \langle \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle, f_1 \rangle$  and  $m_2 = \langle \langle a_2, a_3 \rangle, f_2 \rangle$  holds  $m_2 \cdot m_1 = \langle \langle a_1, a_3 \rangle, f_2 \cdot f_1 \rangle$ .

Let  $C$  be a category, let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ , and let  $m$  be a morphism of  $\text{SliceCat}(C, o)$ . Then  $m_2$  is a morphism of  $C$ . Then  $m_{1,1}$  is an element of  $\text{Hom}(o)$ . Then  $m_{1,2}$  is an element of  $\text{Hom}(o)$ .

The following two propositions are true:

- (29) Let  $C$  be a category,  $a$  be an object of  $C$ , and  $m$  be a morphism of  $\text{SliceCat}(C, a)$ . Then  $m = \langle \langle m_{1,1}, m_{1,2} \rangle, m_2 \rangle$  and  $\text{dom}(m_{1,2}) = \text{cod}(m_2)$  and  $m_{1,1} = m_{1,2} \cdot m_2$  and  $\text{dom } m = m_{1,1}$  and  $\text{cod } m = m_{1,2}$ .
- (30) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o$  be an object of  $C$ ,  $f$  be an element of  $\text{Hom}(o)$ , and  $a$  be an object of  $\text{SliceCat}(C, o)$ . If  $a = f$ , then  $\text{id}_a = \langle \langle a, a \rangle, \text{id}_{\text{dom } f} \rangle$ .

Let  $C$  be a category, let  $o$  be an object of  $C$ , and let  $m$  be a morphism of  $\text{SliceCat}(o, C)$ . Then  $m_2$  is a morphism of  $C$ . Then  $m_{1,1}$  is an element of  $\text{hom}(o, \square)$ . Then  $m_{1,2}$  is an element of  $\text{hom}(o, \square)$ .

One can prove the following two propositions:

- (31) Let  $C$  be a category,  $a$  be an object of  $C$ , and  $m$  be a morphism of  $\text{SliceCat}(a, C)$ . Then  $m = \langle \langle m_{1,1}, m_{1,2} \rangle, m_2 \rangle$  and  $\text{dom}(m_2) = \text{cod}(m_{1,1})$  and  $m_2 \cdot m_{1,1} = m_{1,2}$  and  $\text{dom } m = m_{1,1}$  and  $\text{cod } m = m_{1,2}$ .
- (32) Let  $C$  be a category,  $o$  be an object of  $C$ ,  $f$  be an element of  $\text{hom}(o, \square)$ , and  $a$  be an object of  $\text{SliceCat}(o, C)$ . If  $a = f$ , then  $\text{id}_a = \langle \langle a, a \rangle, \text{id}_{\text{cod } f} \rangle$ .

#### 4. FUNCTORS BETWEEN SLICE CATEGORIES

Let  $C$  be a category and let  $f$  be a morphism of  $C$ . The functor  $\text{SliceFunctor}(f)$  yields a functor from  $\text{SliceCat}(C, \text{dom } f)$  to  $\text{SliceCat}(C, \text{cod } f)$  and is defined by:

- (Def. 13) For every morphism  $m$  of  $\text{SliceCat}(C, \text{dom } f)$  holds  $(\text{SliceFunctor}(f))(m) = \langle \langle f \cdot m_{1,1}, f \cdot m_{1,2} \rangle, m_2 \rangle$ .

The functor  $\text{SliceContraFunctor}(f)$  yielding a functor from  $\text{SliceCat}(\text{cod } f, C)$  to  $\text{SliceCat}(\text{dom } f, C)$  is defined by:

- (Def. 14) For every morphism  $m$  of  $\text{SliceCat}(\text{cod } f, C)$  holds  $(\text{SliceContraFunctor}(f))(m) = \langle \langle m_{1,1} \cdot f, m_{1,2} \cdot f \rangle, m_2 \rangle$ .

Next we state two propositions:

- (33) For every category  $C$  and for all morphisms  $f, g$  of  $C$  such that  $\text{dom } g = \text{cod } f$  holds  $\text{SliceFunctor}(g \cdot f) = \text{SliceFunctor}(g) \cdot \text{SliceFunctor}(f)$ .
- (34) For every category  $C$  and for all morphisms  $f, g$  of  $C$  such that  $\text{dom } g = \text{cod } f$  holds  $\text{SliceContraFunctor}(g \cdot f) = \text{SliceContraFunctor}(f) \cdot \text{SliceContraFunctor}(g)$ .

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