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A Appendix

To say that the categories $Hom_{Cat}(\perp, X)$ and $\mathbf{1}$, the terminal category, are equivalent is the same as to say that there exists an arrow from \perp to X and, for every pair of arrows $f, g: \perp \rightarrow X$, there exists a unique arrow from f to g which is an isomorphism.

Proof. Let us first prove the definition from the equivalence: Let $\mathbf{F}: Hom_{Cat}(\perp, X) \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$ be the functor that takes every object (1-cell) $\perp \rightarrow X$ to the unique 1-object $*$ and every morphism (2-cell) to the identity arrow $* \rightarrow *$ and let $\mathbf{G}: \mathbf{1} \rightarrow Hom_{Cat}(\perp, X)$ be the functor that takes the 1-object to an object of $Hom_{Cat}(\perp, X)$, let us say h , and the identity arrow to $id_h: h \rightarrow h$. We show that $id_{Hom_{Cat}} \cong \mathbf{G} \circ \mathbf{F}$.

$Hom_{Cat}(\perp, X)$ cannot be empty, otherwise there would not even exist a bijection between it and $\mathbf{1}$. Let $\tau: Hom_{Cat}(\perp, X) \rightarrow Hom_{Cat}(\perp, X)$ be a morphism that takes every object to h and every morphism to id_h and σ its inverse. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \perp & \xrightarrow{f} X & \xrightarrow{\tau_f} \perp \xrightarrow{h} X \\
 \parallel \alpha & \xleftarrow{\sigma_f} & \parallel \mathbf{FG}(\alpha)=id_h \\
 \perp & \xrightarrow{g} X & \xrightarrow{\tau_g} \perp \xrightarrow{h} X \\
 & \xleftarrow{\sigma_g} &
 \end{array} \tag{A-1}$$

Given a pair f, g of objects, there exists a morphism from f to g , viz., $\sigma_g \cdot id_h \cdot \tau_f$. We show now that this morphism is unique: suppose that there exists two morphisms (α and β) from f to g . As the above diagram commutes for every arrow from f to g , we have $id_h \circ \tau_f = \tau_g \circ \alpha$ and $id_h \circ \tau_f = \tau_g \circ \beta$, i.e., $\tau_g \circ \alpha = \tau_g \circ \beta$ and, as τ_g is an isomorphism, $\alpha = \beta$.

Now we show the equivalence from the definition: As $Hom_{Cat}(\perp, X)$ has at least one object, we can define functors \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} as in the first part of this proof. As there exists arrows between every pair of objects, we can define a diagram like (A-1) and the arrows being isomorphisms guarantee to us that

every arrow from f to g corresponds to a unique arrow from h to h and conversely.

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B Appendix

To say that the categories $Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$ and $Hom_{Cat}(X, A) \otimes Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$ are equivalent is the same as to say that, for any $f: X \rightarrow A$ and $g: X \rightarrow B$, there exist $h: X \rightarrow A \times B$ and isomorphisms $\pi_1 \circ h \cong f$ and $\pi_2 \circ h \cong g$ such that, for all $k: X \rightarrow A \times B$ and 2-cells $\alpha: \pi_1 \circ h \Rightarrow \pi_1 \circ k$ and $\beta: \pi_2 \circ h \Rightarrow \pi_2 \circ k$, there exist a unique $\gamma: h \Rightarrow k$ such that $id_{\pi_1}; \gamma = \alpha$ and $id_{\pi_2}; \gamma = \beta$.

Proof. First, we prove that the definition of 2-product comes from the equivalence of the aforesaid categories:

As the categories are equivalent, there are functors $\mathbf{F}: Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B) \rightarrow Hom_{Cat}(X, A) \otimes Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$ and $\mathbf{G}: Hom_{Cat}(X, A) \otimes Hom_{Cat}(X, B) \rightarrow Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$ such that $id_{\times} \cong \mathbf{G} \circ \mathbf{F}$ and $id_{\otimes} \cong \mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G}$.

Let us define \mathbf{F} as the functor that takes h to $(\pi_1 \circ h, \pi_2 \circ h)$ and γ to $(id_{\pi_1}; \gamma, id_{\pi_2}; \gamma)$ for every object (1-cell) h and arrow (2-cell) γ of $Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$ and let us define \mathbf{G} as the functor that takes (f, g) to $\langle f, g \rangle$ and (α, β) to $\alpha \mid \beta$, for every object (f, g) and arrow (α, β) of $Hom_{Cat}(X, A) \otimes Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$.

Let f and g be objects such that $f \in Hom_{Cat}(X, A)$ and $g \in Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$. Then, $\langle f, g \rangle \in Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$. Let us take $h = \langle f, g \rangle$. As $id_{\otimes} \cong \mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G}$, then $id(f, g) = (f, g) \cong \mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G}(f, g) = \mathbf{F}(\langle f, g \rangle) = (\pi_1 \circ h, \pi_2 \circ h)$, i.e.,

$$f \cong \pi_1 \circ h \quad (\text{I}) \quad \text{and} \quad g \cong \pi_2 \circ h \quad (\text{II})$$

Let k be an object of $Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$, α be an arrow of $Hom_{Cat}(X, A)$ such that $\alpha: \pi_1 \circ h \Rightarrow \pi_1 \circ k$ and β be an arrow of $Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$ such that $\beta: \pi_2 \circ h \Rightarrow \pi_2 \circ k$.

As there is an arrow from f to $\pi_1 \circ h$ (from (I)) and $\alpha: \pi_1 \circ h \Rightarrow \pi_1 \circ k$, there is an arrow from f to $\pi_1 \circ k$. As there is an arrow from g to $\pi_2 \circ h$ (from (II)) and $\beta: \pi_2 \circ h \Rightarrow \pi_2 \circ k$, there is an arrow from g to $\pi_2 \circ k$. Thus, $\langle f, g \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \pi_1 \circ k, \pi_2 \circ k \rangle \cong k$, i.e., $h \Rightarrow k$.

From the natural isomorphisms, we have that \mathbf{G} is left adjoint to \mathbf{F} . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{G}(f, g), k) &\cong ((f, g), \mathbf{F}k) \\ (\langle f, g \rangle, k) &\cong ((f, g), (\pi_1 \circ k, \pi_2 \circ k))\end{aligned}$$

Using (I) and (II), we have that

$$(\langle f, g \rangle, k) \cong ((\pi_1 \circ h, \pi_2 \circ h), (\pi_1 \circ k, \pi_2 \circ k))$$

As for every arrow in $(\langle f, g \rangle, k)$ there is only one arrow in $((\pi_1 \circ h, \pi_2 \circ h), (\pi_1 \circ k, \pi_2 \circ k))$ and conversely, we have that γ is unique and, as both (α, β) and $(id_{\pi_1}; \gamma, id_{\pi_2}; \gamma)$ are arrows in $((\pi_1 \circ h, \pi_2 \circ h), (\pi_1 \circ k, \pi_2 \circ k))$, we have that $\alpha = id_{\pi_1}; \gamma$ and $\beta = id_{\pi_2}; \gamma$.

Now we prove that the equivalence comes from the definition of 2-product.

According to the definition of 2-product, we can define functors \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} , such that $\mathbf{G}(f, g) = h$, for every object (f, g) in $Hom_{Cat}(X, A) \otimes Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$, and $\mathbf{G}(\alpha, \beta) = \gamma$, for every arrow (α, β) in $Hom_{Cat}(X, A) \otimes Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$ and $\mathbf{F}(h) = (id_{\pi_1} \circ h, id_{\pi_2} \circ h)$, for every h in $Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$, and $\mathbf{F}(\gamma) = (id_{\pi_1}; \gamma, id_{\pi_2}; \gamma)$, for every $\gamma \in Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$.

Let us define $\tau: Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B) \rightarrow Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$ as the arrow that takes h to $\langle \pi_1 \circ h, \pi_2 \circ h \rangle$ and γ to $id_{\pi_1}; \gamma \mid id_{\pi_2}; \gamma$, for every object h and arrow γ of $Hom_{Cat}(X, A \times B)$. It is easy to see that this arrow has an inverse and that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h & \xrightarrow{\tau_h} & \langle \pi_1 \circ h, \pi_2 \circ h \rangle \\ \gamma \parallel \downarrow & & \parallel \downarrow id_{\pi_1}; \gamma \mid id_{\pi_2}; \gamma \\ k & \xrightarrow{\tau_k} & \langle \pi_1 \circ k, \pi_2 \circ k \rangle \end{array}$$

commutes. So, there is a natural isomorphism $id_{\times} \cong \mathbf{G} \circ \mathbf{F}$.

Let us define $\sigma: Hom_{Cat}(X, A) \otimes Hom_{Cat}(X, B) \rightarrow Hom_{Cat}(X, A) \otimes Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$ as the arrow that takes (f, g) to $(\pi_1 \circ \langle f, g \rangle, \pi_1 \circ \langle f, g \rangle)$ and (α, β) to $(id_{\pi_1}; (\alpha \mid \beta), id_{\pi_2}; (\alpha \mid \beta))$, for every object f and arrow α of $Hom_{Cat}(X, A)$ and every object g and arrow β of $Hom_{Cat}(X, B)$. It is easy to see that this

arrow has an inverse and that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (f, g) & \xrightarrow{\sigma_{(f, g)}} & (\pi_1 \circ h, \pi_2 \circ h) \\
 (\alpha, \beta) \Downarrow & & \Downarrow (id_{\pi_1}; \gamma, id_{\pi_2}; \gamma) \\
 (f', g') & \xrightarrow{\sigma_{(f', g')}} & (\pi_1 \circ k, \pi_2 \circ k)
 \end{array}$$

commutes. So, there is a natural isomorphism $id_{\otimes} \cong \mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G}$.

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