

Let  $F \in \text{Set}^{C^{op}}$  and consider the functor

$$C/F \xrightarrow{\pi_F} C \xrightarrow{y} \text{Set}^{C^{op}}$$

Note: There is a canonical cocone

$$\rho_F: y \circ \pi_F \rightrightarrows \Delta_F$$

whose component on  $(f: y(c) \rightarrow F) \in C/F$  is  $\rho_f$ :

$$\rho_f: y(c) \rightarrow F.$$

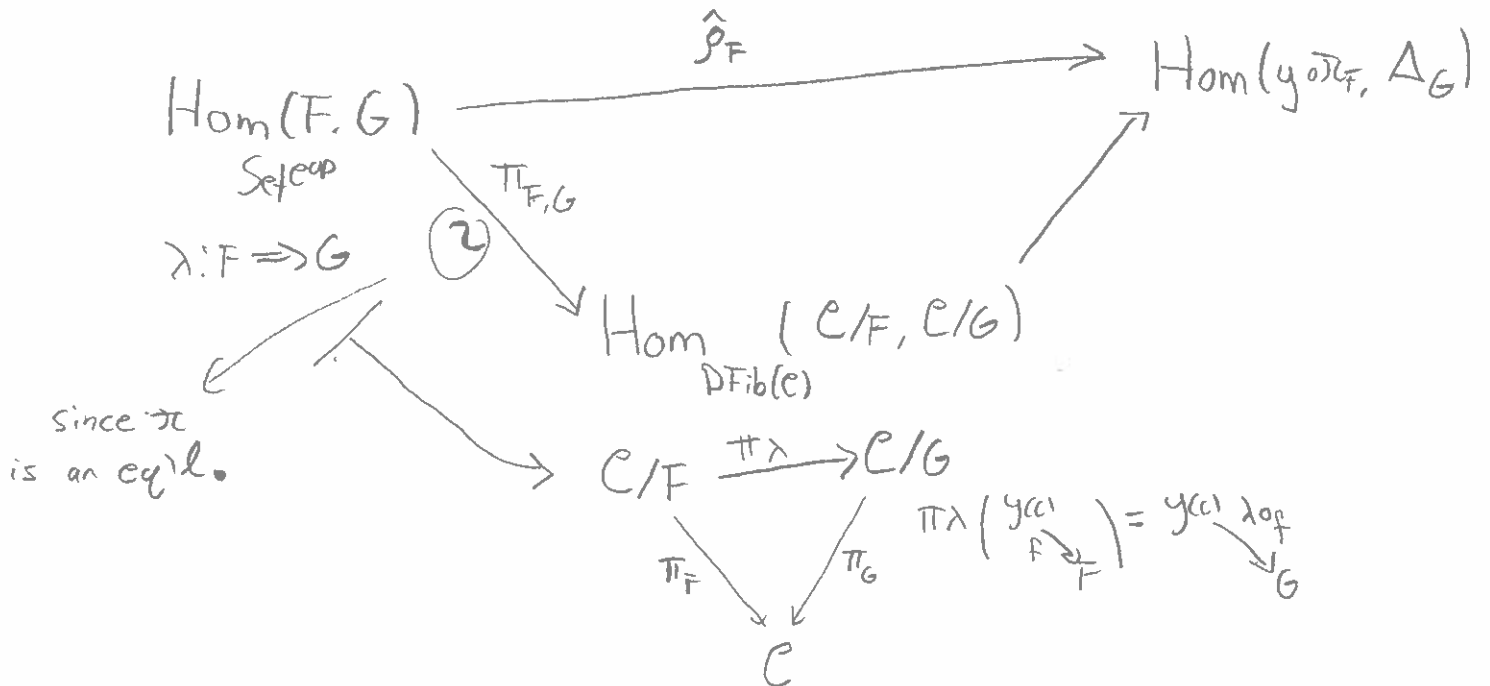
Prop  $\rho_F$  is colimiting.

Pf WTS  $\forall G \in \text{Set}^{C^{op}}$ , the induced map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}(F, G) & \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}_F} & \text{Cocone}(y \circ \pi_F, G) = \text{Hom}(y \circ \pi_F, \Delta_G) \\ F \xrightarrow{\lambda} G & \longmapsto & y \circ \pi_F \xrightarrow{\rho} \Delta_F \xrightarrow{\Delta_\lambda} \Delta_G \end{array}$$

is an isomorphism.

Notice we can factor it as



where the map  $\text{Hom}_{\text{DFib}(e)}(C/F, C/G) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(y \circ \pi_F, \Delta_G)$  CLD

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C/F & \xrightarrow{\theta} & C/G \\
 \pi_F \searrow & \rho/\pi_G & \downarrow \\
 & & e
 \end{array}
 \quad \longmapsto \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \tilde{\theta}: y \circ \pi_F \Rightarrow \Delta_G \\
 \tilde{\theta}(y(c) \xrightarrow{f} F) = \theta(f): y(c) \rightarrow G
 \end{array}$$

has an inverse

$$\alpha: y \circ \pi_F \Rightarrow \Delta_G$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C/F & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}} & C/G \\
 \pi_F \searrow & & \swarrow \pi_G \\
 & & e
 \end{array}
 \quad \longleftarrow$$

objects:  $\tilde{\alpha}(y(c) \xrightarrow{f} F) = \alpha(f): y(c) \rightarrow G$

arrows

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 y(c) & \xrightarrow{y(m)} & y(c') \\
 f \searrow & & \swarrow g \\
 & & F
 \end{array}
 \quad \longmapsto \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 y(c) & \xrightarrow{y(m)} & y(c') \\
 \alpha(f) \searrow & \rho & \swarrow \alpha(g) \\
 & & G
 \end{array}$$

since  $\alpha$  is natural.

$\therefore \mathcal{P}_F$  is colimiting.

We usually write this as

$$F = \varinjlim_{y(c) \rightarrow F} y(c) \quad (\text{or } F = \varinjlim_{C \rightarrow F} C)$$

and say: "every presheaf is canonically a colimit of representables."