

In Yoneda Lemma:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{Mor}_C(Y, Y) & Y \\
 \text{const}(\text{Id}_Y) \nearrow & \downarrow G(f) & \downarrow f \\
 * \xrightarrow{\text{const}(f)} & \text{Mor}_C(Y, X) & X
 \end{array}$$

A functor is representable when $G(X) = \text{Mor}_C(Y, X)$ for some Y .

This is, more generally, called a universal element

Definition .0.1

Let $G : C \rightarrow D$ be a functor and let $X \in D$. A universal element for X, G is a D -morphism $\mu : X \rightarrow G(Y)$ for some $Y \in C$ with

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\mu} & G(Y) \\
 & \searrow h & \downarrow G(q) \\
 & & G(Z)
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 Y \\
 \downarrow g \exists! \\
 Z
 \end{array}$$

such that for every D -morphism $h : X \rightarrow G(Z)$ there exists a unique C -morphism $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ such that $h = G(g) \circ \mu$.

Example .0.1

$* \rightarrow \text{Id}$ is a universal element for the representable functor $G : C \rightarrow \text{Set}$ Where $G(Z) = \text{Mor}_C(Y, Z)$.

This is the statement of the Yoneda Lemma

The universal element for X, G if it exists, is unique up to isomorphism.

If the universal element exists for every object $x \in D$ for a functor $G : C \rightarrow D$, then Y_x is functorial in X .

We have a functor $F : D \rightarrow C$ where $F(x)$ is universal for x, G .

Then we have

$$\text{Mor}_D(X, G(Z)) \cong \text{Mor}_C(F(X), Z)$$

naturally. In this case we say that $F : D \rightarrow C$ is left adjoint to G .

$\eta : X \rightarrow GF(X)$ is given by universality, and is called the unit of the adjunction. Symmetrically, we have a natural transformation $\varepsilon : FG(Y) \rightarrow Y$ called the counit.

One can prove that F is left adjoint to G if and only if we have natural transformations $\eta : \text{Id} \rightarrow GF$ and $\varepsilon : FG \rightarrow \text{Id}$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F & \xrightarrow{F\eta} & FGF \xrightarrow{\varepsilon F} F \\
 & \searrow & \nearrow \\
 & \text{Id} &
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \xrightarrow{\eta G} & GFG \xrightarrow{G\varepsilon} G \\
 & \searrow & \nearrow \\
 & \text{Id} &
 \end{array}$$

commute. These are called the triangle identities.

Example .0.2

Let R be a commutative ring. Then $M \otimes_R ?$ is left adjoint to $\text{Hom}_R(M, ?)$.

Duals: $M^* : \text{Hom}_R(M, R)$.

This also extends to R -Chain. There is a notion of a closed tensor category, an abelian category with \otimes satisfying the “obvious axioms.”

I. Products in (co)homology

Natural product in $H^*(X; R)$ where X is a space and R is a commutative ring. Start with $\Delta : X \rightarrow X \times X$. This gives

$$CX \rightarrow C(X \times X) \rightarrow CX \otimes CX$$

via the Eilenberg-Zilber theorem. Tensoring by R gives

$$C(X; R) \rightarrow C(X; R) \otimes_R C(X; R)$$

:wq Dualize the above example to get

$$\begin{aligned} C^*(X; R) \otimes_R C^*(X; R) &\xrightarrow{\mu} C^*(X; R) \\ H^*(C^*(X; R)) \otimes_R H^*(C^*(X; R)) &\xrightarrow{\mu} H^*(C^*(X; R)) \end{aligned}$$

This is called the cup product \smile .

Properties, it is associative, unital, and graded-commutative. Aka for $x \in H^k(X; R)$ and $y \in H^\ell(X; R)$ we have

$$x \smile y = (-1)^{k\ell} (y \smile x)$$

We actually get good rings (e.g. polynomial rings).

Homework #5

(2) Consider the functor $F : \text{Grp} \rightarrow \text{Ring}$ given by $G \mapsto \mathbb{Z}[G]$.

Prove that the right adjoint to F is the group of units

$$R \rightarrow \{g \in R \mid \exists k, gk = 1\}$$

(use universality).