

## 2. QUESTIONS ON §1.1 AND §1.2.

**Question 2.1.** Let **Domain** be the category of integral domains (commutative rings for which 0 is the only zero-divisor) with injective ring homomorphisms. Let **Field** be the category of fields with field homomorphisms. Any integral domain  $R$  has a *field of fractions*  $\text{Frac}(R) = \{\frac{r}{s} \mid 0 \neq s \in R \ni r\}$ .

- (1) Show that objects and morphisms in **Field** define objects and morphisms in **Domain**, and hence explain why there is a full and faithful functor  $I: \mathbf{Field} \rightarrow \mathbf{Domain}$ . Explain why  $I$  is not dense.
- (2) Prove that any morphism  $R \rightarrow R'$  in **Domain** defines a morphism  $\text{Frac}(R) \rightarrow \text{Frac}(R')$  in **Field**.
- (3) Show that there is a dense functor  $\text{Frac}: \mathbf{Domain} \rightarrow \mathbf{Field}$  taking any domain to its field of fractions.
- (4) Prove that  $\text{Frac}$  is left adjoint to  $I$ .

**Question 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  be categories, let  $E, F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $G, H: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  be functors, and let  $\alpha: E \rightarrow F$  and  $\beta: G \rightarrow H$  be natural transformations.

- (1) Show that the morphisms  $G(\alpha_X)$  with  $X \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$  define a natural transformation  $G(\alpha_-): GE \rightarrow GF$ .
- (2) Show that the morphisms  $\beta_{F(X)}$  with  $X \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$  define a natural transformation  $\beta_{F(-)}: GF \rightarrow HF$ .
- (3) Show that there are functors  $G(?_-): \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E})$  and  $?_{F(-)}: \text{Fun}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E})$ .

**Question 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category with one object  $*$  and assume that every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  is an isomorphism.

- (1) Prove that the set  $G := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(*, *)$  is a group, and that any functor from  $\mathcal{C}$  to the category **Set** of sets defines a  $G$ -set (meaning a set equipped with a  $G$ -action).
- (2) Describe the  $G$ -set corresponding to the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(*, -)$ . What does an equivariant function between  $G$ -sets correspond to? Translate Yoneda's lemma into the language of groups and actions.

**Question 2.4.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be categories and let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be functors. Consider the functors  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(-), ?)$  and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, G(?))$ , both of the form  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ . Let  $\alpha: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(-), ?) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, G(?))$  be a natural transformations (and hence a morphism in  $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{D}, \mathbf{Set})$ ).

- (1) Show that, by setting  $\eta_X := \alpha_{X, F(X)}(\text{Id}_{F(X)})$  for any  $X \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , one defines a natural transformation  $\eta: \text{Id}_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow GF$  of functors of the form  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .
- (2) Prove that  $\alpha_{X, Y}(p) = G(p)\eta_X$  for all  $X \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $Y \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{D})$  and  $p \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(X), Y)$ .
- (3) Let  $\beta: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, G(?)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(-), ?)$  be a natural transformation. Define a natural transformation  $\varepsilon: FG \rightarrow \text{Id}_{\mathcal{D}}$  with  $\beta_{X, Y}(q) = \varepsilon_Y F(q)$  for all  $X \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $Y \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{D})$  and  $q \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, G(Y))$ .

Now assume also that  $\beta$  is an inverse of  $\alpha$  in the category  $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{D}, \mathbf{Set})$ , so  $F$  is left adjoint to  $G$ .

- (4) In terms of Question 2.2, prove that  $(G\varepsilon_-) \circ \eta_{G(-)} = \text{Id}_G$  and  $\varepsilon_{F(-)} \circ (F\eta_-) = \text{Id}_F$ .
- (5) Prove that any functor that is right adjoint to  $F$  is naturally isomorphic to  $G$ . Similarly, prove that any functor that is left adjoint to  $G$  is naturally isomorphic to  $F$ .

Hint: begin by assuming that  $G': \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is another functor which is right adjoint to  $F$ . This means  $(F, G)$  and  $(F, G')$  are adjoint pairs. Hence  $\alpha': \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(-), ?) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, G'(?))$  and  $\beta': \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, G'(?)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(-), ?)$  are natural isomorphisms such that  $\alpha' = (\beta')^{-1}$  giving a diagram

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, G(Y)) \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha_{X, Y}]{\beta_{X, Y}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(X), Y) \xrightleftharpoons[\beta'_{X, Y}]{\alpha'_{X, Y}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, G'(Y))$$

for all objects  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ . It follows that, for any such  $Y$ , specifying  $X = G(Y)$  and considering  $\text{Id}_X$  on the left-hand side produces a morphism  $G(Y) \rightarrow G'(Y)$  on the right-hand side.