

Math 666 - Homework 3

SOLUTIONS

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1. Recall that a subset J of a partially ordered set I is *cofinal in I* if and only if for every $i \in I$ there exists $j \in J$ such that $i \leq j$. Let \mathcal{C} be a category, I a directed set, and J cofinal in I .

(i) Show that J is directed.

Proof. Let $x, y \in J$. We know that there exists $z \in I$ such that $x \leq z$ and $y \leq z$, since I is directed. Because J is cofinal in I , there exists $w \in J$ such that $z \leq w$. Then $x \leq w$ and $y \leq w$, proving that J is directed. \square

(ii) Show that if $(X_i, (f_{ij}))_I$ is a directed system in \mathcal{C} , then $(X_j, (f_{jk}))_J$ (the collection of objects and maps where all indices lie in J) is also a directed system.

Proof. The index set is a directed set; and if $j \leq k \leq m$ with all indices in J , then $f_{km} \circ f_{jk} = f_{jm}$, because this equality holds in $(X_i, f_{ij})_I$. In addition, $f_{jj} = \text{id}_{X_j}$. So we have a directed system. \square

(iii) Show that $\varinjlim_I X_i$ “equals” $\varinjlim_J X_j$, in the sense that if one exists then so does the other, and they are isomorphic via a unique isomorphism that respects the coprojections.

Proof. We will denote the direct limit over I , if it exists, by $L = \varinjlim_I X_i$, with coprojections $q_i: X_i \rightarrow L$. We will denote the direct limit over J , if it exists, by $M = \varinjlim_J X_j$ with coprojections $p_j: X_j \rightarrow M$.

We will show that if L exists, then it has the universal property of M ; and that if M exists, then it has the universal property of L .

Assume L exists; then the coprojections $(q_i)_{i \in I}$ give a cone from the X_j to L . Now let W be an object, and let $w_j: X_j \rightarrow W$ be morphisms such that for all $j, k \in J$, if $j \leq k$ then $w_j = w_k \circ f_{jk}$. Given $i \in I$, $i \notin J$, let $j \in J$ be such that $i \leq j$. Define $w_i: X_i \rightarrow W$ by $w_i = w_j \circ f_{ij}$. I claim that this is well defined. Indeed, if $j' \in J$ is another index with $i \leq j'$, let $k \in J$ be such that $j, j' \leq k$. Then

$$w_j \circ f_{ij} = (w_k \circ f_{jk}) \circ f_{ij} = w_k \circ f_{ik}$$

and

$$w_{j'} \circ f_{ij'} = (w_k \circ f_{j'k}) \circ f_{ij'} = w_k \circ f_{ik},$$

so defining w_i using j or j' gives the same end result.

Next, if $r, s \in I$, $r \leq s$, then let $j \in J$ be such that $s \leq j$. We need to show that $w_r = w_s \circ f_{rs}$. But indeed, we have that

$$w_r = w_j \circ f_{rj} = w_j \circ f_{sj} \circ f_{rs} = w_s \circ f_{rs},$$

as required. Thus, we have a cone from the direct family $(X_i, f_{ij})_I$ to W , and so there exists a unique morphism $w: L \rightarrow W$ such that $w_r = w \circ q_r$ for each $r \in I$. In particular, $w_j = w \circ q_j$ for all $j \in J$. Hence, L and the coprojections q_j satisfy the universal property of $\varinjlim_J X_j$, so $L \cong \varinjlim_J X_j$.

Conversely, assume M exists. We define functions $q_i: X_i \rightarrow M$ as follows: if $i \in J$, then $q_i = p_i$. If $i \notin J$, then let $j \in J$ be such that $i \leq j$, and define $q_i = p_j \circ f_{ij}$.

This is well-defined: if $j, j' \in J$ are such that $i \leq j$ and $i \leq j'$, let $k \in J$ be such that $j, j' \leq k$. Then

$$p_j \circ f_{ij} = (p_k \circ f_{jk}) \circ f_{ij} = p_k \circ f_{ik}$$

and

$$p_{j'} \circ f_{ij'} = (p_k \circ f_{j'k}) \circ f_{ij'} = p_k \circ f_{ik},$$

so q_i is well-defined.

If $r, s \in I$ are such that $r \leq s$, then let $j \in J$ be such that $s \leq j$. Then

$$q_r = p_j \circ f_{rj} = p_j \circ (f_{sj} \circ f_{rs}) = (p_j \circ f_{sj}) \circ f_{rs} = q_s \circ f_{rs},$$

so the q_i form a cone to M .

If W is an object and $w_i: X_i \rightarrow W$ are morphisms such that for all $i, j \in I$ with $i \leq j$, $w_i = w_j \circ f_{ij}$, then restricting to w_j with $j \in J$ we get a cone from $(X_j, f_{ij})_J$, so there exists a unique morphism $w: M \rightarrow W$ such that for all $j \in J$, $w_j = w \circ p_j$. If $i \in I$, let $j \in J$ be such that $i \leq j$. Then

$$w \circ q_i = w \circ (p_j \circ f_{ij}) = (w \circ p_j) \circ f_{ij} = w_j \circ f_{ij} = w_i$$

so M has the universal property of $\varinjlim_I X_i$, as required. \square

- (iv) What can you say about $\varinjlim_I X_i$ if I has a maximal element?

Answer. Note that a maximal element m in a directed set I is necessarily a maximum. Indeed, if $i \in I$, then because I is directed we know that there exists $j \in I$ such that $i \leq j$ and $m \leq j$; but since m is maximal, this gives $m = j$, and hence $i \leq m$. Thus, m is a maximum of I .

So if I has a maximal element m , then $J = \{m\}$ is cofinal in I . Thus, (X_m, id_{X_m}) is a directed system, and X_m is a direct limit, with coprojection id_{X_m} . Thus, $\varinjlim_J X_j = X_m$. Therefore, $\varinjlim_I X_i = X_m$, with coprojections $q_i = f_{im}$ for all $i \in I$. \square

2. Let I be a directed set, and let $(G_i, (f_{ij}))_I$ be a directed family of groups. Define an operation on the direct limit $\varinjlim_I |G_i|$ in **Set** as follows: given $[g, i]$ and $[h, j]$, let $k \in I$ be such that $i \leq k$ and $j \leq k$. Then define the product of $[g, i]$ and $[h, j]$ by:

$$[g, i] \cdot [h, j] = [f_{ik}(g)f_{jk}(h), k],$$

where the product on the right hand side occurs in G_k .

- (i) Prove that the operation is well defined, and makes $\varinjlim_I |G_i|$ into a group, denoted $\varinjlim_I G_i$.

Proof. First, we verify that the definition does not depend on the specific k chosen. If $k, k' \in I$ are such that $i \leq k, k', j \leq k, k'$, then let $m \in I$ be such that $k, k' \leq m$. Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} f_{im}(g)f_{jm}(h) &= f_{km}(f_{ik}(g))f_{km}(f_{jk}(h)) \\ &= f_{km}(f_{ik}(g)f_{jk}(g)), \\ f_{im}(g)f_{jm}(h) &= f_{k'm}(f_{ik'}(g))f_{k'm}(f_{jk'}(h)) \\ &= f_{k'm}(f_{ik'}(g)f_{jk'}(h)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have that $[f_{ik}(g)f_{jk}(h), k] = [f_{ik'}(g)f_{jk'}(h), k']$. So the equivalence class of the result, for fixed pairs (g, i) and (h, j) , does not depend on the choice of k .

Next we verify that it does not depend on the choice of representatives for $[g, i]$ and $[h, j]$. Suppose that $[g, i] = [a, s]$ and $[h, j] = [b, t]$.

Since $[g, i] = [a, s]$, there exists $m \in I$, $i, s \leq m$, such that $f_{im}(g) = f_{sm}(a)$. And from $[h, j] = [b, t]$, we know that there exists $n \in I$, $j, t \leq n$, such that $f_{jn}(h) = f_{tn}(b)$. Now let $p \in I$ be such that $m, n \leq p$. Then we also have $f_{ip}(g) = f_{sp}(a)$, and $f_{jp}(h) = f_{tp}(b)$. And we have

$$\begin{aligned} [g, i][h, j] &= [f_{ip}(g)f_{jp}(h), p] \\ &= [f_{sp}(a)f_{tp}(b), p] \\ &= [a, s][b, t], \end{aligned}$$

from what we proved before. Thus, the operation is well-defined.

Next we verify it makes $\varinjlim_I |G_i|$ into a group. Note that $[g, i] = [f_{im}(g), m]$ for any $m \geq i$.

ASSOCIATIVITY: Let $[g, r], [h, s], [k, t] \in \varinjlim_I |G_i|$. Let $m \in I$ be such that $r, s, t \leq m$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} ([g, r][h, s])[k, t] &= [f_{rm}(g)f_{sm}(h), m][k, t] \\ &= [f_{mm}(f_{rm}(g)f_{sm}(h))f_{tm}(k), m] \\ &= [f_{rm}(g)f_{sm}(h)f_{tm}(k), m]. \\ [g, r]([h, s][k, t]) &= [g, r][f_{sm}(h)f_{tm}(k), m] \\ &= [f_{rm}(g)f_{mm}(f_{sm}(h)f_{tm}(k)), m] \\ &= [f_{rm}(g)f_{sm}(h)f_{tm}(k), m]. \end{aligned}$$

IDENTITY ELEMENT. Let $i \in I$. We claim that $[e_{G_i}, i]$ is the identity element of $\varinjlim_I |G_i|$ (we have used the fact that I is nonempty here). We note that $[e_{G_i}, i] = [e_{G_j}, j]$ for all $i, j \in I$. Indeed, if $m \in I$ is such that $i, j \leq m$, then $f_{im}(e_{G_i}) = e_{G_m}$ and $f_{jm}(e_{G_j}) = e_{G_m}$, since the maps f_{rs} are group homomorphisms. Thus, $[e_{G_i}, i] = [e_{G_j}, j]$ for all $i, j \in I$.

Let $[h, j]$ be any other element of the direct limit. Then

$$\begin{aligned} [e_{G_i}, i][h, j] &= [e_{G_j}, j][h, j] = [e_{G_j}h, j] = [h, j], \\ [h, j][e_{G_i}, i] &= [h, j][e_{G_j}, j] = [he_{G_j}, j] = [h, j]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $[e_{G_i}, i]$ is the identity of $\varinjlim_I G_i$.

INVERSES. Let $[g, i]$ be an element of the direct limit. Then $[g, i][g^{-1}, i] = [gg^{-1}, i] = [e_{G_i}, i]$ and $[g^{-1}, i][g, i] = [g^{-1}g, i] = [e_{G_i}, i]$; so $[g^{-1}, i] = [g, i]^{-1}$. \square

(ii) Prove that this group is the direct limit of $(G_i, (f_{ij}))_I$ in **Group**.

Proof. Define the coprojection maps $q_i: G_i \rightarrow \varinjlim_I G_i$ by $q_i(g) = [g, i]$. These are group homomorphisms, since $q_i(gh) = [gh, i] = [g, i][h, i] = q_i(g)q_i(h)$.

These maps satisfy the defining property: if $i \leq j$ are in I , we want to show that $q_j \circ f_{ij} = q_i$. If $g \in G_i$, then

$$q_j \circ f_{ij}(g) = q_j(f_{ij}(g)) = [f_{ij}(g), j].$$

But $[f_{ij}(g), j] = [g, i]$. So $q_j \circ f_{ij} = q_i$, as required.

Finally, this group together with these maps satisfy the universal property. Let M be any group and let $m_i: G_i \rightarrow M$ be group homomorphisms such that $m_j \circ f_{ij} = m_i$ for all $i, j \in I$ with $i \leq j$. We want to show that there exists a unique morphism $m: \varinjlim_I G_i \rightarrow M$ such that $m_i = m \circ q_i$ for all i .

Because $\varinjlim_I |G_i|$ is the direct limit of the corresponding sets, we have a unique set function $m: \varinjlim_I |G_i| \rightarrow |M|$ such that $m_i = m \circ q_i$. This map is given by $m[g, i] = m_i(g)$. We just need to verify that this map is a group homomorphism.

Let $[g, i], [h, j] \in \varinjlim_I G_i$. Let $k \in I$ be such that $i, j \leq k$. Then $[g, i][h, j] = [f_{ik}(g)f_{jk}(h), k]$. But since $m_k(f_{ik}(g)) = m_i(g)$ and $m_k(f_{jk}(h)) = m_j(h)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} m([g, i][h, j]) &= m([f_{ik}(g)f_{jk}(h), k]) \\ &= m_k(f_{ik}(g)f_{jk}(h)) \\ &= m_k(f_{ik}(g))m_k(f_{jk}(h)) \\ &= m_i(g)m_j(h) = m([g, i])m([h, j]). \end{aligned}$$

This proves the result. \square

3. Let I be a directed set, and let $(A_i, (f_{ij}))_I$ and $(B_i, (g_{ij}))_I$ be directed systems of abelian groups. By a HOMOMORPHISM $u: (A_i) \rightarrow (B_i)$ of directed system we mean a family of group homomorphism $u_i: A_i \rightarrow B_i$ such that for all $i, j \in I$, if $i \leq j$ then $u_j \circ f_{ij} = g_{ij} \circ u_i$.

Suppose we are given three directed systems of abelian groups $(A_i, (f_{ij}))_I$, $(B_i, (g_{ij}))_I$, and $(C_i, (h_{ij}))_I$, and homomorphisms $u: (A_i) \rightarrow (B_i)$ and $v: (B_i) \rightarrow (C_i)$, and that for each i , we have $\text{Im}(u_i) = \ker(v_i)$.

- (i) Prove that u and v induce homomorphisms of direct limits $U: \varinjlim_I A_i \rightarrow \varinjlim_I B_i$ and $V: \varinjlim_I B_i \rightarrow \varinjlim_I C_i$.

Proof. For simplicity, let $A = \varinjlim_I A_i$, $B = \varinjlim_I B_i$, and $C = \varinjlim_I C_i$; let $p_i: A_i \rightarrow A$, $q_i: B_i \rightarrow B$, and $r_i: C_i \rightarrow C$ be the corresponding coprojections.

The maps $q_i \circ u_i: A_i \rightarrow B$ define maps from the A_i to B , and if $i \leq j$, then

$$(q_j \circ u_j) \circ f_{ij} = q_j \circ (u_j \circ f_{ij}) = q_j \circ (g_{ij} \circ u_i) = (q_j \circ g_{ij}) \circ u_i = q_i \circ u_i,$$

so the maps form a cone from $(A_i, f_{ij})_I$ to B . Therefore, the universal property of A yields a morphism $U: A \rightarrow B$ such that for all i , $q_i \circ u_i = U \circ p_i$. In particular, $U([a, i]) = [u_i(a), i]$.

The same argument shows that we get a map $V: B \rightarrow C$ such that for all i , $r_i \circ v_i = V \circ q_i$, and we have $V([b, j]) = [v_j(b), j]$. \square

- (ii) Show that $\text{Im}(U) = \ker(V)$.

Proof. Let $[b, i] \in \ker(V)$. Then $[0, i] = V([b, i]) = [v_i(b), i] \in C$. Thus, there exists $j \in I$, $i \leq j$, such that $h_{ij}(v_i(b)) = 0$. But $h_{ij} \circ v_i = v_j \circ g_{ij}$, so we have $0 = v_j(g_{ij}(b))$. Thus, $g_{ij}(b) \in \ker(v_j)$, hence $g_{ij}(b) \in \text{Im}(u_j)$.

Therefore, there exists $a \in A_j$ such that $u_j(a) = g_{ij}(b)$. Hence

$$U([a, j]) = [u_j(a), j] = [g_{ij}(b), j] = [b, i],$$

and $[b, i] \in \text{Im}(U)$. Thus, $\ker(V) \subseteq \text{Im}(U)$.

Conversely, let $[b, i] \in \text{Im}(U)$. That means that there exists $[a, j] \in A$ such that $U([a, j]) = [b, i]$. Since $U([a, j]) = [u_j(a), j]$, we have $[u_j(a), j] = [b, i]$. Thus, there exists $k \in I$, $i, j \leq k$, such that $g_{jk}(u_j(a)) = g_{ik}(b)$. Thus we have

$$V([b, i]) = V[g_{ik}(b), k] = V[g_{jk}(u_j(a)), k] = [v_k(g_{jk}(u_j(a))), k].$$

But $v_k \circ g_{jk} = h_{jk} \circ v_j$. So

$$v_k(g_{jk}(u_j(a))) = h_{jk}(v_j(u_j(a))).$$

By assumption, $\text{Im}(u_j) = \ker(v_j)$, so $v_j(u_j(a)) = 0$, hence

$$V([b, i]) = [v_k \circ g_{jk} \circ u_j(a), k] = [h_{jk} \circ v_j \circ u_j(a), k] = [h_{jk}(0), k] = [0, k],$$

showing that $[b, i] \in \ker(V)$. This proves the equality. \square

4. **Exercise 8.5:8.** Let $(X_i, (f_{ij}))_I$ be a directed system in \mathbf{Ab} , where I is the set of positive integers ordered by divisibility, each X_i is the additive group \mathbb{Z} , and for $j = ni$, the morphism $f_{ij}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is multiplication by n .

- (i) Show that $\varinjlim_I X_i$ may be identified with the additive group of rational numbers.

Proof. For each positive integer k , define $q_k: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ by $q_k(a) = \frac{a}{k}$. This is an additive map. We claim that \mathbb{Q} has the universal property of the direct limit $\varinjlim_I X_i$ with the q_k as the coprojections.

First, we verify that these maps fit into the relevant commuting triangle. That is, if $j = ni$, we must show that $q_i(a) = q_j(f_{ij}(a))$. Indeed, since $j = in$, then $f_{ij}(a) = na$. Thus,

$$q_j(f_{ij}(a)) = q_j(na) = \frac{na}{j} = \frac{na}{ni} = \frac{a}{i} = q_i(a).$$

Now, suppose that B is an abelian group, and $g_i: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow B$ are such that if $j = ni$, then $g_j \circ f_{ij} = g_i$. We want to show that there exists a unique abelian group morphism $G: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow B$ such that $g_i = Gq_i$ for all i .

Define $G: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow B$ as follows: given $\frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $b > 0$, let $G(\frac{a}{b}) = g_b(a)$.

This is well defined: if k is a positive integer, then

$$G\left(\frac{ak}{bk}\right) = g_{bk}(ak) = g_{bk}(f_{a,ak}(a)) = g_b(a) = G\left(\frac{a}{b}\right).$$

Thus, if $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{r}{t}$, then $\frac{at}{bt} = \frac{rb}{bt}$, so then

$$G\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = G\left(\frac{at}{bt}\right) = G\left(\frac{rb}{bt}\right) = G\left(\frac{r}{t}\right).$$

Given $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have:

$$Gq_i(a) = G\left(\frac{a}{i}\right) = g_i(a),$$

so $Gq_i = g_i$, as desired.

Finally, G is unique: if H also has the property that $Hq_i = g_i$ for all i , then given $\frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$, we have

$$H\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = Hq_b(a) = g_b(a) = Gq_b(a) = G\left(\frac{a}{b}\right),$$

so $H = G$.

This proves that \mathbb{Q} and the projections q_k have the universal property of $\varinjlim_I X_i$, which proves the desired result. \square

- (ii) Show that if you perform the same construction starting with an arbitrary abelian group A in place of \mathbb{Z} , the result is a \mathbb{Q} vector space which can be characterized by a universal property relative to A .

Proof. Consider copies of A indexed by the positive integers, and for $j = ni$, the morphism $f_{ij}: A \rightarrow A$ by $f_{ij}(a) = na$. Let V_A be the direct limit of this directed system, with coprojections q_i , where as usual $q_i(a) = [a, i]$.

We claim that V_A has a \mathbb{Q} -vector space structure; and that if V is any \mathbb{Q} -vector space and there is an abelian group morphism $f: A \rightarrow V$, then there exists a unique linear transformation $F: V_A \rightarrow V$ such that $f = Fq_1$.

To show that V_A has a \mathbb{Q} -vector space structure, let $[a, i] \in V_A$. Given $\frac{r}{s} \in \mathbb{Q}$, define

$$\frac{r}{s}[a, i] = [ra, si].$$

To show this makes sense, we need to show it does not depend on the representation of the rational, or on the representative of the equivalence class $[a, i]$ chosen.

If $\frac{r}{s} = \frac{x}{y}$, then $ry = sx$; thus we have

$$\frac{r}{s}[a, i] = [ra, si] = [rya, syi] = [sxa, syi] = [xa, yi] = \frac{x}{y}[a, i].$$

So the representation of the rational $\frac{r}{s}$.

To verify that the representative of $[a, i]$ does not affect the result, note that for any $n \geq 1$ we have:

$$[rna, sni] = [n(ra), n(si)] = q_{n si}(nra) = q_{n si} f_{si, n si}(ra) = q_{si}(ra) = [ra, si].$$

Thus, we also have that $\frac{r}{s}[a, i] = \frac{r}{s}[na, ni]$. Now assume that $[a, i] = [b, j]$. Then there exists k with $im = k$ and $jn = k$ such that $f_{ik}(a) = f_{jk}(b)$; that is, $ma = nb$. Therefore,

$$\frac{r}{s}[a, i] = \frac{r}{s}[ma, mi] = \frac{r}{s}[nb, nj] = \frac{r}{s}[b, j].$$

And this corresponds to a “ \mathbb{Q} -scalar multiplication” on V_A . Indeed, we have $\frac{1}{1}[a, i] = [a, i]$. In addition,

$$\frac{r}{s} \left(\frac{u}{v}[a, i] \right) = \frac{r}{s}[ua, vi] = [rua, svi] = \frac{ru}{sv}[a, i].$$

For left distributivity we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{r}{s} + \frac{u}{v} \right) [a, i] &= \frac{rv + su}{sv} [a, i] = [(rv + su)a, svi]. \\ \frac{r}{s}[a, i] + \frac{u}{v}[a, i] &= [ra, si] + [ua, vi] = [rva, svi] + [sua, svi] \\ &= [rva + sua, svi] = [(rv + su)a, svi]. \end{aligned}$$

And for right distributivity, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r}{s}([a, i] + [b, j]) &= \frac{r}{s}([aj, ij] + [bi, ij]) = \frac{r}{s}[aj + bi, ij] = [r(aj + bi), sij]. \\ \frac{r}{s}[a, i] + \frac{r}{s}[b, j] &= [ra, si] + [rb, js] = [rja, sij] + [rib, jsi] = [rja + rib, isj] = [r(aj + bi), sij]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, V_A is a \mathbb{Q} -vector space.

Now assume that V is a \mathbb{Q} -vector space and $f: A \rightarrow V$ an abelian group homomorphism. Since any additive map between \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces is in fact a linear transformation, we just need to show that there exists a unique abelian group morphism $F: V_A \rightarrow V$ such that $f = Fq_1$. Indeed, define $F: V_A \rightarrow V$ by $F([a, i]) = \frac{1}{i}f(a)$. This is well defined:

$$F([na, ni]) = \frac{1}{ni}f(na) = \frac{1}{ni}(nf(a)) = \frac{n}{ni}f(a) = \frac{1}{i}f(a) = F([a, i]).$$

Then, as above, this means that F is well defined. It is additive, since

$$\begin{aligned} F([a, i] + [b, j]) &= F([aj, ij] + [ib, ij]) = F([aj + ib, ij]) = \frac{1}{ij}f(aj + ib) \\ &= \frac{1}{ij}f(aj) + \frac{1}{ij}f(ib) = \frac{j}{ij}f(a) + \frac{i}{ij}f(b) = \frac{1}{i}f(a) + \frac{1}{j}f(b) = F([a, i]) + F([b, j]), \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that F is additive.

And we have that $Fq_1(a) = F[a, 1] = f(a)$.

Finally, uniqueness follows because if $G: V_A \rightarrow V$ also satisfies that $Gq_1 = f$, then

$$iG([a, i]) = G([ia, i]) = G([a, 1]) = Gq_1(a) = f(a) = F([a, 1]),$$

so $G([a, i]) = \frac{1}{i}F([a, 1])$. On the other hand,

$$F([a, i]) = \frac{1}{i}f(a) = \frac{1}{i}F([a, 1]) = G([a, i]),$$

so $F = G$. This proves the universal property. \square