

Gödel completeness for coherent categories

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1. Coherent categories

Definition (i) Category $\mathcal{C}$ is coherent (called "logical" in [MR] (= "First Order Categorical Logic", SLNM 611 (1977) if_{def} 1.1) — 1.5) below hold:

(1.1) $\mathcal{C}$ has finite limits; equivalently, a terminal object, and a pullback of any fork

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ \uparrow g & & \uparrow g \\ B & & B \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ \uparrow \pi_0 & \lrcorner & \uparrow g \\ A \times_B B & = & P \xrightarrow{\pi_1} B \end{array}$$

(1.2) Every morphism $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ can be factored as $f = hg$, where h is a mono(morphism), g is an extremal epi(morphism) (e.e., for short), where

$$A \xrightarrow{g} C$$

i.e. if_{def} every time $g = ml$ & m is mono:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\ \searrow l & \circlearrowleft & \nearrow m \\ & D & \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad m \text{ is an isomorphism.}$$

(1.3) E.e.'s are stable under pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\
 \uparrow & \text{ph} & \uparrow \\
 A \times_C C' & = A' \xrightarrow{g'} C' &
 \end{array}
 \quad \& \ g \text{ is e.e.} \quad \Rightarrow \quad g' \text{ is e.e.}$$

(1.4) Each subobject $(\perp, T)$ -semilattice $\text{Sub}(X)$ is a lattice: has a bottom element $\perp_X \in \text{Sub}(X)$ (bottom = least), and for $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \text{Sub}(X)$, we have a join (least upper bound) $\underline{A} \vee \underline{B} \in \text{Sub}(X)$.

[Note: The elements of $\text{Sub}(X)$ are equivalence classes $[A, a]$ of monomorphisms $(A, a: A \rightarrow X)$ into X ; the equivalence relation is:

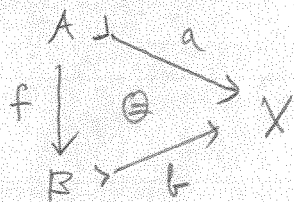
$$(A, a) \sim (B, b) \iff$$

there is a (necessarily unique) isomorphism $f: A \xrightarrow{\sim} B$ such that

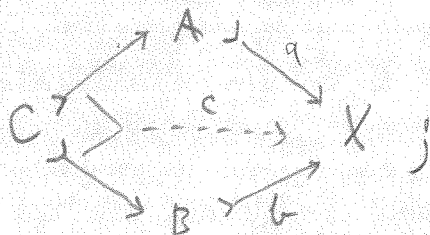
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{a} & X \\
 \cong \downarrow f & \circlearrowright & \uparrow b \\
 B & \xrightarrow{b} & X
 \end{array}$$

$\text{Sub}(X)$ is a poset via the relation $[A, a] \leq [B, b]$ defined as: true

$$[A, a] \leq [B, b] \iff \text{there is (unique) } f: A \rightarrow B \text{ such that}$$

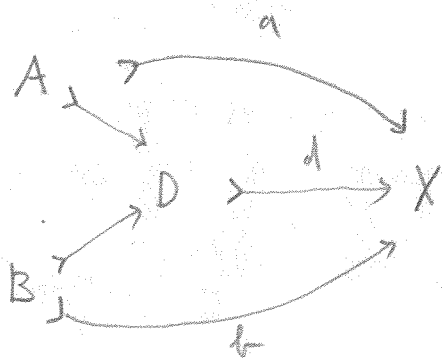


$[X, 1_X]$ is the top element, T_X , of $\text{Sub}(X)$. The meet (greatest lower bound) of $\underline{A} = [A, a]$ and $\underline{B} = [B, a]$ is given by the pullback:

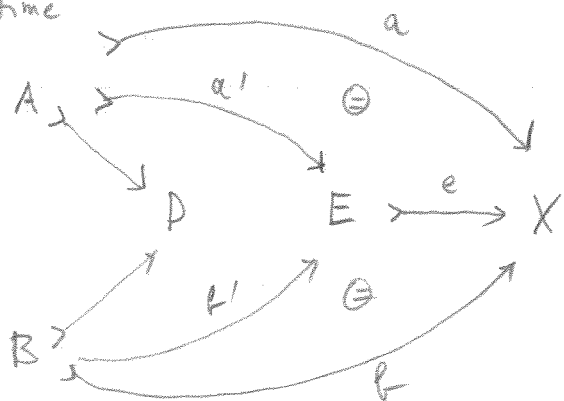


$\underline{A} \wedge \underline{B} = \underline{C} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [C, c]$. The requirement 1.4) has

$\underline{A} \vee \underline{B} = \underline{D} = [D, d]$ so that

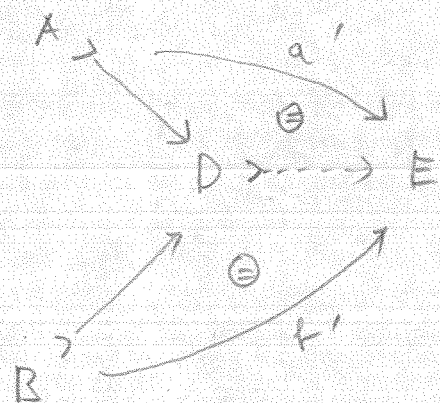


and every time



, we have $D \dashrightarrow E$

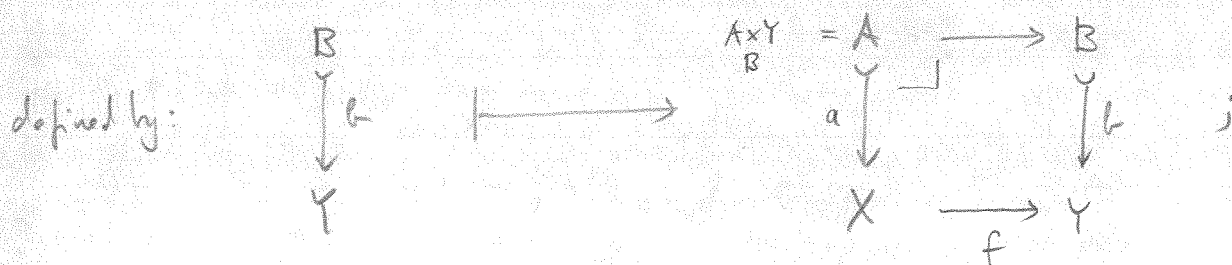
to make



commute.]

1.5 Finite sups are pullback-stable:

for all $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$, we have $f^*: \text{Sub}(Y) \rightarrow \text{Sub}(X)$



$$[B, b] \xrightarrow{f^*} [A, a]$$

Require: f^* preserves sups:

$$f^*(\perp_Y) = \perp_X$$

$$f^*(\underline{B} \vee_Y \underline{B}') = f^*\underline{B} \vee_X f^*\underline{B}'$$

end of definition
of whereat category

Examples: 1) Set, the category of sets, is coherent.

Set is Boolean, meaning (for an arbitrary coherent $\mathcal{C}$) that each subobject lattice $\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{C}}(X)$ is a Boolean algebra: for every $\underline{A} \in \text{Sub}(X)$, there is (necessarily unique) $\underline{A}' \in \text{Sub}(X)$ such that

$$\underline{A} \wedge \underline{A}' = \perp_X \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{A} \vee \underline{A}' = \top_X.$$

2) Whenever $\mathcal{C}$ is coherent, and $\mathcal{G}$ is any small category, then the functor category $\mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{G}}$ (consisting of the functors $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ as objects, and the natural transformations as arrows) is coherent. In fact, the coherent structure of $\mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{G}}$ is component-wise: for instance, a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ \pi_0 \uparrow & & \uparrow g \\ P & \xrightarrow[\pi_1]{} & B \end{array} \quad (*)$$

in $\mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{G}}$ is a pullback diagram if and only if for each object $G \in \mathcal{G}$, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A(G) & \xrightarrow{f_G} & C(G) \\ (\pi_0)_G \uparrow & & \uparrow g_G \\ P(G) & \xrightarrow[(\pi_1)_G]{} & B(G) \end{array} \quad (**)$$

is a pullback diagram. Also, with any given fork

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ & \uparrow g & \\ & B & \end{array}$$

in $\mathcal{C}^G$, when one chooses a pullback diagram $(*)$ in $\mathcal{C}$, for each G , arbitrarily, then there is a unique way to complete the definition of the functor $P: \mathcal{C}^G \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ on arrows so as to make $(*)$ commutative ((and, I should've said, π_0, π_1 , natural transformations) - and, this diagram $(*)$ is then a pullback diagram. What we say for this is that the evaluation functors

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C}^G & \xrightarrow{e_G} & \mathcal{C} \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A(G) \\ f \downarrow & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \downarrow fg \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B(G) \end{array}$$

jointly create pullbacks in $\mathcal{C}^G$.

Similarly: on arrow $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ in $\mathcal{C}^G$ is e.e. (iff)

for all $G \in \mathcal{G}$, $e_G(f)$ is e.e. in $\mathcal{C}$.

Consider the example $\text{Set}^{\mathcal{G}}$, where $\mathcal{G} = \mathbf{2}$, the category $\boxed{0 \rightarrow 1}$ (the order $\mathbf{2}$; identities suppressed in the notation). $\text{Set}^{\boxed{0 \rightarrow 1}}$ is coherent (and a lot more!) but it is not Boolean!

2. Coherent functors

For coherent categories $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$, a functor $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is coherent (called "logical" in

611) if F preserves finite limits, extremal epi's and finite sups of subobjects:

2.1.1 (1)

$$F(\underbrace{1_{\mathcal{C}}}_{\text{terminal object in } \mathcal{C}}) \cong \underbrace{1_{\mathcal{D}}}_{\text{terminal object in } \mathcal{D}}$$

terminal object in $\mathcal{C}$

terminal object in $\mathcal{D}$

2.1.2 (1)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ \pi_0 \uparrow \lrcorner \uparrow g & & \\ P & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & B \end{array} \quad \text{ptr in } \mathcal{C}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Ff & \\ FA & \xrightarrow{\quad} & FC \\ F\pi_0 \uparrow & & \uparrow Fg \\ FP & \xrightarrow{\quad} & FB \\ & F\pi_1 & \end{array}$$

is a pullback in $\mathcal{D}$.

$$(2.1.3) \quad \textcircled{1} \quad A \xrightarrow{f} B \text{ e.e. in } \mathbb{C} \\ \Rightarrow FA \xrightarrow{Ff} FB \text{ e.e. in } \mathbb{D};$$

$$(2.1.4) \quad \textcircled{1} \quad A, B \in \text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}}(X);$$

$$F(A \vee_X B) = FA \vee_{FX} FB;$$

$$(2.1.5) \quad \textcircled{1} \quad F(\perp_X) = \perp_{FX}.$$

Small coherent categories ^{and coherent functors} form a category called Coh; a subcategory of Cat, the category of small categories (with arrows the functors): the identity functor $\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_{\mathbb{C}}} \mathbb{C}$ is coherent ($\mathbb{C}$: coherent cat), and

the composite of coherent functors

$$\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{D} \xrightarrow{G} \mathbb{E} \\ \quad \quad \quad \searrow \quad \quad \quad \nearrow \\ \quad \quad \quad GF$$

is again coherent.

It is good to consider COH, the category of possibly large coherent categories, in which Set, for instance, is an object. (More precisely: we have Grothendieck universes $\underline{U}_0, \underline{U}_1$ and $\underline{U}_2$; $\underline{U}_0$ is an element of $\underline{U}_1$;

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$\mathbf{Set}$ is the category of $\mathcal{U}_0$ -small sets (sets that are elements of $\mathcal{U}_0$), then $\mathbf{Set}$ is an element of $\mathcal{U}_1$;
 $\mathbf{Coh}$ is the category of $\mathcal{U}_0$ -small coherent cat's;
 $\mathbf{Coh} \in \mathcal{U}_1$; $\mathbf{COH}$ is the category of $\mathcal{U}_1$ -small coherent categories; $\mathbf{Set}$ is an object of $\mathbf{COH}$;
 $\mathbf{Coh}$ is a full subcategory of $\mathbf{COH}$; etc...)
 $\mathbf{Coh}$ and $\mathbf{COH}$ are in fact 2-categories - but we are not looking at their 2-cat structures now.

Returning to examples:

Fin Set :

the category of finite sets is a coherent category (in fact, a pretopos) - and although not small but it is equivalent to a small category

$\mathbb{N}$

whose objects are the natural numbers, conceived of as von-Neumann ordinals (n is $= \{0, \dots, n-1\}$)

An equivalence functor $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ (full and faithful, essentially surjective on objects) is always coherent ($\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{D}$: coherent categories).

Returning to the example

$$\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{G}}$$

($\mathbb{C}$: coherent) : the evaluations

$$e_G: \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{G}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad (G \in \mathbb{G})$$

are coherent functors.

When $\mathbb{C}$ is a small coherent category,
a coherent functor $M: \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \text{Set}$ is
called a model of $\mathbb{C}$.

Theorem (Gödel completeness theorem)

Let $\mathbb{C}$ be a small coherent category.

Then, for any arrow $f: A \rightarrow B$ in $\mathbb{C}$,
the following holds:

f is an isomorphism (it has a two-sided inverse)
if and only if

for all models $M: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$M(f)$ is an isomorphism

($M(f): M(A) \rightarrow M(B)$ is
a bijection)

Remark 1: Consider the definition of "coherent category" without the 'stability' conditions (1.3) and (1.5); call the resulting notion "pre-coherent category". Note that the notion of 'coherent functor' makes sense, without change, for pre-coherent categories. Now, assume that $\mathcal{C}$ is pre-coherent, and the assertion of the completeness theorem holds for it. Show that $\mathcal{C}$ is necessarily coherent: the stability conditions (1.3) and (1.5) hold for $\mathcal{C}$.

2. It is clear that completeness asserts that there are "many models" of a small coherent $\mathcal{C}$: in fact, given any non-isomorphism arrow f , there must be at least one model M such that $M(f)$ is a non-isomorphism. Accordingly, the proof of the completeness theorem is expected to consist mainly in constructing 'many' models of $\mathcal{C}$. We will carry out the proof — following the important early work of Hugo Volger — in the form of a series of constructions of objects and of arrows, starting with the single object $\mathcal{C}$, in the category COH

Let me note that the proof of the same theorem that can be found in [MR] §11 is entirely different: it is a "logician's proof".

3. The 'local' constructions 1:

when is the global-sections functor coherent?

(3.1) Definitions. Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a coherent category.

(3.1.1) We say $\mathcal{C}$ is complete if $T = T_{1_{\mathcal{C}}}$,
 to top element of $\text{Sub}(1_{\mathcal{C}})$ ($1_{\mathcal{C}}$: the terminal object of $\mathcal{C}$)
 is finitely irreducible: whenever I is a finite set
 (possibly empty), $U_i \in \text{Sub}(1_{\mathcal{C}})$ ($i \in I$) and

$$\underbrace{\bigvee_{i \in I} U_i}_{\text{supremum}} = T$$

there is $i \in I$ such that $U_i = T$. empty set of subobjects

NB: 1) For $I = \emptyset$, this says: $T \neq \bigvee \emptyset = \perp = \text{bottom elt.}$

2) It is enough to require condition for $I = \emptyset$ and $I = 2$.

(3.1.2) $\mathcal{C}$ is saturated if_{def} for all $X \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$
 such that $!_X : X \longrightarrow 1_{\mathcal{C}}$ is e.e. (extremal epi),

there is an arrow of the form $x: 1_C \rightarrow X$

(a global element of X) (of course, usually there are several global elements)

NB: (1) If $x: 1_C \rightarrow X$, then $!_X$ is e.e.

Let us see a (more) general statement first:

if $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ has a right inverse:

$$A \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{g} \\ \xrightarrow{f} \end{array} B \quad fg = 1_B$$

then f is e.e. (Such f is a split epi.)

Assume:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{g} \\ \xrightarrow{f} \end{array} & B \\
 \searrow h & & \nearrow m \\
 & C &
 \end{array}$$

m mono; $mh = f$

to show m is an isomorphism.

We have: $m(hg) = (mh)g = fg = 1_B$

Let $k = hg$; we have $\boxed{mk = 1_B}$

consider $m(km) = (mk)m = m1_C$

$$C \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{km} \\ \xrightarrow{1_C} \end{array} C \xrightarrow{m} B$$

Since m is mono, $\boxed{km = 1_C}$. Thus, $k = m^{-1}$.

When $x: 1_C \rightarrow X$, then

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{x} \\ \xrightarrow{!_X} \end{array} 1_C : !_X x = 1_{1_C}$$

(since the only arrow $1_C \rightarrow 1_C$ is 1_{1_C})

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x is a right inverse to $!_X - !_X$ is e.e.

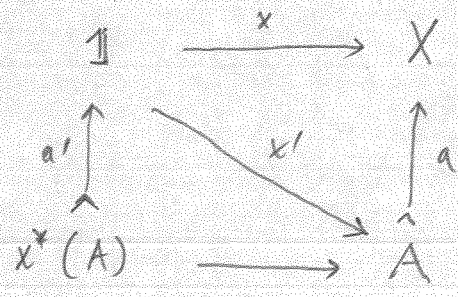
3.2 For $\underline{A} = [A, a] \in \text{Sub}_C(X)$, let us say that $x \in \underline{A}$ (" x is an element of $\underline{A}$ ") if $x: 1_C \rightarrow X$ is a global element of X , and there is a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1_C & \xrightarrow{x} & X \\ & \searrow \text{③} & \uparrow a \\ & & A \end{array}$$

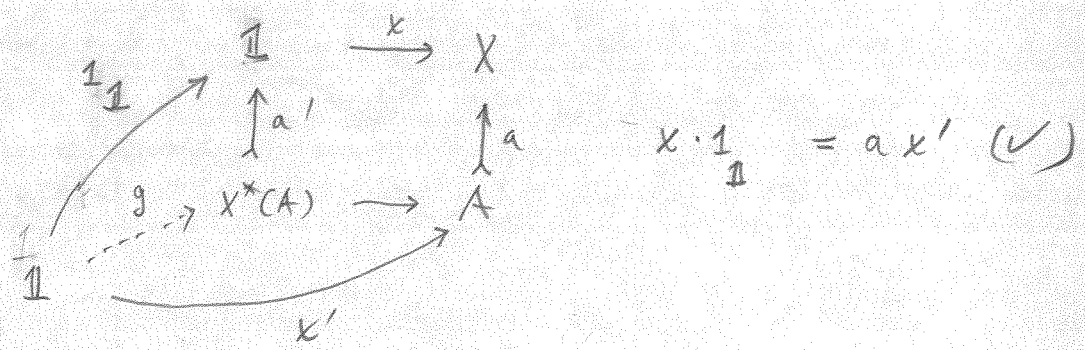
Let us write $\Gamma(X)$ for the set of (global) elements of X . Then, if C is complete, $X \in \text{Ob}(C)$, I is a finite set, $\underline{A}_i \in \text{Sub}(X)$ ($i \in I$), for any $x \in \Gamma(X)$:

$$\boxed{x \in \bigvee_{i \in I} \underline{A}_i \iff \exists i \in I. x \in \underline{A}_i} \quad (*)$$

The right-to-left direction ($\Leftarrow$) is immediate, since $x \in \underline{A}$ and $\underline{A} \leq \underline{B}$ imply $x \in \underline{B}$. Let $[A, a] = \bigvee_{i \in I} \underline{A}_i = \underline{A}$, and assume $x \in \underline{A}$. We have:



when the square is constructed as a pullback. Use the pullback property to:



resulting in an arrow $1 \xrightarrow{g} x^*(A)$ such that $a'g = 1_1$. Since a' is a monomorphism, $ga' = 1_1$ follows, and a' is an isomorphism.

This means that

$$x^*\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} \underline{A}_i\right) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \underline{A}_i.$$

Condition (1.5), says: $x^*\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} \underline{A}_i\right) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} x^*(\underline{A}_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \underline{A}_i$

By completeness, there is $i \in I$ such that $x^*(\underline{A}_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \underline{A}_i$

We have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 1 & \xrightarrow{x} & X \\
 a'' \uparrow \cong & \searrow x'' & \uparrow a_i' \\
 x^*(A_i) & \xrightarrow{y} & A_i
 \end{array}$$

(square: pull back;
 a_i' : isomorphism)

$$x'' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} y(a'')^{-1}$$

Then

$$[a_i' x''] \stackrel{?}{=} [x]$$

because

$$a_i' y(a'')^{-1} = (a_i' y)(a'')^{-1} = (x a'')(a'')^{-1}$$

which shows that $\boxed{x \in A_i}$. (QED for (*), p 14)

2.3

We have the global-sections functor

$$\Gamma : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

defined as the functor represented by the terminal object $1 = 1_{\mathcal{C}}$: $\Gamma = \mathcal{C}(1, -)$.

This means:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma(X) &= \text{the set of global elements of } X \\
 &= \mathcal{C}(1, X)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 X \\
 f \downarrow \\
 Y
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{C}(1, X) & & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 \mathcal{C}(1, Y) & &
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \downarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} x \\ \downarrow \\ fx \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 1 & \xrightarrow{x} & X \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 1 & \xrightarrow{x} & X \xrightarrow{f} Y
 \end{array}$$

For any object U of $\mathcal{C}$, the functor represented by U , $\mathcal{C}(U, -) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ preserves all finite limits, and as a result, preserves monomorphisms. Thus, in particular, $\Gamma : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ induces, for every $X \in \mathbf{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, a map

$$\Gamma_X : \mathbf{Sub}_{\mathcal{C}}(X) \longrightarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{P}(\Gamma(X))}_{\text{power-set of } \Gamma(X)}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & \Gamma(A) \\ a \downarrow & \longmapsto & \downarrow \Gamma(a) \\ X & & \Gamma(X) \end{array}$$

the image of $\Gamma(a)$

(a subset of $\Gamma(X)$)

(Note that $\mathcal{P}(S) \cong \mathbf{Sub}_{\mathbf{Set}}(S)$ for any set S

where a monomorphism (injective mapping)

$A \xrightarrow{m} S$ corresponds to the subset of S

which is the image of m : $\{s \in S : \exists a \in A. m(a) = s\}$)

Just from the fact that Γ preserves finite limits,

Γ_X preserves the meet-semi-lattice structure — and,

the box on p. 14 says that

$$\Gamma_X: \text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}}(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Gamma(X))$$

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preserves the finite-sup structure, since,
for $\underline{A} \in \text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}}(X)$, $\Gamma_X(\underline{A})$, a subset of $\Gamma(X)$,
is precisely the set of elements of $\underline{A}$, as we
defined those above.

Conclusion: When $\mathbb{C}$ is complete, then
the global-sections functor $\Gamma: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$
induces lattice homomorphisms

$$\Gamma_X: \text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}}(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Gamma(X)).$$

(3.3) Suppose now that $\mathbb{C}$ is saturated (see: 3.1.2)
and let $\Gamma: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ be the global-sections
functor. Then Γ preserves e.e. morphisms:

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \quad \text{e.e. in } \mathbb{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(f): \Gamma(A) \longrightarrow \Gamma(B)$$

is e.e. (surjective) in Set

Proof:

$$\Gamma(f): \Gamma(A) \longrightarrow \Gamma(B)$$

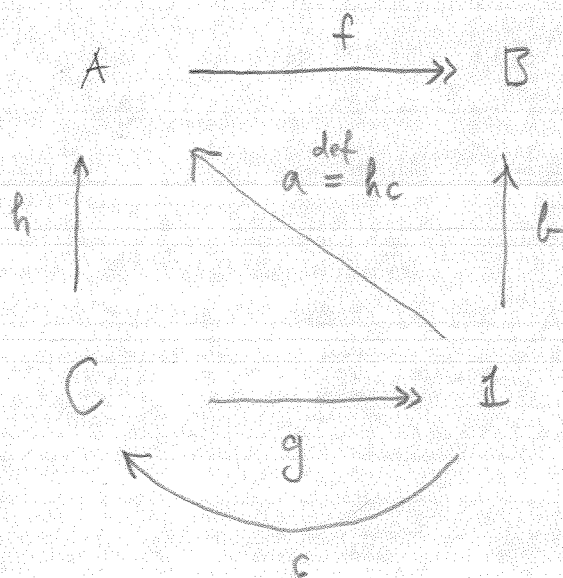
$$(1 \xrightarrow{a} A) \longmapsto (1 \xrightarrow{a} A \xrightarrow{f} B)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{fa}$

We have to show that for any $b: 1 \rightarrow B$, there is

$a: 1 \rightarrow A$ such that $b = fa$. Consider

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First, we construct C , h and g as a pullback of f and h . By condition 1.3), g as a pullback of the e.e. arrow f , is itself e.e. This means that C has full support, and by saturation, there is $c: 1 \rightarrow C$. We define a as $a = hc$. We check

$$\begin{aligned}
 fa & \stackrel{?}{=} b \\
 & \parallel \\
 f(hc) & \stackrel{?}{=} b \\
 & \parallel \\
 (fh)c & = (bg)c
 \end{aligned}
 \quad = \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 & b(1_1) \\
 & \parallel \\
 & b(gc)
 \end{aligned}$$

$gc: 1 \rightarrow 1$
must be the
identity

□

Summary of (3.2) and (3.3):

For $\mathcal{C}$ a coherent category that is complete and saturated, the global-sections functor

$$P = \mathcal{C}(1_{\mathcal{C}}, -) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

is a coherent functor.

(As Bill Boshuck pointed out, the converse is also true.)

4. The slice construction

Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a coherent category, and let us fix an object X of $\mathcal{C}$. We define $\mathcal{C}/X$ ($\mathcal{C}$ over X) as the category whose objects are pairs (A, a) where $a: A \rightarrow X$ (a any arrow, not just a monomorphism) and whose arrows

$$(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$$

are $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ such that the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ a \searrow & \text{\textcircled{=}} & \swarrow b \\ & X & \end{array}$$

commutes: $a = bf$.

Composition of arrows: just as in $\mathbb{C}$:

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$$(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b) \xrightarrow{g} (C, c)$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{gf}$$

since we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\ & \textcircled{1} \searrow a & \downarrow h & \textcircled{2} \swarrow c & \\ & & X & & \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{gf} & C \\ & \textcircled{3} \searrow a & \swarrow c \\ & & X \end{array}$$

The identity on (A, a) is $1_A : (A, a) \rightarrow (A, a)$.

We have functors connecting $\mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{C}/X$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \Psi & \\ \mathbb{C} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{C}/X \\ & \Phi & \end{array}$$

$\Psi: \mathbb{C}/X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the forgetful functor:

$$(A, a) \mapsto A.$$

The more important functor is

$$\Phi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/X$$

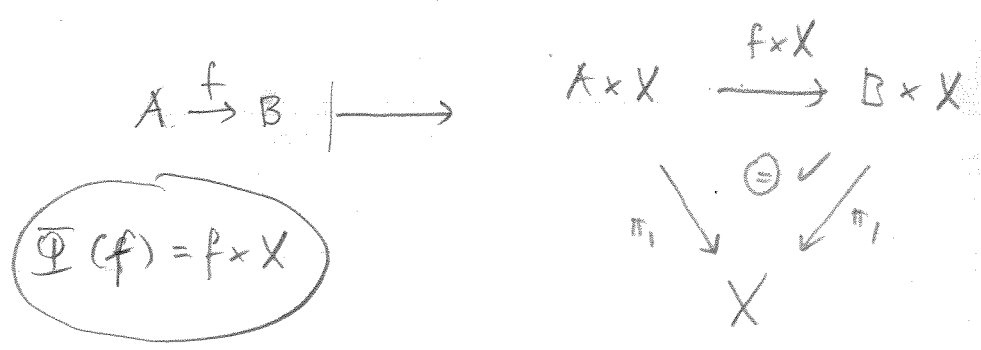
$$A \mapsto (A \times X, \pi_1)$$

where we use 'the' product

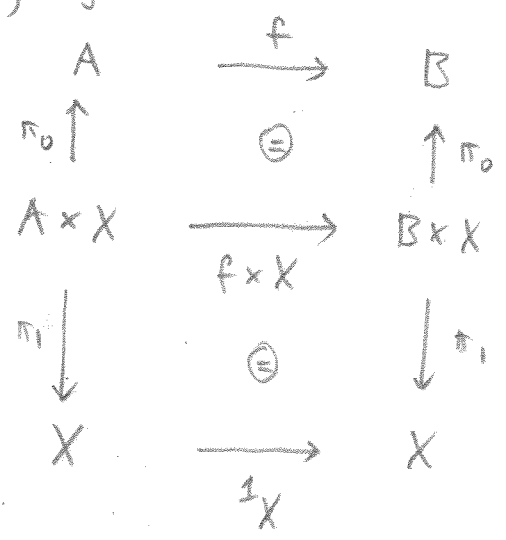
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A \times X & \\ \pi_0 \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_1 \\ A & & X \end{array}$$

On arrows, $\Phi : \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}/X$

acts as follows:



Reminder: $f \times X$ is determined, by the universal property of $B \times X$, by the commutativities in:



(easy exercise!)

Φ is a functor (check). In fact, Ψ is left adjoint to Φ (but I avoid(?) using this fact).

Proposition $\mathbb{C}/X$ is a coherent category, and

$$\Phi : \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}/X$$

is a coherent functor

Proof.

4. (1) The terminal object of $\mathcal{C}/X$ is $(X, 1_X)$:

indeed, for every (A, a) , $(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (X, 1_X)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ a \searrow & \cong & \swarrow 1_X \\ & X & \end{array}$$

is the unique $f = a$.

4. (2) Also, $\Phi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/X$ sends

$1 = 1_{\mathcal{C}}$ to $(1 \times X, \pi_1 : 1 \times X \rightarrow X)$ which is

isomorphic to $(X, 1_X)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \times X & \xrightarrow[\pi_1]{\cong} & X \\ \pi_1 \searrow & & \swarrow 1_X \\ & X & \end{array}$$

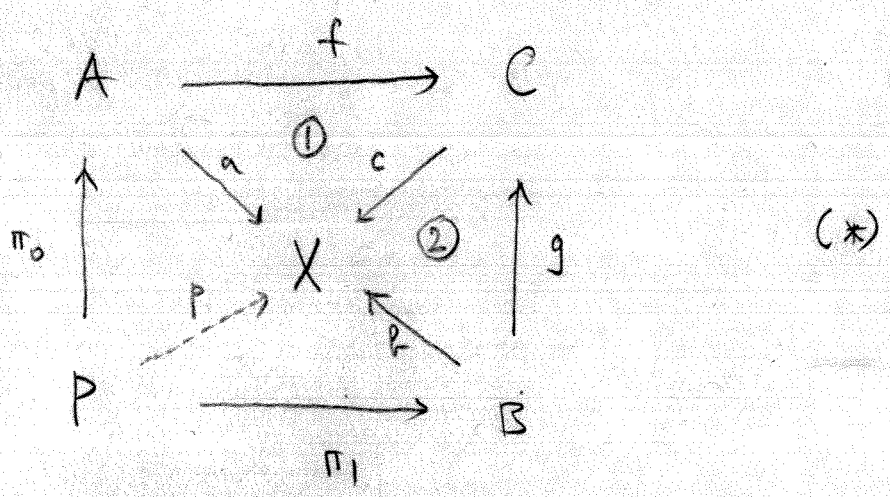
[The fact that Φ preserves (finite) limits (also) follows from Φ being a right adjoint.

4. (3) Pullbacks in $\mathcal{C}/X$ are calculated as in $\mathcal{C}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A, a) & \xrightarrow{f} & (C, c) \\ \pi_0 \uparrow & \lrcorner & \uparrow g \\ (P, p) & \xrightarrow[\pi_1]{} & (B, b) \end{array}$$

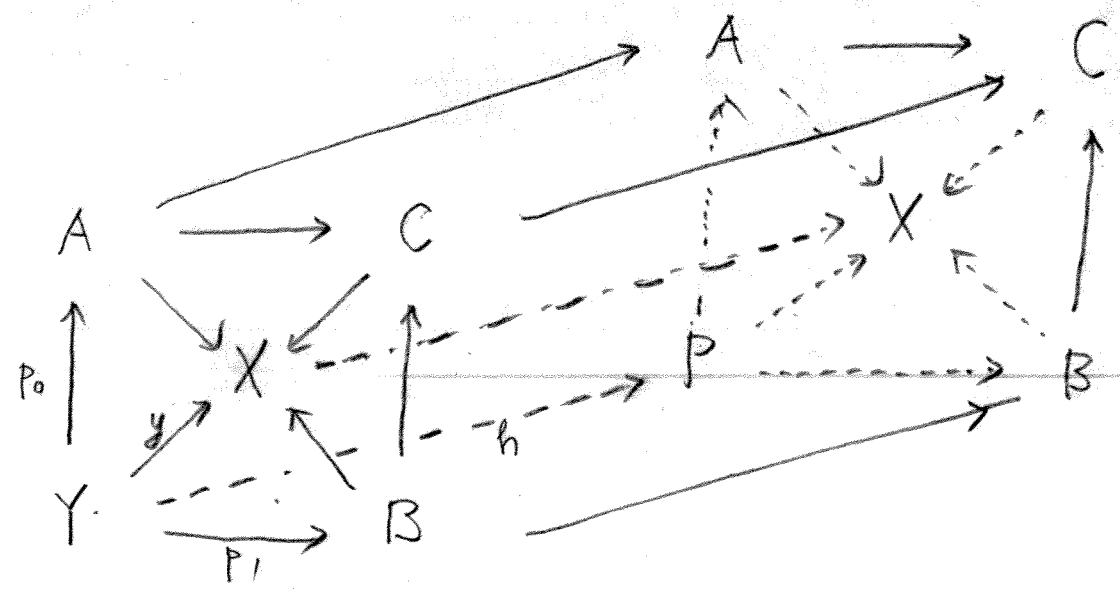
for the pullback:

I can take



Where the square is a pullback in $\mathcal{C}$, and $p: P \rightarrow X$ is defined as $p = a \pi_0 = b \pi_1$, where the last (necessary) equality follows from the commutativity ① and ②, and the commutativity of the square.

I check the universal property: Consider



The map $A \rightarrow B$ is

$X \rightarrow X$

The arrows $A \rightarrow A$, $B \rightarrow B$, $C \rightarrow C$, $X \rightarrow X$
 (going from front to back) are identities. The
 names $a: A \rightarrow X$ and the like are taken from
 the bp diagram, and not notated now. I have
 to explain those arrows that have Y as source
 (four of them).

Let (Y, y) be an object of $\mathbb{C}/X$, $p_0: (Y, y) \rightarrow (A, a)$
 $p_1: (Y, y) \rightarrow (B, b)$ be such that the front square
 commutes:

$$f p_0 = g p_1.$$

I have to show: there is unique $h: (Y, y) \rightarrow (P, p)$
 such that $p_0 = \pi_0 h$, $p_1 = \pi_1 h$. Since P is a pullback
 in $\mathbb{C}$ (see (*)), there is a unique $h: Y \rightarrow P$ such that
 the two required equalities hold. I still need to show
 that $h: (Y, y) \rightarrow (P, p)$, i.e.:

$$y = p h$$

But: $y = ap_0$ since $p_0: (Y, y) \rightarrow (A, a)$;

$p = a\pi_0$ since $\pi_0: (P, p) \rightarrow (A, a)$;

and $p_0 = \pi_0 h$;
thus $y = ap_0 =$

$y = ap_0 = a\pi_0 h = ph$ as desired.

4. (4.0) Properties of the functor $\Psi: \mathcal{C}/X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$:

4. (4.1) Ψ is faithful: obvious.

4. (4.2) Ψ is conservative: it reflects isomorphisms:

let's write ID for $\mathcal{C}/X$; this means:

$f \in \text{Arr}(ID)$, $\Psi(f)$ is an iso (in $\mathcal{C}$) $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} f$ is an iso.

pf: let $f: (A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$, and suppose that

$\Psi(f) = f: A \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism. There is $g: B \rightarrow A$
s.t. $gf = 1_A$, $fg = 1_B$. Then we need: $g: (B, b) \rightarrow (A, a)$

in ID ; i.e.:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{g} & A \\ \downarrow f & \circlearrowleft ? & \swarrow a \\ & X & \end{array} \quad b \stackrel{?}{=} ag$$

But $a = bf$; thus $ag = (bf)g = b(fg) = b$. Done

Remark: The proof shows that Ψ has a much stronger
reflection property: it reflects 'right inverses':

g being a right inverse of f , $fg = 1_B$ implies that $g: (B, b) \rightarrow (A, a)$, and thus g is a right inverse of $f: (A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$.

4. (4.3) Ψ preserves and reflects pullbacks:

given a diagram $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$

$$\hat{\mathcal{D}} := \begin{array}{ccc} (A, a) & \xrightarrow{f} & (C, c) \\ \hat{\pi}_0 \uparrow & & \uparrow g \\ (\hat{P}, \hat{p}) & \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}_1} & (B, b) \end{array}$$

in $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{C}/X$, $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$ is a pullback if and only if $\Psi(\hat{\mathcal{D}})$ (= obtained by applying Ψ to each of the eight entities in $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$) is a pullback in $\mathcal{C}$.

proof: 1) Suppose $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$ is a pullback (in $\mathcal{D}$). Then $\mathcal{D}$ is isomorphic to the pullback diagram $\mathcal{D}$ constructed:

$$\mathcal{D} := \begin{array}{ccc} (A, a) & \xrightarrow{f} & (C, c) \\ \pi_0 \uparrow & & \uparrow g \\ (P, p) & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & (B, b) \end{array}$$

above: there is $(P, p) \xrightarrow{i} (\hat{P}, \hat{p})$, an isomorphism such that

$$(1_A, 1_B, 1_C, i) : \mathcal{Q} \xrightarrow{\cong} \hat{\mathcal{Q}} \quad (*)$$

[$\mathcal{Q}$ and $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$ are, in fact, graph maps $G \rightarrow D$, for

$$G := \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \xrightarrow{5} & 2 \\ \uparrow 7 & & \uparrow 6 \\ 3 & \xrightarrow{8} & 1 \end{array}$$

graph-maps $G \rightarrow D$ form a category $[G, D]$, with arrows natural transformations; $(*)$ is a natural isomorphism in $[G, D]$. Since any functor maps an iso to an iso, $\Psi(\mathcal{Q}) \cong \Psi(\hat{\mathcal{Q}})$. By construction, $\Psi(\mathcal{Q})$ was a pullback; a diagram isomorphic to a pullback diagram is a pullback diagram; therefore, $\Psi(\hat{\mathcal{Q}})$ is a pullback.

2) Suppose $\Psi(\hat{\mathcal{Q}})$ is a pullback diagram in $\mathcal{C}$. Since $\Psi(\mathcal{Q})$ is a pullback diagram in $\mathcal{C}$ as well, $\Psi(\hat{\mathcal{Q}}) \cong \Psi(\mathcal{Q})$. But then $\hat{\mathcal{Q}} \cong \mathcal{Q}$ since Ψ reflects isomorphisms. Since $\mathcal{Q}$ is a pullback, so is $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$.

4. (4.40) $\mathcal{U}$ preserves and reflects monomorphisms:
 a map $(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$ is a monomorphism
 (in $\mathcal{C}/X$) iff $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ is a monomorphism
 (in $\mathcal{C}$).

This can be checked directly (of course),
 but it also follows from 4.3 and the fact that,
 in any category $\mathcal{C}$, $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ is a monomorphism
 iff

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \downarrow \iota_A & & \downarrow f \\ A & \xrightarrow{\iota_A} & A \end{array}$$

is a pullback diagram (check!).

4. (4.50) $\mathcal{U}$ preserves and reflects extremal epi's:

an arrow $(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$ is e.e. iff $f: A \rightarrow B$ is e.e.

proof: $\Rightarrow$ Suppose: $(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$.

1) Suppose $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ (e.e. in $\mathcal{C}$), to show

$(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$. Let $g: A \rightarrow A$ be $g = \text{id}_A$. (*)

Let: $(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \textcircled{=} & \\ g \swarrow & & \nearrow m \\ & (C, c) & \end{array} \quad (\text{mono})$$

to show m is an iso (?). By 4.4, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ g \swarrow & \textcircled{=} & \nearrow m \\ & C & \end{array}, \quad \underline{m \text{ mono}},$$

in $\mathcal{C}$. Therefore, $m: C \rightarrow B$ is an iso; by 4.4,
 $m: (C, c) \rightarrow (B, b)$ is an iso. This shows (*), p(29).

2) Suppose $(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$, to show

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

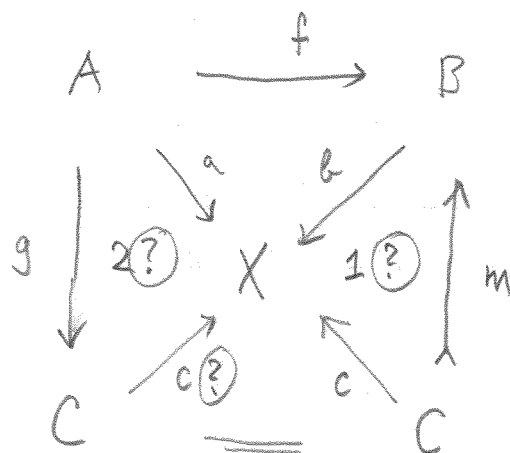
?

[actually, this is the more surprising part, since $\mathcal{C}/X = \mathcal{D}$ may suffer "collapse"; see also later].

To this end, let:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ g \swarrow & \textcircled{=} & \nearrow m \\ & C & \end{array} \quad m \text{ mono}; \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C}.$$

Consider:



Define : $c \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b \circ m$; $1(?)$: OK. Need : $2(?)$:

$$c \circ g \stackrel{?}{=} a = b \circ f$$

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$$(b \circ m) \circ g$$

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$$b \circ (m \circ g) = b \circ f$$

By 4.4: $m: (C, c) \rightarrow (B, b)$ is a mono

I have $(*)$, by p. 30, in D. Hence,

$m: (C, c) \rightarrow (B, b)$ is an iso. Hence :

$m: C \rightarrow B$ is an iso.

Done

4. (50) $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{C}/X$ satisfies 1.2) ; page ①.

Suppose $(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$. Factor $A \xrightarrow{f} B$

in $\mathcal{C}$, according to 1.2):

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

Define $c: C \xrightarrow{c} X$ so that the following commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & & \xrightarrow{f} & & B \\ & \searrow a & & \nearrow b & \\ g \downarrow & & X & & \uparrow m \\ & \nearrow c? & & \nwarrow c? & \\ C & & = & & C \end{array}$$

This is done as on the previous page. We have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A, a) & \xrightarrow{f} & (B, b) \\ g \searrow & \textcircled{=} & \nearrow m \\ & (C, c) & \end{array}$$

in $\mathcal{C}/X$, and by 4.4 and 4.5, m is a mono (in $\mathcal{D}$) and g is e.e. (in $\mathcal{D}$). Done

4. (60) Condition 1.3) for $\mathbb{C}/X$: stability of 'e.e.' under pullback: immediate from the preservation and reflection properties of $\Psi: \mathbb{C}/X \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ discussed above.

4. (70) Subobject lattices: before subobjects,

Consider mere monomorphisms. In any category $\mathbb{C}$ and object Y , let $\text{Mono}(Y)$ denote the class of all monomorphisms $A \xrightarrow{\hat{a}} Y$ into Y . $\text{Mono}(Y)$ is a pre-order: we have the relation

$$(A, \hat{a}) \leq (B, \hat{b}) \iff \text{there is (nec. unique)}$$

$$f: A \rightarrow B \text{ s.t. } \hat{b}f = \hat{a}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\hat{a}} & Y \\ f \downarrow & \text{\textcircled{e}} & \nearrow \hat{b} \\ B & \xrightarrow{\hat{b}} & Y \end{array}$$

$\leq$ is reflexive and transitive, but, of course, it may fail to satisfy antisymmetry — the notion of subobject "corrects" this circumstance. But, in fact, the pre-order $\text{Mono}(Y)$ is 'more basic' than $\text{Sub}(Y)$,

and can be used instead of $\text{Sub}(Y)$. The reason I bring it up here is that, in our situation, we have a sharp relationship connecting Mono-preorders, and the corresponding, weaker, Sub-related fact is a consequence.

Consider $\Psi: \mathbb{C}/X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ as before. Let $(Y, y) \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}/X)$. Then, since Ψ preserves monomorphisms (see: 4.4, p29), Ψ induces a mapping

$$\Psi_{(Y, y)}: \text{Mono}_{\mathbb{D}}((Y, y)) \longrightarrow \text{Mono}_{\mathbb{C}}(Y)$$

$$(\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{C}/X)$$

which, since Ψ is faithful, is one-to-one. But in fact, $\Psi_{(Y, y)}$ is a bijection: if $A \xrightarrow{\hat{a}} Y$, then, for $a = y\hat{a}$, $((A, a), \hat{a}) \in \text{Mono}(Y, y)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\hat{a}} & Y \\ & \text{\scriptsize $\oplus$} & \\ a \searrow & & \swarrow y \\ & X & \end{array}$$

Moreover, $\Psi_{(Y, y)}$ is, obviously, an isomorphism of the preorders involved; therefore, an isomorphism

$$\Psi_{(Y,y)} : \text{Sub}_D((Y,y)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Sub}_C(Y)$$

is induced. It immediately follows that condition

(1.4) holds for $D = C/X$: subobjects form

lattices. Moreover, the isomorphisms above are compatible with the pullback functors:

for $(Z,z) \xrightarrow{f} (Y,y)$ in C/X ; the following diag:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Sub}_D((Y,y)) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Psi_{(Y,y)}} & \text{Sub}_C(Y) \\ f^* \downarrow & \textcircled{=} & \downarrow f^* \\ \text{Sub}_D((Z,z)) & \xrightarrow[\Psi_{(Z,z)}]{} & \text{Sub}_C(Z) \end{array}$$

commutes; as a consequence, condition 1.5 follows too.

We have proved that C/X is a coherent category. Observe that we used

4.7 We check that

$$\mathbb{I} = \Phi_X : \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}/X$$

is a coherent functor.

In 4.2 (p23), we saw that $\mathbb{I}$ preserves the terminal object, and it was mentioned that it preserves pullbacks, for a "general reason". But, here is a direct view:

At issue:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ \pi_0 \uparrow \text{pb} & & \uparrow g \\ P & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & B \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A \times X & \xrightarrow{f \times X} & C \times X \\ \pi_0 \times X \uparrow \text{pb} & & \uparrow g \times X \\ P \times X & \xrightarrow{\pi_1 \times X} & B \times X \end{array}$$

we have already reduced the problem to something in $\mathbb{C}$ alone. For an arbitrary object Y , arrows

$\langle h, k \rangle : Y \xrightarrow{i} Z \times X$ for any Z (there are four candidates

for Z : P, A, B, C) are in bijective correspondence with pairs of arrows $(Y \xrightarrow{h} Z, Y \xrightarrow{k} X)$, for $Y \xrightarrow{i_A} A \times X$,

$Y \xrightarrow{i_B} B \times X$, the commutativity condition $(f \times X)i_A = (g \times X)i_B$ is equivalent to $f h_A = g h_B$ — the k 's do not contribute.

1 step here.

4.8.1 Φ preserves e.e. morphisms:

if $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ is e.e. in $\mathcal{C}$, then
 $\Phi(A) \xrightarrow{\Phi(f)} \Phi(B)$ is e.e. in $\mathcal{C}/X$.

But the latter is $f \times X : (A, \pi_1) \longrightarrow (B, \pi_1) :$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times X & \xrightarrow{f \times X} & B \times X \\ \pi_1 \searrow & & \swarrow \pi_1 \\ & X & \end{array}$$

and we know (4.4.5, p (29)) that

$f \times X : (A, \pi_1) \longrightarrow (B, \pi_1)$ is e.e. in $\mathcal{C}/X$

(iff) $f \times X : A \times X \longrightarrow B \times X$ is e.e. in $\mathcal{C}$.

We have that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times X & \xrightarrow{f \times X} & B \times X \\ \pi_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_0 \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

is a pullback diagram (in $\mathcal{C}$) (check this/

general fact!). By property 1.3) - stability of the

(pullback)

'e.e.' property — , we have that $f \times X$ is e.e. as desired.

(4.8.2) : The map induced by Φ :

$$\text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}}(Y) \xrightarrow{\Phi} \text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}/X}(\Phi(Y))$$

is, by the isomorphism

$$\text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}/X}((Y \times X, \pi_1)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}}(Y \times X)$$

is essentially the same as

$$\text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}}(Y) \xrightarrow{f^*} \text{Sub}_{\mathbb{C}}(Y \times X)$$

for the product/projection $f = \pi_0: Y \times X \rightarrow Y$

(using (again) that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times X & \xrightarrow{a \times X} & Y \times X \\ \pi_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_0 \\ A & \xrightarrow{a} & Y \end{array}$$

is a pullback diagram.) This shows that

$\Phi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/X$ has the preservation properties for the lattice structure

(see p. 8) page 8 — as a consequence of 1.5)
(p. 4) for $\mathbb{C}$.

This completes the proof of the
Proposition, p 22

Remark: One sees the active role of the
pullback stability properties 1.3) and 1.5) first
in the preservation properties of $\Phi_X: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/X$.