Problem Set 6

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Modifications:

- Clarify Problem 2 part 2.

Submit your solutions to this homework on Canvas in a group of 2 or 3. Your solutions must be submitted in pdf produced using LaTeX.

Definition 1. *Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a cartesian category. A natural numbers object (NNO) in $\mathcal{C}$ consists of*

- *An object $N \in \mathcal{C}$*
- *Morphisms $zero : 1 \to N$ and $succ : N \to N$*
- *such that for any $z : 1 \to V$ and $s : V \to V$ there exists a unique morphism $rec(z, s) : N \to V$ that satisfies*
  - $rec(z, s) \circ zero = z$
  - $rec(z, s) \circ succ = s \circ rec(z, s)$

Diagrammatically,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{zero} & N & \xrightarrow{succ} & N \\ & \searrow^{z} & \downarrow{\scriptstyle rec(z,s)} & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle rec(z,s)} \\ & & V & \xrightarrow[s]{} & V \end{array}$$

Problem 1 Programming with Peano

Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a bicartesian closed category with a natural numbers object $(N, \mathrm{zero}, \mathrm{succ})$.

- Define a morphism $\mathrm{add} : N \times N \to N$ that when $\mathcal{C}$ is the category of sets is the usual addition operation on natural numbers.

- Prove that zero is a left and right unit of add. That is

$$\text{add} \circ (\text{zero} \circ !, \text{id}_N) = \text{id}_N : N \to N$$

and

$$\text{add} \circ (\text{id}_N, \text{zero} \circ !) = \text{id}_N : N \to N$$

HINT: depending on how you define add, one of these two will be easy and one will require the uniqueness property of an NNO.

- Prove that addition is commutative:

$$\text{add} \circ (\pi_2, \pi_1) = \text{add}$$

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Definition 2. *Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a cartesian category and $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$ an object of $\mathcal{C}$. An X-list object consists of*

- *An object $L_X \in \mathcal{C}_0$*
- *Morphisms $nil : X \to L_X$ and $cons : X \times L_X \to L_X$*
- *such that for any $n : X \to V$ and $c : X \times V \to V$ there exists a unique $fold(n, c) : L_X \to V$ satisfying*

$$fold(n, c) \circ nil = n : 1 \to V$$

and

$$fold(n, c) \circ cons = c \circ (\pi_1, fold(n, c)) : X \times L_X \to V$$

Problem 2 Functoriality of Lists

Assume that $\mathcal{C}$ is a cartesian category, and for each $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$ we have an X-list object $(L_X, \text{nil}_X, \text{cons}_X)$.

- Extend the list operation to a functor $L_- : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$.
- Show that if $\mathcal{C}$ is a cartesian *closed* category, the action of the functor can be *internalized* as a family of morphisms

$$\text{map}^{X,Y} : \mathcal{C}((X \Rightarrow Y), (L_X \Rightarrow L_Y))$$

(where $A \Rightarrow B$ is the exponential B^A) such that when $\mathcal{C} = \text{Set}$, this agrees with your definition of L_-:

$$L_f = \text{map}^{X,Y}(f)$$

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