

# A Category is a Partial Algebra

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**Abstract** A category consists of arrows and objects. We may define a language  $\mathfrak{L} := \{\text{dom}, \text{cod}, \circ\}$ . Then a category is a partial algebra of the language  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Hence a functor is a homomorphism of partial algebras. And a natural transformation of functors is a natural transformation of homomorphisms. And we may define a limit of a homomorphism like a limit of functor. Then a limit of a homomorphism forms a homomorphism of partial algebras.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

We may define a language[1]  $\mathfrak{L} := \{\text{dom}, \text{cod}, \circ\}$  where ‘dom’ and ‘cod’ are partial unary operations, ‘ $\circ$ ’ is a partial binary operation. Then we have that every category[2] is a partial algebra[5] of the language  $\mathfrak{L}$ , see proposition 3.1 and corollary 3.1.1 for more details.

So a functor of categories is a homomorphism of the partial algebras, see proposition 3.2. Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a partial algebra of the language  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Let  $\mathbf{A}'$ ,  $\mathbf{A}''$  be partial subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and let  $\varepsilon: \mathbf{A}' \rightarrow \mathbf{A}''$  be a natural homomorphism. Then we may define a natural transformation(cf. [2, 3]) along  $\varepsilon$ , see definitions 3.1 and 3.2 for the details. And we may define a natural transformation of homomorphisms, see notation 3.2, definition 3.3, and proposition 3.3 for more details.

Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  are partial algebras of the language  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Then the set  $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$  together with the set of the natural transformations constitutes a partial algebra of the language  $\mathfrak{L}$ , see proposition 3.4.

Suppose that  $I, \mathbf{A}$  are partial algebras of the language  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Let  $\varphi: I \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  be a homomorphism. Then we have that a limit(cf. [2, 3]) of  $\varphi$  is an object  $\varprojlim \varphi$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  together with a natural transformation  $\tau: \Delta(\varprojlim \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$  such that  $\nu: \Delta(x) \rightarrow \varphi$  factors uniquely through  $\tau$  for every object  $x \in \mathbf{A}$ , see notation 3.3 and definition 3.5 for more details. And we have that  $\varprojlim$  is a homomorphism from  $\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{A}}$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ , see proposition 3.5 for the details.

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

## 2.1. Partial Algebra.

**Definition 2.1** ([1, 5]). An ordered pair  $\langle L, \sigma \rangle$  is said to be a **language** provided that

- $L$  is a nonempty set,
- $\sigma: L \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a mapping.

A language  $\langle L, \sigma \rangle$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{L}$ . If  $f \in \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\sigma(f) \geq 0$  then  $f$  is called an **operation symbol**, and  $\sigma(f)$  is called the **arity** of  $f$ . If  $r \in \mathfrak{L}$  and  $\sigma(r) < 0$ , then  $r$  is called a **relation symbol**, and  $-\sigma(r)$  is called the **arity** of  $r$ . A language is said to be **algebraic** if it has no relation symbols.

**Definition 2.2** ([1]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty class and  $n$  a nonnegative integer. Then an  $n$ -ary **partial operation** on  $X$  is a mapping from a subclass of  $X^n$  to  $X$ . If the domain of the mapping is  $X^n$ , then it is called an  $n$ -ary **operation**. And an  $n$ -ary **relation** is a subclass of  $X^n$  where  $n > 0$ . An operation(relation) is said to be **unary**, **binary** or **ternary** if the arity of the operation(relation) is 1, 2 or 3, respectively. And an operation is called **nullary** if the arity is 0.

**Definition 2.3** ([1]). An ordered pair  $\mathbf{A} := \langle A, \mathfrak{L} \rangle$  is said to be a **structure** of a language  $\mathfrak{L}$  if  $A$  is a nonempty class and there exists a mapping which assigns to every  $n$ -ary operation symbol  $f \in \mathfrak{L}$  an  $n$ -ary operation  $f^A$  on  $A$  and assigns to every  $n$ -ary relation symbol  $r \in \mathfrak{L}$  an  $n$ -ary relation  $r^A$  on  $A$ . If all operation on  $A$  are partial operations, then  $\mathbf{A}$  is called a **partial structure**. A (partial)structure  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be a **(partial)algebra** if the language  $\mathfrak{L}$  is algebraic.

**Definition 2.4** ([1, 5]). Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  be structures of a language  $\mathfrak{L}$ . A mapping  $\varphi: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  is said to be a **homomorphism** provided that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f^A(a_1, \dots, a_n)) &= f^B(\varphi(a_1), \dots, \varphi(a_n)) \text{ for every } n\text{-ary operation } f; \\ r^A(a_1, \dots, a_n) &\implies r^B(\varphi(a_1), \dots, \varphi(a_n)) \text{ for every } n\text{-ary relation } r. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism, then  $\varphi(\mathbf{A})$  is a substructure of  $\mathbf{B}$ . We denote the class of all homomorphisms from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{B}$  by  $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ .

## 2.2. Category.

**Definition 2.5** ([2]). A **graph** consists of objects, arrows(morphisms) and two unary operations, as follows:

- Domain:** For every arrow  $f$ ,  $\text{dom}(f)$  is an object;
- Codomain:** For every arrow  $f$ ,  $\text{cod}(f)$  is an object.

**Definition 2.6** ([2]). A graph  $C$  is called a **category** if it satisfies the following properties:

- Identity:** For every object  $a$ , there exists an arrow  $\text{id}_a: a \rightarrow a$ ;
- Unit law:** If  $f: a \rightarrow b$ , then  $f \circ \text{id}_a = \text{id}_b \circ f = f$ ;
- Composition:** If  $f, g$  are arrows with  $\text{dom}(g) = \text{cod}(f)$ , then the composition  $g \circ f: \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow \text{cod}(g)$  is an arrow;
- Associative:** If  $a \xrightarrow{f} b \xrightarrow{g} c \xrightarrow{h} d$ , then  $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$ .

Let  $a, b$  be objects in  $C$ . The class of all arrows from  $a$  to  $b$  is denoted  $C(a, b)$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([2, 3]). Let  $C, \mathcal{D}$  be categories. A **functor**  $F: C \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  consists of a mapping of objects and a mapping of arrows satisfying the following properties:

- $F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$  if  $a \xrightarrow{f} b \xrightarrow{g} c \in \mathcal{C}$ ;
- $F(\text{id}_a) = \text{id}_{F(a)}$  for every object  $a \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**Definition 2.8** ([3]). Let  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  be categories, and  $F, T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  functors. A **natural transformation** is a class  $(\tau_a: F(a) \rightarrow T(a))_{a \in \mathcal{C}}$  of arrows in  $\mathcal{D}$  such that the following diagram is commutative for every arrow  $f: a \rightarrow b$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(a) & \xrightarrow{\tau_a} & T(a) \\ F(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow T(f) \\ F(b) & \xrightarrow{\tau_b} & T(b) \end{array}$$

### 3. A CATEGORY IS A PARTIAL ALGEBRA

**Notation 3.1.** Suppose that  $\mathfrak{L} := \{\text{dom}, \text{cod}, \circ\}$  is a language where ‘dom’ and ‘cod’ are partial unary operations, ‘ $\circ$ ’ is a partial binary operation.

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a graph,  $E(\mathcal{G})$  the class of arrows in  $\mathcal{G}$ , and  $V(\mathcal{G})$  the class of objects in  $\mathcal{G}$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is the union  $V(\mathcal{G}) \cup E(\mathcal{G})$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *The class  $\langle \mathbf{A}, \text{dom}, \text{cod}, \circ \rangle$  together with two partial unary operations (dom, cod) and a partial binary operation ( $\circ$ ) is a partial algebra of the language  $\mathfrak{L}$ , where ‘dom’, ‘cod’ are defined in [definition 2.5](#), and ‘ $\circ$ ’ is defined in [definition 2.6](#).*

*Proof.* By [definition 2.5](#), we have that ‘dom’, ‘cod’ are the mappings from  $E(\mathcal{G})$  to  $V(\mathcal{G})$ . Hence ‘dom’, ‘cod’ are partial unary operations on  $\mathbf{A} = E(\mathcal{G}) \cup V(\mathcal{G})$ . And if  $f, g \in E(\mathcal{G})$  with  $\text{dom}(g) = \text{cod}(f)$ , then  $g \circ f \in E(\mathcal{G})$ . It follows that ‘ $\circ$ ’ is a mapping from a subset of  $E(\mathcal{G}) \times E(\mathcal{G})$  to  $E(\mathcal{G})$ . Hence we have that ‘ $\circ$ ’ is a partial binary operation on  $\mathbf{A}$ . By [definitions 2.2](#) and [2.3](#),  $\mathbf{A}$  is a partial algebra.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.1.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a category. Let  $V(\mathcal{C}), E(\mathcal{C})$  be the class of objects and arrows of  $\mathcal{C}$ , respectively. And let  $\mathbf{A} = V(\mathcal{C}) \cup E(\mathcal{C})$ . Then  $\langle \mathbf{A}, \text{dom}, \text{cod}, \circ \rangle$  is a partial algebra.*

*Proof.* By [definition 2.6](#), the category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a graph. Then it follows from [proposition 3.1](#) that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a partial algebra.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{CAT}$  be the category of all categories, and  $\mathcal{PA}$  the category of all partial algebras of the language  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Then there exists a functor  $PA: \mathcal{CAT} \rightarrow \mathcal{PA}$  defined as follows:*

- For every object  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{CAT}$ ,  $PA(\mathcal{C})$  is the partial algebra defined as in [corollary 3.1.1](#).
- For every morphism  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  in  $\mathcal{CAT}$ ,  $PA(F)$  is the homomorphism  $PA(F): PA(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow PA(\mathcal{D})$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} f &\mapsto F(f) \text{ if } f: a \rightarrow b \text{ is a morphism in } \mathcal{C}; \\ a &\mapsto F(a) \text{ if } a \in \mathcal{C} \text{ is an object.} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi$  denote the mapping  $PA(F)$ . And let  $f: a \rightarrow b, g: b \rightarrow c$  be morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since  $F(f): F(a) \rightarrow F(b)$ , we have that  $\varphi(f): \varphi(a) \rightarrow \varphi(b)$ . It follows that  $\varphi(\text{dom}(f)) = \text{dom}(\varphi(f))$  and  $\varphi(\text{cod}(f)) = \text{cod}(\varphi(f))$ . And we have that  $F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$  implies  $\varphi(g \circ f) = \varphi(g) \circ \varphi(f)$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. Therefore, it is clear that  $PA$  is a functor.  $\square$

We have seen that every category is a partial algebra of the language  $\mathcal{L}$  and every functor is a homomorphism of the partial algebras. Now, we may define a natural transformation.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a partial algebra of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}'$  and  $\mathbf{A}''$  are partial subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$ . And let  $\varepsilon: \mathbf{A}' \rightarrow \mathbf{A}''$  be a homomorphism of the partial subalgebras. If there exists an arrow  $a' \rightarrow \varepsilon(a')$  in  $\mathbf{A}$  for all object  $a' \in \mathbf{A}'$ , then we say that  $\varepsilon$  is **natural**.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a partial algebra of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}'$  and  $\mathbf{A}''$  are partial subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$ . And let  $\varepsilon: \mathbf{A}' \rightarrow \mathbf{A}''$  be a natural homomorphism of the partial subalgebras. Then a **natural transformation**  $\tau: \mathbf{A}' \rightarrow \mathbf{A}''$  **along**  $\varepsilon$  is a subset  $\tau \subseteq E(\mathbf{A})$  such that there exists an arrow  $\tau_{a'} \in \tau$  which makes the following diagram commute for every arrow  $f' \in \mathbf{A}'$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a' & \xrightarrow{\tau_{a'}} & \varepsilon(a') \\ f' \downarrow & & \downarrow \varepsilon(f') \\ b' & \xrightarrow{\tau_{b'}} & \varepsilon(b') \end{array}$$

**Notation 3.2.** If  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  are partial algebras of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ , then the direct product  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  is a partial algebra of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . And let  $\varphi: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be a natural homomorphism. It is clear that the class

$$(3.1) \quad \vec{\varphi} := \{\langle x, \varphi(x) \rangle \mid x \in \mathbf{A}\}$$

is a partial subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ . If  $\varphi, \psi: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  are homomorphisms, then  $\vec{\varphi}$  and  $\vec{\psi}$  are partial subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ . Let  $\vec{\varepsilon}: \vec{\varphi} \rightarrow \vec{\psi}$  be a homomorphism given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a, \varphi(a) \rangle &\mapsto \langle a', \psi(a') \rangle \text{ for every object } a \in \mathbf{A}; \\ \langle f, \varphi(f) \rangle &\mapsto \langle f', \psi(f') \rangle \text{ for every arrow } f \in \mathbf{A}, \end{aligned}$$

such that the following diagram is commutative where  $\tau_{\square}$  is an arrow in  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\tau_{\varphi(\square)}$  is an arrow in  $\mathbf{B}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle a, \varphi(a) \rangle & \xrightarrow{\langle \tau_{\square}, \tau_{\varphi(a)} \rangle} & \langle a', \psi(a') \rangle \\ \langle f, \varphi(f) \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow \langle f', \psi(f') \rangle \\ \langle b, \varphi(b) \rangle & \xrightarrow{\langle \tau_{\square}, \tau_{\varphi(b)} \rangle} & \langle b', \psi(b') \rangle \end{array}$$

If  $f = f'$  and  $\tau_{\square}$  is an identity arrow, then the homomorphism  $\vec{\varepsilon}$  is called a **canonical** homomorphism.

Now we may define the natural transformation of homomorphisms.

**Definition 3.3** (cf. [2, 3]). Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  be two partial algebras of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are homomorphisms from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ . Then a **natural transformation**  $\tau: \varphi \rightarrow \psi$  is a natural transformation of subalgebras along a canonical homomorphism  $\vec{\tau}: \vec{\varphi} \rightarrow \vec{\psi}$ . Let  $Nat(\varphi, \psi)$  denote the set of all natural transformations from  $\varphi$  to  $\psi$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  be categories and  $F, T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  two functors. If  $\tau: F \rightarrow T$  is a natural transformation of functors, then  $PA(\tau)$  is a natural transformation  $PA(\tau): PA(F) \rightarrow PA(T)$  of homomorphisms where  $PA$  is a functor defined in [proposition 3.2](#).

*Proof.* By [definition 2.8](#), we have that  $\tau_b \circ F(f) = T(f) \circ \tau_a$  for all arrow  $f: a \rightarrow b$ . And it is obvious that  $\tau$  forms a natural transformation  $\hat{\tau}: \text{PA}(\mathcal{C}) \times \text{PA}(F(\mathcal{C})) \rightarrow \text{PA}(\mathcal{C}) \times \text{PA}(T(\mathcal{C}))$  along a canonical homomorphism given by  $\langle f, \text{PA}(F(f)) \rangle \mapsto \langle f, \text{PA}(T(f)) \rangle$ . It implies that  $\text{PA}(\tau)$  is a natural transformation by [definitions 3.2](#) and [3.3](#) and [notation 3.2](#).  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4** (cf. [\[2, 3\]](#)). *If  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  are partial algebras of the language  $\mathcal{L}$  then  $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$  together with the set of natural transformations constitutes a partial algebra of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{A}}$  denote it.*

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

**Notation 3.3** (cf. [\[2, 3\]](#)). Let  $\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{A}$  be partial algebras of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . A homomorphism  $\Delta: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{J}}$  is called a **diagonal homomorphism** if  $\Delta$  assigns to every object  $a \in \mathbf{A}$  a homomorphism  $\Delta(a): \mathbf{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  that is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} i &\mapsto a \text{ for all object } i \in \mathbf{J}; \\ f &\mapsto id_a \text{ for all arrow } f \in \mathbf{J}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $a, b \in \mathbf{A}$ . It is obvious that the codomain of  $\Delta(a)$  is the partial subalgebra  $\{a, id_a\}$ . And if  $(a \xrightarrow{f} b) \in \mathbf{A}$ , then there exists a natural transformation  $\tau: \Delta(a) \rightarrow \Delta(b)$ , and we have that  $\Delta(f) = \tau$ .

**Definition 3.4** (cf. [\[2, 3\]](#)). Let  $\mathbf{I} := \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  be two partial algebras of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Suppose that  $\varphi: \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  is a homomorphism. Then the **pullback** of  $\varphi$  is an object  $\rho \in \mathbf{A}$  together with a natural transformation  $\pi: \Delta(\rho) \rightarrow \varphi$  such that every natural transformation  $\tau: \Delta(x) \rightarrow \varphi$  factors uniquely through  $\pi$  for every object  $x \in \mathbf{A}$ .

**Definition 3.5** (cf. [\[2, 3\]](#)). Suppose that  $\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}$  are partial algebras of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\varphi: \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  be a homomorphism. Then the **limit** of  $\varphi$ , denoted  $\varprojlim \varphi$ , is an object in  $\mathbf{A}$  together with a natural transformation  $\pi: \Delta(\varprojlim \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$  such that  $\nu: \Delta(x) \rightarrow \varphi$  factors uniquely through  $\pi$  for every object  $x \in \mathbf{A}$  and every  $\nu \in \text{Nat}(\Delta(x), \varphi)$ .

We have seen that  $\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{A}}$  is a partial algebra of the language  $\mathcal{L}$  in [proposition 3.4](#). Hence we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.5** (cf. [\[2, 3\]](#)). *Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  be partial algebras of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Suppose that every object of  $\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{A}}$  has a limit. Then we have that the mapping  $\varprojlim: \mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  given by  $\varphi \mapsto \varprojlim \varphi$  is a homomorphism.*

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{A}}$  be two objects. If  $\tau: \varphi \rightarrow \psi$  is an arrow in  $\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{A}}$ , then  $\tau$  uniquely determines an arrow  $\varprojlim \varphi \rightarrow \varprojlim \psi$  in  $\mathbf{B}$ . Therefore, it is clear that  $\varprojlim$  is a homomorphism.  $\square$

*Remark 3.1.* Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  are partial algebras of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\varphi, \psi$  be homomorphisms from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ . Then  $\vec{\varphi} := \{\langle x, \varphi(x) \rangle \mid x \in \mathbf{A}\}$  and  $\vec{\psi} := \{\langle x, \psi(x) \rangle \mid x \in \mathbf{A}\}$  are subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ . Suppose that  $\varepsilon: \vec{\varphi} \rightarrow \vec{\psi}$  is a natural homomorphism that is not a canonical homomorphism. Then a natural transformation  $\zeta: \vec{\varphi} \rightarrow \vec{\psi}$  along  $\varepsilon$  makes the following diagram commute for every arrow  $(f: a \rightarrow b) \in \mathbf{A}$ .

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \langle a, \varphi(a) \rangle & \xrightarrow{\zeta_{\langle a, \varphi(a) \rangle}} & \varepsilon(\langle a, \varphi(a) \rangle) \\ \langle f, \varphi(f) \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow \varepsilon(\langle f, \varphi(f) \rangle) \\ \langle b, \varphi(b) \rangle & \xrightarrow{\zeta_{\langle b, \varphi(b) \rangle}} & \varepsilon(\langle b, \varphi(b) \rangle) \end{array}$$

And the arrow  $\zeta_{\langle a, \varphi(a) \rangle}$  is an ordered pair  $\langle \zeta_a, \zeta_{\varphi(a)} \rangle$  where  $\zeta_a$  is an arrow in  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\zeta_{\varphi(a)}$  is an arrow in  $\mathbf{B}$ . Hence the diagram (3.2) consists of two commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a & \xrightarrow{\zeta_a} & a' \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f' \\ b & \xrightarrow{\zeta_b} & b' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \varphi(a) & \xrightarrow{\zeta_{\varphi(a)}} & \psi(a') \\ \varphi(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi(f') \\ \varphi(b) & \xrightarrow{\zeta_{\varphi(b)}} & \psi(b') \end{array}$$

And we have that  $\varepsilon(\langle f, \varphi(f) \rangle) = \langle f', \psi(f') \rangle$ .

#### 4. EXAMPLES

*Example 4.1* (Natural numbers). Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  be the set of all natural numbers. Then  $\langle \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{Q} \rangle$  is a partial algebra consists of

Object: prime and 1;  
Arrow: otherwise,

together with three partial operations defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} n \circ m &= qpr \quad \text{if } m = qp \text{ and } n = pr \text{ where } p \text{ is a prime;} \\ \text{dom}(q) &= p_1 \quad \text{if } q = p_1 p_2 \dots p_n \text{ with } p_i \leq p_{i+1} \text{ where } p_i \text{ is a prime.} \\ \text{cod}(q) &= p_n \end{aligned}$$

There is *not* identity arrows in  $\langle \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{Q} \rangle$ . Suppose that  $\mathbb{P}$  is the set of all prime numbers. Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a homomorphism of the partial algebra of the language  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Then we have that  $\varphi$  is generated by a mapping of  $\mathbb{P}$ .

*Example 4.2* (Chain Complex). Let  $\mathcal{Q}' = \mathcal{Q} \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}$  where  $\mathbf{0}$  is a nullary operation symbol. Hence we have that  $\mathcal{Q}' = \langle \text{dom}, \text{cod}, \circ, \mathbf{0} \rangle$  is a language. Let  $C$  be a partial ordered set. We may construct a partial algebra  $\mathbf{C}$  of the language  $\mathcal{Q}'$  over the set  $C$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Object:} & \quad c \quad c \in C \\ \text{Arrow:} & \quad a \rightarrow b \quad \text{if } a < b \text{ and } a \text{ is adjacent to } b \text{ for } a, b \in C; \\ & \quad \mathbf{0} \quad \text{otherwise;} \\ \circ: & \quad g \circ f = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{for all } (a \xrightarrow{f} b \xrightarrow{g} c) \in C. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $J$  be an ordered set. So  $\mathbf{J} = \langle J, \mathcal{Q}' \rangle$  is a partial algebra of the language  $\mathcal{Q}'$ . Suppose that  $\varphi: \mathbf{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is a monomorphism [3, 5]. Then the image of  $\varphi$  is a partial subalgebra which is an ordered set. If  $\varphi(\mathbf{J})$  is a set of abelian groups, then  $\varphi(\mathbf{J})$  is a chain complex, cf. [4]. Let  $\psi: \mathbf{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  be a monomorphism and let  $\tau: \varphi \rightarrow \psi$  be a natural transformation. Then we have that  $\tau$  is a chain map [4].

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