

## Examples of category

1.  $(A, \leq)$  ordered set(a) objects are elements of  $A$ (b) For any  $x, y \in A$ , define

$$\text{Hom}_A(x, y) = \begin{cases} \{*\} & x \leq y \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note that elements of  $\text{Hom}_A(x, y)$  are not ~~maps~~.It is either  $\{*\}$  or empty.For  $x, y, z \in A$ ,if  $\text{Hom}_A(x, y) = \emptyset$  or  $\text{Hom}_A(y, z) = \emptyset$ then  $\emptyset \times \text{Hom}_A(\quad) \rightarrow \emptyset$ 

else

$$x \leq y, y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$$

(Due to the property of ordered set).

~~Ho~~(c)  $\text{Hom}_A(x, x) = \{*_{xx}\}$ ~~If we~~ The above element is the identity which can be trivially verified.

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_A(x, x) \times \text{Hom}_A(x, y) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(x, y) \\ \{*_{xx}\} \times \{*_{xy}\} &\rightarrow \{*_{xy}\} \end{aligned}$$

2.  $X$  is any set,  $\tau$  is a topology on  $X$  if $\tau \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  power set of  $X$  satisfying(i)  $\emptyset, X \in \tau$ (ii)  $\tau$  is closed under intersection  $u, v \in \tau$ 

$$u, v \in \tau \Rightarrow u \cap v \in \tau$$

(iii)  $\tau$  is closed under arbitrary union

$$U_i \in \tau, i \in I \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \tau.$$

The power set is a topology on  $X$  which is called discrete topology.

Also  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X\}$  is also a topology. (indiscrete topology).

The elements of  $\tau$  are called open subsets  
 $\tau$ -topology in  $X$ .

Fix a topology on  $\tau$ . To show  $\tau$  is a category.

(a) objects are elements of  $\tau$ . (subsets of  $X$ )

(b) For  $U, V \in \tau$

$$\text{Hom}_{\tau}(U, V) = \begin{cases} \{U \subseteq V\} & \text{if } U \subseteq V \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\{U \subseteq V\}$  is the natural inclusion map.

Here  $\text{Hom}_{\tau}(U, V)$  ~~is a~~ map.  
 contains a

For any  $U, V, W \in \tau$

$$\text{Hom}_{\tau}(U, V) \times \text{Hom}_{\tau}(V, W) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\tau}(U, W)$$

$$U \subseteq V \quad V \subseteq W \Rightarrow U \subseteq W$$

Rings:  $(R, +, \cdot)$ ;  $+$  is addition on  $R$   
 $\cdot$  is ~~add~~ multiplication on  $R$ .  
 $R$  is a group.

(i)  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group

$$x \in R, -x \in R, \quad x + (-x) = 0 = (-x) + x$$

$0$  is the additive identity

(ii)  $(R, \cdot)$  is a monoid

identity is denoted by  $1$ . (also called the multiplicative identity).

Note  $(R, \cdot)$  need not be commutative and neither cancellative

(iii)  $(+, \text{ and } \cdot)$  are distributive

$$x \cdot (y+z) = x \cdot y + y \cdot z$$

$$(y+z) \cdot x = y \cdot x + z \cdot x$$

Examples of rings:  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

The following properties can be shown to be true.

1)  $0 \cdot x = x \cdot 0 = 0$

2)  $x(-y) = -x \cdot y = (-x) \cdot y$

3)  $(-x)(-y) = x \cdot y$

4)  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $mx = \underbrace{x + x + \dots + x}_m$   $m$  times

$$m(x+y) = mx + my$$

If  $m < 0$   $mx = \underbrace{(-x) + (-x) + \dots + (-x)}_m$   $m$  times

5)  $(mx)(ny) = (mn)(xy)$  This is true irrespective of the commutativity.

Ring Homomorphisms:  $R$  and  $R'$  are rings

A ring homomorphism has the following property

$R \xrightarrow{f} R'$   $(R, +) \xrightarrow{f} (R', +)$  is a group homomorphism.

$$\Rightarrow f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$(R, \cdot) \xrightarrow{f} (R', \cdot)$  is a monoid homomorphism.

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = 1, f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$$

Rings form a category.

$\text{Hom}_{\text{Rings}}(\mathbb{Z}, R)$  (any ring  $R$ ).

$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\gamma_R} R \Rightarrow 1 \mapsto 1_R$ . There is exactly

one ring homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to any ring.