

CARTESIAN CLOSED DOUBLE CATEGORIES

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ABSTRACT. We consider two approaches to cartesian closed double categories generalizing two definitions which are equivalent for 1-categories, and give examples to show that the two differ in the double category case. One approach, previously considered in [N20], requires the lax functor $(-) \times Y$ on \mathbb{D} to have a right adjoint $(-)^Y$, for every object Y , while the other supposes that the exponentials are given by a lax bifunctor $\mathbb{D}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ also involving vertical (i.e., loose) morphisms of \mathbb{D} . Examples include the double categories Cat , Pos , Top , Loc and Quant , whose objects are small categories, posets, topological spaces, locales, and commutative quantales, respectively; as well as, the double categories $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$ and $Q\text{-Rel}$, whose vertical morphisms are spans in a category \mathcal{D} with pullback and relations valued in a locale Q , respectively.

1. Introduction

In [N20], we considered exponentiable objects and cartesian closure for a (lax) cartesian double category \mathbb{D} , i.e., objects Y such that the lax functor $(-) \times Y: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ has a right adjoint in the 2-category \mathbf{LxDbl} of double categories and lax functors. We showed that Y is exponentiable in a “glueing category” \mathbb{D} if and only if Y is exponentiable in \mathbb{D}_0 and $(-) \times Y$ is oplax. Applications included the double categories Cat , Pos , Top , Loc , and Topos , whose objects are small categories, posets, topological space, locales, and Grothendieck toposes, respectively. We restricted to right adjoints in \mathbf{LxDbl} because the right adjoints in some of these examples were not pseudo even though $(-) \times Y$ was.

Interest in exponentiability is related to the study of suitable topologies on function spaces, for if Y is exponentiable in Top , then taking $Y = 1$ in

$$\text{Top}(X \times Y, Z) \cong \text{Top}(X, Z^Y)$$

one sees that Z^Y can be identified with the set $\text{Top}(Y, Z)$ of continuous maps from X to Z . Perhaps the first definitive result in this area appeared in [F45], the 1945 paper “On topologies for function spaces” by R. H. Fox, where he clearly stated the problem of finding an appropriate topology for $\text{Top}(Y, Z)$, noted that it had been long known to be possible for locally compact Y , and showed that local compactness was also necessary for separable metrizable spaces.

For a 1-category \mathcal{D} , one can define cartesian closure via a pointwise or a 2-variable adjunction, and obtain equivalent definitions. The pointwise approach requires the existence

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of an exponential Z^Y , for every object Y of \mathcal{D} , whereas for the latter, the exponentials are given by a bifunctor $\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$. We will see that these two approaches differ for a double categories \mathbb{D} . In particular, a bifunctor $\mathbb{D}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ would involve not only objects of \mathbb{D}_0 , but also those of \mathbb{D}_1 , i.e., vertical morphisms of \mathbb{D} .

After a review of adjoints on double categories in Section 3, we introduce the more general definition of a cartesian closed double category in Section 4. In addition to Pos and Cat , examples include the cartesian double category $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$, whose objects and horizontal morphisms are those of \mathcal{D} and vertical morphisms are spans in \mathcal{D} , when \mathcal{D} is a cartesian closed category with pullbacks and equalizers; as well as the double category $Q\text{-Rel}$ of sets, functions, and Q -valued relations (in the sense of [MT14]), when Q is a locale. In Sections 5 and 6, we turn to exponentiable objects in non-cartesian closed double categories. Starting with $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{D})$, for a cartesian closed category \mathcal{D} with pushouts and coequalizers, we show that every object is exponentiable, but $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{D})$ is not a cartesian closed double category, even though both \mathbb{D}_0 and \mathbb{D}_1 are cartesian closed. Using the characterization of oplax/lax adjunctions

$$\mathbb{D} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xleftarrow{G} \end{array} \text{Cospan}(\mathbb{D}_0)$$

from [N12b], we indicate how one can prove the above mentioned exponentiability results for Cat , Pos , Top , and Loc using only the assumption that \mathbb{D} has cotabulators, companions, and conjoiners (in the sense of [GP99]) rather than the full definition of a glueing category. We also obtain the analogous coexponentiability result for the double category Quant , whose objects and horizontal morphisms are commutative unital quantales and their usual morphisms, and vertical morphisms are lax morphisms. We conclude in Section 7, with examples of locally cartesian closed double categories, namely, $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$ and $Q\text{-Rel}$, but not Cat or Pos .

We begin with a tribute to Marta Bunge and her influence that led to this work.

1.1. IN MEMORY OF MARTA BUNGE. This section is in honor of Marta Bunge, and an account of how our joint research during my 1998 sabbatical at McGill played a role in my subsequent interest in double categories. The visit led to a paper [BN00] which used my previously unpublished notion of “model-generated categories” [N78] to show that the category UFL/B of unique factorization lifting functors over B is a topos, when B is a linearly ordered small category, or more generally, satisfies the (IG) property (in the sense of [BF00]). Along the way, we considered open and closed subcategories of B , i.e., sieves and cosieves of B , and showed that the UFL inclusions are the locally closed ones and correspond precisely to the locally closed subtoposes of the presheaf topos Sets^B . At that time, she also introduced me to Street’s note [St01] using Bénabou’s equivalence $\text{Lax}(B^{\text{op}}, \text{Prof}) \simeq \text{Cat}/B$ to show a functor is exponentiable in Cat if and only if it satisfies the Giraud-Conduché condition [G64, C72].

In the decade that followed, I used variations of Bénabou’s equivalence to characterize exponentiable morphisms in a number of slice categories. Following a related talk, Bob

Paré commented that I was actually working in a double category. In the latter setting, I then defined a locally closed inclusion using cotabulators (i.e., collages of categories and Artin-Wraith glueing of toposes) to construct the exponentials of these inclusions in glueing categories, and obtained applications for small categories, posets, topological space, locales, and toposes. Their existence was not new (see [BN00, N01, N78, N81]), but the construction via a single theorem was.

2. Examples of Double Categories

Recall that a *double category* is an internal pseudo category

$$\mathbb{D}_1 \times_{\mathbb{D}_0} \mathbb{D}_1 \xrightarrow{\odot} \mathbb{D}_1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{id}^\bullet} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \end{array} \mathbb{D}_0$$

in the 2-category **CAT** of locally small categories. It consists of *objects* (those of \mathbb{D}_0), two types of morphisms: *horizontal* (those of \mathbb{D}_0) and *vertical* (objects of \mathbb{D}_1 with domain and codomain given by s and t), and *cells* (morphisms of \mathbb{D}_1)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_s & \xrightarrow{f_s} & Y_s \\ v \downarrow & \varphi & \downarrow w \\ X_t & \xrightarrow{f_t} & Y_t \end{array} \quad (\star)$$

sometimes denoted by $\varphi: v \xrightarrow{f_s} w$. Composition and identity morphisms are given horizontally in \mathbb{D}_0 and vertically via \odot and id^\bullet , respectively. Horizontal and vertical morphisms are called *strict* and *loose*, respectively, by some authors.

Note that when w is the vertical id_Y^\bullet , we often denote the cell (\star) by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_s & \xrightarrow{f_s} & Y \\ v \downarrow & \varphi & \nearrow \\ X_t & \xrightarrow{f_t} & Y \end{array}$$

2.1. **EXAMPLE.** For a category \mathcal{D} with pullbacks, the double category $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$ has objects and horizontal morphisms in \mathcal{D} , and vertical morphisms spans in \mathcal{D} , with composition defined via pullback and identities $\text{id}^\bullet: X \dashrightarrow X$ given by $X \xleftarrow{\text{id}_X} X \xrightarrow{\text{id}_X} X$. The cells (\star) are commutative diagrams in \mathcal{D} of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & X_s & \xrightarrow{f_s} & Y_s \\ & \nearrow v_s & & & \nearrow w_s \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & & \\ & \searrow v_t & & & \searrow w_t \\ & & X_t & \xrightarrow{f_t} & Y_t \end{array}$$

In particular, $\text{Span}(\text{Sets})$ is the double category Set considered by Paré in [P11].

2.2. **EXAMPLE.** Cat has small categories as objects and functors as horizontal morphisms. Vertical morphisms $v: X_s \twoheadrightarrow X_t$ are profunctors $v: X_s^{\text{op}} \times X_t \rightarrow \text{Sets}$, and cells $\varphi: v \xrightarrow[f_t]{f_s} w$ are natural transformations $v \rightarrow w(f_s-, f_t-)$.

2.3. **EXAMPLE.** Pos has partially-ordered sets as objects and order-preserving maps as horizontal morphisms. Vertical morphisms $v: X_s \twoheadrightarrow X_t$ are order ideals $v \subseteq X_s^{\text{op}} \times X_t$, and there is a cell $\varphi: v \xrightarrow[f_t]{f_s} w$ if and only if $(x_s, x_t) \in v$ implies $(f_s(x_s), f_t(x_t)) \in w$.

2.4. **EXAMPLE.** For a unital quantale Q , the double category $Q\text{-Rel}$ has sets and functions as objects and horizontal morphisms. Vertical morphisms $v: X_s \twoheadrightarrow X_t$ are Q -valued relations, in the sense of monoidal topology [MT14], i.e., functions $v: X_s \times X_t \rightarrow Q$. There is a cell of the form (\star) if and only if $v(x_s, x_t) \leq w(f_s(x_s), f_t(x_t))$. Vertical composition with $w: X_t \twoheadrightarrow X_u$ is given by

$$(w \odot v)(x_s, x_u) = \bigvee_{x_t \in X_t} w(x_t, x_u) v(x_s, x_t)$$

and the identity $\text{id}_X^\bullet: X \twoheadrightarrow X$ by

$$\text{id}_X^\bullet(x, x') = \begin{cases} e & \text{if } x = x' \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq x' \end{cases}$$

where e is the unit and 0 is the bottom element of Q . In particular, $2\text{-Rel} \cong \text{Rel}$ is the double category Set considered by Aleiferi in [A18].

2.5. **EXAMPLE.** Top has topological spaces as objects and continuous maps as horizontal morphisms. Vertical morphisms $X_s \twoheadrightarrow X_t$ are finite meet-preserving maps

$$\mathcal{O}(X_s) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}(X_t)$$

on the open set lattices, and there is a cell $\varphi: v \xrightarrow[f_t]{f_s} w$ if and only if $f_t^{-1}w \subseteq v f_s^{-1}$.

2.6. **EXAMPLE.** Loc has locales as objects, locale morphisms (in the sense of [J82]) as horizontal morphisms, and finite meet-preserving maps as vertical morphisms. There is a cell $\varphi: v \xrightarrow[f_t]{f_s} w$ if and only if $f_t^*w \leq v f_s^*$.

2.7. **EXAMPLE.** Quant has commutative unital quantales as objects, quantale homomorphisms as horizontal morphisms, and lax maps as vertical morphisms, i.e., order-preserving $v: X_s \twoheadrightarrow X_t$ such that $v(x_s)v(x'_s) \leq v(x_s x'_s)$ and $e_t \leq v(e_s)$. There is a cell $\varphi: v \xrightarrow[f_t]{f_s} w$ if and only if $f_t v \leq w f_s$.

3. Cartesian Double Categories

In this section, we recall the definitions of oplax/lax adjunctions and cartesian double categories, in the sense of [GP04] and [A18], respectively.

A *lax functor* $F: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ consists of functors $F_0: \mathbb{D}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_0$ and $F_1: \mathbb{D}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_1$, compatible with s and t , together with comparison cells

$$\mathrm{id}_{FX} \xrightarrow{\rho_X} F(\mathrm{id}_X) \quad \text{and} \quad Fw \odot Fv \xrightarrow{\rho_{v,w}} F(w \odot v)$$

for every object X and every composition $w \odot v$ in \mathbb{D} , and satisfying naturality and coherence conditions. Note that we drop the subscripts on F when the context is clear. An *oplax* functor is defined with the comparison cells in the opposite direction. A lax functor F is called *normal* if ρ_X is invertible, for all X , and it is a *pseudo functor* if the cells $\rho_{v,w}$ are also invertible.

There is a double category \mathbb{Dbl} , introduced in [GP04], whose objects are double categories, horizontal morphisms are lax functors, and vertical morphisms are oplax functors, with suitable cells. An *oplax/lax adjunction* is an orthogonal adjunction in \mathbb{Dbl} . If the left adjoint F above is also lax, then it is an adjunction in the 2-category \mathbf{LxDbl} whose morphisms are lax functors. These adjunctions are characterized in [GP04] as follows.

3.1. PROPOSITION. *The following are equivalent for functors $F_n: \mathbb{D}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_n$ and $G_n: \mathbb{E}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_n$, where $n = 0, 1$, compatible with s and t .*

- (a) $F: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ is oplax and $G: \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ is a lax right adjoint.
- (b) $F_0 \dashv G_0$, $F_1 \dashv G_1$, and F is oplax.
- (c) $F_0 \dashv G_0$, $F_1 \dashv G_1$, and G is lax.

A double category \mathbb{D} is *lax cartesian*, called pre-cartesian in [A18], if the pseudo functors $\Delta: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}$ and $!: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{1}$ have lax right adjoints, denoted by \times and 1 , respectively. If \times and 1 are pseudo functors, we say \mathbb{D} is a *cartesian double category*.

One can show that $\mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{D})$, $\mathbb{R}el$, $\mathbb{C}at$, and $\mathbb{P}os$ are cartesian double categories; as is $Q\text{-Rel}$, for any locale Q . Also, $\mathbb{T}op$ and $\mathbb{L}oc$ are lax cartesian, and $\mathbb{Q}uant$ is oplax cocartesian. Proofs for $\mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{D})$, $\mathbb{R}el$, $\mathbb{C}at$, and $\mathbb{P}os$ can be found in [A18]. The latter two, as well as $\mathbb{T}op$ and $\mathbb{L}oc$, also appeared in [N20], and $\mathbb{Q}uant$ is a generalization of $\mathbb{L}oc$. For $Q\text{-Rel}$, define

$$(u \wedge v)((x_s, y_s), (x_t, y_t)) = u(x_s, x_t) \wedge v(y_s, y_t)$$

for $u: X_s \times X_t \rightarrow Q$ and $v: Y_s \times Y_t \rightarrow Q$.

4. Cartesian Closed Double Categories

In this section, we introduce the notion of a cartesian closed double category, and show that Examples 2.1–2.4, with appropriate assumptions, are cartesian closed. We are restricting to **LxDbl** because the right adjoints in our examples are not pseudo even though the left adjoints are.

Suppose \mathcal{D} is a category with finite products. Recall that \mathcal{D} is called cartesian closed if the functor $(-) \times Y: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ has a right adjoint, for every object Y , often denoted by $(-)^Y$; or equivalently, there is a bifunctor $[-, -]: \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ with natural bijections $\mathcal{D}(X \times Y, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(X, [Y, Z])$, denoted by $f \mapsto \hat{f}$.

Replacing \mathcal{D} by \mathbb{D} in the bifunctor approach doesn't make sense, unless we replace the natural bijections with ones in \mathbb{D}_0 and \mathbb{D}_1 . On the other hand, we can generalize the object-wise definition to double categories in [N20], by interpreting $(-) \times Y$ as $(-) \times \text{id}_Y^\bullet$ on \mathbb{D}_1 , and obtained examples of object-wise cartesian closed double categories using Proposition 3.1 for glueing categories. We will return to this definition in Section 5 with additional examples and different proofs than those in [N20].

4.1. DEFINITION. *A lax cartesian double category \mathbb{D} is called cartesian closed if there is a lax bifunctor $[-, -]: \mathbb{D}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ with natural bijections $\mathbb{D}_0(X \times Y, Z) \cong \mathbb{D}_0(X, [Y, Z])$ and $\mathbb{D}_1(u \times v, w) \cong \mathbb{D}_1(u, [v, w])$, compatible with s and t .*

4.2. THEOREM. *A cartesian double category \mathbb{D} is cartesian closed, as a lax cartesian category, if and only if \mathbb{D}_0 and \mathbb{D}_1 are cartesian closed categories satisfying $s[v, w] = Z_s^{Y_s}$ and $t[v, w] = Z_t^{Y_t}$, for all $v: Y_s \twoheadrightarrow Y_t$ and $w: Z_s \twoheadrightarrow Z_t$.*

PROOF. The forward direction is clear. For the converse, suppose \mathbb{D}_0 and \mathbb{D}_1 are cartesian closed categories with exponentials compatible with s and t . Then, by the remarks above, there are bifunctors $[-, -]_i: \mathbb{D}_i^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{D}_i \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_i$, for $i = 0, 1$, and so it suffices to show that $[-, -]$ is lax on $\mathbb{D}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{D}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} ([v', w'] \odot [v, w]) \times (v' \odot v) &\xrightarrow{\alpha} ([v', w'] \times v') \odot ([v, w] \times v) \xrightarrow{\text{ev} \odot \text{ev}} w' \odot w \\ &\text{id}_{[Y, Z]}^\bullet \times \text{id}_Y^\bullet \xrightarrow{\beta} \text{id}_{[Y, Z] \times Y}^\bullet \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{\text{ev}}^\bullet} \text{id}_Z^\bullet \end{aligned}$$

where α and β exist since \times is oplax, and so their transposes in \mathbb{D}_1 give rise to

$$[v', w'] \odot [v, w] \rightarrow [v' \odot v, w' \odot w] \quad \text{and} \quad \text{id}_{[Y, Z]}^\bullet \rightarrow [\text{id}_Y^\bullet, \text{id}_Z^\bullet]$$

and so $[-, -]$ is lax, as desired. ■

4.3. EXAMPLE. Suppose \mathcal{D} is a cartesian closed category with equalizers. To see that $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$ is a cartesian closed double category, we first consider the case where $\mathcal{D} = \text{Sets}$.

One can show that $\text{Span}(\text{Sets})$ is cartesian closed as follows. Let $[Y, Z]_0 = Z^Y$ and $[v, w]_1$ be given by the span

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [v, w] \xrightarrow{[v, w]_s} Z_s^{Y_s} \\
 [v, w] \xrightarrow{[v, w]_t} Z_t^{Y_t}
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{where} \quad
 [v, w] = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc}
 Y_s \xrightarrow{v_s} Y_s \xrightarrow{\sigma_s} Z_s \\
 Y \xrightarrow{\sigma} Z \\
 Y_t \xrightarrow{v_t} Y_t \xrightarrow{\sigma_t} Z_t \\
 \xrightarrow{w_s} Z \\
 \xrightarrow{w_t} Z_t
 \end{array} \right\}$$

Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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 X_s \times Y_s \xrightarrow{f_s} Z_s \\
 \begin{array}{c} u_s \times v_s \\ \nearrow \\ X \times Y \end{array} \xrightarrow{f} Z \\
 \begin{array}{c} u_t \times v_t \\ \searrow \\ X_t \times Y_t \end{array} \xrightarrow{f_t} Z_t
 \end{array} & \text{corresponds to} & \begin{array}{ccc}
 X_s \xrightarrow{\hat{f}_s} Z_s^{Y_s} \\
 X \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} [v, w] \\
 X_t \xrightarrow{\hat{f}_t} Z_t^{Y_t}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

where $\hat{f}_s(x_s)(y_s) = f_s(x_s, y_s)$, $\hat{f}_t(x_t)(y_t) = f_t(x_t, y_t)$, and $\hat{f}(x)$ is obtained by fixing x in the diagram on the left.

To generalize to $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$, one can define $[v, w]$, by the equalizer

$$[v, w] \rightrightarrows Z_s^{Y_s} \times Z^Y \times Z_t^{Y_t} \xrightleftharpoons[\beta]{\alpha} Z_s^Y \times Z_t^Y$$

in \mathcal{D} , where $\alpha = \langle w_s^Y \pi_2, w_t^Y \pi_2 \rangle$ and $\beta = \langle Z_s^{v_s} \pi_1, Z_t^{v_t} \pi_3 \rangle$; and proceed as above. Moreover, since $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})_0 \cong \mathcal{D}$, one can show that $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$ is cartesian closed if and only if \mathcal{D} is.

Using the equivalences $\mathbb{P}\text{os}_1 \simeq \mathbb{P}\text{os}_0/2$ and $\text{Cat}_1 \simeq \text{Cat}_0/2$, one can show that $\mathbb{P}\text{os}$ and Cat are cartesian closed double categories (see [N12a]). Instead, we give an explicit description of the exponentials, rather than introduce glueing categories here.

4.4. EXAMPLE. For $\mathbb{P}\text{os}$, first note that $\mathbb{P}\text{os}_0$ is cartesian closed with $[Y, Z] = Z^Y$, the poset of order-preserving maps $\sigma: Y \rightarrow Z$ with the pointwise order. To show $\mathbb{P}\text{os}_1$ is cartesian closed, recall $((x_s, y_s), (x_t, y_t)) \in u \times v$ if and only if $(x_s, x_t) \in u$ and $(y_s, y_t) \in v$, where $u: X_s \rightarrow X_t$ and $v: Y_s \rightarrow Y_t$. Given $w: Z_s \rightarrow Z_t$, consider $[v, w]: Z_s^{Y_s} \rightarrow Z_t^{Y_t}$ defined by $(\sigma_s, \sigma_t) \in [v, w]$ if and only if $(\sigma_s(y_s), \sigma_t(y_t)) \in w, \forall (y_s, y_t) \in v$. Then

$$u \times v \xrightarrow[\hat{f}_t]{\hat{f}_s} w \quad \text{corresponds to} \quad u \xrightarrow[\hat{f}_t]{\hat{f}_s} [v, w]$$

since

$$((x_s, y_s), (x_t, y_t)) \in u \times v \text{ implies } (f_s(x_s, y_s), f_t(x_t, y_t)) \in w$$

if and only if

$$(x_s, x_t) \in u \text{ implies } (f_s(x_s, y_s), f_t(x_t, y_t)) \in w, \forall (y_s, y_t) \in v$$

if and only if

$$(x_s, x_t) \in u \text{ implies } (\hat{f}_s(x_s), \hat{f}_t(x_t)) \in [v, w]$$

Therefore, $\mathbb{P}\text{os}$ is cartesian closed.

4.5. EXAMPLE. For \mathbf{Cat} , first note that \mathbf{Cat}_0 is cartesian closed with $[Y, Z] = Z^Y$, the category of functors $\sigma: Y \rightarrow Z$ with natural transformations as morphisms. To show \mathbf{Cat}_1 is cartesian closed, recall that

$$(u \times v)((x_s, y_s), (x_t, y_t)) = u(x_s, x_t) \times v(y_s, y_t)$$

where $u: X_s \rightarrow X_t$ and $v: Y_s \rightarrow Y_t$. Given $w: Z_s \rightarrow Z_t$, consider $[v, w]: Z_s^{Y_s} \rightarrow Z_t^{Y_t}$, where $[v, w](\sigma_s, \sigma_t)$ is the set of cells of the form $\varphi: v \xrightarrow{\sigma_s} w$ in \mathbf{Cat} . Then, one can show that $[v, w]$ is a profunctor; and cells

$$u \times v \xrightarrow[f_t]{f_s} w \quad \text{correspond bijectively with} \quad u \xrightarrow[\hat{f}_t]{\hat{f}_s} [v, w]$$

since functions $u(x_s, x_t) \times v(y_s, y_t) \rightarrow w(f_s(x_s, y_s), f_t(x_t, y_t))$ correspond naturally to

$$u(x_s, x_t) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}(v(y_s, y_t), w(f_s(x_s, y_s), f_t(x_t, y_t)))$$

in \mathbf{Sets} . Because

$$\mathbf{Sets}(v(y_s, y_t), w(f_s(x_s, y_s), f_t(x_t, y_t))) = \mathbf{Sets}(v(y_s, y_t), w(\hat{f}_s(x_s)(y_s), \hat{f}_t(x_t)(y_s)))$$

we get

$$u(x_s, x_t) \rightarrow [v, w](\hat{f}_s(x_s), \hat{f}_t(x_t))$$

as desired.

4.6. EXAMPLE. Consider $Q\text{-Rel}$, where Q is a locale. Given $v: Y_s \rightarrow Y_t$ and $w: Z_s \rightarrow Z_t$, define $[v, w]: Z_s^{Y_s} \rightarrow Z_t^{Y_t}$ by

$$[v, w](\sigma_s, \sigma_t) = \bigwedge_{(y_s, y_t)} v(y_s, y_t) \Rightarrow w(\sigma_s y_s, \sigma_t y_t)$$

where $a \Rightarrow (-)$ is the right adjoint to $a \wedge (-)$ in the locale Q . Then, there is a cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_s \times Y_s & \xrightarrow{f_s} & Z_s \\ u \times v \downarrow & \leq & \downarrow w \\ X_t \times Y_t & \xrightarrow{f_t} & Z_t \end{array}$$

if and only if

$$u(x_s, x_t) \wedge v(y_s, y_t) \leq w(f_s(x_s, y_s), f_t(x_t, y_t))$$

if and only if

$$u(x_s, x_t) \leq (v(y_s, y_t) \Rightarrow w(f_s(x_s, y_s), f_t(x_t, y_t))), \forall (y_s, y_t)$$

if and only if

$$u(x_s, x_t) \leq \bigwedge_{(y_s, y_t)} (v(y_s, y_t) \Rightarrow w(f_s(x_s, y_s), f_t(x_t, y_t)))$$

if and only if

$$u(x_s, x_t) \leq [v, w](\hat{f}_s(x_s), \hat{f}_t(x_t))$$

if and only if there is a cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_s & \xrightarrow{f_s} & Z_s^{Y_s} \\ u \downarrow & \leq & \downarrow [v, w] \\ X_t & \xrightarrow{f_t} & Z_t^{Y_t} \end{array}$$

Therefore, $Q\text{-Rel}$ is cartesian closed when Q is a locale.

We conclude this section with an example of a double category \mathbb{D} such that \mathbb{D}_0 and \mathbb{D}_1 are cartesian closed but \mathbb{D} is not cartesian closed as a double category, showing that compatibility with s and t is necessary in Definition 4.1. But, we will see that this example is object-wise cartesian closed in the sense of Section 5.

4.7. EXAMPLE. Let $\mathbb{C}ospan$ denote the double category whose objects and horizontal morphisms are sets and functions, vertical morphisms are cospans with composition via pushout, and cells are diagrams of form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X_s & \xrightarrow{f_s} & Y_s & & \\ & \searrow^{u_s} & & \searrow^{v_s} & \\ & & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ & \nearrow_{u_t} & & \nearrow_{v_t} & \\ X_t & \xrightarrow{f_t} & Y_t & & \end{array}$$

One can show that $\mathbb{C}ospan$ is a cartesian double category by Proposition 3.1. We know $\mathbb{C}ospan_0$ is cartesian closed, since \mathbf{Sets} is, and $\mathbb{C}ospan_1$ is cartesian closed, since it is a presheaf topos. But, the exponentials are not compatible with s , i.e., $[v, w]_s \neq Z_s^{Y_s}$, where $[v, w]_s \leftarrow [v, w] \rightarrow [v, w]_t$ denotes the exponential in $\mathbb{C}ospan_1$, since elements of $[v, w]_s$ correspond to diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & [v, w]_s \\ & \searrow & \searrow \\ & & 1 \longrightarrow [v, w] \\ & \nearrow & \nearrow \\ \emptyset & \longrightarrow & [v, w]_t \end{array} \quad \text{or equivalently} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} Y_s & \longrightarrow & Z_s & & \\ & \searrow^{v_s} & & \searrow^{w_s} & \\ & & Y & \longrightarrow & Z \\ & \nearrow & & \nearrow & \\ \emptyset & \longrightarrow & Z_t & & \end{array}$$

5. Object-Wise Cartesian Closed Double Categories

In this section, we introduce object-wise cartesian closure in \mathbf{LxDbl} , called “pre-cartesian closure” in [N20]; and compare this notion to cartesian closure introduced in Section 4.

Suppose Y is an object of \mathbb{D} such that the product $X \times Y$ exists in \mathbb{D}_0 , for all X ; and the product $u \times \text{id}_Y^\bullet$ exists in \mathbb{D}_1 and satisfies $s(u \times \text{id}_Y^\bullet) = su \times Y$ and $t(u \times \text{id}_Y^\bullet) = tu \times Y$ in \mathbb{D}_0 , for all u . Taking $u \times Y = u \times \text{id}_Y^\bullet$ and applying Proposition 3.1, we get a lax functor $(-) \times Y: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$. In this case, we say $(-) \times Y$ exists in \mathbf{LxDbl} .

5.1. DEFINITION. *An object Y is called exponentiable in \mathbb{D} if $(-) \times Y$ exists and has a right adjoint in \mathbf{LxDbl} ; and \mathbb{D} is called object-wise cartesian closed if every object Y is exponentiable in \mathbb{D} .*

Every cartesian closed double category, in the sense of Definition 4.1, is clearly object-wise cartesian closed. Thus, $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$, Cat , Pos , and $Q\text{-Rel}$ are object-wise cartesian closed, for every cartesian closed category \mathcal{D} with equalizers and every locale Q (see Examples 4.3–4.6). The following generalization of Example 4.7 gives object-wise cartesian closed double categories which are not cartesian closed.

5.2. EXAMPLE. Suppose \mathcal{D} is a category with pushouts and finite products, and let $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{D})$ denote the double category whose objects and horizontal morphisms are those of \mathcal{D} , vertical morphisms are cospans in \mathcal{D} with composition via pushout, and cells are commutative diagrams in \mathcal{D} . One can show that $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{D})$ is lax cartesian by Proposition 3.1, but we know it is not, in general, cartesian closed by Example 4.7.

Now, if Y is exponentiable in \mathcal{D} , then $(-) \times Y$ is a pseudo functor on $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{D})$, since $(-) \times Y$ preserves pushouts on \mathcal{D} being a left adjoint, and so Y is exponentiable in $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{D})$ by Proposition 3.1, since

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_s \times Y & \xrightarrow{f_s} & Z_s \\
 \downarrow u_s \times Y & \searrow & \downarrow w_s \\
 X \times Y & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \\
 \uparrow u_t \times Y & \swarrow & \uparrow w_t \\
 X_t \times Y & \xrightarrow{f_t} & Z_t
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{corresponds to} \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 X_s & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}_s} & Z_s^Y \\
 \downarrow u_s & \searrow & \downarrow w_s^Y \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} & Z^Y \\
 \uparrow u_t & \swarrow & \uparrow w_t^Y \\
 X_t & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}_t} & Z_t^Y
 \end{array}$$

by the naturality in the definition of the adjunction $(-) \times Y \dashv (-)^Y$ on \mathcal{D} .

Therefore, $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{D})$ is object-wise cartesian closed whenever \mathcal{D} is cartesian closed.

6. Exponentiable Objects in Double Categories

In [N20], we showed that the exponentiable objects of \mathbb{D} are those of \mathbb{D}_0 , for glueing categories. Examples included Cat , Pos , Loc , and Top . See Section 4 above for a direct construction of exponentials in Cat and Pos . Here, we use Theorem 5.5 from [N12b] to present a more general construction which applies to these double categories, as well as Quant^{op} . The latter example was not considered in [N20], since we were unable to

determine if Quant^{op} is a glueing category. After reviewing the definitions of companions, conjoints, and cotabulators, we present this general construction using Theorem 5.5 from [N12b], which we then apply directly to Top and Quant . The construction for Loc is similar to that of Top . For more on companions, conjoints, and cotabulators, see [GP04] or [GP17].

A *companion* for $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a vertical morphism $f_*: X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ together with cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_X} & X \\ \text{id}_X^\bullet \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow f_* \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ f_* \downarrow & \beta & \downarrow \text{id}_Y^\bullet \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_Y} & Y \end{array}$$

whose horizontal and vertical compositions are identity cells. A *conjoint* for f is a vertical morphism $f^*: Y \twoheadrightarrow X$ together with cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \text{id}_X^\bullet \downarrow & \rho & \downarrow f^* \\ X & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_X} & X \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_Y} & Y \\ f^* \downarrow & \sigma & \downarrow \text{id}_Y^\bullet \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

whose horizontal and vertical compositions are identity cells.

A *cotabulator* of a vertical morphism $u: X_s \twoheadrightarrow X_t$ consists an object Γu and a cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_s & \xrightarrow{i_s} & \Gamma u \\ u \downarrow & \gamma_u & \searrow \\ X_t & \xrightarrow{i_t} & \Gamma u \end{array} \qquad (**)$$

such that for any other cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_s & \xrightarrow{f_s} & Y \\ u \downarrow & \varphi & \searrow \\ X_t & \xrightarrow{f_t} & Y \end{array}$$

there exists a unique horizontal morphism $f: \Gamma u \rightarrow Y$ such that $\text{id}_f^\bullet \gamma_u = \varphi$. The cotabulator is called *strong* if the following cell obtained from $(**)$ by the universal properties of the companion $(i_s)_*$ and conjoint $(i_t)^*$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_s & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & X_s \\ \downarrow & \hat{\gamma}_u & \downarrow (i_s)_* \\ u \downarrow & \Gamma u & \downarrow (i_t)^* \\ X_t & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & X_t \end{array}$$

is invertible. One can show that the cotabulator Γu exists, for all u , if and only if $\text{id}^\bullet: \mathbb{D}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_1$ has a left adjoint (induced by Γ) [GP99]. *Tabulators*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & X_s \\ & \nearrow^{\pi_s} & \downarrow u \\ \Sigma u & \xrightarrow{\tau_u} & \\ & \searrow_{\pi_t} & X_t \end{array} \quad (***)$$

for u in \mathbb{D} are defined dually.

We know that Cat , Pos , Loc , and Top have companions, conjoiners, and strong cotabulators (see [N12b] or [N20]), and Quant has strong tabulators by a construction similar to that of Loc^{op} .

6.1. THEOREM. [N12b] *Suppose \mathbb{D} is a double category such that \mathbb{D}_0 has pushouts. Then \mathbb{D} has companions, conjoiners, and cotabulators if and only if there is an oplax/lax adjunction*

$$\mathbb{D} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xleftarrow{G} \end{array} \text{Cospan}(\mathbb{D}_0)$$

such that G is normal and restricts to the identity on \mathbb{D}_0 . Moreover, if cotabulators are strong in \mathbb{D} , then the unit $\eta: \text{id}_{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow GF$ is invertible.

PROOF. The proof of the first part is in [N12b]. In particular, it is shown that the left adjoint F is induced by the cotabulator diagram (***) and the right adjoint G is given by

$$G(X_s \xrightarrow{f_s} X \xleftarrow{f_t} X_t) = (f_t)^*(f_s)_*$$

It easily follows that $\eta: \text{id}_{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow GF$ is invertible, when cotabulators are strong in \mathbb{D} . ■

6.2. COROLLARY. *Suppose \mathbb{D} is a double category such that \mathbb{D}_0 has pushouts; and $(-) \times Y$ exists in \mathbf{LxDbl} . If Y is exponentiable in \mathbb{D} , then Y is exponentiable in \mathbb{D}_0 and $(-) \times Y$ is oplax. The converse holds if \mathbb{D} has companions, conjoiners, strong cotabulators, and $\Gamma(u \times Y) \cong \Gamma u \times Y$, for all u .*

PROOF. The first part follows from Proposition 3.1. For the converse, we know Y is exponentiable in $\text{Cospan}(\mathbb{D}_0)$ by Example 5.2. Consider $[[Y, -]]$ defined on \mathbb{D} by the composite

$$\mathbb{D} \xrightarrow{F} \text{Cospan}(\mathbb{D}_0) \xrightarrow{[Y, -]} \text{Cospan}(\mathbb{D}_0) \xrightarrow{G} \mathbb{D}$$

Given $u: X_s \rightarrow X_t$ and $v: Z_s \rightarrow Z_t$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{D}_1(u \times Y, v) &\cong \mathbb{D}_1(u \times Y, GFv) \\ &\cong \text{Cospan}(\mathbb{D}_0)_1(F(u \times Y), Fv) \\ &\cong \text{Cospan}(\mathbb{D}_0)_1(Fu \times Y, Fv) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\cong \text{Cospan}(\mathbb{D}_0)_1(Fu, [Y, Fv]) \\
 &\cong \mathbb{D}_1(u, G([Y, Fv])) \\
 &\cong \mathbb{D}_1(u, [[Y, v]])
 \end{aligned}$$

where the first equivalence holds since cotabulators are strong, and the second since $\Gamma(u \times Y) \cong \Gamma u \times Y$. Therefore, $[[Y, -]]$ is right adjoint to $(-) \times Y$ by Proposition 3.1, since $(-) \times Y$ is oplax, $s[[Y, v]] = Z_s^Y$, and $t[[Y, v]] = Z_t^Y$. \blacksquare

6.3. EXAMPLE. From [DK70], we know Y is exponentiable in Top if and only if $\mathcal{O}(Y)$ is a continuous lattice, in the sense of [Sc72]. Since Top has companions, conjoiners, and strong cotabulators, to see that such a Y is exponentiable in Top , applying Corollary 6.2, it suffices to show that $(-) \times Y$ exists in \mathbf{LxDbl} and $(-) \times Y: \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Top}$ is oplax; and $\Gamma(u \times Y) \cong \Gamma u \times Y$, for all $u: X_s \twoheadrightarrow X_t$.

Recall (from [J82]), since Y is exponentiable, we know $\mathcal{O}(X \times Y) \cong \mathcal{O}(X) \otimes \mathcal{O}(Y)$, for all X , where \otimes denotes the product of locales, and so $\mathcal{O}(X \times Y)$ is the product of $\mathcal{O}(X)$ and $\mathcal{O}(Y)$ in Loc . Taking $u \times Y: \mathcal{O}(X_s \times Y) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}(X_t \times Y)$ induced by $U_s \times V \mapsto u(U_s) \times V$, one can show that $(-) \times Y$ exists and defines a pseudo functor $(-) \times Y: \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Top}$. In particular, $(-) \times Y$ is oplax.

To see that $\Gamma(u \times Y) \cong \Gamma u \times Y$, recall (from [N12b]) that Γu is the disjoint union $X_s \sqcup X_t$, with basic opens $U_s \sqcup U_t$ such that $U_t \subseteq u(U_s)$, and so the map $f: \Gamma(u \times Y) \rightarrow \Gamma u \times Y$ is the continuous bijection $(X_s \times Y) \sqcup (X_t \times Y) \rightarrow (X_s \sqcup X_t) \times Y$. We claim that this is an open map. Suppose $W \subseteq \Gamma(u \times Y)$ is open. If $(x_s, y) \in W$, then

$$(x_s, y) \in (U_s \times V) \sqcup (u(U_s) \times V) \subseteq W$$

for some $U_s \times V \in \mathcal{O}(X_s \times Y)$, and $f((U_s \times V) \sqcup (u(U_s) \times V)) = (U_s \sqcup u(U_s)) \times V$ which is open in $\Gamma u \times Y$. If $(x_t, y) \in W$, then $(x_t, y) \in (U_s \times V_s) \sqcup (U_t \times V_t) \subseteq W$, for some $U_s \times V_s \in \mathcal{O}(X_s \times Y)$ and $U_t \times V_t \in \mathcal{O}(X_t \times Y)$ such that $U_t \subseteq u(U_s)$ and $V_t \subseteq V_s$. Then $(x_t, y) \in (U_s \times V_t) \sqcup (U_t \times V_t) \subseteq W$, which is open in $\Gamma(u \times Y)$, and

$$f((U_s \times V_t) \sqcup (U_t \times V_t)) = (U_s \sqcup U_t) \times V_t$$

is open in $\Gamma u \times Y$. Therefore, Y is exponentiable in Top if and only if Y is exponentiable in Top if and only if $\mathcal{O}(Y)$ is a continuous lattice.

Next, we apply the dual of Corollary 6.2 to the double category Quant of commutative unital quantales.

6.4. EXAMPLE. We know coproducts in Quant are given by the tensor product \otimes , since Quant is the category of commutative monoids in the symmetric monoidal category Sup of suplattices, i.e., complete lattices and sup-preserving maps (see [JT84]). In [N16], we showed that Y is coexponentiable in Quant if and only if it is projective in Sup if and only

if it is a totally continuous lattice, or equivalently, a constructively complete distributive (CCD) lattice, in the sense of [FW90].

Now, Y is projective in Sup if and only if $Y \otimes Z \cong \text{Sup}(\text{Sup}(Y, 2), Z)$, for all suplattices Z (see [JT84]). Since $\text{Sup}(\text{Sup}(Y, 2), Z) \cong \text{Pos}(Y, Z)$, it follows that $Y \otimes Z \cong \text{Pos}(Y, Z)$, whenever Y is coexponentiable in Quant . Moreover, under this isomorphism, $\text{Pos}(Y, Z)$ is a quantale via $(\alpha\beta)(y) = \alpha(y)\beta(y)$ with unit given by the constant e -valued map; and $Y \otimes v: Y \otimes Z_s \rightarrow Y \otimes Z_t$ is given by $\text{Pos}(Y, v): \text{Pos}(Y, Z_s) \rightarrow \text{Pos}(Y, Z_t)$. Thus, $Y \otimes (-)$ defines a pseudo functor on Quant , and so to apply the dual of Corollary 6.2, it suffices to show that Quant has companions, conjoints, strong tabulators Σ , and $Y \otimes \Sigma v \cong \Sigma(Y \otimes v)$, or equivalently, $\text{Pos}(Y, \Sigma v) \cong \Sigma \text{Pos}(Y, v)$, for all v .

The companion and conjoint of $f: X \rightarrow Y$ are given by $f_* = f$ and its right adjoint f^* . Note that f^* is a lax map, since f preserves the quantale operation and unit. The tabulator of $u: X_s \rightarrow X_t$ is poset $\Sigma u = \{(x_s, x_t) \mid x_t \leq ux_s\}$, which is a quantale since it is closed under the product and unit, and hence, a subquantale of the product (see [NR88] or [R90]). Tabulators are strong, since π_s and π_t are the projections, and so $\pi_s^*(x_s) = (x_s, ux_s)$. To see that the induced map $\bar{f}: \text{Pos}(Y, \Sigma v) \rightarrow \Sigma \text{Pos}(Y, v)$ is invertible, consider the commutative diagram of inverters (in the sense of [CJSV94])

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Pos}(Y, \Sigma v) & \longrightarrow & \text{Pos}(Y, Z_s \times Z_t) & \xrightleftharpoons[\text{Pos}(Y, v\pi_s)]{\text{Pos}(Y, \pi_t)} & \text{Pos}(Y, Z_t) \\ \downarrow \bar{f} & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow id \\ \Sigma(\text{Pos}(Y, v)) & \longrightarrow & \text{Pos}(Y, Z_s) \times \text{Pos}(Y, Z_t) & \xrightleftharpoons[\text{Pos}(Y, v)\pi_s]{\pi_t} & \text{Pos}(Y, Z_t) \end{array}$$

where $f = \langle \text{Pos}(Y, \pi_s), \text{Pos}(Y, \pi_t) \rangle$. Since $\text{Pos}(Y, -)$ preserves products, being a right adjoint, we know f is invertible, and it follows that so is \bar{f} , as desired.

Thus, Y is coexponentiable in Quant if and only if it is coexponentiable in Quant if and only if it is a totally continuous lattice if and only if it is CCD.

7. Locally Cartesian Closed Double Categories

In this section, we give the definition and examples of local cartesian closed double categories, but first we recall from [P11] the definition of the double slice category $\mathbb{D} // B$.

Objects of $\mathbb{D} // B$ are horizontal morphisms $X \rightarrow B$, horizontal arrows are commutative triangles, vertical arrows are cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_s & \xrightarrow{p_s} & B \\ u \downarrow & \pi & \downarrow id_B \\ X_t & \xrightarrow{p_t} & B \end{array}$$

and cells are commutative diagrams of cells

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X_s & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y_s & & \\
 \downarrow \bullet & \searrow & \swarrow & & \downarrow \bullet \\
 & & B & & \\
 X_t & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y_t & & \\
 \downarrow \bullet & \searrow & \swarrow & & \downarrow \bullet \\
 & & B & &
 \end{array}$$

with the induced horizontal and vertical composition, that is

$$(\mathbb{D} // B)_0 = \mathbb{D} / B \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathbb{D}_0 // B)_1 = \mathbb{D}_1 / \text{id}_B^\bullet$$

7.1. DEFINITION. A double category \mathbb{D} is called *locally cartesian closed* if $\mathbb{D} // B$ is cartesian closed, for every object B .

Note that Cat and Pos are not locally cartesian closed by Theorem 4.2, since

$$(\text{Cat} // 2)_1 \simeq \text{Cat} / (2 \times 2) \quad \text{and} \quad (\text{Pos} // 2)_1 \simeq \text{Pos} / (2 \times 2)$$

which are not cartesian closed by [G64] and [N01], respectively. We will see that $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$ is locally cartesian closed, for every locally cartesian closed category \mathcal{D} , as is $Q\text{-Rel}$, for every locale Q .

7.2. EXAMPLE. Suppose B is an object of \mathcal{D} . Then one can show that

$$\text{Span}(\mathcal{D}) // B \simeq \text{Span}(\mathcal{D} / B)$$

and so $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D}) // B$ is cartesian closed if \mathcal{D} / B is a cartesian closed category with equalizers. Thus, $\text{Span}(\mathcal{D})$ is locally cartesian closed whenever \mathcal{D} is.

7.3. EXAMPLE. Suppose Q is a locale. To see that $Q\text{-Rel} // B$ is cartesian closed, for every set B , we first show it is equivalent to $(B^*Q)\text{-Rel}(\text{Sets} / B)$, where B^*Q is the internal locale $\pi_1: B \times Q \rightarrow B$ in the topos Sets / B . Since the construction for $Q\text{-Rel}$ in Example 4.6 is valid for any internal locale in a topos \mathcal{E} , taking $\mathcal{E} = \text{Sets} / B$, the desired result will follow.

By definition of id_B^\bullet in Example 2.4, a vertical morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_s & \xrightarrow{p_s} & B \\
 u \downarrow \bullet & \leq & \downarrow \bullet \text{id}_B^\bullet \\
 X_t & \xrightarrow{p_t} & B
 \end{array}$$

in $Q\text{-Rel} // B$ is given by a function $u: X_s \times X_t \rightarrow Q$ such that $u(x_s, x_t) = 0$ if $x_s \neq x_t$, and hence, a morphism $\langle p, \bar{u} \rangle: X_s \times_B X_t \rightarrow B \times Q$ in Sets / B , where \bar{u} is the restriction of u to $X_s \times_B X_t$. Conversely, given $\bar{u}: X_s \times_B X_t \rightarrow B$, define

$$u(x_s, x_t) = \begin{cases} \bar{u}(x_s, x_t) & \text{if } x_s = x_t \\ 0 & \text{if } x_s \neq x_t \end{cases}$$

and the desired equivalence follows.

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