

## On The Category Of G-sets

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### 1. Introduction.

Let  $G$  be a group and  $S$  a set. An operation of  $G$  on  $S$  is a map  $f: G \times S \rightarrow S$  which, if we denote  $f(g, s)$  by  $gs$  for all  $g$  in  $G$  and  $s$  in  $S$ , satisfies;

- (i)  $1s = s$  for all  $s$  in  $S$  and the identity element  $1 \in G$ ,
- (ii)  $(g_1 g_2)s = g_1(g_2 s)$  for all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  ([1], [2]).

A set  $S$  together with an operation of  $G$  on  $S$  is called a  $G$ -set ([1]).

The category  $\mathcal{O}(G)$  whose object is the single group  $G$  and set of morphisms  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}(G)}(G, G)$  is the set  $G$  is called the category of the group  $G$ .

**Definition.** Let  $G$  be a group. If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are  $G$ -sets, then a  $G$ -morphism from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$  is a map of the sets  $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  satisfying

$$f(gs) = gf(s) \text{ for all } g \text{ in } G \text{ and } s \text{ in } S.$$

The category with objects the  $G$ -sets and morphisms the  $G$ -morphisms is called the *category of  $G$ -sets* and denoted by  $G$ -sets.

In this paper we shall prove the theorem: The category  $\text{Funct}(\mathcal{O}(G), \text{Sets})$  of functors from the category of the group  $G$  to the category  $\text{Sets}$  of all sets is equivalent to the category  $G$ -sets.

### 2. G-sets.

**Proposition.** (a) For each  $G$ -set  $S$ ,  $\text{id}_S: S \rightarrow S$  is a  $G$ -morphism.

(b) If  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  are  $G$ -sets and  $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  and  $h: S_2 \rightarrow S_3$  are  $G$ -morphisms, then the ordinary composition of maps  $hf: S_1 \rightarrow S_3$  is a  $G$ -morphism.

(c) The following data define a category which is called the category of  $G$ -sets and is denoted by  $G$ -Sets.

(i) The objects of  $G$ -Sets are the  $G$ -sets.

(ii) For each pair of objects  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of  $G$ -Sets,  $G\text{-Sets}(S_1, S_2)$  is the set of all  $G$ -morphisms from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$ .

(iii) For each triple  $S_1, S_2$  and  $S_3$  of objects of  $G$ -Sets, the composition map

$G\text{-Sets}(S_1, S_2) \times G\text{-Sets}(S_2, S_3) \rightarrow G\text{-Sets}(S_1, S_3)$  is given by  $(f, g) \rightarrow gf$ , the ordinary composition of maps.

**Proof.** (a)  $id, (gs)=gs=gid, (s)$  for all  $g$  in  $G$  and  $s$  in  $S$ .  
 (b)  $hf(gs)=h(gf(s))=g(h(f(s)))=g(hf(s))$  for all  $g$  in  $G$  and  $s$  in  $S_1$ .  
 (c) If  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4$  are objects in  $G$ -sets and  $f$  is in  $G$ -sets  $(S_1, S_2)$ ,  $g$  is in  $G$ -sets  $(S_2, S_3)$ , and  $h$  is in  $G$ -sets  $(S_3, S_4)$ , then  $h(gf)=(hg)f$  since the ordinary composition of maps is associative and  $h(gf)$  and  $(hg)f$  are  $G$ -morphisms by (a).  
 Next for each object  $S$  in  $G$ -sets, there is an  $id_S$  in  $G$ -Sets  $(S, S)$  such that for each object  $S_1$  in  $G$ -sets, we have  $fid_S=f$  for all  $f$  in  $G$ -sets  $(S, S_1)$  while  $id_Sg=g$  for all  $g$  in  $G$ -sets  $(S_1, S)$ , which completes the proof.

### 3. The category $G$ -sets.

By the proposition in 2, we obtain the category  $G$ -sets with objects  $G$ -sets and arrow  $G$ -morphisms.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  be the category of  $G$ . Let  $F : \mathcal{C}(G) \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  be a functor. If  $\alpha(F)$  is the set  $F(G)$  and for each  $g$  in  $G$  and  $s$  in  $F(G)$ ,  $f(g, s)=gs = F(g)(s)$ , then  $f$  is an operation of  $G$  on  $F(G)$  and  $\alpha(F)$  is the  $G$ -set.

**Proof.** For the identity element  $1 \in G$  and for  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ ,  $1s = F(1)(s) = 1_{F(G)}(s) = s$  for all  $s$  in  $F(G)$ .

$$(g_1, g_2)s = F(g_1g_2)(s) = F(g_1)F(g_2)(s) = F(g_1)(F(g_2)(s)) = g_1(g_2s).$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $F_1, F_2 : \mathcal{C}(G) \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  be functors and let  $\rho : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  be a morphism of functors. Then the map  $\rho : \alpha(F_1) \rightarrow \alpha(F_2)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rho & : & \alpha(F_1) \rightarrow \alpha(F_2) \\ & \parallel & \parallel \\ & F_1(G) & F_2(G) \end{array}$$

is a morphism of  $G$ -sets.

**Proof.** For all  $g$  in  $G$  and  $s$  in  $\alpha(F_1)$ ,  $\rho(g_s) = \rho_c(F_1(g)(s)) = F_2(g)(\rho_c(s)) = g(\rho_c(s))$ , since  $\rho$  is morphism of functors.

**Theorem.** Let  $\text{Funct}(\mathcal{C}(G), \text{Sets})$  be the category of functors from the category of the group  $G$  to the category  $\text{Sets}$  of all sets. For every functor  $F : \mathcal{C}(G) \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  and for all morphisms of functors  $\rho : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  in  $\text{Funct}(\mathcal{C}(G), \text{Sets})$ , if  $\alpha(F) = F(G)$  and  $\alpha(\rho) = \rho_c : F_1(G) \rightarrow F_2(G)$ , then  $\alpha$  is an equivalence functor from the category  $\text{Funct}(\mathcal{C}(G), \text{Set}(s))$  to the category  $G$ -sets.

**Proof.** For two morphisms  $\rho_1 : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  and  $\rho_2 : F_2 \rightarrow F_3$  in  $\text{Funct}(\mathcal{C}(G), \text{Sets})$ ,

$$\alpha(\rho_2\rho_1) = (\rho_2\rho_1)_c = (\rho_2)_c(\rho_1)_c = \alpha(\rho_2)\alpha(\rho_1)$$

and for the identity morphism  $1_F : F \rightarrow F$ ,

$$\alpha(1_F) = (1_F)_c = 1_{F(G)} = 1_{\alpha(F)}$$

Therefore  $\alpha$  is a functor.

Next, for every  $G$ -sets  $S$  in  $\text{Ob}(G\text{-sets})$  and all  $G$ -morphisms  $f : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  in  $G$ -sets, if  $\beta(S)(G) = S \in \text{Ob}(\text{Sets})$  and  $\beta(f)_c = f$ , then for  $S_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} S_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} S_3$  in  $G$ -sets

$$(\beta(f_2f_1))_c = f_2f_1 = \beta(f_2)_c\beta(f_1)_c = (\beta(f_2)\beta(f_1))_c$$

and for  $1_S : S \rightarrow S$ ,  $\beta(1_S)_c = 1_S = 1_{\beta(S)(G)}$

Hence  $\beta$  is also a functor from  $G$ -sets to  $\text{Funct}(\mathcal{C}(G), \text{Sets})$ .

$$(\beta\alpha(F)) = \beta(\alpha(F)) = \beta(F(G)) \in \text{Funct}(\mathcal{C}(G), \text{Sets}).$$

But  $(\beta\alpha(F))(G) = \beta(F(G))(G) = F(G) = [{}^1_{\text{Funct}(\mathcal{C}(G), \text{Sets})}(F)](G)$

Therefore  $\beta\alpha = 1_{\text{Funct}(\mathcal{C}(G), \text{Sets})}$

Similarly  $\alpha\beta = 1_{G\text{-sets}}$ , which completes the proof.

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