

Equalizers and co-Equalizers in Certain Categories

It is a rough draft. Errors are possible.

FixMe: Change notation $\amalg \rightarrow \amalg^{(L)}$.

1. Equalizers

Categories $\text{cont}(\mathcal{C})$ are defined above.

I will denote W the forgetful functor from $\text{cont}(\mathcal{C})$ to \mathcal{C} .

In the definition of the category $\text{cont}(\mathcal{C})$ take values of \uparrow as principal morphisms.

FixMe: Wording.

LEMMA 2018. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of the category $\text{cont}(\mathcal{C})$ where \mathcal{C} is a concrete category (so $Wf = \uparrow \varphi$ for a **Rel**-morphism φ because f is principal) and $\text{im } \varphi = A \subseteq \text{Ob } Y$. Factor it $\varphi = \mathcal{E}^{\text{Ob } Y} \circ u$ where $u : \text{Ob } X \rightarrow A$ using properties of **Set**. Then u is a morphism of $\text{cont}(\mathcal{C})$ (that is a continuous function $X \rightarrow \iota_A Y$).

PROOF. $(\mathcal{E}^{\text{Ob } Y})^{-1} \circ \varphi = (\mathcal{E}^{\text{Ob } Y})^{-1} \circ \mathcal{E}^{\text{Ob } Y} \circ u$;

$(\mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y})^{-1} \circ \uparrow \varphi = (\mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y})^{-1} \circ \mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y} \circ \uparrow u$;

$(\mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y})^{-1} \circ \uparrow \varphi = \uparrow u$;

$X \sqsubseteq (\uparrow u)^{-1} \circ \pi_A Y \circ \uparrow u \Leftrightarrow X \sqsubseteq (\uparrow \varphi)^{-1} \circ \mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y} \circ \pi_A Y \circ (\mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y})^{-1} \circ \uparrow \varphi \Leftrightarrow$
 $X \sqsubseteq (\uparrow \varphi)^{-1} \circ \mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y} \circ (\mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y})^{-1} \circ Y \circ \mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y} \circ (\mathcal{E}_c^{\text{Ob } Y})^{-1} \circ \uparrow \varphi \Leftrightarrow X \sqsubseteq (\uparrow \varphi)^{-1} \circ Y \circ \uparrow \varphi$
 $\varphi \Leftrightarrow X \sqsubseteq (Wf)^{-1} \circ Y \circ Wf$ what is true by definition of continuity. \square

Equational definition of equalizers:

<http://nforum.mathforge.org/comments.php?DiscussionID=5328/>

THEOREM 2019. The following is an equalizer of parallel morphisms $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ of category $\text{cont}(\mathcal{C})$:

- the object $X = \iota_{\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} x \in \text{Ob } A \\ fx=gx \end{smallmatrix} \right\}} A$;
- the morphism $\mathcal{E}^{\text{Ob } X, \text{Ob } A}$ considered as a morphism $X \rightarrow A$.

PROOF. Denote $e = \mathcal{E}^{\text{Ob } X, \text{Ob } A}$.

Let $f \circ z = g \circ z$ for some morphism z .

Let's prove $e \circ u = z$ for some $u : \text{Src } z \rightarrow X$. Really, as a morphism of **Set** it exists and is unique.

Consider z as a generalized element.

$f(z) = g(z)$. So $z \in X$ (that is $\text{Dst } z \in X$). Thus $z = e \circ u$ for some u (by properties of **Set**). The generalized element u is a $\text{cont}(\mathcal{C})$ -morphism because of the lemma above. It is unique by properties of **Set**. \square

We can (over)simplify the above theorem by the obvious below:

OBVIOUS 2020. $\left\{ \frac{x \in \text{Ob } A}{fx=gx} \right\} = \text{dom}(f \cap g)$.

2. Co-equalizers

<http://math.stackexchange.com/questions/539717/>

[how-to-construct-co-equalizers-in-mathbftop](#)

Let \sim be an equivalence relation. Let's denote π its canonical projection.