A LOGIC FOR CATEGORIES

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ABSTRACT. We present a doctrinal approach to category theory, obtained by abstracting from the indexed inclusion (via discrete fibrations and opfibrations) of left and of right actions of $X \in \mathbf{Cat}$ in categories over $X$. Namely, a “weak temporal doctrine” consists essentially of two indexed functors with the same codomain such that the induced functors have both left and right adjoints satisfying some exactness conditions, in the spirit of categorical logic.

The derived logical rules include some adjunction-like laws involving the truth-values-enriched hom and tensor functors, which condense several basic categorical properties and display a nice symmetry. The symmetry becomes more apparent in the slightly stronger context of “temporal doctrines”, which we initially treat and which include as an instance the inclusion of lower and upper sets in the parts of a poset, as well as the inclusion of left and right actions of a graph in the graphs over it.

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1. Introduction

Let $X$ be a set endowed with an equivalence relation $\sim$, and let $\mathcal{V}X$ be the poset of closed parts, that is those subsets $V$ of $X$ such that $x \in V$ and $x \sim y$ implies $y \in V$. A part $P \in \mathcal{P}X$ has both a “closure” $\Diamond P$ and an “interior” $\Box P$, that is the inclusion $i : \mathcal{V}X \to \mathcal{P}X$ has both a left and a right adjoint:

$$\Diamond \dashv i \dashv \Box : \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{V}X$$

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Thus the (co)reflection maps (inclusions) $\varepsilon_P : i \Box P \to P$ and $\eta_P : P \to i\Diamond P$ induce bijections (between 0-elements or 1-elements sets):

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{\mathcal{P}X(iV, i \Box P)}{\mathcal{P}X(iV, P)} ; \\
\frac{\mathcal{P}X(i\Diamond P, iV)}{\mathcal{P}X(P, iV)}
\end{align*}
$$

By taking $\Box (P \Rightarrow Q)$ as a $\mathcal{V}X$-enrichment of $\mathcal{P}X(P, Q)$, it turns out that the above adjunctions are also enriched in $\mathcal{V}X$ giving isomorphisms:

$$
\begin{align*}
\Box (iV \Rightarrow i \Box P) ; \\
\Box (i \Diamond P \Rightarrow iV) ; \\
\Box (P \Rightarrow iV)
\end{align*}
$$

We also have the related laws:

$$
\begin{align*}
i\Diamond (iV \times iW) ; \\
i \Box (iV \Rightarrow iW) ; \\
\Diamond (i\Diamond P \times iV)
\end{align*}
$$

the first two of them saying roughly that closed parts are closed with respect to product (intersection) and exponentiation (implication). Given a groupoid $X$, the same laws hold for the inclusion of the actions of $X$ in the groupoids over $X$ (via “covering groupoids”). The above situation will be placed in the proper general context in sections $\Box 2$ and $\Box 3$ where we develop some technical tools concerning enriched adjunctions and apply them to hyperdoctrines [Lawvere, 1970].

Now, let us drop the symmetry condition on $\sim$, that is suppose that $X$ is a poset; then we have the poset of lower-closed parts $\mathcal{D}X$ and that of upper-closed parts $\mathcal{U}X$. Again, the inclusions $i : \mathcal{D}X \to \mathcal{P}X$ and $i' : \mathcal{U}X \to \mathcal{P}X$ have both a left and a right adjoint:

$$
\Diamond \dashv i \dashv \Box : \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{D}X ; \\
\Diamond' \dashv i' \dashv \Box' : \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{U}X
$$

While some of the above laws still hold “on each side”:

$$
\begin{align*}
\Box (iV \Rightarrow i \Box P) ; \\
\Box (iV \Rightarrow P) ; \\
\Box' (i'V \Rightarrow i' \Box P) ; \\
\Box' (i'V \Rightarrow P)
\end{align*}
$$

the other ones hold only in a mixed way:

$$
\begin{align*}
\Box' (i\Diamond P \Rightarrow iV) ; \\
\Box' (P \Rightarrow iV) ; \\
\Box (i'\Diamond' P \Rightarrow i'V) ; \\
\Box (P \Rightarrow i'V)
\end{align*}
$$
The laws (1) through (5) hold also for the inclusion of the left and the right actions of a category $X$ in categories over $X$ (via discrete fibrations and opfibrations):

$$i : \text{Set}^{X^{\text{op}}} \to \text{Cat}/X \quad ; \quad i' : \text{Set}^X \to \text{Cat}/X$$

and, when they make sense, also for the inclusion of open and closed parts in the parts of a topological space (or, more generally, of local homeomorphisms and proper maps to a space $X$ in spaces over $X$; see [Pisani, 2009]).

Abstracting from these situations, we may define a “temporal algebra” as a cartesian closed category with two reflective and coreflective full subcategories satisfying the above laws (in fact, it is enough to assume either (3) or (4) or (5)). A “temporal doctrine” is then essentially an indexed temporal algebra $\langle i_X : MX \to PX \leftarrow M'X : i'_X : X \in C \rangle$ such that the inclusions $i_1$ and $i'_1$ over the terminal object $1 \in C$ are isomorphic. Temporal doctrines and their basic properties are presented in sections 4 and 5.

In Section 6 we show how the “truth-values” $M1 \cong M'1$ serve as values for an enriching of $PX, MX$ and $M'X$ in which the adjunctions

$$\Sigma_f \dashv f^* \dashv \Pi_f : PX \to PY$$

$$\Diamond_X \dashv i_X \dashv \Box_X : PX \to MX \quad ; \quad \Diamond'_X \dashv i'_X \dashv \Box'_X : PX \to M'X$$

$$\exists_f \dashv f' \dashv \forall_f : MX \to MY \quad ; \quad \exists'_f \dashv f' \dashv \forall'_f : M'X \to M'Y$$

are also enriched (where, for $f : X \to Y$ in $C$, $\exists fM \cong \Diamond_Y \Sigma_f i_X M$). For example, the temporal doctrine of posets is two-valued while that of reflexive graphs is Set-valued, by identifying sets with discrete graphs.

If $C = \text{Cat}$, the functors $\Pi_f$ are not always available, and the above mentioned enrichment is only partially defined. This weaker situation will be axiomatized in Section 10 where we will see that (6) still can be enriched giving:

$$\text{nat}_X(L, f \cdot M) ; \quad \text{nat}_Y(\exists fL, M) \quad ; \quad \text{nat}_Y(f \cdot M, L) ; \quad \text{nat}_Y(M, \forall fL)$$

(and similarly for “right actions” or “right closed parts” in $M'$) where

$$\text{nat}_X(L, M) := \text{end}_X(i_X L \Rightarrow i_X M) := \forall_X \Box_X (i_X L \Rightarrow i_X M)$$
In a somewhat dual way one also obtains:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{ten}_X(N, f \cdot M) & \cong \text{ten}_Y(\exists_f N, M) \\
\text{ten}_Y(\exists_f N, M) & \cong \text{ten}_X(f \cdot N, L) \quad \text{(8)}
\end{align*}
\]

where one defines the tensor product by

\[
\text{ten}_X(N, M) := \text{coend}_X(i'X N \times i_X M)
\]

In Section 7 we show how the laws (7) and (8) allow one to derive in an effective and transparent way several basic facts of category theory, in particular concerning (co)limits, the Yoneda lemma, Kan extensions and final functors. In sections 8 and 9 other “classical” properties are obtained exploiting also a “comprehension” axiom, relating \( PX \) and \( C/X \).

This approach also offers a new perspective on duality: we do not assume the coexistence of a (generalized) category \( X \) and its dual \( X^{\text{op}} \) (which in fact is not so obvious as it may seem at a first sight). Rather, we capture the interplay between left and right “actions” or “parts” of a category or “space” \( X \) by the above-sketched axioms concerning the inclusion of both of them in a category of more general “labellings” or “parts”.

It is remarkable that while (4) is equivalent to (3) and to (5), they underlie seemingly unrelated items. On the one hand, for a truth value \( V \) in \( M \), the “\( V \)-complement” of \( M \) is valued in \( M' \), that is factors by (4) through \( i'X \) (and conversely). This generalizes the open-closed duality via complementation in topology (and in particular the upper-lower-sets duality for a poset) which is given by

\[
\neg(M, V) := i_X M \Rightarrow i'_X x' \cdot V
\]

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On the other hand, if we denote by \( \{x\} := \Sigma_x 1 \) the “part” in \( \text{Cat}/X \) corresponding to the object \( x : 1 \to X \), then \( \diamond_X \{x\} = X/x \) corresponds to the presheaf represented by \( x \) and for \( N \in M'X \) we can prove that \( \text{ten}_X(N, X/x) \cong x' \cdot N \) using (5) as follows:

\[
\text{ten}_X(N, X/x) \cong \exists_X \diamond_X (i'_X N \times X i_X \{x\}) \cong \exists_X \diamond_X (i'_X N \times X \{x\}) \cong \\
\cong \diamond_1 \Sigma_X (i'_X N \times X \Sigma_x 1) \cong \diamond_1 \Sigma_X \Sigma_x (x' i'_X N \times 1) \cong \diamond_1 i_1 (x' \cdot N) \cong x' \cdot N
\]

While in any temporal doctrine we can similarly derive \( \text{hom}_X(X/x, M) \cong x \cdot M \) using (3), in \( \text{Cat} \) such a proof of the Yoneda lemma stumbles against the lack of \( \Pi_x \) and the related non-exponentiability of \( \{x\} \) (whenever \( x \) is a non-trivial retract in \( X \)). In this case, or in any (weak) temporal doctrine, one can use directly the first of (7):

\[
\text{nat}_X(X/x, M) \cong \text{nat}_X(\exists_x 1, M) \cong \text{nat}_1(1, x \cdot M) \cong x \cdot M
\]

Similarly, using (8) one gets again:

\[
\text{ten}_X(N, X/x) \cong \text{ten}_Y(N, \exists_x 1) \cong \text{ten}_1(x' \cdot N, 1) \cong x' \cdot N
\]

The present paper is a development of previous works on “balanced category theory” (see in particular [Pisani, 2008] and [Pisani, 2009]); the doctrinal approach adopted here emphasizes the logical aspects and suggests a wider range of applications.
2. Enriching adjunctions

In this section, we make some remarks that will be used in the sequel. Along with ordinary adjunctions, Kan defined and studied what are now known as adjunctions with parameter and enriched adjunctions. In particular, we will use the following result from [Kan, 1958]:

2.1. Lemma. Given functors $F, F' : C \times P \to V$ and $R, R' : P^{\text{op}} \times V \to C$ such that there are adjunctions (with parameter)

$$F(X, P) \dashv R(P, V) ; \quad F'(X, P) \dashv R'(P, V)$$

the natural transformations $F \to F'$ correspond bijectively to the ones $R' \to R$, and this correspondence restricts to natural isomorphisms. In particular $F \cong F'$ iff $R \cong R'$.

The next remark roughly says that a geometric morphism is naturally enriched in its codomain:

2.2. Proposition. Let $F \dashv R : C \to V$ be an adjunction between cartesian closed categories, with $F$ left exact. Then $C$ is enriched in $V$ via

$$\text{hom}_V(X, Y) := R(X \
Rightarrow C Y) \quad (9)$$

and there are natural isomorphisms:

$$\text{hom}_V(FV, X) \cong \text{hom}_V(V, RX)$$

(where $\text{hom}_V(V, W) := V \Rightarrow V W$ is the internal hom of $V$) that is the adjunction $F \dashv R$ is itself enriched in $V$. Furthermore, the natural transformations given by the arrow mappings of $F$ and $R$ are also enriched:

$$\text{hom}_V(V, W) \to \text{hom}_C(FV, FW) ; \quad \text{hom}_C(X, Y) \to \text{hom}_V(RX, RY)$$

Proof. For the first part, we have

$$V(1, R(X \Rightarrow Y)) \cong C(F1, X \Rightarrow Y) \cong C(1, X \Rightarrow Y) \cong C(X, Y)$$

(In fact, more generally, $R$ transfers any enriching in $C$ to an enriching in $V$.) For the second part, since $F(V \times W) \cong FV \times FW$, we can apply Lemma 2.1 to the adjunctions:

$$F(V \times W) \dashv W \Rightarrow RX \quad ; \quad FV \times FW \dashv R(FW \Rightarrow X)$$

For the third part, the chain of natural transformations:

$$V(U, V \Rightarrow W)) \cong V(U \times V, W) \to C(F(U \times V), FW) \cong$$

$$\cong C(FU \times FV, FW) \cong C(FU, FV \Rightarrow FW) \cong V(U, R(FV \Rightarrow FW))$$
yields the desired natural transformation, which is easily seen to enrich the arrow mapping of $F$. For $R$ we similarly have:

$$\mathcal{V}(U, R(X \Rightarrow Y)) \cong \mathcal{C}(FU, X \Rightarrow Y) \cong \mathcal{C}(FU \times X, Y) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(F(U \times RX), Y) \cong \mathcal{V}(U \times RX, RY) \cong \mathcal{V}(U, RX \Rightarrow RY)$$

where the non-isomorphic step is induced by the canonical

$$\langle Fp, \varepsilon Fq \rangle : F(U \times RX) \rightarrow FU \times X$$

(10)

Thus, $R$ is fully faithful, also as an enriched functor, iff (10) is an iso, that is $F \dashv R$ satisfies the Frobenius law. Since here we have not used the fact that $F$ preserves all finite products, but only the terminal object (in order to obtain an enrichment of $R$) we get in particular a proof of Corollary 1.5.9 (i) in [Johnstone, 2002].

If $F$ has a further left adjoint $L : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$, then it is left exact and the above proposition applies. We now show that in this case the adjunction $L \dashv F$ is also enriched in $\mathcal{V}$ iff it satisfies the Frobenius reciprocity law:

2.3. Proposition. Suppose that $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{V}$ are cartesian closed and that

$$L \dashv F \dashv R : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$$

Then the existence of the following natural isomorphisms are equivalent:

1. $LX \times V \Rightarrow L(X \times_c FV)$

2. $F(V \Rightarrow W) \cong FV \Rightarrow_c FW$

3. $\hom_\mathcal{C}(X, FV) \cong \hom_\mathcal{V}(LX, V)$

Proof. As before, we apply Lemma 2.1 to the adjunctions:

$$LX \times V \dashv F(V \Rightarrow W) ; \quad L(X \times FV) \dashv FV \Rightarrow RW$$

getting the equivalence of 1) and 2) (which is well-known; see e.g. [Lawvere, 1970]), and to the adjunctions:

$$LX \times V \dashv LX \Rightarrow W ; \quad L(X \times FV) \dashv R(X \Rightarrow FW)$$

getting the equivalence of 1) and 3).
Note that the same functor \( C \times V \to V \) has two different right adjoints, depending on the parameter chosen.

2.4. Remark. It is well known that given adjunctions \( L \dashv F \dashv R : C \to V \), with \( F \) fully faithful, if \( C \) is cartesian closed then so is also \( V \); in fact, products in \( V \) can be defined by
\[
1_V := R 1_C \quad ; \quad V \times_V W := R ( F V \times_C F W )
\]
or also by
\[
1_V := L 1_C \quad ; \quad V \times_V W := L ( F V \times_C F W )
\]
and exponentials by
\[
V \Rightarrow_V W := R ( F V \Rightarrow_C F W ) \tag{11}
\]
Note that, following Proposition 2.2, (11) indicates that \( F \) is fully faithful as an enriched functor, and we get
\[
\text{hom}^V_C ( F V, X ) \cong \text{hom}^V_C ( F V, F R X ) \tag{12}
\]
Note also that, in this case, the equivalent conditions of Proposition 2.3 can be rewritten as follows:
\[
\begin{align*}
L ( X \times F V ) & \cong L ( F L X \times F V ) \tag{13} \\
F V \Rightarrow FW & \cong FR ( F V \Rightarrow FW ) \tag{14} \\
\text{hom}_C^V ( X, F V ) & \cong \text{hom}_C^V ( F L X, F V ) \tag{15}
\end{align*}
\]
where the isomorphisms are induced by the unit of \( L \dashv F \) (the first and the third ones) and by the counit of \( F \dashv R \) (the second one).

3. The logic of hyperdoctrines

We now show how some of the results of Section 2 apply to hyperdoctrines [Lawvere, 1970], giving interesting consequences. Recall that a hyperdoctrine is an indexed category \( \langle \mathcal{P} X ; X \in C \rangle \) such that \( C \) and all the categories \( \mathcal{P} X \) are cartesian closed, and such that each substitution functor \( f^* : \mathcal{P} Y \to \mathcal{P} X \) has both a left and a right adjoint \( \Sigma_f \dashv f^* \dashv \Pi_f \) for any \( f : X \to Y \) in \( C \). The logical significance of hyperdoctrines, and in particular the role of the adjoints to the substitution functors as existential and universal quantification, and that of \( \mathcal{P} 1 \) as “sentences” or “truth values”, are clearly illustrated in [Lawvere, 1970] and in other papers by the same author.

Here we also assume that the adjunctions \( \Sigma_f \dashv f^* \) satisfy the Frobenius law. On the other hand, we do not need to assume that \( C \) is cartesian closed but only that it has a terminal object.
3.1. Corollary. Let \( \langle PX ; X \in C \rangle \) be a hyperdoctrine and define
\[
\text{hom}_X(P, Q) := \Pi_X(P \Rightarrow Q) : (PX)^{op} \times PX \to \mathcal{P}1
\]
\[
\text{meets}_X(P, Q) := \Sigma_X(P \times Q) : PX \times PX \to \mathcal{P}1
\]
where the quantification indexes denote the map \( X \to 1 \). Then \( \text{hom}_X \) enriches \( PX \) in \( \mathcal{P}1 \) and, for any map \( f : X \to Y \), the following adjunction-like laws hold:
\[
\text{hom}_X(f^*Q, P) \cong \text{hom}_Y(Q, \Pi_f P) \quad ; \quad \text{hom}_X(P, f^*Q) \cong \text{hom}_Y(\Sigma_f P, Q)
\]
\[
\text{meets}_X(f^*Q, P) \cong \text{meets}_Y(Q, \Sigma_f P) \quad ; \quad \text{meets}_X(P, f^*Q) \cong \text{meets}_Y(\Sigma_f P, Q)
\]

Proof. Propositions 2.2 and 2.3 and the Frobenius law itself, give:
\[
\Pi_X(f^*Q \Rightarrow P) \cong \Pi_Y(\Pi_f(f^*Q \Rightarrow P)) \cong \Pi_Y(Q \Rightarrow \Pi_f P)
\]
\[
\Pi_X(P \Rightarrow f^*Q) \cong \Pi_Y(\Pi_f(P \Rightarrow f^*Q)) \cong \Pi_Y(\Sigma_f P \Rightarrow Q)
\]
\[
\Sigma_X(P \times f^*Q) \cong \Sigma_Y(\Sigma_f P \times f^*Q) \cong \Sigma_Y(\Sigma_f P \times Q)
\]

Say that a map \( f : X \to Y \) is “surjective” if \( \Sigma_f \top_X \cong \top_Y \), where \( \top_X \) is a terminal object of \( PX \).

3.2. Corollary. If \( f : X \to Y \) is surjective map then
\[
\Pi_X(f^*Q) \cong \Pi_Y Q \quad ; \quad \Sigma_X(f^*Q) \cong \Sigma_Y Q
\]

Proof. For the first one we have:
\[
\Pi_X(f^*Q) \cong \text{hom}_X(\top_X, f^*Q) \cong \text{hom}_Y(\Sigma_f \top_X, Q) \cong \text{hom}_Y(\top_Y, Q) \cong \Pi_Y Q
\]
The proof of the second one follows the same pattern:
\[
\Sigma_X(f^*Q) \cong \text{meets}_X(\top_X, f^*Q) \cong \text{meets}_Y(\Sigma_f \top_X, Q) \cong \text{meets}_Y(\top_Y, Q) \cong \Sigma_Y Q
\]

Note that for \( \langle PX ; X \in \text{Set} \rangle \), Corollary 3.2 becomes the fact that the inverse image functor along a surjective mapping \( f : X \to Y \) preserves non-emptiness and reflects maximality: if \( P \subseteq Y \) is non-empty so it is \( f^{-1}P \) and if \( f^{-1}P = X \) then \( P = Y \).

There are three canonical ways to get a “truth value” in \( \mathcal{P}1 \) from \( P \in PX \), namely quantifications along \( X : X \to 1 \) and evaluation at a point \( x : 1 \to X \):
\[
\Pi_X P \quad ; \quad \Sigma_X P \quad ; \quad x^* P
\]

In the above proposition, we have used the fact that quantifications along \( X \) are “represented” (by \( \top_X \)):
\[
\Pi_X P \cong \text{hom}_X(\top_X, P) \quad ; \quad \Sigma_X P \cong \text{meets}_X(\top_X, P)
\]
Now we show that the same is true for evaluation; namely, evaluation at \( x \) is “represented” by the “singleton”:
\[
\{x\} := \Sigma_x \top_1
\]
3.3. Corollary. Given a point \( x : 1 \to X \) there are isomorphisms
\[
x^* P \cong \text{hom}_X(\{x\}, P) \quad ; \quad x^* P \cong \text{meets}_X(\{x\}, P)
\]
natural in \( P \in \mathcal{P}X \).

Proof. \( \text{hom}_X(\Sigma_x \top_1, P) \cong \text{hom}_1(\top_1, x^* P) \cong \Pi_1(x^* P) \cong x^* P \)
\[
\text{meets}_X(\Sigma_x \top_1, P) \cong \text{meets}_1(\top_1, x^* P) \cong \Sigma_1(x^* P) \cong x^* P
\]

(Note that the last index 1 is the identity on \( 1 \in \mathcal{C} \).)

3.4. Remark. Suppose that \( \mathcal{C} \) has pullbacks, so that we also have the doctrine \( \langle \mathcal{C}/X ; X \in \mathcal{C} \rangle \), with \( f_! \dashv f^{-1} : \mathcal{C}/Y \to \mathcal{C}/X \) for \( f : X \to Y \). Suppose also that \( \langle \mathcal{P}X ; X \in \mathcal{C} \rangle \) satisfies the comprehension axiom [Lawvere, 1970] \( c_X \dashv k_X : \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{C}/X \).

Then the set-valued “external evaluation” of \( P \in \mathcal{P}X \) at \( x : 1 \to X \) can be expressed in various ways:
\[
\mathcal{P}1(\top_1, x^{-1}) P \cong \mathcal{P}X(\{x\}, P) \cong \mathcal{P}X(c_X x, P) \cong \mathcal{C}/X(x, k_X P) \cong \mathcal{C}(1, x^{-1} k_X P)
\]

3.5. Corollary. [formulas for quantifications] Given \( P \in \mathcal{P}X \), a map \( f : X \to Y \) and a point \( y : 1 \to Y \), there are isomorphisms
\[
y^* \Pi_f P \cong \text{hom}_Y(f^* \{y\}, P) \quad ; \quad y^* \Sigma_f P \cong \text{meets}_X(f^* \{y\}, P)
\]
natural in \( P \in \mathcal{P}X \).

Proof. \( y^* \Pi_f P \cong \text{hom}_Y(\{y\}, \Pi_f P) \cong \text{hom}_X(f^* \{y\}, P) \)
\[
y^* \Sigma_f P \cong \text{meets}_Y(\{y\}, \Sigma_f P) \cong \text{meets}_X(f^* \{y\}, P)
\]

Note that for \( \langle \mathcal{P}X ; X \in \text{Set} \rangle \), Corollary 3.3 gives the classical formula for the coimage of a part along a mapping \( f \), and a (less classical) formula for the image: \( y \) is in the image \( \Sigma_f P \) iff its inverse image meets \( P \).

4. Temporal doctrines

A temporal doctrine \( \langle i_X : \mathcal{M}X \to \mathcal{P}X \leftarrow \mathcal{M}'X : i'_X ; X \in \mathcal{C} \rangle \) consists of two indexed functors with the same codomain, satisfying the axioms listed below.

We denote the substitution functors along a map \( f : X \to Y \) in \( \mathcal{C} \) by
\[
f : \mathcal{M}Y \to \mathcal{M}X \quad ; \quad f' : \mathcal{M}'Y \to \mathcal{M}'X \quad ; \quad f^* : \mathcal{P}Y \to \mathcal{P}X
\]

Thus we have (coherent) isomorphisms:
\[
(gf) \cdot \cong f \cdot g \cdot \quad ; \quad (gf)' \cdot \cong f' \cdot g' \cdot \quad ; \quad (gf)^* \cong f^* g^*
\]
(and similarly for identities) and also
\[ i_X f \, \cdot \, \cong f^* i_Y \quad ; \quad i'_X f' \, \cdot \, \cong f^* i'_Y \]

We denote by \( BX \) the indexed pullback \( M X \times_{P X} M' X \), by \( j_X \) and \( j'_X \) its indexed projections to \( M X \) and \( M' X \) respectively, and
\[ b_X := i_X j_X = i'_X j'_X : BX \to PX \]

The first group of axioms requires the existence of some adjoint functors:
1. The indexing category has a terminal object: \( 1 \in C \).
2. The categories of \( PX \) are cartesian closed. Thus, for any \( X \in C \), we have a terminal object \( 1_X \in PX \), products \( P \times_X Q \) and exponentials \( P \Rightarrow_X Q \).
3. The substitution functors \( f^* : PY \to PX \) have both left and right adjoints:
   \[ \Sigma_f \dashv f^* \dashv \Pi_f \]
4. The functors \( i_X : MX \to PX \) and \( i'_X : M'X \to PX \) have both left and right adjoints:
   \[ \Diamond_X \dashv i_X \dashv \Box_X \quad ; \quad \Diamond'_X \dashv i'_X \dashv \Box'_X \]
5. The doctrine \( PX \) satisfies the comprehension axiom [Lawvere, 1970]: the canonical functors \( c_X : C/X \to PX \) (sending \( f : T \to X \) to \( \Sigma_f 1_T \)) have right adjoints:
   \[ c_X \dashv k_X : PX \to C/X \]

The second group of axioms imposes some exactness condition on these functors:
1. The functors \( i_X \) and \( i'_X \) are fully faithful:
   \[ \Diamond_X i_X \cong \text{id}_{MX} \quad ; \quad \Box_X i_X \cong \text{id}_{MX} \]
   (and similarly for \( i'_X \)).
2. The doctrine \( PX \) satisfies the Frobenius law:
   \[ \Sigma_f P \times_Y Q \cong \Sigma_f (P \times_X f^* Q) \quad (16) \]
   for any \( f : X \to Y \) (naturally in \( P \in PX \) and \( Q \in PY \)).
3. The adjunctions \( \Diamond_X \dashv i_X \) and \( \Diamond'_X \dashv i'_X \) satisfy the “mixed Frobenius laws”, that is their units induce isomorphisms
   \[ \Diamond_X (P \times_X i'_X N) \cong \Diamond_X (i_X \Diamond_X P \times_X i'_X N) \quad (17) \]
   \[ \Diamond'_X (P \times_X i_X M) \cong \Diamond'_X (i'_X \Diamond'_X P \times_X i_X M) \quad (18) \]
   (natural in \( P \in PX \), \( N \in M'X \) and \( M \in MX \)).
4. The projections $j_1 : B^1 \to M^1$ and $j'_1 : B^1 \to M'^1$ are isomorphisms.

5. The comprehension functors $k_X : P^X \to C^X$ are fully faithful:

$$c_X k_X P = \Sigma_{k_X P} 1_{X! (k_X P)} \cong P$$

(where we use the notations of Remark 3.4 so that $X_!$ is the domain projection $C^X \to C$. Note that the index $k_X P$ of $\Sigma$ is an object of $C^X$, so that it should be more exactly be replaced by $X!(k_X P)$, where now $k_X P$ denote the map to the terminal in $C^X$).

4.1. Examples.

1. Any hyperdoctrine $\langle P^X : X \in C \rangle$ (see Section 3) with a fully faithful comprehension functor gives rise to a (rather trivial) temporal doctrine:

$$\langle \text{id} : P^X \to P^X \leftarrow P^X : \text{id} ; X \in C \rangle$$

Thus the results of Section 3 can be seen as particular cases of those we will obtain for temporal doctrines.

2. $\langle i_X : DX \to P^X \leftarrow UX : i'_X ; X \in \text{Pos} \rangle$, where $\langle P^X : X \in \text{Pos} \rangle$ is the doctrine of all the parts of a poset, while $DX$ and $UX$ are the subdoctrines of lower-closed and upper-closed parts of $X$.

3. $\langle i_X : M^X \to \text{Grph}/X \leftarrow M'^X : i'_X ; X \in \text{Grph} \rangle$, where $\text{Grph}$ is the category of reflexive graphs, while $M^X$ and $M'^X$ are the categories of left and right actions of $X$ (or of the free category generated by it).

4. Groupoids or sets endowed with an equivalence relation give rise to “symmetrical” temporal doctrines: all the projections $j_X$ and $j'_X$ are isomorphisms. Note that, since the axioms are symmetrical, each temporal doctrine has a dual obtained by exchanging the left and the right side (that is $i$ and $i'$); while a symmetrical temporal doctrine is clearly self-dual (that is isomorphic to its own dual) the same is true for $\text{Grph}$, via the “opposite” functor $\text{Grph} \to \text{Grph}$.

5. Any strong balanced factorization category $\langle C ; E, M \rangle$ such that $C$ is locally cartesian closed and $M^X$ and $M'^X$ are coreflective in $C^X$, gives rise to the temporal doctrine $\langle i_X : M^X \to C^X \leftarrow M'^X : i'_X ; X \in C \rangle$.

6. Given a temporal doctrine on a category $C$ and any subcategory $C'$ of $C$ such that $1 \in C'$, one gets by restriction another temporal doctrine on $C'$.
4.2. Remark. The name “temporal doctrine” is clearly suggested by the functors \(\Diamond\), \(\Box\), \(\Diamond'\) and \(\Box'\), which can be seen as modal operators acting in the two directions of time. A categorical approach to modal and tense logic was developed in the eighties by Ghilardi and Meloni and independently by Reyes et al. Not being here specifically concerned with these logics, we just note that the temporal doctrine of posets mentioned in the examples above is also an instance of temporal doctrine in the sense of [Ghilardi & Meloni, 1991].

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5. Basic properties

5.1. Terminology. Since a (weaker form of) temporal doctrine is mainly intended to model the situation \((\text{Set}^{X^\text{op}} \to \text{Cat}/X \leftarrow \text{Set}^X; X \in \text{Cat})\), the objects of \(\mathcal{C}\) should be thought of as generalized categories. In fact in the sequel we will freely borrow terminology from category theory, whenever opportune. However, the interior \(\Box_X\) and closure \(\Diamond_X\) operators suggest that it also make sense to consider the objects of \(\mathcal{C}\) as a sort of spaces, so that we will also borrow some terminology from topology; in fact, the links with that subject can be taken quite seriously as sketched in [Pisani, 2009], where it is discussed also the significance of the “closure” reflection in “open parts” (or “local homeomorphisms”). Anyway, if \(X\) is a topological space and \(i_X\) and \(i'_X\) are the inclusion of open and closed parts respectively in \(\mathcal{P}X\), the mixed Frobenius laws (and their equivalent ones) hold true when they make sense, that is when only the operators \(\Box_X\) and \(\Diamond_X\) are involved.

Thus we sometimes refer to objects and arrows of \(\mathcal{C}\) as “spaces” and “maps”; to the objects of \(\mathcal{P}X\) as “parts” of \(X\) and to those of \(\mathcal{M}X\) and \(\mathcal{M}'X\) as left closed and right closed parts of \(X\), respectively. The reflections \(\Diamond_X\) and \(\Diamond'_X\) are the left and right “closure” operators respectively, while \(\Box_X\) and \(\Box'_X\) are the left and right “interior” operators.

Apart from the axioms concerning the comprehension adjunctions, a temporal doctrine is a hyperdoctrine \(\mathcal{P}X\) (in the sense of Section 3) with two reflective and coreflective indexed subcategories \(\mathcal{M}X\) and \(\mathcal{M}'X\) such that \(\mathcal{M}1\) and \(\mathcal{M}'1\) are isomorphic as subcategories of \(\mathcal{P}1\); furthermore, and most importantly, we assume the mixed Frobenius laws \(\text{(17)}\) and \(\text{(18)}\), which are rich of important consequences. The reason of their name follows by Remark 2.4: they look like the Frobenius laws for \(\Diamond_X \dashv i_X\) and \(\Diamond'_X \dashv i'_X\), except that \(i_X\) and \(i'_X\) are exchanged in the second factors. In fact, we have the corresponding mixed equivalent conditions:

5.2. Proposition. The following laws hold in a temporal doctrine, and each o them can be used in the definition in place of \(\text{(17)}\) and \(\text{(18)}\):

\[
i'_X N \Rightarrow i_X M \cong i_X \Box_X (i'_X N \Rightarrow i_X M) ; \quad i_X M \Rightarrow i'_X N \cong i'_X \Box'_X (i_X M \Rightarrow i'_X N) \tag{20}
\]

\[
\Box_X (P \Rightarrow i_X M) \cong \Box_X (i_X \Diamond_X P \Rightarrow i_X M) ; \quad \Box_X (P \Rightarrow i'_X N) \cong \Box_X (i'_X \Diamond'_X P \Rightarrow i'_X N) \tag{21}
\]
Furthermore

\[ \Box_X (i_X M \Rightarrow P) \cong \Box_X (i_X M \Rightarrow i_X \Box_X P) \; ; \; \Box'_X (i'_X N \Rightarrow P) \cong \Box'_X (i'_X N \Rightarrow i'_X \Box'_X P) \]

**Proof.** As in Proposition 2.3 both the members of (17) and of (18) have two right adjoints, one for each parameter considered, giving the conditions above. For the last statement, recall (12).

From (20) we immediately get:

5.3. **Corollary.** If the part \( P \in \mathcal{PX} \) is left closed and \( Q \in \mathcal{PX} \) is right closed (that is \( P \cong i_X M \) and \( Q \cong i'_X N \)) then \( P \Rightarrow Q \) is itself right closed.

As already mentioned in the Introduction, we so have an “explanation” of the fact that the complement of an upper-closed part of a poset is lower-closed (and conversely).

5.4. **Corollary.** The categories \( \mathcal{BX} \) are themselves cartesian closed, with the “same” exponential of \( \mathcal{PX} \):

\[ b_X B \Rightarrow b_X C \cong b_X (B \Rightarrow_{\mathcal{BX}} C) \]

5.5. **Proposition.** \( \langle \mathcal{MX} ; X \in \mathcal{C} \rangle \) and \( \langle \mathcal{M'X} ; X \in \mathcal{C} \rangle \) are themselves hyperdoctrines, with a fully faithful comprehension adjoint.

**Proof.**

1. As in Remark 2.4 the categories \( \mathcal{MX} \) and \( \mathcal{M'X} \) are cartesian closed, with exponentials given by

\[ \Box_X (i_X L \Rightarrow i_X M) \; ; \; \Box'_X (i'_X N \Rightarrow i'_X O) \]

We denote products in \( \mathcal{MX} \) and \( \mathcal{M'X} \) by

\[ T_X \; ; \; L \land_X M \; ; \; T'_X \; ; \; N \land'_X O \]

2. The substitution functors for left and right closed parts have both left and right adjoints:

\[ \exists f \vdash f \cdot \forall f \; ; \; \exists' f \vdash f' \cdot \forall' f \]

where

\[ \exists f \cong \diamond_Y \Sigma_f i_X \; ; \; \forall f \cong \Box_Y \Pi_f i_X \]  

(22)

(and similarly for \( \exists' f \) and \( \forall' f \)). Note that these satisfy:

\[ \exists f \Box_X \cong \diamond_Y \Sigma_f \; ; \; \forall f \Box_X \cong \Box_Y \Pi_f \]

(23)

(and similarly for \( \exists' f \) and \( \forall' f \)).
3. The canonical functors $\mathcal{C}/X \to \mathcal{M}X$ send $f : T \to X$ to

$$\exists_f \top_T \cong \Diamond X \Sigma_f i_X \top_T \cong \Diamond X \Sigma_f 1_T \cong \Diamond X \top f$$

that is factor through the corresponding ones for $\mathcal{P}X$. Thus, they have the functors $k_X i_X : \mathcal{M}X \to \mathcal{C}/X$ as fully faithful right adjoints (and similarly for $\mathcal{M}'X$; we leave it to the reader to check the above factorization for the arrow mapping).

The fact that the adjunctions $\Diamond X i_X$ and $\Diamond' X i'_X$ satisfy the mixed Frobenius laws implies a restricted form of the Frobenius law for each of them and also for $\exists_f i f$ and $\exists'_f i f'$, which will be used in the sequel:

5.6. Proposition. [restricted Frobenius laws] For any $X \in \mathcal{C}$, there are natural isomorphisms:

$$\Diamond X (P \times_X i_X j_X B) \cong \Diamond X P \wedge_X j_X B$$

For any $f : X \to Y$ in $\mathcal{C}$, there are natural isomorphisms:

$$\exists_f (M \wedge_X f \cdot j_Y B) \cong \exists_f M \wedge_X j_Y B \quad \exists'_f (N \wedge'_X f' \cdot j'_Y B) \cong \exists'_f N \wedge'_X j'_Y B$$

Proof. For the first one, by the mixed Frobenius law we get:

$$\Diamond X (P \times_X i_X j_X B) \cong \Diamond X (P \times_X i'_X j'_X B) \cong \Diamond X (i_X \Diamond X P \times_X i'_X j'_X B) \cong$$

$$\cong \Diamond X (i_X \Diamond X P \times_X i_X j_X B) \cong \Diamond X i_X (\Diamond X P \wedge_X j_X B) \cong \Diamond X P \wedge_X j_X B$$

For the second one, we then have:

$$\exists_f (M \wedge_X f \cdot j_Y B) \cong \Diamond Y \Sigma_f i_X (M \wedge_X f \cdot j_Y B) \cong$$

$$\cong \Diamond Y \Sigma_f (i_X M \times_X i_X f \cdot j_Y B) \cong \Diamond Y \Sigma_f (i_X M \times_X f^* i_Y j_Y B) \cong$$

$$\cong \Diamond Y (\Sigma_f i_X M \times_Y i_Y j_Y B) \cong (\Diamond Y \Sigma_f i_X M) \wedge_Y j_Y B \cong \exists_f M \wedge_Y j_Y B$$

6. Functors valued in truth values

In the sequel, a major role will be played by the “truth values” category $\mathcal{B}1$. We denote by $\text{true}$ its terminal object, so that

$$j_1 \text{true} \cong \top_1 \quad ; \quad j'_1 \text{true} \cong \top'_1$$

The functors $X^* b_1 : \mathcal{B}1 \to \mathcal{P}X$ can be factorized in various ways:

$$i_X X \cdot j_1 = X^* i_1 j_1 = X^* i'_1 j'_1 = i'_X X' \cdot j'_1$$
(where \( X \) denotes also the map \( X \to 1 \)). Thus their left and right adjoints can be factorized as:

\[
j_1^{-1} \exists_X \bowtie_X \cong j_1^{-1} \exists_1 \Sigma_X \cong j'_1^{-1} \exists'_1 \Sigma_X \cong j'_1^{-1} \exists'_X \bowtie'_X
\]

\[
j_1^{-1} \forall_X \sqcap_X \cong j_1^{-1} \sqcap_1 \Pi_X \cong j'_1^{-1} \sqcap'_1 \Pi_X \cong j'_1^{-1} \forall'_X \sqcap'_X
\]

(24)

We refer to (anyone of) these as the “coend” and “end” functors at \( X \), respectively:

\[
\text{coend}_{X} \vdash X^* b_i \vdash \text{end}_{X} : \mathcal{P} X \to B_1
\]

This terminology is justified by the fact that, for a bifunctor \( H : X^{\text{op}} \times X \to \text{Set} \), one can easily construct an object \( h \) of \( \text{Cat}/X \) such that \( \text{end}_{X} h \) gives the usual end of \( H \), while \( \text{coend}_{X} h \) gives the coend of \( H \) in the sense of strong dinaturality, which in most relevant cases reduces to the usual one as well (see [Pisani, 2007]).

Next we define the functors

\[
\text{meets}_{X} : \mathcal{P} X \times \mathcal{P} X \to B_1 \quad ; \quad \text{hom}_{X} : (\mathcal{P} X)^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{P} X \to B_1
\]

\[
\text{meets}_{X}(P, Q) := \text{coend}_{X}(P \times Q) \quad ; \quad \text{hom}_{X}(P, Q) := \text{end}_{X}(P \Rightarrow Q)
\]

and their restrictions

\[
\text{ten}_{X} : \mathcal{M} X \times \mathcal{M} X \to B_1
\]

\[
\text{nat}_{X} : (\mathcal{M} X)^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{M} X \to B_1 \quad ; \quad \text{nat}'_{X} : (\mathcal{M}' X)^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{M}' X \to B_1
\]

\[
\text{ten}_{X}(N, M) := \text{meets}_{X}(i'_{X} N, i_{X} M)
\]

\[
\text{nat}_{X}(L, M) := \text{hom}_{X}(i_{X} L, i_{X} M) \quad ; \quad \text{nat}'_{X}(N, O) := \text{hom}_{X}(i'_{X} N, i'_{X} O)
\]

For instance, in the temporal doctrine of posets \( B_1 \cong \mathcal{P} 1 \cong \{\text{true}, \text{false} \} \) and

\[
\text{meets}_{X}(P, Q) = \text{true}
\]

iff \( P \) and \( Q \) have a non-empty intersection (and similarly for \( \text{ten}_{X}(N, M) \)). Of course, \( \text{hom}_{X}(P, Q) = \text{true} \) iff \( P \subseteq Q \) (and similarly for \( \text{nat}_{X}(L, M) \) and \( \text{nat}'_{X}(N, O) \)). In the temporal doctrine of reflexive graphs, \( \mathcal{P} 1 \cong \text{Grph} \) while \( B_1 \cong \text{Set} \).

Note that \( \text{hom}_{X} \) and \( \text{ten}_{X} \) are valued in \( B_1 \) rather than in \( \mathcal{P} 1 \) as in Section 3 so that the notation is in fact consistent only for the first example in 4.1.

6.1. THE ENRICHED “ADJUNCTION” LAWS.

In the following proposition, we show that the adjunctions which define a temporal doctrine can be internalized, that is they are enriched in the truth values category \( B_1 \). Furthermore, some of them have an exact counterpart in a similar law, with the “meets” or “tensor” functors in place of the “hom” or “nat” functors; the proofs are also nicely symmetrical.
6.2. Proposition. The functors \( \text{hom}_X, \text{nat}_X \) and \( \text{nat}'_X \) enrich \( PX, MX \) and \( M'X \) respectively in \( B_1 \) and, for any space \( X \in C \) or map \( f : X \to Y \), there are natural isomorphisms:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{hom}_X(f^*Q, P) & \cong \text{hom}_Y(Q, \Pi_f P) ; \\
\text{meets}_X(f^*Q, P) & \cong \text{meets}_Y(Q, \Sigma_f P) ; \\
\text{nat}_X(M, \square_X P) & \cong \text{hom}_X(i_X M, P) ; \\
\text{nat}'_X(M, \square'_X P) & \cong \text{hom}_X(i'_X N, P) ; \\
\text{nat}_X(\diamond_X P, M) & \cong \text{hom}_X(P, i_X M) ; \\
\text{nat}'_X(\diamond'_X P, N) & \cong \text{hom}_X(P, i'_X N) ; \\
\text{ten}_X(N, \diamond_X P) & \cong \text{meets}_X(i'_X N, P) ; \\
\text{ten}_X(\diamond'_X P, M) & \cong \text{meets}_X(P, i_X M) ; \\
\text{nat}_X(L, f \cdot M) & \cong \text{nat}_Y(M, \forall_f L) ; \\
\text{nat}'_X(L, f' \cdot O, N) & \cong \text{nat}'_Y(O, \forall'_f N) ; \\
\text{ten}_X(f' \cdot N, L) & \cong \text{ten}_Y(N, \exists_f L) ; \\
\text{ten}_X(N, f \cdot M) & \cong \text{ten}_Y(\exists'_f N, M) ; \\
\end{align*}
\]

Equations (28), (29) and (30) follow from Proposition 5.2 and the other factorizations of the coend and the end functors in (24) and (25). Recalling (22), we obtain the remaining ones by composition of (enriched) adjoints. Alternatively, one can explicitly derive them as we exemplify for (32):

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{nat}_X(f^*Q, P) & \cong \text{hom}_X(Q, \Pi_f P) ; \\
\text{meets}_X(f^*Q, P) & \cong \text{meets}_Y(Q, \Sigma_f P) ; \\
\text{hom}_X(P, f^*Q) & \cong \text{hom}_Y(\Sigma_f P, Q) \quad (26) \\
\text{meets}_X(P, f^*Q) & \cong \text{meets}_Y(\Sigma_f P, Q) \quad (27) \\
\end{align*}
\]

Proof. For the first part, see Proposition 2.22. For (26) and (27), recall Corollary 3.1 and note that the present “hom” and “meets” functors factor through the ones there.

7. Limits, colimits and Yoneda properties

As we will see in Section 10, most of the laws in Proposition 6.2 (namely those not containing hom) still hold for weak temporal doctrines, which include the motivating instance \( \langle \text{Set}^X \to \text{Cat} / X \leftarrow \text{Set}^X ; X \in \text{Cat} \rangle \). Thus, with the same technique exploited in Section 3 we begin to draw some consequences which in fact hold in the weaker context as well. Accordingly, we mainly maintain the policy of using terms which reflect the case \( C = \text{Cat} \) just mentioned.

We define the (internal) “limit” and “colimit” functors by restricting the end and the coend functors to (left or right) closed parts:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{lim}_X & := \text{end}_X i_X \cong j_1^{-1}\forall_X : \mathcal{M}X \to B_1 \\
\text{lim}'_X & := \text{end}_X i'_X \cong j'_1^{-1}\forall_X : \mathcal{M}'X \to B_1 \\
\text{colim}_X & := \text{coend}_X i_X \cong j_1^{-1}\exists_X : \mathcal{M}X \to B_1 \\
\text{colim}'_X & := \text{coend}_X i'_X \cong j'_1^{-1}\exists_X : \mathcal{M}'X \to B_1
\end{align*}
\]
7.1. Corollary. [final maps preserve limits] Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a final map, that is \( \exists_f \top_x \cong \top_y \). Then
\[
\lim_X (f \cdot M) \cong \lim_Y M \quad ; \quad \text{colim}_X (f' \cdot N) \cong \text{colim}_Y N
\]
(34)

Dually, if \( f : X \to Y \) is initial, that is \( \exists_f' \top'_X \cong \top'_Y \), then
\[
\text{colim}_X (f \cdot M) \cong \text{colim}_Y M \quad ; \quad \lim_X (f' \cdot N) \cong \lim_Y N
\]

Proof. For the first one of (34), using (32) we have:
\[
\lim_X (f \cdot M) \cong \text{nat}_X (\top_x, f \cdot M) \cong \text{nat}_Y (\top_y, M) \cong \lim_Y M
\]
For the second one of (34), we follow exactly the same pattern using (33) instead:
\[
\text{colim}_X (f' \cdot N) \cong \text{ten}_X (f', N) \cong \text{ten}_Y (N, \top_x) \cong \text{colim}_Y N
\]
The other ones are proved in the same way.

There are three canonical ways of obtaining a truth value in \( \mathcal{B}1 \) from a closed part, namely the limit or the colimit functors and "evaluation" at a point \( x : 1 \to X \):
\[
\lim_X M \quad ; \quad \text{colim}_X M \quad ; \quad j^{-1}_1 (x \cdot M)
\]
\[
\lim'_X N \quad ; \quad \text{colim}'_X N \quad ; \quad j'^{-1}_1 (x' \cdot N)
\]
In the above proposition, we have used the fact that limits and colimits over \( X \) are "represented" (by \( \top_x \) or \( \top'_x \)). Now we show that the same is true for evaluation; namely, evaluation at \( x \) is "represented" by the left and right "slices":
\[
X/x := \exists_x \top_1 \quad ; \quad x\setminus X := \exists'_x \top'_1
\]
(35)
Note that slices can be obtained as the (left or right) closure of the "singletons" \( \{x\} = \Sigma_x 1_1 = c_x x \) (see Section 3):
\[
X/x = \Diamond_X \{x\} \quad ; \quad x\setminus X = \Diamond'_X \{x\}
\]

7.2. Corollary. [Yoneda properties] Given a point \( x : 1 \to X \) in \( \mathcal{C} \), there are isomorphisms
\[
j_1^{-1} (x \cdot M) \cong \text{nat}_X (X/x, M) \quad ; \quad j'^{-1}_1 (x \cdot M) \cong \text{ten}_X (x \setminus X, M)
\]
natural in \( P \in \mathcal{P}X \) (and dually for right closed parts).

Proof.
\[
\text{nat}_X (\exists_x \top_1, M) \cong \text{nat}_1 (\top_1, x \cdot M) \cong \lim_1 (x \cdot M) \cong j_1^{-1} \forall_1 (x \cdot M) \cong j_1^{-1} (x \cdot M)
\]
\[
\text{ten}_X (\exists'_x \top'_1, M) \cong \text{ten}_1 (\top'_1, x \cdot M) \cong \text{colim}_1 (x \cdot M) \cong j_1^{-1} \exists_1 (x \cdot M) \cong j_1^{-1} (x \cdot M)
\]
7.3. Corollary. [formulas for quantifications, interior and closure] Given a map \( f : X \to Y \) and a point \( y : 1 \to Y \) in \( \mathcal{C} \), there are isomorphisms

\[
\begin{align*}
\vartheta^{-1}_1(y \cdot \forall_f M) & \cong \text{nat}_X(f \cdot Y/y, M) \quad ; \\
\vartheta^{-1}_1(y \cdot \exists_f M) & \cong \text{ten}_X(f' \cdot y/Y, M)
\end{align*}
\]

natural in \( M \in \mathcal{M}X \) (and dually for right closed parts). There are isomorphisms

\[
\begin{align*}
\vartheta^{-1}_1(x \cdot \Box_X P) & \cong \text{hom}_X(i_X X/x, P) \quad ; \\
\vartheta^{-1}_1(x \cdot \Diamond_X P) & \cong \text{meets}_X(i'_X X/x, P)
\end{align*}
\]

natural in \( P \in \mathcal{P}X \) (and dually for right closure).

Proof. Using Corollary 7.2 and 31, 33, 28 and 30 respectively, we get:

\[
\begin{align*}
\vartheta^{-1}_1(y \cdot \forall_f M) & \cong \text{nat}_Y(Y/y, \forall_f M) \cong \text{nat}_X(f \cdot Y/y, M) \\
\vartheta^{-1}_1(y \cdot \exists_f M) & \cong \text{ten}_Y(y/Y, \exists_f M) \cong \text{ten}_X(f' \cdot y/Y, M) \\
\vartheta^{-1}_1(x \cdot \Box_X P) & \cong \text{nat}_X(X/x, \Box_X P) \cong \text{hom}_X(i_X X/x, P) \\
\vartheta^{-1}_1(x \cdot \Diamond_X P) & \cong \text{ten}_X(x/X, \Diamond_X P) \cong \text{meets}_X(i'_X X/x, P)
\end{align*}
\]

8. Exploiting comprehension

In this section and in the next one we present some consequences of the comprehension adjunction \( c_X \dashv k_X : \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{C}/X \) and of the assumption that it is fully faithful.

8.1. The components functor. We define the “components” functor \( \pi_0 : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{B}1 \) by:

\[
\pi_0 X := \text{coend}_X 1_X = \text{colim}_X 1_X = \text{colim}'_X 1_X
\]

8.2. Remarks. Note that \( X \) is connected, that is \( \pi_0 X \cong \text{true} \), iff \( X \to 1 \) is final (or initial). Note also that the components functor

\[
\pi_0 X = \text{coend}_X 1_X = j^{-1}_i \sigma_X 1_X = j^{-1}_i \sigma_1 c_1 X
\]

is left adjoint to the full inclusion \( k_1 i_1 j_1 : \mathcal{B}1 \to \mathcal{C} \). Coherently, we say that a space \( X \in \mathcal{C} \) is “discrete” if \( X \cong k_1 i_1 j_1 V \), for a truth value \( V \in \mathcal{B}1 \), so that \( \pi_0 \) yields in fact the reflection in discrete spaces.

Conversely, the coend functor can be reduced to components or to a colimit by

\[
\text{coend}_X P \cong \pi_0 X k_X P \cong \text{colim}_{X,k_X P} 1_{X,k_X P}
\]

(36)

Indeed we have:

\[
\text{coend}_X P \cong j^{-1}_i \sigma_1 \sigma_X P \cong j^{-1}_i \sigma_1 \sigma_X c_X k_X P \cong j^{-1}_i \sigma_1 \sigma_X \sigma_{k_X} 1_{X,k_X P} \cong
\]

\[
\cong j^{-1}_i \sigma_1 \sigma_{X,k_X} 1_{X,k_X P} \cong \text{coend}_{X,k_X P} 1_{X,k_X P} \cong \pi_0 X k_X P
\]
8.4. Proposition. [(co)limit formulas for ten and nat]

\begin{align*}
\text{meets}_X(P, Q) & \cong \text{coend}_{X;kx}(k_X Q)^*P \cong \text{coend}_{X;kx}(k_X P)^*Q & (37) \\
\text{ten}_X(N, M) & \cong \text{colim}_{X;kx} i'_X N \cdot (k_X i'_X M) \cdot M & (38) \\
\text{hom}_X(P, Q) & \cong \text{end}_{X;kx}Q(k_X P)^*P \cong \text{end}_{X;kx}P(k_X P)^*Q & (39) \\
\text{nat}_X(L, M) & \cong \lim_{X;kx} i'_X L \cdot N ; \text{nat}'_X(N, O) \cong \lim'_{X;kx} i'_X N(k_X i'_X N) \cdot O & (40)
\end{align*}

Proof. For (37), by applying (27) of Proposition 6.2 we get
\[\text{meets}_X(P, Q) \cong \text{meets}_X(P, \Sigma_{kx} 1_{X;kx} Q) \cong \text{meets}_X((k_X Q)^*P, 1_{X;kx} Q) \cong \text{coend}_{X;kx}Q(k_X Q)^*P\]

For (38), we then have:
\[\text{ten}_X(N, M) \cong \text{meets}_X(i'_X N, i_X M) \cong \text{coend}_{X;kx} i'_X N(k_X i'_X N)^*i_X M \cong \text{coend}_{X;kx} i'_X N(k_X i'_X N) \cdot M \cong \text{colim}_{X;kx} i'_X N(k_X i'_X N) \cdot M\]

Similarly for (39), by applying the second of (26) instead we get:
\[\text{hom}_X(P, Q) \cong \text{end}_{X;kx}P(1_{X;kx} P, (k_X P)^*Q) \cong \text{end}_{X;kx}P(k_X P)^*Q\]

Finally, for (40) we have:
\[\text{nat}_X(L, M) \cong \text{hom}_X(i_X L, i_X M) \cong \text{end}_{X;kx}L(k_X i_X L)^*i_X M \cong \text{end}_{X;kx}L(k_X i_X L) \cdot M \cong \lim_{X;kx} i'_X L(k_X i'_X L) \cdot M\]

By applying (38) or (40) to the formulas for quantifications along a map \(f : X \to Y\) of Corollary 7.3, we obtain a colimit and a limit formula for evaluation at \(y : 1 \to Y\) of \(\exists f M\) (or \(\forall f M\)) and \(\forall f N\) (or \(\exists f N\)), respectively.

Say that a part \(P \in PX\) is “left dense” if its left closure is terminal: \(\Diamond_X P \cong \top_X\); right density is of course defined dually.

8.5. Proposition. A part \(P \in PX\) is left dense iff \(k_X P\) is final. A map \(f : X \to Y\) in \(\mathcal{C}\) is final iff \(c_Y f\) is left dense in \(Y\). A space \(X \in \mathcal{C}\) is connected iff \(\Sigma_X 1_X\) is dense.

Proof. (Note that we implicitly use the canonical bijection between the objects of \(\mathcal{C}/X\) and maps in \(\mathcal{C}\) with codomain \(X\).) For the first one we have:
\[\Diamond_X P \cong \Diamond_X \Sigma_{kx} 1_{X;kx} P \cong \Diamond_X \Sigma_{kx} P i_{X;kx} P \top_{X;kx} P \cong \exists_{kx} P \top_{X;kx} P\]

and for the second one:
\[\exists f \top_X \cong \Diamond_Y \Sigma f 1_X \cong \Diamond_Y c_Y f\]

For the last one, see Remarks 8.2. 

\[\square\]
9. The sup and inf reflections

For $X \in \mathcal{C}$, let $\overline{X}$ (resp. $\overline{X}'$) be the full subcategory of $\mathcal{M}X$ (resp. $\mathcal{M}'X$) generated by the left (resp. right) slices, and denote the inclusion functors by

$$h_X : \overline{X} \to \mathcal{M}X \quad ; \quad h_X' : \overline{X}' \to \mathcal{M}'X$$

The partially defined left adjoints to $i_X h_X$, $i'_X h'_X$, $k_X i_X h_X$ and $k_X i'_X h'_X$ are denoted respectively by:

$$\text{sup}_X : \mathcal{P}X \to \overline{X} \quad ; \quad \text{inf}_X : \mathcal{P}X \to \overline{X}' \quad ; \quad \text{Sup}_X : \mathcal{C}/X \to \overline{X} \quad ; \quad \text{Inf}_X : \mathcal{C}/X \to \overline{X}'$$

9.1. Remark. Of course, $\text{Sup}_X f$ exists iff $\text{sup}_X c_X f$ does, and in that case they are the same. Note also that the sup (resp. inf) of a part depends only on its left (resp. right) closure: $\text{sup}_X P$ exists iff $\Diamond_X P$ has a reflection in $\overline{X}$.

9.2. Proposition. The following are equivalent for a space $X \in \mathcal{C}$:

1. $X$ has a final point $x : 1 \to X$;
2. there is a left dense part of $X$ with a sup;
3. there is a final map $T \to X$ with a Sup;
4. $\text{id}_X : X \to X$ has a Sup.

Proof. By Proposition 8.5 and Remark 9.1, the last three conditions are equivalent. Since any point $x : 1 \to X$ has the slice $X/x$ as its Sup, 1) implies 3).

Suppose conversely that a left dense part $P \in \mathcal{P}X$ has a sup; then by Remark 9.1 $\Diamond_X P \cong \top_X$ has a reflection $X/x$ in $\overline{X}$. By general well-known facts about reflections, it follows that also $X/x \cong \top_X$, that is the point $x : 1 \to X$ is final.

9.3. Proposition. [final maps preserve sups] Let $t : S \to T$ be a final map in $\mathcal{C}$; then $f : T \to X$ has a Sup iff $ft : S \to X$ does, and in that case they coincide.

Proof. By Remark 9.1 it is enough to show that $\Diamond_X c_X ft \cong \Diamond_X c_X f$:

$$\Diamond_X c_X ft \cong \exists f t \top_S \cong \exists f t \exists t \top_S \cong \exists f \top_T \cong \Diamond_X c_X f$$
Note that the sup (resp. inf) reflections give, for the weak temporal doctrine of categories, the colimit (resp. limit) of the corresponding functor (see also [Pisani, 2007] and [Pisani, 2008]). Thus the above proposition can be seen as the “external” correspontive of Corollary 7.1.

10. The logic of categories

Now we weaken the axioms of temporal doctrine so to include the motivating instance

\[ \langle \text{Set}^{X^\text{op}} \to \text{Cat} / X \leftarrow \text{Set}^X ; X \in \text{Cat} \rangle \]

and show that most of the laws in Proposition 6.2 still hold.

10.1. WEAK TEMPORAL DOCTRINES. Weak temporal doctrines are defined as temporal doctrines except that:

1. We do not require the existence of the \( \Pi_f \), right adjoint to \( f^* \); instead we do require, for any map \( f : X \to Y \), the existence of

\[ \forall_f : \mathcal{M}X \to \mathcal{M}Y \quad ; \quad \forall'_f : \mathcal{M}'X \to \mathcal{M}'Y \]

right adjoint to \( f \cdot \) and \( f' \cdot \) respectively.

2. We do not assume that the categories of parts \( \mathcal{P}X \) are cartesian closed, but only that they are cartesian and that the left or right closed parts are exponentiable therein, that is

\[ i_X M \Rightarrow P \quad ; \quad i'_X N \Rightarrow P \]

always exist in \( \mathcal{P}X \).

In a weak temporal doctrine we still have the \( \text{coend}_X \) and \( \text{end}_X \) functors as in Section 6, left and right adjoint to:

\[ i_X X \cdot j_1 = X^* i_1 j_1 = X'^* i'_1 j'_1 = i'_X X' \cdot j'_1 \]

with the difference that, among the factorizatons of \( \text{end}_X \) in (25), only

\[ j_1^{-1} \forall X \sqcap_X \cong j'_1^{-1} \forall'_X \sqcap'_X : \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{B}1 \quad (41) \]

are always available. We also define

\[ \text{meets}_X : \mathcal{P}X \times \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{B}1 \quad ; \quad \text{hom}_X : (\mathcal{P}X)^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{B}1 \]

\[ \text{ten}_X : \mathcal{M}X \times \mathcal{M}X \to \mathcal{B}1 \]

\[ \text{nat}_X : (\mathcal{M}X)^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{M}X \to \mathcal{B}1 \quad ; \quad \text{nat}'_X : (\mathcal{M}'X)^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{M}'X \to \mathcal{B}1 \]

as in Section 6, but now the \( \text{hom}_X \) may be only partially defined, depending on whether the exponential \( P \Rightarrow Q \) exists or does not exist. On the contrary, the above axiom on exponentials assures that the \( \text{nat}_X \) are always defined.
10.2. Proposition. The functors $\text{nat}_X$ and $\text{nat}'_X$ enrich $\mathcal{M}X$ and $\mathcal{M}'X$ respectively in $\mathcal{B}_1$ and, for any space $X \in \mathcal{C}$ or map $f : X \to Y$, there are natural isomorphisms:

\[
\text{meets}_X(f^*Q, P) \cong \text{meets}_Y(Q, \Sigma_f P) \quad ; \quad \text{meets}_X(P, f^*Q) \cong \text{meets}_Y(\Sigma_f P, Q) \quad (42)
\]

\[
\text{ten}_X(N, \diamond_X P) \cong \text{meets}_X(i'_X N, P) \quad ; \quad \text{ten}_X(\diamond_X P, M) \cong \text{meets}_X(P, i_X M) \quad (43)
\]

\[
\text{nat}_X(f \cdot M, L) \cong \text{nat}_Y(M, \forall_f L) \quad ; \quad \text{nat}'_X(f' \cdot O, N) \cong \text{nat}'_Y(O, \forall'_f N) \quad (44)
\]

\[
\text{nat}_X(L, f \cdot M) \cong \text{nat}_Y(\exists_f L, M) \quad ; \quad \text{nat}'_X(N, f' \cdot O) \cong \text{nat}'_Y(\exists'_f N, O) \quad (45)
\]

\[
\text{ten}_X(f' \cdot N, L) \cong \text{ten}_Y(N, \exists_f L) \quad ; \quad \text{ten}_X(N, f \cdot M) \cong \text{ten}_Y(\exists'_f N, M) \quad (46)
\]

**Proof.** Of course, the proofs of (42), (43), and (46) are as in Proposition 6.2. For (44), by applying Proposition 2.2 to $f \cdot \forall_f$ and recalling that exponentials in $\mathcal{M}X$ are given by $\square_X (i_X L \Rightarrow i_X M)$, we have

\[
\text{nat}_X(f \cdot M, L) \cong \text{end}_X(i_X f \cdot M \Rightarrow i_X L) \cong j_{1}^{-1} \forall_X \square_X (i_X f \cdot M \Rightarrow i_X L) \cong j_{1}^{-1} \forall_Y \forall_f \square_X (i_X f \cdot M \Rightarrow i_X L) \cong j_{1}^{-1} \forall_Y \forall_f \square_Y (i_Y M \Rightarrow i_Y \forall_f L) \cong \text{nat}_Y(M, \forall_f L)
\]

For (45), since we have adjunctions (with parameter $L \in \mathcal{M}X$)

\[
\exists_f(L \wedge_X X \cdot j_1 V) \vdash \text{nat}_X(L, f \cdot M) \quad ; \quad \exists_f L \wedge_Y Y \cdot j_1 V \vdash \text{nat}_Y(\exists_f L, M)
\]

and since, by the restricted Frobenius law of Proposition 5.6,

\[
\exists_f(L \wedge_X X \cdot j_1 V) \cong \exists_f(L \wedge_X f \cdot Y \cdot j_1 V) \cong \exists_f L \wedge_Y Y \cdot j_1 V
\]

the result follows from Lemma 2.1.

10.3. Proposition. Whenever they are defined, there are natural isomorphisms:

\[
\text{hom}_X(f^*Q, P) \cong \text{hom}_Y(Q, \Pi_f P) \quad ; \quad \text{hom}_X(P, f^*Q) \cong \text{hom}_Y(\Sigma_f P, Q) \quad (47)
\]

\[
\text{nat}_X(M, \square_X P) \cong \text{hom}_X(i_X M, P) \quad ; \quad \text{nat}'_X(N, \square'_X P) \cong \text{hom}_X(i'_X N, P) \quad (48)
\]

\[
\text{nat}_X(\diamond_X P, M) \cong \text{hom}_X(P, i_X M) \quad ; \quad \text{nat}'_X(\diamond'_X P, N) \cong \text{hom}_X(P, i'_X N) \quad (49)
\]

**Proof.** All of them can be proved as (45) by showing that their left adjoints are isomorphic; this requires the Frobenius law for the second of (47) and the restricted Frobenius law for (49). We leave them as an exercise to the reader.
Since all we have proved in section 7, 8 and 9 (except for (39) of Proposition 8.4, wherein \( \text{hom}_{X} \) is only partially defined) depends only on the laws in Proposition 10.2 and on the comprehension axiom, those results hold in any weak temporal doctrine. In particular we get, for “generalized categories”, the Yoneda properties, the formulas for quantifications (or “Kan extensions”), the formulas for the (co)reflection in (left or right) “closed parts” (or “actions”), and the properties of final or initial maps with respect to (co)limits (both “externally” and “internally”).

Thus we maintain that the logic of weak temporal doctrines well deserves to be called “a logic for categories”, in fact

1. being summarized by a few adjunction-like laws, it lends itself to effective and transparent calculations; furthermore, along with the obvious “left-right” symmetry, there is a far more interesting sort of duality: in many cases laws and proofs on the “hom-side” correspond exactly to those on the “tensor-side”;

2. this calculus allows one to easily derive some basic non-trivial categorical facts;

3. it is “autonomous”, providing its own truth values;

4. suitable natural strengthenings or weakenings can be considered, so to obtain more refined properties or a wider range of applications; some of them will be considered in a forthcoming work.

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