

## Sketches.

We have seen quite a number of categories that can be axiomatized by Lawvere theories or by their infinitary cousins.

Grp, Mon, Ring, Set,  $\text{Set}^c$ , Ab, R-Mod ...

these categories are called varieties and we discussed them in the third lecture of this course.

- the problem of non-empty sets  $\text{Set}_{>0}$

Consider the category of non-empty sets. It cannot be a variety because we have seen that varieties are always complete.

In this lecture we will present a gadget that allows to axiomatize a very broad class of categories, including varieties.

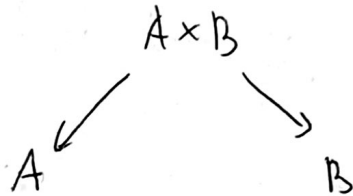
Def A sketch  $\mathcal{S} = (S, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{C})$  is the specification of the following data

- $S$  a category (small). (large) (locally small).
- $\mathcal{L}$  is a set of cones on functors defined on small categories
- $\mathcal{C}$  is a set of composites on functors defined on small categories.

Example Every category with finite products  $\mathcal{C}$  has a sketch structure

$$\mathcal{J} = (\mathcal{C}, \text{product diagrams}, \rho) -$$

By "product diagrams" we intend all the spans of the form



Def A sketch is

- normal if all its cones and cowers are of limit/colimit type -
  - limit if  $\mathcal{C}$  is empty -
  - colimit if  $\mathcal{L}$  is empty -
- } • mixed "otherwise".

It follows that the sketch associated to a category with finite products is a normal limit sketch.

Def A morphism of sketches  $f: \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  is a functor preserving the structure. This gives us the 2-category of sketches SKT.

Example The category of sets has a structure of "illegitimate" sketch were we put all limit and colimit cones

$$(\text{Set}, \text{all}, \text{all}) -$$

Def "the category of models of a sketch"  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{J})$  is  $\text{SKT}(\mathcal{J}, \text{Set})$ .

Example (Recovering universal algebra). If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a small category with finite products, then its associated sketch  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{C}} = (\mathcal{C}, \text{finite products}, \emptyset)$  has the same models

$$\text{Mod}(\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{C}}) = \text{SKT}(\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{C}}, \text{Set}) = \text{Prod}_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Set}) = \text{Mod}(\mathcal{C}).$$

A similar argument would work for infinitary variations of the theory.

Rem of course,  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{J})$ , for  $\mathcal{J}$  any sketch, is a full subcategory of  $\text{Set}^{\mathcal{J}}$

$$\text{Mod}(\mathcal{J}) \hookrightarrow \text{Set}^{\mathcal{J}}$$

but in full generality  $i$  does not preserve any ~~limit~~ limit / colimit (even when  $\mathcal{J}$  is normal).

- If  $\mathcal{C}$  is empty, it preserves limits.
- If  $\mathcal{L}$  is empty it preserves colimits.
- As it happens for algebraic structures,  $i$  preserves all the colimits that commute with the limits in  $\mathcal{L}$ , and all the limits that commute with  $\mathcal{C}$ .

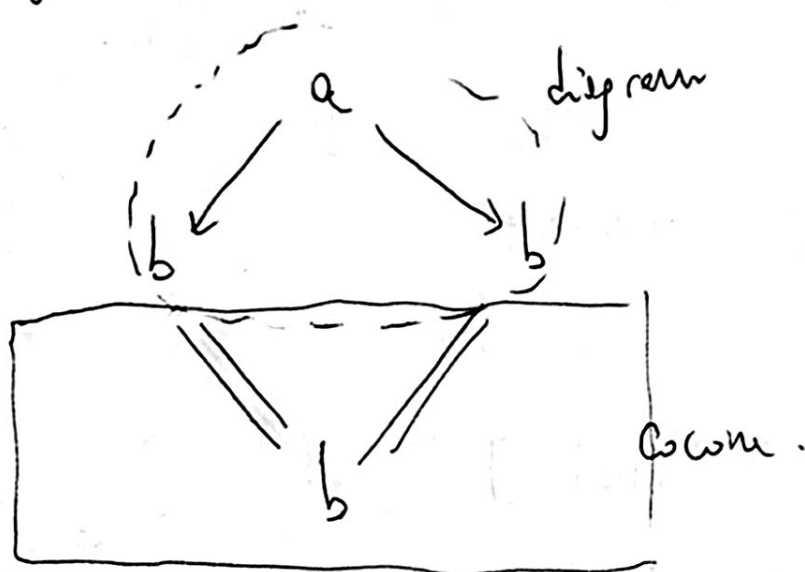
So, what are sketches useful for?

Example  $\boxed{\text{Set}}_{\rightarrow 0}$

Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the category with two objects  $a, b$  and a unique nontrivial morphism

$$a \rightarrow b$$

- Let  $\mathcal{D}$  consist of the unique diagram which is empty and  $b$  as a cone for it.
- Let  $\mathcal{E}$  consist of the cocone



A model of  $\mathcal{J}$  is the choice of two sets

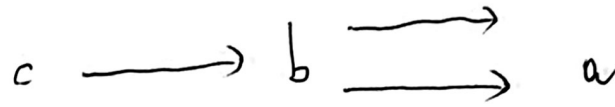
$$A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

and a function between them such that

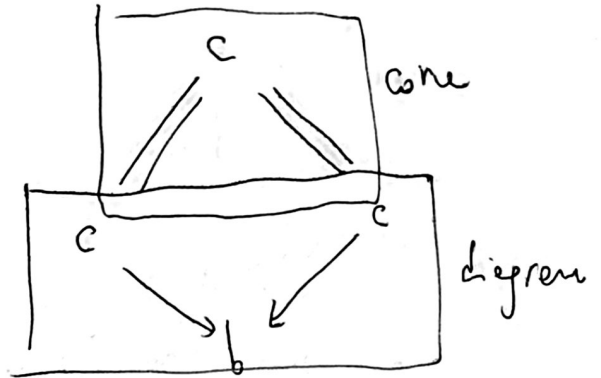
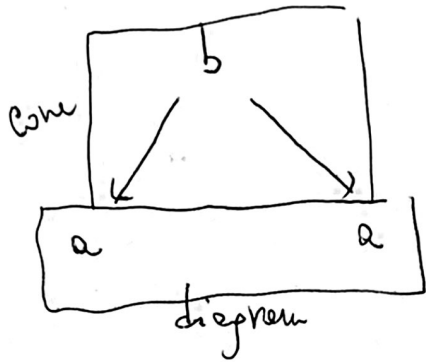
- (a) the condition on the limit part forces  $B$  to be terminal
- (b) the condition on the colimit part forces  $B$  to be an epimorphism

$$\Rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{J}) = \text{Set}_{>0}$$

Example Poset.  $\mathcal{J}$  has three objects and arrows like below



Now in  $\mathcal{L}$  we add

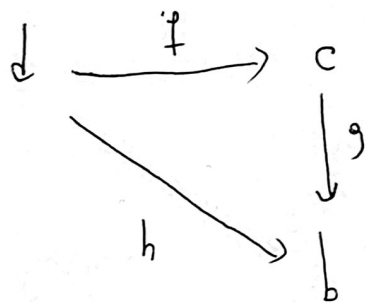


So, a model of  $\mathcal{J}$  is a set  $A$ , the



data on  $A \times A$  is redundant and a subset of the product  $R$ .

to force  $R$  to be a reflexive relation we need to add an object



and force  $\boxed{h}$  to be monic.

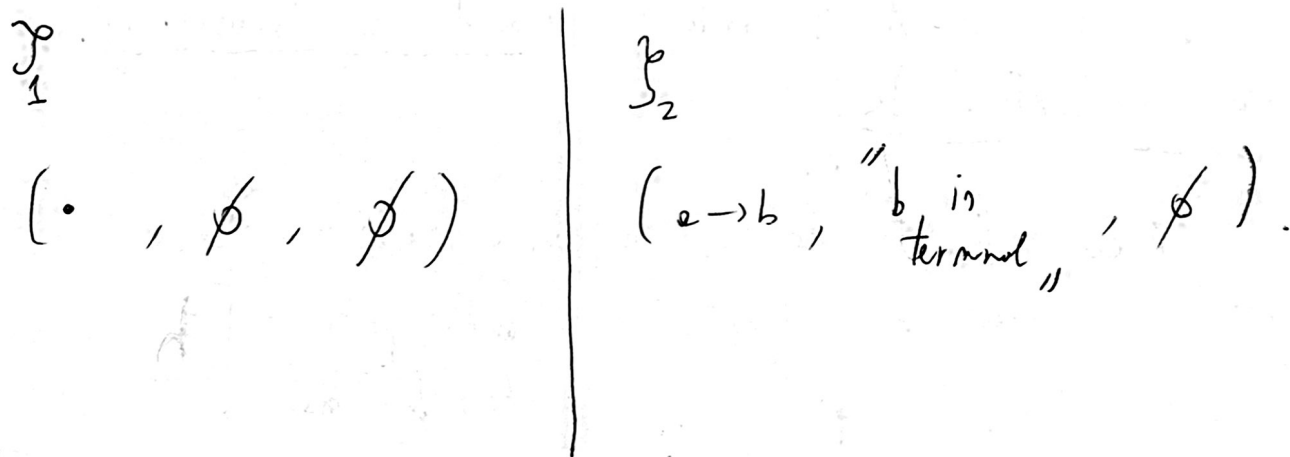
then a cone forcing  $\boxed{h}$  to be the equalizer of the two projections

You can do as many examples as you want.

try with

- Categories
  - Sets
  - Fields
  - the terminal category
  - $\text{Set}_{\geq \lambda}$
  - and so on..
- Graphs
  - Groups

Run (Morita theory) Different sketches can have the same models. For example  $\text{Set}$  can be presented by the following sketches



In this case the functor

$\mathcal{J}_1 \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{J}_2$

is a "morita equivalence" in the sense that the two sketches have the same models and  $i^*$  induces the equivalence.

Rem (Morita theory bis) Let  $T$  be a finitary monad on  $\text{Set}$ . Then the inclusion

$$\text{Kl}_\omega(T)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{i} \text{Kl}(T)^{\text{op}}$$

is a Morita equivalence of sketches where on both side we put the "correct" sketch structure

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{finite} \\ \text{products} \end{array} \right) \quad \Bigg| \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{All} \\ \text{products} \end{array} \right)$$

Rem  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{J})$  might not be ~~(\omega)~~  $(\omega)$  complete.

Rem The Yoneda embedding might not factor! So no trivial model!!

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \swarrow \text{NO!} & \mathcal{J}^{\text{op}} \\ & & \downarrow \neq \\ \text{Mod}(\mathcal{J}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Set}^{\mathcal{J}} \end{array}$$

Example  $\mathcal{J} = (\cdot, \phi, \text{"force } \cdot \text{ to be initial"})$ .

So everything seems sketchable, but is it so?!

# The tautological sketch of a LAFD category

AKA: Yoneda always knock twice

Def A <sup>co</sup>complete category is LAFD if every <sup>co</sup>continuous functor  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a left adjoint.

- Example
- Co-complete categories with a dense generator are LAFD
  - Top is LAFD
  - everything you can think of is LAFD.

Prop Let  $K$  be LAFD. Then,

$$K \simeq \text{Cont}(K^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}).$$

But this is telling us that  $K$  is sketched by the sketch  $(K^{\text{op}}, \text{all limits}, \emptyset)$ .

So  $K^{\text{op}}$  is a tautological existentialization of  $K$ .

This "tautological remark" is the "peak in generality" of the theory of sketches, which shows that every thing is "virtually sketchable". of course, properties of the sketch influence properties of its models.



Also keep in mind that the sketch for top

(top<sup>op</sup>, all cuts,  $\phi$ )

is very illegitimate from a nice point of view.