

# Tensor products and preservation of weighted limits, for $S$ -posets

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**Def 1** Let  $S$  be a partially ordered monoid (shortly pomonoid). A **right  $S$ -poset** is a poset  $A$  together with an action  $A \times S \rightarrow A$ ,  $(a, s) \mapsto as$ , such that

1.  $(as)t = a(st)$ ,

2.  $a1 = a$ ,

3.  $a \leq a' \implies as \leq a's$ ,

4.  $s \leq t \implies as \leq at$

for every  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s, t \in S$ .

Similarly left  $S$ -posets are defined.  $S$ -poset morphisms are order and action preserving mappings. Right (left)  $S$ -posets and their morphisms form a category  $\text{Pos}_S$  ( ${}_S\text{Pos}$ ), where isomorphisms are surjective mappings that preserve and reflect order.

The category  ${}_S\text{Pos}$  (similarly  $\text{Pos}_S$ ) is a Pos-category (or a category enriched over the category Pos of posets), where the morphism sets  ${}_S\text{Pos}(A, B)$ ,  ${}_S A, {}_S B \in {}_S\text{Pos}$  are posets with respect to pointwise order.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are Pos-categories then a Pos-functor  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  has to preserve the order of morphism posets. We shall call such functors **pofunctors**. If  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are Pos-categories,  $\mathcal{A}$  is small and  $F, G : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  are pofunctors then the set  $\text{Nat}(F, G)$  of natural transformations from  $F$  to  $G$  is a poset with respect to the order

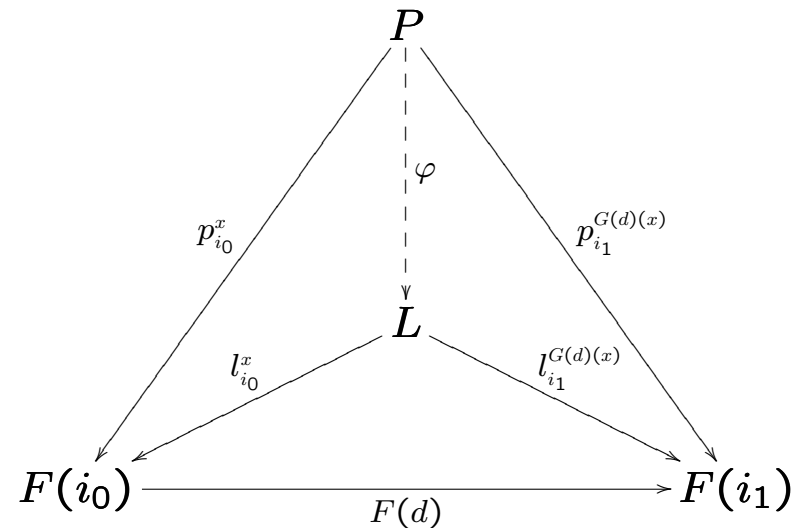
$$(\alpha_A)_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \leq (\beta_A)_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \iff \alpha_A \leq \beta_A \text{ for every } A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ in the poset } \mathcal{B}(F(A), G(A)).$$

In enriched categories (or 2-categories) one can consider weighted (or indexed) limits. In the case of the category  ${}_S\text{Pos}$ , this general definition takes the following form.

**Def 2** Let  $S$  be a pomonoid,  $\mathcal{D}$  a small Pos-category with the object set  $I$ ,  $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Pos}$  and  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  pofunctors. A **Pos-limit of  $F$  weighted by  $G$**  is a pair  $\left( {}_S L, (l_i^x)_{i \in I}^{x \in G(i)} \right)$ , where  $l_i^x : L \rightarrow F(i)$  are left  $S$ -poset morphisms and

1. (a)  $x \leq x'$  implies  $l_i^x \leq l_i^{x'}$  for every  $i \in I$  and  $x, x' \in G(i)$ ;  
 (b)  $F(d)l_{i_0}^x = l_{i_1}^{G(d)(x)}$  for every  $d : i_0 \rightarrow i_1$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $x \in G(i_0)$ ;
2. for every  ${}_S P \in {}_S\text{Pos}$  and family  $(p_i^x)_{i \in I}^{x \in G(i)}$  of left  $S$ -poset morphisms  $p_i^x : P \rightarrow F(i)$  with properties 1, there is a unique left  $S$ -poset morphism  $\varphi : P \rightarrow L$  such that  $l_i^x \varphi = p_i^x$  for every  $i \in I$  and  $x \in G(i)$ .

We write  $({}_S L, (l_i^x)_{i \in I}^{x \in G(i)}) \approx \lim_G F$ .



Weighted limits always exist in the category  ${}_S \text{Pos}$  (or  $\text{Pos}$ , which is just  $\{1\} \text{Pos}$ ), as shown by the following canonical construction.

It is easy to see that the poset  $\text{Nat}(G, UF)$ , where  $U : {}_S\text{Pos} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  is the forgetful functor, is an  $S$ -poset if the left  $S$ -action is given by

$$sf := (sf_i)_{i \in I},$$

where  $s \in S$ ,  $f = (f_i)_{i \in I} \in \text{Nat}(G, UF)$ , and the mapping  $sf_i : G(i) \rightarrow F(i)$  is defined by

$$(sf_i)(x) := sf_i(x),$$

$x \in G(i)$ . For every  $i \in I$  and  $x \in G(i)$  we define a mapping  $l_i^x : \text{Nat}(G, UF) \rightarrow F(i)$  by

$$l_i^x(f) := f_i(x),$$

$f = (f_i)_{i \in I} \in \text{Nat}(G, UF)$ .

**Proposition 1** *The pair  $(\text{Nat}(G, UF), (l_i^x)_{i \in I}^{x \in G(i)})$  is a Pos-limit of  $F$  weighted by  $G$ .*

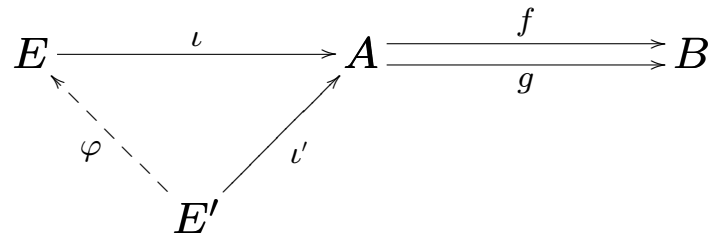
All usual limits (e.g. products, equalizers) are instances of weighted limits. We shall also need inserters and comma-objects, which have been introduced in [9] for arbitrary 2-categories. Note that inserters (comma-objects) in  ${}_S\text{Pos}$  were called subequalizers (subpullbacks) in [4].

**Def 3** An **inserter** of a pair  $(f, g)$  of morphisms  $A \rightarrow B$  in  ${}_S\text{Pos}$  is a pair  $(E, \iota)$ , where  $\iota \in {}_S\text{Pos}(E, A)$  is such that

1.  $f\iota \leq g\iota$ ,
2. if  $\iota' \in {}_S\text{Pos}(E', A)$  is another morphism such that  $f\iota' \leq g\iota'$  then there exists a unique morphism  $\varphi \in {}_S\text{Pos}(E', E)$  such that  $\iota\varphi = \iota'$ .

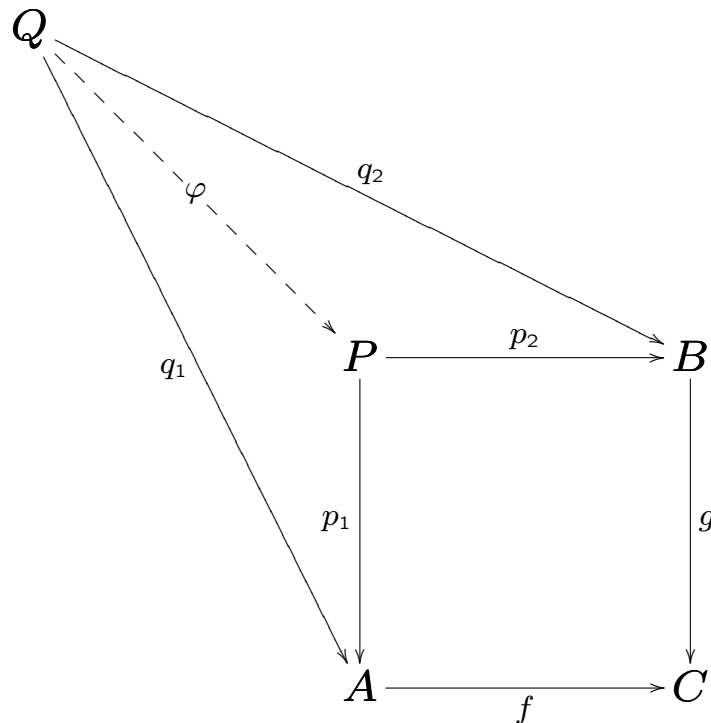
As a canonical inserter one can take

$$E := \{a \in A \mid f(a) \leq g(a)\} \subseteq A.$$



**Def 4** A **comma-object** of a pair  $(f, g)$  of morphisms  $f \in {}_S\text{Pos}(A, C)$ ,  $g \in {}_S\text{Pos}(B, C)$  is a triple  $(P, p_1, p_2)$ , where  $p_1 \in {}_S\text{Pos}(P, A)$ ,  $p_2 \in {}_S\text{Pos}(P, B)$  are such that

1.  $fp_1 \leq gp_2$ ,
2. if  $q_1 \in {}_S\text{Pos}(Q, A)$ ,  $q_2 \in {}_S\text{Pos}(Q, B)$  are another morphisms such that  $fq_1 \leq gq_2$  then there exists a unique morphism  $\varphi \in {}_S\text{Pos}(Q, P)$  such that  $p_1\varphi = q_1$  and  $p_2\varphi = q_2$ .



If  $A_S \in \text{Pos}_S$  and  ${}_S B \in {}_S \text{Pos}$  then we can consider a preorder  $\theta$  on the set  $A \times B$ , defined by  $(a, b)\theta(a', b')$  if and only if  $(a, b) = (a', b')$  or

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a & \leq & a_1 s_1 \\ a_1 t_1 & \leq & a_2 s_2 & s_1 b & \leq & t_1 b_2 \\ & \dots & & & \dots & \\ a_n t_n & \leq & a' & s_n b_n & \leq & t_n b' \end{array}$$

for some  $a_i \in A$ ,  $b_i \in B$ ,  $s_i, t_i \in S$ . Then  $\theta \cap \theta^{-1}$  is an equivalence relation and

$$A \otimes_S B := (A \times B) / (\theta \cap \theta^{-1}) = \{a \otimes b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$$

is a poset with order

$$a \otimes b \leq a' \otimes b' \iff (a, b)\theta(a', b').$$

This poset  $A \otimes_S B$  is called the **tensor product** of  $A_S$  and  ${}_S B$ . Note that

$$as \otimes b = a \otimes sb$$

for every  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$  and  $s \in S$ .

For a fixed  $S$ -poset  $A_S$  one can consider the pofunctor  $A \otimes - : {}_S \text{Pos} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  of tensor multiplication, defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (A \otimes -)({}_S B) &:= A \otimes_S B, \\ (A \otimes -)(f) &:= 1_A \otimes f : A \otimes_S B \rightarrow A \otimes_S C : a \otimes b \mapsto a \otimes f(b), \end{aligned}$$

$f \in {}_S \text{Pos}(B, C)$ .



**Def 5** We say that a right  $S$ -poset  $A_S$  is **limit flat (inserter flat, comma-object flat, product flat)** if the functor  $A \otimes - : {}_S\text{Pos} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  preserves small weighted limits (resp. inserters, comma-objects, small products).

**Theorem 1** *The following assertions are equivalent for a non-empty right  $S$ -poset  $A_S$ :*

1.  $A_S$  is limit flat;
2.  $A_S$  is inserter flat and product flat;
3.  $A_S$  is cyclic and satisfies the following condition: for every non-empty set  $K$  and all families  $(s_k)_{k \in K}, (t_k)_{k \in K} \in S^K$

$$(E_\infty) \quad (\forall k \in K)(as_k \leq at_k) \Rightarrow (\exists e \in S)(a = ae \wedge (\forall k \in K)(es_k \leq et_k));$$

4.  $A_S$  is a cyclic projective.

Next we consider preservation of certain finite weighted limits.

We shall use the following conditions on a right  $S$ -poset  $A_S$  that first appear in [4]:

$$(E) \quad (\forall a \in A)(\forall s, s' \in S) (as \leq as' \Rightarrow (\exists a' \in A)(\exists u \in S)(a = a'u \wedge us \leq us')),$$

$$(P) \quad (\forall a, a' \in A)(\forall s, s' \in S)(as \leq a's' \Rightarrow (\exists a'' \in A)(\exists u, u' \in S)(a = a''u \wedge a' = a''u' \wedge us \leq u's')).$$

An  $S$ -poset  $A_S$  is called **locally cyclic** if for every  $a, a' \in A$  there exists  $b \in A$  such that  $a, a' \in bS$ .

The notion of finite weighted (or indexed) limit is introduced in [7]. In the case of Pos-limits it sounds as follows.

**Def 6** A weight  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  is called **finite** if

1.  $\mathcal{D}$  is a finite category,
2.  $G(i)$  is a finite poset for every  $i \in I$ .

A **finite weighted limit** is one whose weight is finite.

For a functor  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  we can consider its category of elements (or Grothendieck category). The objects of this category  $\text{el}(G)$  are pairs  $(x, i)$ , where  $i \in I$  and  $x \in G(i)$ . A morphism  $(x, i) \rightarrow (y, j)$  is a morphism  $d \in \mathcal{D}(i, j)$  such that  $G(d)(x) = y$ .

Among weighted limits, pie-weighted limits play an important role (see [11]).

**Def 7 (11)** A pofunctor  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  is called a **pie weight** if each connected component of the category  $\text{el}(G)$  has an initial object.

Since equifiers (see [9] for the definition) are trivial in  ${}_S\text{Pos}$  and  $\text{Pos}$ , from Theorem 2.8 of [11] we have the following corollary.

**Theorem 2** *A pofunctor  $H : {}_S\text{Pos} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  preserves finite pie-weighted limits if and only if it preserves finite products and inserters.*

We say that an  $S$ -poset  $A_S$  is **finite pie-limit flat** if the functor  $A \otimes - : {}_S\text{Pos} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$  preserves finite pie-weighted limits.

**Def 8** Let  $\varphi : B_S \rightarrow A_S$  be a surjective  $S$ -poset morphism. We say that  $\varphi$  is a **1-pure epimorphism**, if

$$\begin{array}{rcl} as_1 & \leq & at_1, \\ & \dots & \\ as_n & \leq & at_n, \end{array} \tag{1}$$

$a \in A, s_1, \dots, s_n, t_1, \dots, t_n \in S$ , implies that there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $\varphi(b) = a$  and

$$\begin{array}{rcl} bs_1 & \leq & bt_1, \\ & \dots & \\ bs_n & \leq & bt_n. \end{array}$$

**Def 9** A nonempty category  $\mathcal{D}$  is called **filtered**, if

1. for any objects  $i$  and  $i'$  there exist an object  $k$  and morphisms  $d : i \rightarrow k$ ,  $d' : i' \rightarrow k$ ;
2. for any morphisms  $i \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{d} \\ \xrightarrow{d'} \end{array} j$  there exists an object  $k$  and a morphism  $f : j \rightarrow k$  such that  $fd = fd'$ .

**Lemma 1 (Cf. [5], Theorem 1.2)** *If  $\theta$  is a preorder on an  $S$ -poset  $A_S$  compatible with action and extending the order of  $A$  (i.e.  $a \leq a'$  implies  $a\theta a'$ ) then  $\sigma := \theta \cap \theta^{-1}$  is an  $S$ -poset congruence on  $A$  and  $A/\sigma$  is a right  $S$ -poset with respect to natural action and order given by*

$$[a]_\sigma \leq [a']_\sigma \iff a\theta a'.$$

**Proposition 2** *Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a small filtered category with the object set  $I$  and let  $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \text{Pos}_S$  be a functor.*

1. *The relation  $\theta$ , defined by*

$$a\theta a' \iff (\exists j \in I)(\exists d : i \rightarrow j)(\exists d' : i' \rightarrow j)(F(d)(a) \leq F(d')(a')),$$

*$a \in F(i)$ ,  $a' \in F(i')$ , is a compatible order extending preorder on  $\bigsqcup_{i \in I} F(i)$ .*

2. *If  $\sigma = \theta \cap \theta^{-1}$  then, for every  $a \in F(i)$  and  $a' \in F(i')$ ,*

$$a\sigma a' \iff (\exists j \in I)(\exists d : i \rightarrow j)(\exists d' : i' \rightarrow j)(F(d)(a) = F(d')(a')).$$

3. *A colimit of  $F$  can be constructed as a pair  $(A, (\varphi_i)_{i \in I})$ , where  $A = (\bigsqcup_{i \in I} F(i))/\sigma$  and the morphisms  $\varphi_i : F(i) \rightarrow A$  are defined by  $\varphi_i(x) := [x]$ .*

For a subset  $H \subseteq A \times A$  we introduce a binary relation  $\beta(H)$  on  $A$  by setting  $x\beta(H)y$  if and only if  $x = y$  or there exist  $h_1, \dots, h_n, h'_1, \dots, h'_n \in A$  and  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x & \leq & h_1s_1 & & h'_2s_2 & \leq & h_3s_3 & & h'_{n-1}s_{n-1} & \leq & h_ns_n \\ & & h'_1s_1 & \leq & h_2s_2 & & \dots & & h'_ns_n & \leq & y \end{array}$$

and  $(h_i, h'_i) \in H$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then the relation  $\nu(H)$ , defined by

$$x\nu(H)y \iff x\beta(H)y \text{ and } y\beta(H)x$$

will be an  $S$ -poset congruence on  $A_S$ , which we call **the congruence induced by the set  $H$**  (see [4]). We write  $\nu(a, a')$  for  $\nu(\{(a, a')\})$ .

**Theorem 3** *The following assertions are equivalent for a non-empty right  $S$ -poset  $A_S$ :*

1.  $A_S$  is finite pie-limit flat;
2.  $A_S$  is inserter flat and locally cyclic;
3.  $A_S$  is inserter flat, comma-object flat and locally cyclic;
4.  $A_S$  is locally cyclic and satisfies condition (E);
5.  $A_S$  is locally cyclic and every surjective  $S$ -poset morphism  $B_S \rightarrow A_S$  is a 1-pure epimorphism;
6.  $A_S$  is locally cyclic and every  $S$ -poset morphism  $S/\nu(H) \rightarrow A_S$ , where  $H$  is finite, factors through  $S_S$ ;
7.  $A_S$  is a filtered colimit of  $S$ -posets that are isomorphic to  $S_S$ .

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