

Math 161: Category theory in context

Problem Set 6

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Exercise 1. Prove Lemma 4.1.2 and Remark 4.1.4.

Exercise 2. Define left and right adjoints to $\text{ob}: \text{CAT} \rightarrow \text{SET}$ and to $\text{Vert}: \text{GRAPH} \rightarrow \text{SET}$, the functor that takes a graph to its vertex set, for either directed or undirected graphs, as you prefer.

Exercise 3. Explain each step needed to convert the statement of Lemma 4.2.1 into the statement of Lemma 4.2.2.

Exercise 4. Suppose given a pair of functors $F: C \rightleftarrows D: G$ together with unit and counit natural transformations satisfying the triangle identities. Prove the converse direction of Proposition 4.2.4 by using the unit and counit to define a natural bijection $\mathcal{D}(Fc, d) \cong C(c, Gd)$.

Exercise 5. When does the functor $!: C \rightarrow \mathbb{1}$ have a left adjoint? When does it have a right adjoint?

Exercise 6. Pick your favorite forgetful functor from Example 4.1.9 and prove that it is a right adjoint by defining its left adjoint, the unit, and the counit, and demonstrating that the triangle identities hold.

Exercise 7. Each component of the counit of an adjunction is a terminal object in some category. What category?

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