

Adjunctions

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Exercise 1. Prove that the inclusion functor $\mathbf{Set} \xrightarrow{I} \mathbf{Rel}$ has a right adjoint. You may use any of the equivalent definitions of adjunction. For clarification, I is the functor mapping each set X (an object of \mathbf{Set}) to the set X (also an object of \mathbf{Rel}) and each function $X \rightarrow Y$ (a morphism of \mathbf{Set}) to the relation $\lambda\langle x, y \rangle. f(x) = y$ (a morphism of \mathbf{Rel}).

Exercise 2. There is a functor from $\mathbf{1}$ to \mathbf{Set} picking out the empty set, and another functor from $\mathbf{1}$ to \mathbf{Set} picking out the singleton set. One is the left adjoint to the unique functor from \mathbf{Set} to $\mathbf{1}$, and the other is the right adjoint to the unique functor from \mathbf{Set} to $\mathbf{1}$. Determine and prove which is which.

Exercise 3. $\mathbb{N} : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ maps the only object of $\mathbf{1}$ to the set \mathbb{N} . \mathbf{repeat} is the natural transformation from \mathbb{N} to $\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{L}$ (i.e. $\mathbb{L}(\mathbb{N})$) mapping the sole object of $\mathbf{1}$ to the function mapping n to the length- n list $[n, \dots, n]$. \mathbf{sum} is the natural transformation from $\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{L}$ to \mathbb{N} mapping the sole object of $\mathbf{1}$ to the function mapping a list of numbers and returns its sum.

The string diagram to the right denotes a natural transformation from the functor $\mathbb{N} : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ to itself (\mathbb{N} maps the only object of $\mathbf{1}$ to the set \mathbb{N}). In particular, this means it describes a function from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} . Determine what that function is in terms of basic arithmetic. (No proof necessary; the purpose of this is to learn the notation.)

