

In addition to $\text{atoms}^{\mathfrak{A}}x$, the set of atoms under an element x of a poset \mathfrak{A} we will write just $\text{atoms}^{\mathfrak{A}}$ for all atoms of a poset \mathfrak{A} .

3 Pointfree functors

3.1 Definition

Definition 1. *Pointfree functor* is a quadruple $(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \alpha; \beta)$ where \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} are posets, $\alpha \in \mathfrak{B}^{\mathfrak{A}}$ and $\beta \in \mathfrak{A}^{\mathfrak{B}}$ such that

$$\forall x \in \mathfrak{A}, y \in \mathfrak{B}: (y \not\prec^{\mathfrak{B}} \alpha x \Leftrightarrow x \not\prec^{\mathfrak{A}} \beta y).$$

Definition 2. The *source* $\text{Src}(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \alpha; \beta) = \mathfrak{A}$ and *destination* $\text{Dst}(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \alpha; \beta) = \mathfrak{B}$ for every pointfree functor $(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \alpha; \beta)$.

Definition 3. I will denote $\text{FCD}(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B})$ the set of pointfree functors from \mathfrak{A} to \mathfrak{B} (that is with source \mathfrak{A} and destination \mathfrak{B}), for every posets \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} .

Proposition 4. If \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} have least elements, then $\text{FCD}(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B})$ has least element.

Proof. It is $(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \mathfrak{A} \times \{0^{\mathfrak{B}}\}; \mathfrak{B} \times \{0^{\mathfrak{A}}\})$. □

Definition 5. $\langle (\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \alpha; \beta) \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha$ for a pointfree functor $(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \alpha; \beta)$.

Definition 6. $(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \alpha; \beta)^{-1} = (\mathfrak{B}; \mathfrak{A}; \beta; \alpha)$ for a pointfree functor $(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B}; \alpha; \beta)$.

Proposition 7. If f is a pointfree functor then f^{-1} is also a pointfree functor.

Proof. Follows from symmetry in the definition of pointfree functor. □

Obvious 8. $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$ for a pointfree functor f .

Definition 9. The relation $[f] \in \mathcal{P}(\text{Src } f \times \text{Dst } f)$ is defined by the formula (for every pointfree functor f and $x \in \text{Src } f, y \in \text{Dst } f$)

$$x [f] y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} y \not\prec^{\text{Dst } f} \langle f \rangle x.$$

Obvious 10. $x [f] y \Leftrightarrow y \not\prec^{\text{Dst } f} \langle f \rangle x \Leftrightarrow x \not\prec^{\text{Src } f} \langle f^{-1} \rangle y$ for every pointfree functor f and $x \in \text{Src } f, y \in \text{Dst } f$.

Obvious 11. $[f^{-1}] = [f]^{-1}$ for a pointfree functor f .

Theorem 12. Let \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} are posets. Then:

1. If \mathfrak{A} is separable, for given value of $\langle f \rangle$ exists no more than one $f \in \text{FCD}(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B})$;
2. If \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} are separable, for given value of $[f]$ exists no more than one $f \in \text{FCD}(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B})$.

Proof. Let $f, g \in \text{FCD}(\mathfrak{A}; \mathfrak{B})$.

1. Let $\langle f \rangle = \langle g \rangle$. Then for every $x \in \mathfrak{A}, y \in \mathfrak{B}$ we have $x \not\prec^{\mathfrak{A}} \langle f^{-1} \rangle y \Leftrightarrow y \not\prec^{\mathfrak{B}} \langle f \rangle x \Leftrightarrow y \not\prec^{\mathfrak{B}} \langle g \rangle x \Leftrightarrow x \not\prec^{\mathfrak{A}} \langle g^{-1} \rangle y$ and thus by separability of \mathfrak{A} we have $\langle f^{-1} \rangle y = \langle g^{-1} \rangle y$ that is $\langle f^{-1} \rangle = \langle g^{-1} \rangle$ and so $f = g$.
2. Let $[f] = [g]$. Then for every $x \in \mathfrak{A}, y \in \mathfrak{B}$ we have $y \not\prec^{\mathfrak{B}} \langle f \rangle x \Leftrightarrow x [f] y \Leftrightarrow x [g] y \Leftrightarrow y \not\prec^{\mathfrak{B}} \langle g \rangle x$ and thus by separability of \mathfrak{B} we have $\langle f \rangle x = \langle g \rangle x$ that is $\langle f \rangle = \langle g \rangle$. Similarly we have $\langle f^{-1} \rangle = \langle g^{-1} \rangle$. Thus $f = g$. □

Proposition 13. If $\text{Dst } f$ is separable, then $\langle f \rangle 0^{\text{Src } f} = 0^{\text{Dst } f}$ for every pointfree functor f .