

Exercises 3

• A morphism $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a mono if for all $x \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{g} \\ \xrightarrow{h} \end{matrix} A$ we have $fg = fh$ implies $g = h$.

1) Let $E \xrightarrow{e} A \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{matrix} B$ be an equaliser diagram. Using the u.p. of the equaliser, prove that $e: E \rightarrow A$ is mono.

2) a) Show that in Set, each injective function is monic.
 b) & that each monic is surjective.

3) Pullbacks & pushouts:
 - Pullbacks are limits of shape $\begin{matrix} \square \\ \downarrow \uparrow \\ \square \end{matrix}$
 whilst pushouts are colimits of shape $\begin{matrix} \square \\ \downarrow \uparrow \\ \square \end{matrix}$
 shape $\begin{matrix} \square \\ \downarrow \uparrow \\ \square \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \square \\ \downarrow \uparrow \\ \square \end{matrix}^{\varphi}$

- In elementary terms, given $A \xrightarrow{f} C$ its pushout is an obj. P
 $g \downarrow$ & comm. square $A \xrightarrow{f} C$
 $B \rightarrow P$
 $g \downarrow \quad \downarrow i$
 $B \rightarrow P$




which is universal amongst such comm. squares.

a) What does 'this universality' mean precisely?

b) Show that you can construct pushouts from coproducts and coequalisers.

4) Pushouts in topology allow one to glue spaces together.

Try to draw a picture showing how to construct the 2-d sphere

as a pushout of two disks  & a circle  and a circle .