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1 Good diagrams

(I am using notation matching that of the set "The κ -good small object argument".)

1.1 Let $(P, <)$ be a partially ordered set with a bottom (least) element $\perp$ ($\perp \leq x$ for all $x \in P$), and assume that $(P, <)$ is well-founded: there is no infinite descending sequence of elements of P :

$$\nexists (x_0 > x_1 > \dots > x_n > \dots \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N})$$

($x_n \in P$). As a consequence, appropriate forms of transfinite induction and transfinite recursion are applicable, for proving assertions of the form "for all $x \in P$, $\Phi(x)$ holds", and for defining a function $\Phi: P \longrightarrow U$ (any set U) by specifying $\Phi(x)$ ($x \in P$) in terms of

the restriction of Φ itself to arguments $y < x$, i.e. the function

$$\Phi^{(x)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Phi \upharpoonright \{y: y < x\}: \{y: y < x\} \rightarrow U$$

for which $\Phi^{(x)}(y) = \Phi(y)$. Thus, if we have the 'functional equation'

$$\Phi(x) = \zeta(\Phi^{(x)}) \quad (*)$$

with any ^{given} function ζ that assigns an element of U to any function of the form $Q \rightarrow U$ with $Q \subseteq P$, then there is a unique $\Phi: P \rightarrow U$ satisfying (*).

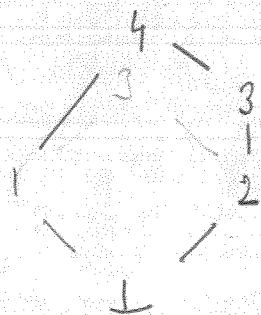
I call $x \in P$ isolated if there is an element x^- , called the (immediate) predecessor of x , such that

$$y < x^- \Leftrightarrow y \leq x^- \quad (y \in P).$$

All $x \in P$ that are not $\perp$, and not isolated are called limit (points (of P)).

Note: All finite posets with a bottom element qualify as our $(P, <)$. In the

poset



1, 2, 3 are isolated, 4 is limit.

in particular, all $\neq 0$ ordinals,

All non-empty well-ordered sets, also

qualify. The isolated points are the same

as the successor ordinals (in the set). The

phenomenon of a limit point as 4 in the above

example does not appear in the well-ordered

case: all limit points ~~are~~^x such that $\{y: y < x\}$

is, in particular, infinite.

Let us refer to $(P, <)$ as specified as a

good poset (although we have said very little

so far by saying that something is 'good').

Let κ be a regular cardinal numbers; κ will

be kept fixed in most of what we do.

Our set theory defines the concept so that

we have: κ is an ^{infinite} ordinal number

(hence, κ is equal to the set $\{\alpha : \alpha \text{ is an ordinal and } \alpha < \kappa\}$) such that

every time we have: $\beta < \alpha < \kappa$ and a

function $\langle \gamma_\beta \rangle_{\beta < \alpha}$:

$$\beta < \alpha \longmapsto \gamma_\beta < \kappa,$$

we also have:

$$\sup_{\beta < \alpha} \gamma_\beta < \kappa.$$

$$\left(\sup_{\beta < \alpha} \gamma_\beta = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \gamma_\beta = \text{least ordinal } \delta \right.$$

such that $\gamma_\beta \leq \delta$ for all $\beta < \alpha$).

An equivalent definition is: κ is an

infinite cardinal number (an ordinal such

that the cardinality of every $\alpha < \kappa$, $\# \alpha$, is less than κ) such that

$$\# X_\beta < \kappa \text{ for all } \beta < \alpha < \kappa, \Rightarrow \# \left(\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} X_\beta \right) < \kappa.$$

$\aleph_0 = \omega$ is the least infinite cardinal number; it is regular; for our immediate goals, the most important example.

But $\aleph_1$ = the first uncountable ($> \aleph_0$) cardinal is regular too - and many others...

$(P, <)$ is a κ -good poset if it is good, and for every $x \in P$,

$$x \downarrow \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{y \in P : y \leq x\},$$

the set of predecessors of x , or, the down-set of x , is of cardinality $< \kappa$.

When $\kappa = \aleph_0$, this means that $x \downarrow$ is a finite set. Note that this condition alone ensures that P is well-founded! Of course, when $\kappa > \aleph_0$, well-foundedness is not implied by the ' κ -goodness' condition.

(1.2) $\mathcal{A}$ is a fixed category.

A diagram $A: P \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \quad (P = (P, \leq))$

(in notation: $A(x) = A_x \quad (x \in P)$)

$$A(x \leq y) = a_{xy} \quad (x \leq y \text{ in } P)$$

is good if ^{the poset} $(P, \leq)$ is good, and

for every limit point x of P , the object A_x is the colimit of the restriction of the diagram A to the subset

$$x \downarrow \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{y \in P : y < x\};$$

or more precisely, the family $\gamma_x = \langle a_{yx} : A_y \rightarrow A_x \rangle_{y \in x}$ is a colimit cocone on the diagram $A \upharpoonright (x \downarrow)$. (The fact that γ_x is a cocone is already ensured.) The diagram

$A: P \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is κ -good if P is a κ -good

poset, and A is a good diagram.

Let us denote the colimit of $A: P \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ by A_T . If P has a top (maximum) element, denoted T , then A_T can be taken (of course) to be $\text{colim } A$. We write, in general,

$$a_{xT}: A_x \rightarrow A_T \quad (x \in P)$$

for the colimit coprojections.

The composite of a good diagram $A: P \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is the coprojection $a_{LT}: A_L \rightarrow A_T$. $\widetilde{A^{coi}(A)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a_{LT}$.

The composite of a good diagram may be regarded as a "transfinite composite of its links", where by a link of $A: P \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ I mean any of the arrows

$$a_{x^-x}: A_{x^-} \rightarrow A_x$$

for isolated points $x \in P$. When one constructs

a good diagram $A: P \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ on a given good poset P by recursion according to the well-founded order on P , the value $A_{\perp} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A})$ is "freely" chosen; and at each isolated $x \in P$, once we have A_{x-} , the link $a_{x-x}: A_{x-} \rightarrow A_x$ is "freely chosen"; however, for x limit, A_x and all the arrows $a_{yx}: A_y \rightarrow A_x$ ($y < x$) are determined, at least up to isomorphism, by the requirement to form a colimit diagram.

1.3 Given a class $\underline{C}$ of arrows in the category $\mathcal{A}$, a transfinite composite of arrows in $\underline{C}$ is any arrow $f: A \rightarrow B$ that can be obtained in the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} a_{\perp T}: A_{\perp} & \rightarrow & A_T \\ \text{"} & & \text{"} & & \text{"} \\ f & A & \rightarrow & B \end{array}$$

for a good diagram $A: P \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ all whose links are in $\underline{C}$, totally ordered good diagrams are "sufficient"

It turns out that totally

(and "transfinite composite" in the literature is meant in this well-ordered sense); although we need pushouts of the given links to get the links of the well-ordered ^{substitute} composite. For a precise statement, see 2. Proposition, in §3, p. 15 in "Rearranging ...". So: why the generalization to posets? The answer will be the application we will make to the General Completeness Theorem (GCT).

I now define the notation used in the Theorem of the set "The κ -good small object argument".

- ① For a class $I \subseteq \text{Arr}(\mathcal{A})$, $\boxed{\text{Po}(I)}$ is the class of pushouts of elements of I ; $\text{Po}(I)$ is the class of all arrows $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ for which there exists a pushout diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \uparrow & \ulcorner & \uparrow \\ U & \xrightarrow{r} & V \end{array}$$

where $\tau \in I$.

② For a class $J \subseteq \text{Arr}(A)$, $\boxed{\text{Cell}(J)}$

is the class of all transfinite composites of elements of J , 'transfinite composite' in the traditional well-ordered sense. $f \in \text{Cell}(J)$ if dep there exist a well-ordered (totally ordered and well-founded) P and a good diagram $A: P \rightarrow A$ such that $f = \langle A \rangle = a_{\perp T}: A_{\perp} \rightarrow A_T$.

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notation

① In the complicated notation " $\text{Gd}_{\kappa} \text{dir}_{\kappa}$ " in loc.cit., we are referring to κ -good diagrams that are also κ -directed. In a poset P is κ -directed (should be called " $< \kappa$ -directed") if for all subsets X of P of cardinality $< \kappa$, there is $x \in P$ such that $X \leq x$ in the sense that $y \leq x$ for all $y \in X$. When $\kappa = \aleph_0$, we have the

usual notion of 'directed'.

① For a class $J \subseteq \text{Arr}(\mathcal{A})$,

$$\boxed{\text{Gd}_\kappa \text{ dir}_\kappa (J)}$$

is the class of all $f \in \text{Arr}(\mathcal{A})$ for which there exists a

κ -good and κ -directed diagram

$$A: P \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$$

such that all whose links are in J

such that

$$f = \langle A \rangle = a_{\perp T}: A_{\perp} \rightarrow A_T$$

(*)

② $\mathcal{A}_\kappa$ denotes the class of κ -presentable

objects in $\mathcal{A}$. See the definition of

'finitely presentable' in the set 2015 April 7 S

2015 April 07 Sketch Notes. PDF, p S 26, and

instead of a directed diagram $A: I \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$,

take a κ -directed one: you will then obtain

the definition of ' κ -presentable' (should be: " $<\kappa$ -presentable")

Exercise. In the category $\mathcal{A} = \text{Set}$, the $\aleph_1$ -presentable objects ('countably presentable') are the countable (possibly finite) sets.

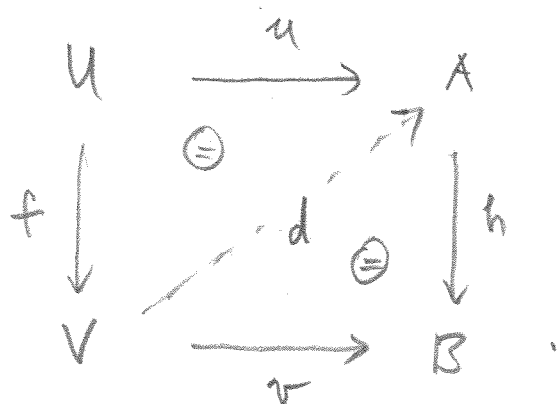
- ① The phrase " h has the right lifting property with respect to I " means, in the terminology I used in class, that $f \perp h$ holds for all $f \in I$. Here, " $f \perp h$ ", or, " f is left orthogonal to h ", equivalently, " h is right orthogonal to f ", means that every time we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{u} & A \\ f \downarrow & \ominus & \downarrow h \\ V & \xrightarrow{v} & B \end{array}$$

commutative, we have at least one

$d: V \rightarrow A$ such that

$$df = u \quad \& \quad hd = v:$$



I have explained all the terminology for the Theorem on p. 1 of "The κ -good small object argument". Let me restate the theorem here.

We take $\mathcal{A}$ to be a ^{small-}cocomplete category, κ an (infinite) regular cardinal, I a small set of arrows in $\mathcal{A}$ such that the domain of every arrow in I is κ -presentable.

(Remark: in the application, we will have, the GCT, $\mathcal{A}$ will be locally finitely presentable, $\kappa = \aleph_0$, and every arrow in I will have both its domain and

codomain a finitely presentable object).

The assertion is that any $f: A \rightarrow B$ in $\mathcal{A}$ can be factored as $f = h \circ g$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ & \searrow g \quad \text{\textcircled{=}} \quad \nearrow h & \\ & C & \end{array}$$

such that

such that (i) $g \in \text{Gd}_k^{\text{dir}_k}(\text{Po}(\mathcal{I}))$, i.e.,

there exists a k -good k -directed diagram

$A: P \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ all whose links are pushouts of arrows in $\mathcal{I}$ such that $g = a_{\perp T}: A_{\perp} \rightarrow A_T$, and

$$(ii) \quad \mathcal{I} \perp h \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} i \perp h \quad \text{for all } i \in \mathcal{I}.$$

(g is also seen to belong to $\text{Cell}(\text{Po}(\mathcal{I}))$, but this is not important now).

(TO BE CONTINUED)