

- 1°. $\prod^{(\text{ord})} F$ is a prestaroid if every F_i is a prestaroid.
- 2°. $\prod^{(\text{ord})} F$ is a staroid if every F_i is a staroid.
- 3°. $\prod^{(\text{ord})} F$ is a completary staroid if every F_i is a completary staroid.

PROOF. Use the fact that $\text{GR } \prod^{(\text{ord})} F = \left\{ \frac{F \circ (\bigoplus (\text{dom } \circ F))^{-1}}{F \in \text{GR } \prod^{(D)} f} \right\}$. □

DEFINITION 1707. $f \times^{(\text{ord})} g = \prod^{(\text{ord})} \llbracket f, g \rrbracket$.

REMARK 1708. If f and g are binary funcoids, then $f \times^{(\text{ord})} g$ is ternary.

21.9. Star categories

DEFINITION 1709. A *precategory with star-morphisms* consists of

- 1°. a precategory C (*the base precategory*);
- 2°. a set M (*star-morphisms*);
- 3°. a function “arity” defined on M (how many objects are connected by this star-morphism);
- 4°. a function $\text{Obj}_m : \text{arity } m \rightarrow \text{Obj}(C)$ defined for every $m \in M$;
- 5°. a function (*star composition*) $(m, f) \mapsto \text{StarComp}(m, f)$ defined for $m \in M$ and f being an (arity m)-indexed family of morphisms of C such that $\forall i \in \text{arity } m : \text{Src } f_i = \text{Obj}_m i$ ($\text{Src } f_i$ is the source object of the morphism f_i) such that

such that it holds:

- 1°. $\text{StarComp}(m, f) \in M$;
- 2°. $\text{arity } \text{StarComp}(m, f) = \text{arity } m$;
- 3°. $\text{Obj}_{\text{StarComp}(m, f)} i = \text{Dst } f_i$;
- 4°. (*associativity law*)

$$\text{StarComp}(\text{StarComp}(m, f), g) = \text{StarComp}(m, \lambda i \in \text{arity } m : g_i \circ f_i).$$

The meaning of the set M is an extension of C having as morphisms things with arbitrary (possibly infinite) indexed set Obj_m of objects, not just two objects as morphisms of C have only source and destination.

DEFINITION 1710. I will call Obj_m the *form* of the star-morphism m .

(Having fixed a precategory with star-morphisms) I will denote $\text{StarHom}(P)$ the set of star-morphisms of the form P .

PROPOSITION 1711. The sets $\text{StarHom}(P)$ are disjoint (for different P).

PROOF. If two star-morphisms have different forms, they are clearly not equal. □

DEFINITION 1712. A *category with star-morphisms* is a precategory with star-morphisms whose base is a category and the following equality (*the law of composition with identity*) holds for every star-morphism m :

$$\text{StarComp}(m, \lambda i \in \text{arity } m : 1_{\text{Obj}_m i}) = m.$$

DEFINITION 1713. A *partially ordered precategory with star-morphisms* is a category with star-morphisms, whose base precategory is a partially ordered precategory and every set $\text{StarHom}(X)$ is partially ordered for every X , such that:

$$m_0 \sqsubseteq m_1 \wedge f_0 \sqsubseteq f_1 \Rightarrow \text{StarComp}(m_0, f_0) \sqsubseteq \text{StarComp}(m_1, f_1)$$