

1. Let objects be partially ordered sets and morphism $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ be monotonic functions satisfying $a \leq a' \Rightarrow f(a) \leq f(a')$.

If $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C$ are monotonic, then $a \leq a' \Rightarrow \varphi(a) \leq \varphi(a')$
 $\Rightarrow \psi(\varphi(a)) \leq \psi(\varphi(a')) \Rightarrow \psi \circ \varphi$ is also monotonic.

Since identities are also monotonic and function composition is associative, we have a category.

Given A and B , define a partial ordering on $A \times B$ by

$$(a, b) \leq (a', b') \text{ iff } a \leq a' \text{ and } b \leq b'$$

It's easy to check that this is a partial ordering on $A \times B$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{\alpha} & A \times B & \xrightarrow{\beta} & B \\ & & \uparrow \gamma & & \\ & \varphi & Z & \psi & \end{array}$$

$\alpha: \alpha(a, b) \mapsto a$
 $\beta: (a, b) \mapsto b$
 $\gamma: z \mapsto (\varphi(z), \psi(z))$

is the direct product and

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & A \sqcup B & \xleftarrow{\beta} & B \\ & & \downarrow \gamma & & \\ & \varphi & Z & \psi & \end{array}$$

$\alpha: a \mapsto (a, 1)$
 $\beta: b \mapsto (b, 2)$
 $\gamma: (x, j) \mapsto \begin{cases} \varphi(x) & \text{if } j = 1 \\ \psi(x) & \text{if } j = 2 \end{cases}$

is the direct sum.

2. Let $\emptyset_A: \{\emptyset\} \rightarrow A$ be the empty function from $\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow A$.

Then

$$\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \{\emptyset_A\} \cong \{\emptyset\}$$

$$\emptyset_{\emptyset} \searrow \downarrow \gamma: \emptyset \leftrightarrow \emptyset$$

is the free vector space on the empty set.

3. Given linear $\varphi: V \rightarrow W$, suppose that φ is one-to-one but $X \xrightarrow{\alpha} V \xrightarrow{\varphi} W$ commutes for some $\alpha \neq \alpha'$. Then $\alpha(x) \neq \alpha'(x)$ for some $x \in X \Rightarrow \varphi(\alpha(x)) \neq \varphi(\alpha'(x)) \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$.

Conversely, suppose that φ is mono but not one-to-one. Then $\varphi(a) = \varphi(a')$ for some $a \neq a'$. Let $\alpha, \alpha': \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V$ be $\alpha: r \mapsto r \cdot a$, $\alpha': r \mapsto r \cdot a'$. Then $\varphi(\alpha(r)) = \varphi(r \cdot a) = r\varphi(a) = r\varphi(a') = \varphi(\alpha'(r))$ for any $r \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus, $\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\alpha} V \xrightarrow{\varphi} W$ commutes but $\alpha \neq \alpha' \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$.

4. Let W' be complementary to W . Then $V \cong W \oplus W'$. If $S \rightarrow W$, $S' \rightarrow W'$ are bases for W and W' , then $S \cup S'$ is a basis for $W \oplus W'$. Thus, S is a subset of a basis for V ($S \cup S'$) via the direct sum monomorphism $S \rightarrow S \cup S'$.

5. Done in the vector space handout.

6. Suppose that $S \xrightarrow{\alpha} V''$ and $S' \xrightarrow{\alpha'} V'$ are free and $S \xrightarrow{\varphi} S'$ is a monomorphism. If S is not empty, $\varphi_r: S' \rightarrow S$ is a retraction. Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & V \\ \downarrow \varphi_r & \nearrow \bar{\varphi}_r & \\ S' & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & V' \end{array} \quad \text{where } \bar{\varphi} \text{ and } \bar{\varphi}_r \text{ are the induced morphisms.}$$

$$\bar{\varphi}_r \circ \bar{\varphi} \circ \alpha = \alpha' \Rightarrow \bar{\varphi}_r \circ \bar{\varphi} \circ \alpha = \alpha \Rightarrow \bar{\varphi}_r \text{ is a retraction of } \bar{\varphi}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\varphi} \text{ is mono.}$$

Similarly, if $S \xrightarrow{\varphi} S'$ is epi, there is an epimorphism from V to V' .

Conversely, if there is a mono $V \xrightarrow{\varphi} V'$, then $V \cong \text{Im } \varphi$
and S is a subset of some basis of V' (problem 4).

The injection of S into this basis is a monomorphism.

Dually, if there is an epi $V \xrightarrow{\varphi} V'$, then $V/\text{Ker } \varphi \cong V'$
and $V \cong \text{Ker } \varphi \oplus V/\text{Ker } \varphi \Rightarrow$ there is an epimorphism
from S to S' .