

Notes on Emily Riehl's "Categories in Context" (2016):

<http://www.math.jhu.edu/~eriehl/>

<http://www.math.jhu.edu/~eriehl/context/>

<http://www.math.jhu.edu/~eriehl/context.pdf>

These notes are at:

<http://angg.twu.net/LATEX/2020rieht.pdf>

See:

<http://angg.twu.net/LATEX/2020favorite-conventions.pdf>

<http://angg.twu.net/math-b.html#favorite-conventions>

I wrote these notes mostly to test if the conventions above are good enough.

2.2. The Yoneda Lemma

2.2.9. Corollary: matrices

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Corollary 2.2.9. Every row operation on matrices with n rows is defined by left multiplication by some $n \times n$ matrix, namely the matrix obtained by performing the row operation on the identity matrix.

She gave a presentation about this in the Tutorial Day of the ACT2020:

<http://www.math.jhu.edu/~eriehl/matrices.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsgEvrDFJsM>

Let Mat be the category that has:

$\text{Objs}(\text{Mat}) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$,

$\text{Hom}_{\text{Mat}}(k, m) = \text{Mat}(k, m) = \{m \times k \text{-matrices}\}$,

and composition like this: $n \xleftarrow{A} m \xleftarrow{B} k \xleftarrow{A \circ B = AB} 4 \xleftarrow{\begin{pmatrix} \ddots \\ \ddots \\ \ddots \end{pmatrix}} 3 \xleftarrow{\begin{pmatrix} \ddots \\ \ddots \end{pmatrix}} 2$

The main diagram is:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & 1 \\
 & & \downarrow \lceil \alpha_k(I_k) \rceil \\
 k & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Mat}(j, k) \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\
 n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Mat}(j, n) \\
 \text{Mat} & \xrightarrow{\text{Mat}(j, -)} & \text{Set} \\
 h_k = \text{Mat}(k, -) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Set}(1, \text{Mat}(j, -)) \\
 & \searrow \alpha & \updownarrow \\
 & & h_j = \text{Mat}(j, -)
 \end{array}$$

2.3. Universal properties and universal elements

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Example 2.3.4. Recall from Example 2.1.5(iv) that the forgetful functor $U : \mathbf{Ring} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ is represented by the ring $\mathbb{Z}[x]$. The universal element, which defines the natural isomorphism

$$\mathbf{Ring}(\mathbb{Z}[x], R) \cong UR,$$

is the element $x \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$. As in the proof of the Yoneda lemma, the bijection (2.3.5) is implemented by evaluating a ring homomorphism $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow R$ at the element $x \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ to obtain an element $\varphi(x) \in R$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \mathbf{1} \\
 & & \downarrow \begin{array}{l} \lceil x \rceil \\ \text{univ} \end{array} \\
 \mathbb{Z}[x] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U(\mathbb{Z}[x]) \\
 \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 R & \xrightarrow{\quad} & UR \\
 & & \downarrow \lceil \varphi(x) \rceil \\
 \mathbf{Ring} & \xrightarrow{U} & \mathbf{Set} \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbf{Ring}(\mathbb{Z}[x], -) & \xleftrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Set}(1, U-) \\
 & \swarrow & \downarrow \\
 & & U
 \end{array}$$

Example 2.3.7.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \mathbf{1} \\
 & & \downarrow \lceil \otimes \rceil \\
 & & \text{univ} \\
 V \otimes_k W \vdash & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Bilin}(V, W; V \otimes_k W) \downarrow \lceil f \rceil \\
 \bar{f} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 U \vdash & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Bilin}(V, W; U) \\
 \\
 \text{Vect}_k \vdash & \xrightarrow{U} & \text{Set} \\
 \\
 \text{Vect}(V \otimes_k W, -) \longleftarrow & \text{Set}(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{Bilin}(V, W; -)) \\
 & \swarrow & \updownarrow \\
 & & \mathbf{Bilin}(V, W; -)
 \end{array}$$

2.4 The category of elements

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2.4.1: Covariant:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathbf{1} & \\
 & \downarrow \lceil x \rceil & \\
 c \vdash & \longrightarrow & Fc \downarrow \lceil x' \rceil \\
 f \downarrow \vdash & \longrightarrow & \downarrow Ff \\
 c' \vdash & \longrightarrow & Fc' \\
 \\
 \mathbf{C} \xrightarrow{F} & \text{Set} & \int F \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbf{C}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 (c, x) \vdash & \longrightarrow & c \\
 f \downarrow \vdash & \longrightarrow & \downarrow f \\
 (c', x') \vdash & \longrightarrow & c'
 \end{array}$$

2.4.2: Contravariant:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathbf{1} & \\
 & \downarrow \lceil x' \rceil & \\
 c' \vdash & \longrightarrow & Fc' \downarrow \lceil x \rceil \\
 f \uparrow \vdash & \longrightarrow & \downarrow Ff \\
 c \vdash & \longrightarrow & Fc \\
 \\
 \mathbf{C}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{F} & \text{Set} & \int F \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbf{C}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 (c', x') \vdash & \longrightarrow & c' \\
 f \uparrow \vdash & \longrightarrow & \uparrow f \\
 (c, x) \vdash & \longrightarrow & c
 \end{array}$$

4. Adjunctions

4.5.2. Right adjoints preserve limits

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (LA \quad LA) & \longleftarrow & (A \quad A) \\
 \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow \\
 (B_1 \quad B_2) & \longleftarrow & (RB_1 \quad RB_2) \\
 & \searrow & \swarrow \\
 & LA & \longleftarrow & A \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 B_1 \times B_2 & \longleftarrow & R(B_1 \times B_2) & RB_1 \times RB_2
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{B}^{\bullet\bullet} & \xrightleftharpoons[R^{\bullet\bullet}]{} & \mathbf{A}^{\bullet\bullet} \\
 \swarrow \Delta & & \swarrow \Delta \\
 \lim & & \lim \\
 \mathbf{B} & \xrightleftharpoons[R]{} & \mathbf{A}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Delta LA = L^I \Delta A & \longleftarrow & \Delta A \\
 \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow \\
 D & \longleftarrow & R^I D \\
 & \searrow & \swarrow \\
 & LA & \longleftarrow & A \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \lim D & \longleftarrow & R(\lim D) & \lim(R^I D)
 \end{array}$$

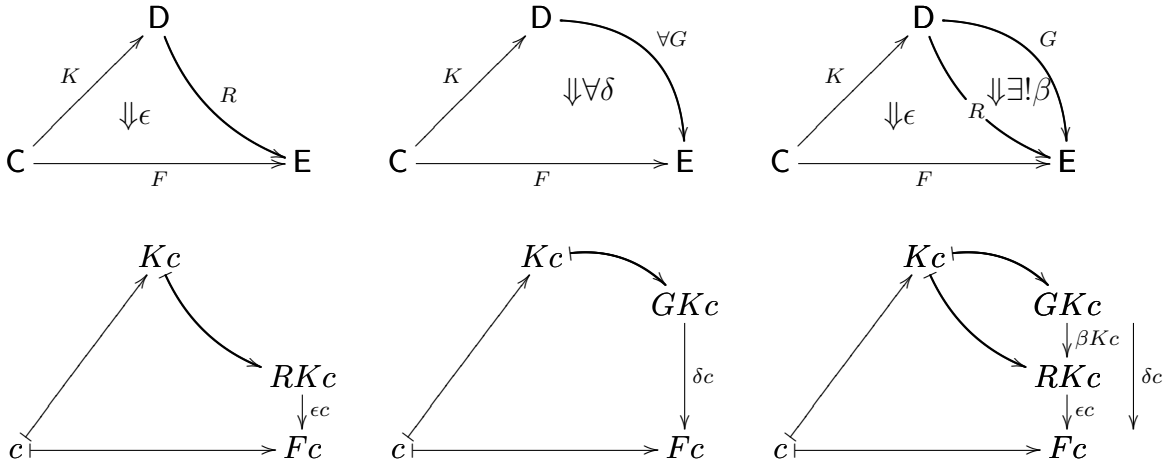
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{B}^I & \xrightleftharpoons[R^I]{} & \mathbf{A}^I \\
 \swarrow \Delta & & \swarrow \Delta \\
 \lim & & \lim \\
 \mathbf{B} & \xrightleftharpoons[R]{} & \mathbf{A}
 \end{array}$$

6.1. Kan Extensions

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Definition 6.1.1 (second half). Given functors F and K a right kan extension of F along K is a pair (R, ϵ) such that $\forall G. \forall \delta. \exists! \beta. \delta = \epsilon \cdot \beta K$.

Lower half: internal view — $\delta = \epsilon \cdot \beta K$ becomes $\forall c. \delta c = \epsilon c \circ \beta K c$.



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Proposition 6.1.5 (right Kan only). Fix K and suppose that we have an operation $F \mapsto (\text{Ran}_K F, \epsilon)$ that returns right Kan extensions. We can use that to build an adjunction $K^* \dashv \text{Ran}_K$, where K^* is pre-composition with K .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K^*G \leftarrow \dashv \forall G & & K^*R \quad K^*G \leftarrow \dashv G \\
 \downarrow K^*\beta & \downarrow \exists! \beta & \downarrow \delta & \downarrow \beta \\
 K^*R \leftarrow \dashv R & & F \mapsto \text{Ran}_K F = R \\
 \downarrow \epsilon & & \\
 F & & \\
 \downarrow \forall \delta & & \\
 & & E^C \xrightleftharpoons[\text{Ran}_K]{K^*} E^D \\
 & & C \xrightarrow{K} D
 \end{array}$$

6.2 A formula for Kan extensions

Riehl's formula for $\text{Ran}_K F(d)$ is:

$$\text{Ran}_K F(d) = \lim(d \downarrow K \xrightarrow{\Pi_d} \mathbf{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathbf{E})$$

I'll change the notation by $\left[\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{C} := \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{D} := \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{E} := \mathbf{Set} \\ K := F \\ F := H \\ d := B \end{array} \right]$

$$F_* H(B) = \text{Ran}_F H(B) = \lim(B \downarrow F \xrightarrow{\pi_B} \mathbf{A} \xrightarrow{F} \mathbf{Set})$$

$$F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \quad \text{is} \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \downarrow \\ 5 \rightarrow 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{F} \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1' \rightarrow 2' \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 3' \rightarrow 4' \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 5' \rightarrow 6' \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} (\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \downarrow \\ 5 \end{array}) \\ \downarrow \\ (\begin{array}{cc} 5 & 6 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 6 & F6 \end{array}) \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{F} \left(\begin{array}{c} (\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \downarrow \\ 6 \end{array}) \\ \downarrow \\ (\begin{array}{cc} 6 & F6 \end{array}) \end{array} \right)$$