

Today: introduction to topos theory

a topos, two | topoi (geometry, topology)  
                          | toposes (cat-theory, logic)

Topoi have a dual nature:

- topological (Grothendieck Topoi)  
was looking for generalization of topological spaces.

- logical (Lawvere, Elementary topoi)  
was looking for axiomatization of the category of sets

what is needed to do Set theory?  
do logic?

1<sup>st</sup> order logic :

- sets  $\rightarrow$  objects
- terms  $\rightarrow$  arrows
- formulas  $\rightarrow$  subobject / monomorphisms
- substitution  $\rightarrow$  composition arrows / fiber products
- quantifiers  $\rightarrow$  left / right adjoint to substitution.

Higher order logic :

- powerset  $\rightarrow$  subobject classifier
- function types  
( $\lambda$ -calc)  $\rightarrow$  exponential (cart. closed category)
- dependent product  $\rightarrow$  locally cart. closed category.

Definition an Elementary topos is a category

- with finite limits (terminal object + fibre products)
- locally cartesian closed
- with a subobject classifier

(Remark: any kind of logic can be done in an elementary topos)

Prop: all other features of 1<sup>st</sup> order logic can be deduced from these axioms:

- coeq. exist., eff-epi are stable by base change, image factorization exist., dependent  $\Sigma$
- $\exists, \forall$  exist (with Beck-Chevalley condition)

Def:  $\mathcal{C}$  is cartesian closed if it is cartesian

$$- \times -: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\times} \mathcal{C}$$

and if for any  $A \in \mathcal{C}$   $A \times -: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

has a right adjoint, the exponential by  $A$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (-)^A & \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} & \longrightarrow \mathcal{C} \\ & X & \longmapsto X^A \end{array}$$

Def a cat  $C$  is locally cart. closed if  
it is lex (has finite limits) and for  
any object  $A \in C$  the slice category

$C/A$  is cartesian closed.

the slice category over  $A$  is sometimes called the "local category  
of  $C$  at  $A$ "

Rem  $C = \text{Set}$        $\text{Set}/A = \text{cat of families of objects of Set}$   
parametrized by  $A$ .  $C$

$C/A =$

When  $C$  is lex  $C/A$  can be thought as the  
col. of families of objects in  $C$  parametrized by  
the object  $A$  in  $C$ .  
*aka dependent types*

the cartesian structure of  $C/A$  is  $\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \times \text{---} \\ A \end{array}$

the fiber product over  $A$ .

the exponential in  $C/A$  encode depend products for  
 $A$ -dependent types.

# The subobject classifier

$\mathcal{C}$  is lex cat. we have the subobject functor

$$\text{Sub} : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow (\text{Mlat} \longrightarrow \text{Poset} \longrightarrow) \text{Set}$$
$$X \longmapsto \text{sub}(X)$$

is  $\text{Sub}$  a representable functor?

Is there an object  $\Omega$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  together with a natural iso

$$\text{Sub}(X) \simeq \underset{\mathcal{C}}{\text{Hom}}(X, \Omega)$$

if  $C = \text{Set}$

$$\text{Subs} : \text{Set}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$X \longmapsto \text{Sub}(X) = \mathcal{P}(X) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}}(X, \{0, 1\})$$

Sub is representable! by  $\Omega = \{0, 1\}$

$$\{x \mid \chi_u(x) = 1\} = U \longrightarrow \{1\}$$

subset  $\cap$

$$X \xrightarrow{\chi_u} \Omega = \{0, 1\}$$

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characteristic fct  $\chi_u(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in U \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

= first example of subobject classifier



from a logical perspective

subobject = formula

formula  $U = [\varphi]$

$\wedge$

context =  $X = [\vec{x}] \xrightarrow{x_\varphi} \Omega$

$\vec{x} \vdash \varphi$ formula
$\vec{x} \vdash x_\varphi = \Omega$

any formula  $\varphi$  defines a term of type  $\Omega$

$\Omega =$  type/sort of Boolean

also called "prop" of propositions.

examples of categories with a subobject classifier:

- Set  $\Omega = \{0, 1\}$

- Set/ $\mathbb{I}$  sub:  $(\text{Set}/\mathbb{I})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$   
 $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \mapsto \{\text{subfamilies of } (E_i)\} =$

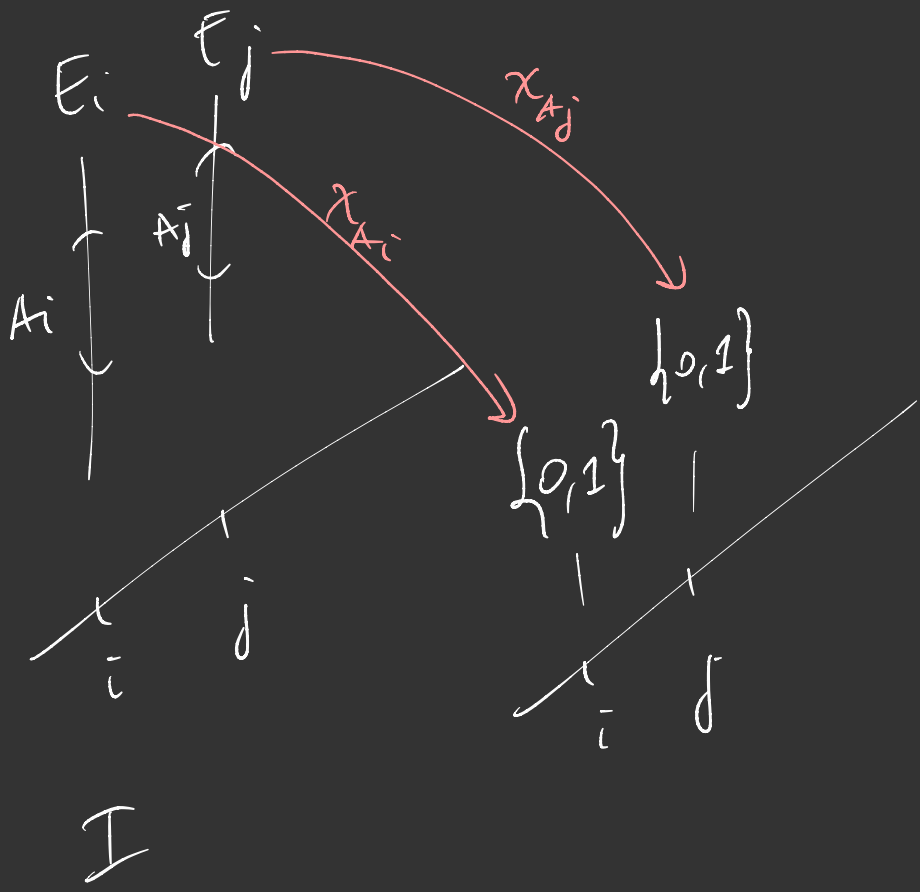
$$\prod_i \text{sub}(E_i) =$$

$$\prod_i \text{Hom}(E_i, \{0, 1\})$$

$$= \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}/\mathbb{I}}((E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{I}}, \underbrace{(\{0, 1\})_{i \in \mathbb{I}}}_{\text{constant family with value } \{0, 1\}})$$

$\Omega = (\{0, 1\})_{i \in \mathbb{I}}$   
(constant family)

constant family  
with value  $\{0, 1\}$ .



— presheaves categories  $\text{Set}^{C^{\text{op}}}$

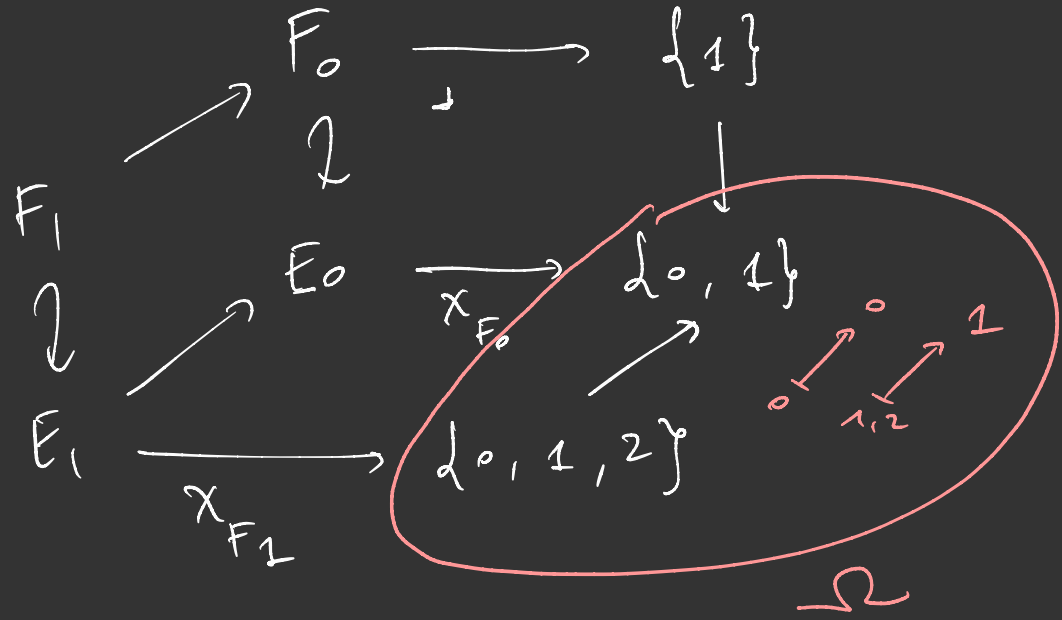
$C = \{0 < 1\}$  the arrow category.

$$\text{Set}^{\{0 < 1\}^{\text{op}}} = \{ E_0 \leftarrow E_1 \}$$

sub diagram of  $E_0 \leftarrow E_1 = ?$

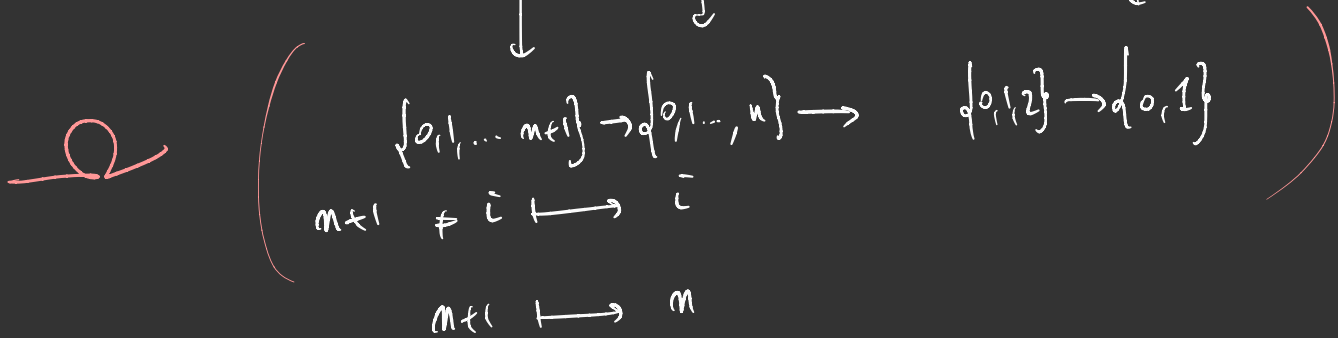
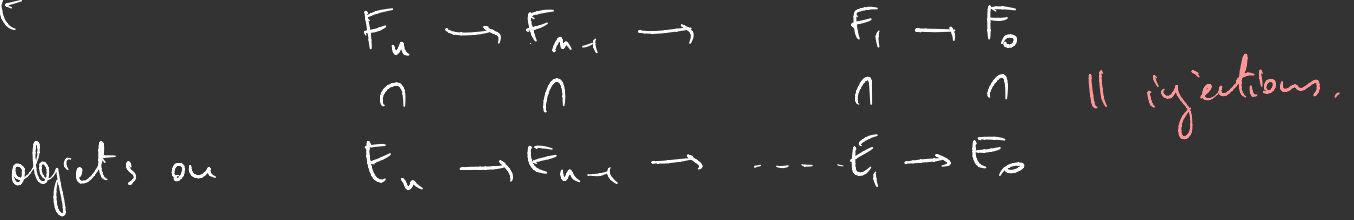
injection  $\cup$   $\cup$  injection

$$F_0 \leftarrow F_1$$



$\{0 < i < \dots < n\}^{op}$

Set



general formula for  $\Omega$  in  $\text{Set}^{C^{\text{op}}} = \widehat{C}$

$$\Omega : C^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$x \longmapsto \Omega(x) = \text{Hom}_{\widehat{C}}(\widehat{x}, \Omega)$$

Yoneda

|| by def. of  $\Omega$

$\text{Sub}(\widehat{x})$

$$\Omega : C^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Set}$$
$$x \longmapsto \text{Sub}(\widehat{x})$$

$$\text{Sub}(\widehat{x}) \underset{\text{bij}}{\simeq} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sieves of } \\ \text{---} \\ C/x \end{array} \right\}$$

if  $C$  is a poset like  $\{0 < 1 < \dots < n\}$

$$x \in C \quad \text{sub}(\hat{x}) \underset{\text{bij}}{\simeq} \left\{ \text{lower sets of } C/x \right\}$$

ex  $C = \{0 < 1 < \dots < n\}$

$$x = 3$$

$$C/x = \{0 < 1 < 2 < 3\}$$

$$\text{sub}(\hat{3}) = \left\{ \emptyset, \{0\}, \{0,1\}, \{0,1,2\}, \{0,1,2,3\} \right\}$$

$$\simeq \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

recover formula for  
 $\Omega$  in set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}^P$

in general

$$\text{sub}(\hat{k}) \simeq \{0, 1, \dots, k+1\}$$



What is  $\Omega$  good for?

- "terms of sort  $\Omega$ " = arrows with codomain  $\Omega$  are the formulas of the theory.

→ the existence of  $\Omega$  makes it possible to quantify over formulas.

$$\forall \varphi, \varphi(x) = \perp \quad \dots$$

- when the category  $\mathcal{C}$  is Cart-closed we can use  $\Omega$  to define "PowerSet" of  $X$ :  $\Omega^X$

→ can quantify over subsets of  $X$ . using  $\Omega^X$

$\Omega^X =$  sort of subsets of  $X$ .  
type

possible to write formulas like

$\forall u: \Omega^X, u \ni x$

$\exists u: \Omega^X, \#u = 2, \dots$

→ can iterate this and define

$\Omega^{(\Omega^x)}$  = double power set.

= subset of subsets.

can quantify over this also

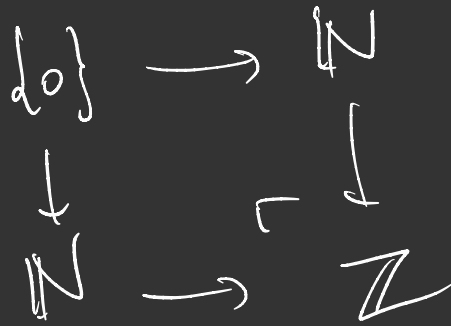
→ this leads to higher order logic

- if  $\Omega$  exist and if  $C$  has colimits.

$$X = \operatorname{colim} X_i$$

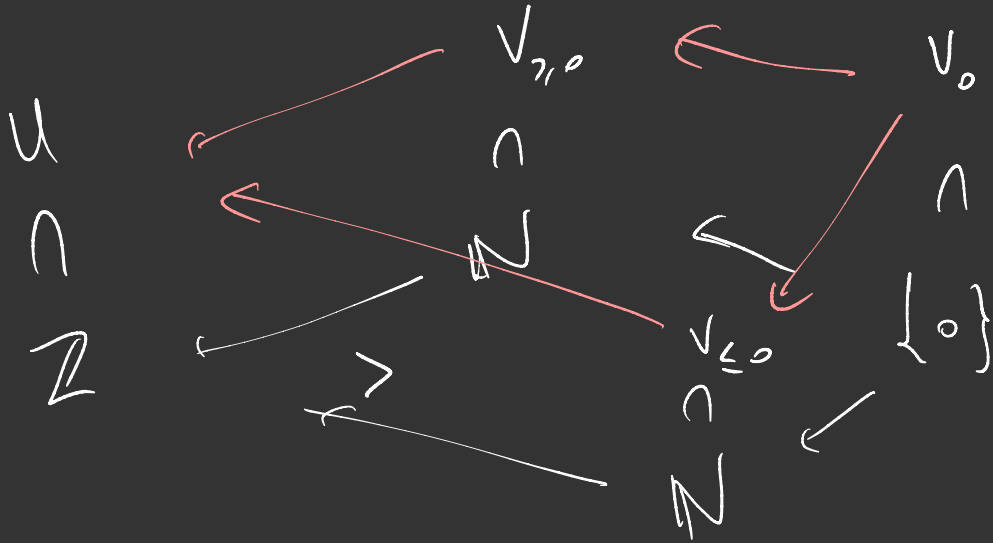
$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Sub}(X) &= \operatorname{Hom}_C(X, \Omega) \\ &= \operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{colim} X_i, \Omega) \\ &= \lim \operatorname{Hom}(X_i, \Omega) \\ &= \lim \operatorname{Sub}(X_i) \end{aligned}$$

example



pushout in Set.

subset



in terms of logic this means

one can produce a property on  $\mathbb{Z}$   
formula

from a property of  $\geq 0$  integer  
an \_\_\_\_\_ of  $\leq 0$  integer.

that coincides for 0.