

## Set Theory: Sets vs Classes

$\{x \mid x \in A \wedge p(x)\}$  set (if  $A$  set)

$\{x \mid p(x)\}$  class

"proper class": class  $\neq$  set

Set =  $\{x \mid x \text{ set}\}$  proper class

$\hookrightarrow A = \{x \in \text{Set} \mid x \notin x\}$

$\hookrightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  contradiction

$\text{Grp} = \{(A, \cdot, e) \mid \dots \text{group}\}$   
proper class

$f: \text{Grp}^2 \rightarrow \text{Grp}$

$f(G, H) = G \times H$

$\hookrightarrow$  is NOT set: its  $\text{dom}(-)$  not a set

$f$  is a "class-function"

$f = \{\langle \langle G, H \rangle, G \times H \rangle \mid G, H \in \text{Grp}\}$

is a proper class

$A = \{ \text{Grp}^2 \rightarrow \text{Grp} \}$

$f \in A$

$A$  is NOT a set

$\exists (A, \cdot, e)$  satisfies the group laws

--- it is not a group,

but a "class-group"

$\text{Grp}^A = \{G \mid G \text{ group}, |G| \in A\}$

is a set (if  $A$  is a set)

$$\text{Set}^1 = \{ A \mid \text{card}(A) \leq 1 \}$$

is a proper class

If  $\text{Set}^1$  set then  $\text{Set} = \bigcup \text{Set}^1$   
is a set

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Preliminaries:

- 1) Domain Theory
  - 2) Category Theory
  - 3) The Untyped  $\lambda$ -calculus
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Domain Th:

$(U, \subseteq)$  is preorder iff  
 $\subseteq \in \mathcal{P}(U^2)$

$\subseteq$  reflexive & transitive

Ex: 1)  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  ordered by card.

$$\{1\} \subseteq \{2, 3\} \quad \{1\} \subseteq \{2\} \subseteq \{1\}$$

2)  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \setminus \{\emptyset\}, \subseteq)$  where

$$A \subseteq B \text{ iff } \text{card}(A) = \text{card}(B)$$

$$\wedge \min(A) \leq \min(B)$$

3)  $(\mathcal{P}(A), \subseteq)$

N.B.  $x \subseteq y \vee y \subseteq x$

is NOT true, in general

# Category Theory (as a generalisation of preorders)

preorder " $x \leq y$ " is true or false  
cat. how to "justify"  $x \leq y$   
"of witnesses  $x \leq y$ "

A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is given by

1) a class of objects  $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$  or  $|\mathcal{C}|$   
( $\sim U$  in  $(U, \leq)$ ) or  $\mathcal{C}$  (abusing)

2)  $\forall A, B \in |\mathcal{C}|$ , a class of morphisms or arrows

$f \in \mathcal{C}(A, B)$  or  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$   
or  $f: A \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} B$

with the operations:

a)  $\forall A \in |\mathcal{C}|$ .  $\text{id}_A \in \mathcal{C}(A, A)$   
( $\text{id}_A$  witnesses  $A \leq A$ )  
"identity"

b)  $\forall A, B, C \in |\mathcal{C}|$ .  
 $f \in \mathcal{C}(A, B)$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{C}(B, C)$   
 $\Rightarrow (f; g) = (g \circ f) \in \mathcal{C}(A, C)$   
( $;$  witnesses transitivity of  $\leq$ )  
"composition"

satisfying:  $\forall f: A \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} B$ .  $\text{id}_A; f = f; \text{id}_B = f$

and associativity:  $(f; g); h = f; (g; h)$

Examples:

$(U, \subseteq)$  preorder  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  cat

$$|\mathcal{M}| = U$$

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \{\bullet\} & \text{if } x \subseteq y \\ \emptyset & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

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$\mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $\text{card}(\mathcal{M}(x, y)) \leq 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is a preorder

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- Set : sets & functions
  - $\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}$  : vector spaces on  $\mathbb{K}$  & linear maps
  - $\text{Grp}$  : groups & homomorph.
  - Top : topological spaces & continuous functions
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- "concrete categories"  
sets with structure & structure-preserving maps
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$(M, +, e)$  monoid  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  cat

with  $|\mathcal{M}| = \{\bullet\}$

$$\mathcal{M}(\bullet, \bullet) = M$$

$$f; g = f + g \quad \text{id.} = e$$

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$\mathcal{M}$  cat  $\wedge \text{card}(|\mathcal{M}|) = 1$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is a monoid

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Morphism  $\neq$  function, in general

$(U, \subseteq)$  preorder  $\Rightarrow$   
 $(U, \subseteq)^{\text{op}} = (U, \supseteq)$  preorder

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$\mathcal{C}$  cat  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$  cat with

$$|\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}| = |\mathcal{C}|$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}(A, B) = \mathcal{C}(B, A)$$

$$\text{id}_A \text{ in } \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} = \text{id}_A \text{ in } \mathcal{C}$$

$$f; g \text{ in } \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} = g; f \text{ in } \mathcal{C}$$

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### Special morphisms

-  $f: A \rightarrow A$  "endo"

-  $f$  s.t.  $g; f = h; f \Rightarrow g = h$   
"mono"

(in Set, mono  $\Leftrightarrow$  injective)

-  $f$  s.t.  $f; g = f; h \Rightarrow g = h$   
"epi"

(in Set, epi  $\Leftrightarrow$  surjective)

-  $f: A \rightarrow B$  s.t.

$$\exists g: B \rightarrow A. \quad f; g = \text{id}_A$$

$$g; f = \text{id}_B$$

$f$  is "iso"

(In Set iso  $\Leftrightarrow$  bijection)

Esc:  $g$  is unique ( $f^{-1}$ )

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$G$  group  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}_G$  cat. (as for monoids)

$\forall f: \cdot \rightarrow_{\mathcal{C}_G} \cdot. \quad f \underline{\underline{\text{iso}}}$

$$\mathcal{C} \quad \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Q}^{\text{id}}$$

$$g; f \Rightarrow g = \text{id}$$

$f$  mono  $\wedge$  epi  $\wedge$   $\neg$  iso

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Preorders: monotonic functions

$$f: (U, \subseteq_U) \rightarrow (V, \subseteq_V)$$

monotonic iff

$$\forall x, y \in U. x \subseteq_U y \Rightarrow f(x) \subseteq_V f(y)$$

Pre category

$$|\text{Pre}| = \{ (U, \subseteq) \mid \text{preorders} \}$$

$$\text{Pre}(A, B) = \{ f: A \rightarrow B \mid f \text{ monotonic} \}$$


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monotonic  $\rightsquigarrow$  functors

$$f: U \rightarrow V$$

preorder

$$f(m) = n \in V$$

$$\forall m \in U$$

$$m \subseteq_U m'$$

$\Downarrow$

$$f(m) \subseteq_V f(m')$$

$$F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

cat.

$$F c = d \in |\mathcal{D}|$$

$$\forall c \in |\mathcal{C}|$$

$$g: c \rightarrow c'$$

$\Downarrow$

$$F g: F c \rightarrow F c'$$

where

$$F \text{id}_c = \text{id}_{F c}$$

$$F(g; h) = F g; F h$$