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FULL EMBEDDINGS WITH A GIVEN RESTRICTION

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**Abstract:** Let  $A, C$  be categories,  $M$  a full subcategory of  $C$ ,  $K: M \rightarrow C$  the inclusion functor and  $T: M \rightarrow A$  a full and faithful functor. Denote by  $\mathcal{F}_K(T)$  the category of all full and faithful functors  $S: C \rightarrow A$  with  $SK = T$ , arrows of which are natural transformations  $\sigma$  between two such functors having the property that  $\sigma K$  is the identity natural transformation. There are studied conditions under which  $\mathcal{F}_K(T)$  has an initial object. If  $M$  is small, cogenerates  $C$  and is dense in  $C$ ,  $A$  is cocomplete and co-well-powered, this initial object exists.

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Let  $A, C$  be categories,  $M$  a subcategory of  $C$ ,  $K: M \rightarrow C$  the inclusion functor and  $T: M \rightarrow A$  a functor. Denote by  $\mathcal{E}_K(T)$  the category of all functors  $S: C \rightarrow A$  with  $SK = T$ , arrows of which are natural transformations  $\sigma$  between two such functors having the property that  $\sigma K$  is the identity natural transformation. We shall consider some full subcategories of  $\mathcal{E}_K(T)$  especially the full subcategory consisting of all full embeddings and the existence of initial or terminal objects of these subcategories. More precisely, we shall construct a

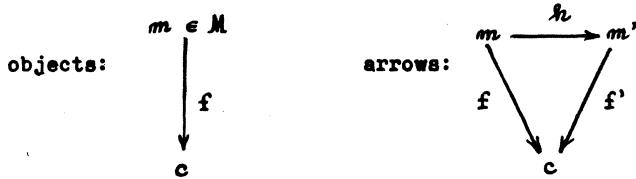
functor from  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$  which turns out to be initial or terminal in  $A \subseteq \mathcal{C}_K(T)$  when  $A$  is non-empty. Therefore, these considerations can help us in recognizing whether a full embedding  $S: C \rightarrow A$  extending  $T$  really exists. Further, we shall be interested in the existence of full embeddings having a right or left adjoint. Concerning concepts of the theory of categories see [4].

The Kan extensions

A left Kan extension of  $T$  along  $K$  is a pair consisting of a functor  $L: C \rightarrow A$  and a natural transformation  $\eta: T \rightarrow LK$  such that for each pair  $S: C \rightarrow A, \alpha: T \rightarrow SK$  there is a unique natural transformation  $\sigma: L \rightarrow S$  such that  $\alpha = \sigma K \cdot \eta$ .  $L$  is denoted by  $Lan_K T$ . In most cases  $L$  can be defined pointwise, for instance when  $M$  is small and  $A$  cocomplete. Then  $Lc$  for  $c \in C$  is a colimit of the functor

$$(K \downarrow c) \xrightarrow{P} M \xrightarrow{T} A$$

where  $(K \downarrow c)$  is the comma category having



$P$  is the projection  $m \xrightarrow{f} c \mapsto m$ .  $L(\eta)$  is a unique arrow commuting with the limiting cones for any arrow  $g$

of  $\mathcal{C}$ . In this case  $L$  is called a pointwise left Kan extension. If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  and the pointwise left Kan extension  $\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{M}} T$  exists,  $\eta$  can be chosen as the identity natural transformation. Detail information concerning Kan extensions can be found in [4].

The last result implies that if  $\mathcal{M}$  is full, the pointwise left Kan extension  $\text{Lan}_{\mathcal{M}} T$  is an initial object of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}(T)$ .

Definition. A functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called left  $\mathcal{M}$ -faithful when to every  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  and every pair  $f, g: m \rightarrow c$  of parallel arrows of  $\mathcal{C}$  the equality  $F(f) = F(g)$  implies  $f = g$ .

Proposition 1. Let the left Kan extension  $L = \text{Lan}_{\mathcal{M}} T, \eta$  of  $T$  along  $\mathcal{M}$  exist. Let there exist a left  $\mathcal{M}$ -faithful functor  $S: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  and a pointwise epi natural transformation  $\alpha: T \rightarrow SK$ . Then  $L$  is left  $\mathcal{M}$ -faithful. If  $\mathcal{M}$  generates  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $L$  is faithful.

Proof: Let  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $f \neq g: m \rightarrow c$  be a parallel pair of arrows of  $\mathcal{C}$ . There is a natural transformation  $\sigma: L \rightarrow S$  such that  $\alpha = \sigma K \cdot \eta$ . Therefore  $\sigma_c L(f) = S(f) \sigma_m$  and  $\sigma_c L(g) = S(g) \sigma_m$ . Since  $\alpha_m$  is epi,  $\sigma_m$  is epi and therefore  $L(f) \neq L(g)$  because  $S$  is left  $\mathcal{M}$ -faithful.

Let  $c, d \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $f \neq g: c \rightarrow d$  be arrows of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}$  generates  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is an  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  and an arrow  $h: m \rightarrow c$  with  $fh = gh$ . We have  $L(fh) \neq L(gh)$  and therefore  $L(f) \neq L(g)$ .

Full embeddings

From now till the end of this paper we shall suppose that  $M$  is a full subcategory of  $C$ .

Definition. A functor  $F: C \rightarrow A$  is called left  $M$ -full when to every  $m \in M$  and to every arrow  $g: Fm \rightarrow Pc$  of  $A$ , there is an arrow  $f: m \rightarrow c$  of  $C$  with  $F(f) = g$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}_K(T)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_K(T)$  and  $\mathcal{E}_K(T)$  be the full subcategories of  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$  consisting of all left  $M$ -full and left  $M$ -faithful functors, full and faithful functors and of all full embeddings.

Lemma 1. Let  $M$  cogenerate  $C$ . Let  $L \in \mathcal{C}_K(T)$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{L}_K(T)$  and  $\sigma: L \xrightarrow{\cdot} S$  be an arrow of  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$ . Let  $m \in M$ ,  $c \in C$  and  $f, g: Lm \rightarrow Lc$  be a parallel pair of arrows of  $A$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sigma_c f = \sigma_c g$ ,
- (ii)  $L(h)f = L(h)g$  for every arrow  $h: c \rightarrow h_c$  of  $C$  and every  $h_c \in M$ .

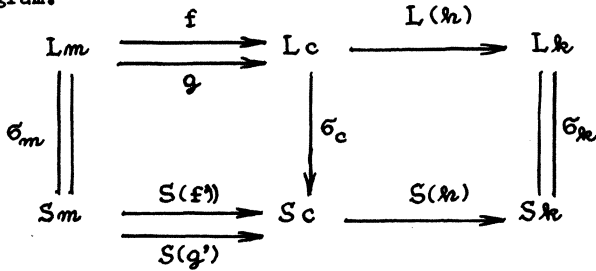
Proof: Let (i) hold,  $h_c \in M$  and  $h: c \rightarrow h_c$ . It is  $L(h) = \sigma_{h_c} L(h) = S(h)\sigma_c$ . By (i)  $L(h)f = L(h)g$ .

Let (ii) hold and suppose that  $\sigma_c f \neq \sigma_c g$ . Since  $S$  is left  $M$ -full, there exist arrows  $f', g': m \rightarrow c$  with  $\sigma_c f = S(f')$ ,  $\sigma_c g = S(g')$ . Since  $f' \neq g'$  and  $M$  cogenerates  $C$ , we can find a  $h_c \in M$  and an arrow  $h: c \rightarrow h_c$  of  $C$  such that  $hf' \neq hg$ . Hence

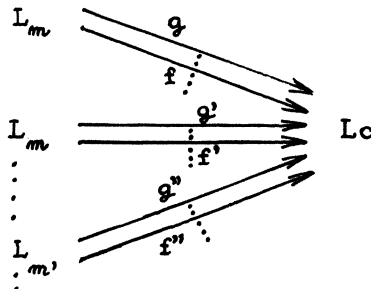
$S(hf') \neq S(hg')$  and therefore  $S(h)\sigma_c f \neq S(h)\sigma_c g$ .

It implies  $L(h)f \neq L(h)g$ , which is a contradiction.

The proof can be visualized on the following commutative diagram.



Let  $L: C \rightarrow A$  be a functor and  $c \in C$ . Let us have the following diagram in  $A$ .



Arrows of this diagram are all arrows of  $A$  with the domain in  $LM$  and the codomain  $Lc$ . Arrows  $f, g: Lm \rightarrow Lc$  have the same domain in this diagram if and only if  $L(h)f = L(h)g$  for every arrow  $h: c \rightarrow k$  and every  $k \in m$ . We denote this diagram by  $D_{L,c}$ .

Let  $M$  be small and  $C$  cocomplete. Let  $L_0$  be a pointwise left Kan extension of  $T$  along  $K$ . Suppose that we have functors  $L_\beta: C \rightarrow A$  for each ordinal  $\beta < \alpha$ .

Let  $\alpha$  be isolated. Define  $L_\alpha c = \text{Colim } \mathcal{D}_{L_{\alpha-1}, c}$  for every  $c \in C$ . Let  $\lambda_c^{\alpha-1, \alpha}$  be the component of the limiting cone with the domain  $L_{\alpha-1} c$ . Let  $\kappa: c \rightarrow c'$  and  $\mathfrak{h}: c' \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ , where  $c, c' \in C, \mathfrak{h} \in M$ . Let  $f, g: L_{\alpha-1} m \rightarrow L_{\alpha-1} c$  be a parallel pair of arrows of  $\mathcal{D}_{L_{\alpha-1}, c}$ . It is  $L_{\alpha-1}(\mathfrak{h})L_{\alpha-1}(\kappa)f = L_{\alpha-1}(\mathfrak{h}\kappa)f = L_{\alpha-1}(\mathfrak{h}\kappa)g = L_{\alpha-1}(\mathfrak{h})L_{\alpha-1}(\kappa)g$  and therefore  $\lambda_c^{\alpha-1, \alpha} L_{\alpha-1}(\kappa)f = \lambda_c^{\alpha-1, \alpha} L_{\alpha-1}(\kappa)g$ . Hence  $\lambda_c^{\alpha-1, \alpha} L_{\alpha-1}(\kappa)$  determines a cone from  $\mathcal{D}_{L_{\alpha-1}, c}$ . Let  $L_\alpha(\kappa): L_\alpha c \rightarrow L_\alpha c'$  be a unique arrow of  $A$  with  $L_\alpha(\kappa)\lambda_c^{\alpha-1, \alpha} = \lambda_{c'}^{\alpha-1, \alpha} L_{\alpha-1}(\kappa)$ . Then  $L_\alpha: C \rightarrow A$  is a functor and  $\lambda^{\alpha-1, \alpha}: L_{\alpha-1} \xrightarrow{\circ} L_\alpha$  a natural transformation.

Let  $\alpha$  be limit. Let  $L_\alpha(c)$  be a colimit of the diagram having objects  $L_\beta c$  and arrows  $\lambda_c^{\beta, \beta+1}$  for  $\beta < \alpha$  with the limiting cone  $\{\lambda_c^{\beta, \alpha}: L_\beta c \rightarrow L_\alpha c\}$ . Each arrow  $\kappa: c \rightarrow c'$  of  $C$  induces a unique arrow  $L_\alpha(\kappa): L_\alpha c \rightarrow L_\alpha c'$  commuting with the limiting cones. Hence  $L_\alpha: C \rightarrow A$  is a functor and  $\lambda^{\beta, \alpha}: L_\beta \xrightarrow{\circ} L_\alpha$  a natural transformation for any  $\beta < \alpha$ .

In both cases if  $L_\alpha c$  is isomorphic to some  $L_\beta c$ ,  $\beta < \alpha$  we choose  $L_\alpha c$  to be equal to this  $L_\beta c$ .

Lemma 2.  $L_\alpha \in \mathcal{C}_K(T)$  for any  $\alpha$  and for any  $\beta < \alpha$  there exists a pointwise epi natural transformation  $\lambda^{\beta, \alpha}: L_\beta \xrightarrow{\circ} L_\alpha$  which is an arrow of  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$ . For any  $F \in \mathcal{C}_K(T)$  and for any ordinal  $\alpha$  there is at

most one arrow  $\sigma: L_\alpha \xrightarrow{\cdot} F$  of  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is a full subcategory of  $C$ ,  $L_0K = T$ . Clearly  $D_{L_0, m}$  has no parallel arrows for any  $m \in M$ . Therefore  $L_1m = L_0m$ , i.e.  $L_1K = T$ . Hence  $L_\alpha K = T$  for any  $\alpha$ . Clearly  $\lambda^{\beta, \infty}$  exists for any  $\beta < \infty$  and  $\lambda^{\beta, \infty} \lambda^{\gamma, \beta} = \lambda^{\gamma, \infty}$  for any  $\gamma < \beta < \infty$ . By the transfinite induction it can be easily shown that  $\lambda_c^{\beta, \infty}$  is epi for any  $\beta < \infty$ ,  $c \in C$ .

Let  $F \in \mathcal{C}_K(T)$  and  $\sigma, \sigma': L_\alpha \xrightarrow{\cdot} F$  be arrows of  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$ . Since  $L_0$  is a left Kan extension, we have  $\sigma \lambda^{\beta, \infty} = \sigma' \lambda^{\beta, \infty}$ . Therefore  $\sigma = \sigma'$  because  $\lambda^{\beta, \infty}$  is pointwise epi.

Let  $L_\gamma c = L_\beta c$  for some  $\gamma < \beta$ . Then  $L_{\gamma+1}c = L_{\beta+1}c$ . By Lemma 2  $\lambda_c^{\gamma+1, \beta} \lambda^{\beta, \gamma+1} = 1_{L_\gamma c}$  and  $\lambda_c^{\gamma+1, \beta} \lambda_c^{\beta, \gamma+1} = 1_{L_{\gamma+1}c}$  and therefore  $L_\gamma c = L_{\gamma+1}c$ . Thus in this case  $L_\gamma c = L_{\gamma'} c$  for any  $\gamma \leq \gamma'$ . Suppose that for every  $c \in C$  there exists an ordinal  $\gamma(c)$  such that  $L_\beta c = L_\alpha c$  for any  $\beta \geq \gamma(c)$ . Put  $L_* c = L_{\gamma(c)} c$ . Let  $\kappa: c \rightarrow c'$ . Suppose that  $\gamma(c') \leq \gamma(c)$ . Put  $L_*(\kappa) = L_{\gamma(c)}(\kappa): L_* c \rightarrow L_* c'$ . In this way we obtain a functor  $L_* \in \mathcal{C}_K(T)$ . Let  $\lambda_c^\alpha: L_\alpha c \rightarrow L_* c$  be equal to  $\lambda_c^{\alpha, \gamma(c)}$  for  $\alpha < \gamma(c)$  and to the identity for  $\alpha \geq \gamma(c)$ . Clearly  $\lambda^\alpha: L_\alpha \xrightarrow{\cdot} L_*$  is an arrow of  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $M$  be small and cogenerate  $C$ . Let  $A$  be cocomplete and co-well-powered. Let  $\mathcal{C}_K(T) \neq \emptyset$ .



Then  $L_*$  is an initial object in  $\mathcal{L}_K(T)$ .

Proof: Let  $c \in C$ . Since  $A$  is co-well-powered and any  $\lambda_c^{0,\alpha}$  is epi, there exists  $\gamma(c)$ . Therefore,  $L_*$  is defined.

Let  $S \in \mathcal{L}_K(T)$ . There exists a unique natural transformation  $\sigma^0 : L_0 \rightarrow S$  such that  $\sigma^0 K$  is the identity. Suppose that such  $\sigma^\beta$  exists for each  $\beta < \alpha$ . Let  $\alpha$  be isolated and  $c \in C$ . By Lemma 1 there exists a unique arrow  $\sigma_c^\alpha : L_\alpha c \rightarrow S c$  of  $A$  with  $\sigma_c^\alpha \lambda_c^{\alpha-1,\alpha} = \sigma_c^{\alpha-1}$ . Take any  $f : c \rightarrow c'$  in  $C$  and consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 L_{\alpha-1} c' & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{c'}^{\alpha-1,\alpha}} & L_\alpha c' & \xrightarrow{\sigma_{c'}^\alpha} & S c' \\
 \uparrow L_{\alpha-1}(f) & & \uparrow L_\alpha(f) & & \uparrow S(f) \\
 L_{\alpha-1} c & \xrightarrow{\lambda_c^{\alpha-1,\alpha}} & L_\alpha c & \xrightarrow{\sigma_c^\alpha} & S c
 \end{array}$$

The left hand square and the outer rectangle commute and therefore  $S(f)\sigma_{c'}^\alpha \lambda_{c'}^{\alpha-1,\alpha} = \sigma_{c'}^\alpha L_\alpha(f) \lambda_c^{\alpha-1,\alpha}$ . Since this composed arrow factors uniquely through  $\lambda_{c'}^{\alpha-1,\alpha}$ ,  $S(f)\sigma_{c'}^\alpha = \sigma_{c'}^\alpha L_\alpha(f)$  and  $\sigma^\alpha$  is natural. By Lemma 2  $\sigma^\alpha$  is unique.

Let  $\alpha$  be limit and  $\beta < \alpha$ . Since  $\sigma^\beta$  is unique, it must hold  $\sigma^\beta = \sigma^{\beta+1} \lambda^{\beta,\beta+1}$ . Hence for any  $c \in C$  there exists a unique arrow  $\sigma_c^\alpha : L_\alpha c \rightarrow S c$  with

$\sigma_c^\alpha \lambda_c^{\beta, \alpha} = \sigma_c^\beta$ . The naturality of  $\sigma^\alpha$  can be proved similarly as in the previous case.

Put  $\sigma_c^* = \sigma_c^{\gamma(c)}$ . Evidently  $\sigma^*: L_* \rightarrow S$  is a natural transformation which is the only arrow from  $L_*$  to  $S$  in  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$ .

It remains to show that  $L_*$  is left  $M$ -full and left  $M$ -faithful. Let  $m \in M$ ,  $c \in C$  and  $\kappa: L_* m \rightarrow L_* c$ . Since  $L_* m = Sm$ ,  $\sigma_c^* \kappa: Sm \rightarrow Sc$  and  $S$  is left  $M$ -full, there exists  $\kappa': m \rightarrow c$  with  $S(\kappa') = \sigma_c^* \kappa$ . It holds  $\sigma_c^* \kappa = S(\kappa') = \sigma_c^* L_*(\kappa')$ . By Lemma 1  $L_*(\eta)\kappa = L_*(\eta)L_*(\kappa')$  for every arrow  $\eta: c \rightarrow \eta$  and every  $\eta \in M$ . Since  $L_* c$  is a colimit of the diagram  $D_{L_*, c}$ , it holds  $\kappa = L_*(\kappa')$ . Thus  $L_*$  is left  $M$ -full. The proof of the fact that  $L_*$  is left  $M$ -faithful is the same as the first part of the proof of Proposition 1.

The assumption that  $M$  is small and  $A$  cocomplete can be replaced by the supposition that all used colimits exist in  $A$ . The supposition that  $M$  generates  $C$  is necessary as follows from the following example.

Let  $C$  be a full subcategory of the category of ordered sets and isotone maps consisting of a one-point set  $m$  and a two-element chain  $c$ ,  $M$  of a one-point set  $m$ . Let  $A$  be a category of upper semilattices and homomorphisms. Let  $Tm$  be a one-element upper semilattice. Denote  $m = (\{x\}, \leq)$ ,  $c = (\{y, x\}, \leq)$ , where  $y \leq x$ . Let  $\underline{y}: m \rightarrow c$  be the constant arrow with the value  $y$ , analogous  $\underline{x}$ . Let  $\alpha = (\{t, u\}, \vee)$ ,  $t \vee u = u$  be a two-

element upper semilattice and  $\underline{t}, \underline{\mu} : Tm \rightarrow a$  as before. Put  $Sc = a$ ,  $S(\underline{\mu}) = \underline{t}$ ,  $S(\underline{x}) = \underline{\mu}$  and  $S'c = a$ ,  $S'(\underline{\mu}) = \underline{\mu}$ ,  $S'(\underline{x}) = \underline{t}$ . These equalities determine  $S, S' \in \mathcal{L}_K(T)$  and an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{L}_K(T)$  is naturally isomorphic with one of them. But there is no natural transformation between  $S$  and  $S'$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L}_K(T)$  has not an initial object.

**Proposition 3.** Let all suppositions of Proposition 2 be fulfilled and in addition  $M$  be dense in  $C$  (left adequate in the sense of Isbell). Then  $L_*$  is an initial object in  $\mathcal{F}_K(T)$ .

**Proof:** Since the density of  $M$  implies that  $M$  generates  $C$ ,  $L$  is proved to be faithful in the same way as in Proposition 1.

Let  $\kappa : L_*c \rightarrow L_*c'$  be an arrow of  $A$ . Let  $m \in M$ . We assign to each arrow  $f: m \rightarrow c$  of  $C$  a unique arrow  $\tau_m(f): m \rightarrow c$  with  $L_*(\tau_m(f)) = \kappa L_*(f)$ . We shall show that this assignment gives a natural transformation  $\tau : C(K-, c) \rightarrow C(K-, c')$  of contravariant functors  $M \rightarrow Em_0$  ( $C(Km, c)$  is the set of all arrows  $m \rightarrow c$  of  $C$ ). Let  $g: m' \rightarrow m$  be an arrow of  $M$  and form the following diagram in  $Em_0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C(Km, c) & \xrightarrow{\tau_m} & C(Km, c') \\
 \downarrow C(Kg, c) & & \downarrow C(Kg, c') \\
 C(Km', c) & \xrightarrow{\tau_{m'}} & C(Km', c')
 \end{array}$$

Let  $f \in C(Km, c)$ . It is  $C(Kq, c')$   $\tau_m(f) = \tau_m(f)q$  and  $\tau_m, C(Kq, c)(f) = \tau_m, (fq)$ . Since  $L_*(\tau_m(f)q) = L_*(\tau_m(f))L_*(q) = \kappa L_*(f)L_*(q) = \kappa L_*(fq) = L_*(\tau_m, (fq))$ , we get  $\tau_m(f)q = \tau_m, (fq)$  and therefore our diagram commutes. Hence  $\tau$  is natural and the density of  $M$  implies the existence of  $\kappa': c \rightarrow c'$  with  $\tau = C(K-, \kappa')$ . Therefore  $L_*(\kappa')L_*(f) = L_*(\kappa'f) = L_*(\tau_m, (f)) = \kappa L_*(f)$  for any  $m \in M$  and  $f: m \rightarrow c$ . Hence  $L_*(\kappa')\lambda_c^0 L_0(f) = \kappa \lambda_c^0 L_0(f)$ . Since  $L_0 c$  is a colimit of the functor  $TP: (K \downarrow c) \rightarrow A$  with the components  $L_0(f): TPf \rightarrow L_0 c$  of the limiting cone, one gets that  $L_*(\kappa')\lambda_c^0 = \kappa \lambda_c^0$ . Since  $\lambda_c^0$  is epi,  $L_*(\kappa') = \kappa$  and thus  $L_*$  is full.

Corollary 1. Let  $M$  be small, dense in  $C$  and cogenerate  $C$ . Let  $A$  be cocomplete and co-well-powered. Then the existence of a left  $M$ -full and left  $M$ -faithful functor  $C \rightarrow A$  implies the existence of a full and faithful one.

Corollary 2. Let all suppositions of Proposition 3 be fulfilled,  $T$  be a full embedding and in addition for every  $a \in A$  there exist a proper class of objects of  $A$  isomorphic with  $a$ . Then  $L_*$  is an initial object in  $\mathcal{E}_\kappa(T)$ .

Proof: Since  $L_*$  is full and faithful,  $L_* c = L_* c'$  implies that  $c$  is isomorphic with  $c'$ . Since for every object  $a$  of  $A$  there is a proper class of objects isomorphic with  $a$ , the colimits in the construction of  $L_*$  can be chosen such that  $L_* c = L_* c'$  for isomorphic  $c \neq c'$ .

A concrete category  $(C, \square)$  is a pair consisting of a category  $C$  and a faithful functor  $\square: C \rightarrow \text{EmS}$ . If  $(C, \square)$  is a concrete category, we shall denote the restriction of  $\square$  on  $M$  again by  $\square$ . We say that  $M$  inductively generates  $C$  if for any  $c, d \in C$  and any arrow  $f: \square c \rightarrow \square d$  of  $\text{EmS}$   $f = \square(f_1)$ , for an arrow  $f_1: c \rightarrow d$  of  $C$  if and only if for any  $m \in M$  and any arrow  $h: m \rightarrow c$  of  $C$  there exists an arrow  $h': m \rightarrow d$  of  $C$  with  $\square(h') = f \square(h)$  (see [2]). We say that a concrete category  $(C, \square)$  has constants if for any  $c, c' \in C$  and any constant function  $f: \square c \rightarrow \square c'$  there exists an arrow  $f': c \rightarrow c'$  with  $\square(f') = f$ . If  $x \in \square c'$  and  $f: \square c \rightarrow \square c'$  is a constant function with  $fy = x$  for any  $y \in \square c$ , we shall denote this  $f'$  by  $\underline{x}$ .

Lemma 3. Let  $(C, \square)$  be a concrete category having constants. Then  $M$  is dense if and only if it inductively generates  $C$ .

Proof: Let  $M$  be dense. Let  $c, d \in C$  and  $f: \square c \rightarrow \square d$ . Let for any  $m \in M$  and any  $h: m \rightarrow c$  there exist an arrow  $h': m \rightarrow d$  of  $C$  with  $\square(h') = f \square(h)$ . If we put  $\tau_m(h) = h'$  for any  $h: m \rightarrow c, m \in M$ , we obtain a natural transformation  $\tau: C(K-, c) \xrightarrow{\cdot} C(K-, d)$ . Hence there exists an arrow  $f_1: c \rightarrow d$  of  $C$  such that  $h' = f_1 h$ . Let  $x \in \square c$ . Choosing  $h = \underline{x}$ , we get  $\square(f_1) \square(\underline{x}) = \square(f_1 \underline{x}) = f \square(\underline{x})$ . Hence  $\square(f_1) = f$ .

Let  $M$  inductively generate  $C$ . Since  $C$  has constants,  $M$  generates  $C$  and therefore the functor  $C \rightarrow \text{Emb}^{M, \text{op}}$  given by  $c \mapsto C(K-, c)$  is faithful. It remains to show that it is full. Let  $\tau: C(K-, c) \xrightarrow{\sim} C(K-, d)$  be a natural transformation. Let  $m \in M$ ,  $x \in \square c$  and consider  $\underline{x}: m \rightarrow c$ . Since  $\tau_m(\underline{x})g = \tau_m(\underline{x}g) = \tau_m(\underline{x})$  for any  $g: m \rightarrow m$  in  $M$ ,  $\tau_m(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}'$  for some  $\underline{x}': m \rightarrow d$ . Define  $f: \square c \rightarrow \square d$  by  $f x = x'$ . It can be analogously deduced from the naturality of  $\tau$  that  $f$  does not depend on the choice of  $m$ .

We are going to show that  $f = \square(f_1)$  for an arrow  $f_1: c \rightarrow d$  of  $C$ . Again, the naturality of  $\tau$  implies that  $\square(\tau_m(h))(x) = (f \square(h))(x)$  for any  $m \in M$ ,  $h: m \rightarrow c$  and  $x \in \square m$ . Hence  $\square(\tau_m(h)) = f \square(h)$  and thus  $f = \square(f_1)$  for some  $f_1: c \rightarrow d$  because  $M$  inductively generates  $C$ . We have  $\square(\tau_m(h)) = \square(f_1) \square(h)$  and therefore  $\tau_m(h) = f_1 h$ . Hence  $\tau = C(K-, f_1)$  and the proof is accomplished.

Let  $(M, \square)$  and  $(A, \square')$  be concrete categories. A full embedding  $T: M \rightarrow A$  is called a realization if  $\square = \square' T$  (see [5]).

**Proposition 4.** Let  $(C, \square)$ ,  $(A, \square')$  be concrete categories,  $(C, \square)$  have constants,  $M$  inductively generate  $C$  and  $T$  be a realization. Let for any constant  $\underline{x}: Lc \rightarrow Lc'$  of  $A$  there exist an  $f: c \rightarrow c'$  such that  $L(f) = \underline{x}$ . Let a pointwise left Kan extension  $L = \text{Lan}_K T$  exist and  $\mathcal{L}_K(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $L$  is an initial object

in  $\mathcal{F}_K(T)$ .

**Proof:** There exists  $S \in \mathcal{L}_K(T)$  and a unique natural transformation  $\sigma: L \rightarrow S$  with  $\sigma K$  the identity. Let  $m \in M$ ,  $c \in C$  and  $q: Lm \rightarrow Lc$  an arrow of  $A$ . There exists  $f: m \rightarrow c$  with  $S(f) = \sigma_c q = \sigma_c L(f)$ . Let  $x \in \square' Lm$ . Since  $(C, \square)$  has constants and  $LK = T$  is a realization,  $\underline{x}: Lm \rightarrow Lm$  is an arrow of  $A$  and  $q\underline{x}, L(f)\underline{x}: Lm \rightarrow Lc$  are constants. Thus there exist  $h_1, h_2: m \rightarrow c$  with  $q\underline{x} = L(h_1), L(f)\underline{x} = L(h_2)$ . It holds  $S(h_1) = \sigma_c L(h_1) = \sigma_c q\underline{x} = \sigma_c L(f)\underline{x} = \sigma_c L(h_2) = S(h_2)$  and therefore  $h_1 = h_2$ . Hence  $q\underline{x} = L(f)\underline{x}$ , i.e.  $\square'(q)(x) = \square' L(f)(x)$ . Therefore  $q = L(f)$  and  $L$  is left  $M$ -full.  $M$  is dense in  $C$  by Lemma 3.  $L$  is proved to be full in the same way as  $L_*$  in the proof of Proposition 3. Since  $C$  has constants,  $M$  generates  $C$  and  $L$  is faithful by Proposition 1.

**Proposition 5.** Let  $M$  be dense in  $C$  and  $\mathcal{L}_K(T)$  colimit preserving. Then  $F$  is a pointwise left Kan extension of  $T$  along  $K$ .

Proof is evident because  $M$  is dense in  $C$  if and only if  $\text{Id}_C$  together with the identity natural transformation  $\text{Id}_K: K \rightarrow K$  is the pointwise left Kan extension of  $K$  along  $K$  (see [4]).

**Proposition 6.** Let  $M$  be dense in  $C$  and  $T: M \rightarrow A$  a full embedding. Let  $K': TM \rightarrow A$  be the inclusion functor and  $T^{-1}: TM \rightarrow M$  the two-sided inverse functor to  $T: M \rightarrow TM$ . Let the pointwise left Kan extensions

$L = Lan_K T$ ,  $Id_K$  and  $L' = Lan_K T^{-1}$ ,  $Id_K$  exist.

Let  $L'$  be left TM-faithful and left TM-full. Then  $L'$  is a right adjoint for  $L$ .

Proof: It is sufficient to find natural transformations

$\eta: Id_C \xrightarrow{\cdot} L'L$ ,  $\epsilon: LL' \xrightarrow{\cdot} Id_A$  such that the following composites are the identities (of  $L'$  resp.  $L$ )

$$L' \xrightarrow{\eta L'} L'LL' \xrightarrow{L'\epsilon} L, \quad L \xrightarrow{L\eta} LL'L \xrightarrow{\epsilon L} L.$$

Let  $m \in M$ . Putting  $\tau_m(f) = L'L(f)$  for each  $f: m \rightarrow c$  we obtain a natural transformation  $\tau: C(K-, c) \xrightarrow{\cdot} C(K-, L'Lc)$ . Since  $M$  is dense, there exists a unique  $\eta_c: c \rightarrow L'Lc$  with  $\tau_m(f) = \eta_c f$ . Clearly  $\eta: Id_C \xrightarrow{\cdot} L'L$  is a natural transformation.

Let  $m \in M$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $f: m \rightarrow L'a$  be an arrow of  $C$ . Since  $L'$  is left TM-full, there exists an arrow  $\lambda_f: Tm \rightarrow a$  of  $A$  such that  $L'(\lambda_f) = f$ . We shall show that  $\lambda: TP \xrightarrow{\cdot} a$  is a natural transformation from  $(K \downarrow L'a) \xrightarrow{P} M \xrightarrow{T} A$  to the constant functor  $a$ . Let  $h$  be an arrow of  $(K \downarrow L'a)$  with the domain  $f: m \rightarrow L'a$  and the codomain  $g: m' \rightarrow L'a$ , i.e.  $f = g \cdot h$ . Then  $L'(\lambda_f) = f = g \cdot h = L'(\lambda_g) \cdot h = L'(\lambda_g) L'T(h) = L'(\lambda_g T(h))$ . Since  $L'$  is left TM-faithful,  $\lambda_f = \lambda_g T(h)$  and it proves the requested naturality of  $\lambda$ . Since  $LL'a$  is a colimit of  $TP$  with the components  $L(f)$  of the limiting cone, one gets a unique  $\epsilon_a: LL'a \rightarrow a$  such that  $\lambda_f = \epsilon_a L(f)$  for any  $f: m \rightarrow L'a$  and  $m \in M$ . It can be easily shown that  $\epsilon: LL' \xrightarrow{\cdot} Id_A$  is a natural trans-



formation. Indeed,  $\varepsilon_{a'} L L'(\kappa) = \kappa \varepsilon_a$  for any arrow  $\kappa: a \rightarrow a'$  of  $A$  because  $\kappa \lambda_f$  are the components of a natural transformation from  $TP$  to the constant functor  $a'$  and  $\varepsilon_{a'} L L'(\kappa) L(f) = \varepsilon_{a'} L(L'(\kappa)f) = \lambda_{L'(\kappa)f} = \kappa \lambda_f$  because  $L'(\lambda_{L'(\kappa)f}) = L'(\kappa)f = L'(\kappa)L'(\lambda_f) = L'(\kappa \lambda_f)$ .

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 m & \xrightarrow{L'L(f)} & L'L'L'a \\
 \downarrow f & \nearrow \eta_{L'a} & \downarrow L'(\varepsilon_a) \\
 L'a & \xlongequal{\quad} & L'a
 \end{array}$$

The top triangle commutes by the definition of  $\eta_{L'a}$ . Further  $L'(\varepsilon_a)L'L(f) = L'(\varepsilon_a L(f)) = L'(\lambda_f) = f$ . Hence  $L'(\varepsilon_a)\eta_{L'a}f = f$  and  $L'(\varepsilon_a)\eta_{L'a} = 1_{L'a}$  because  $L'a$  is a colimit of  $T^{-1}P: (K \downarrow L'a) \rightarrow C$ . We have proved that  $L'\varepsilon \cdot \eta L$  is the identity.

Finally, let  $f: m \rightarrow c$  and take the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Lm & \xrightarrow{LL'L(f)} & LL'Lc \\
 \downarrow L(f) & \nearrow L(\eta_c) & \downarrow \varepsilon_{Lc} \\
 Lc & \xlongequal{\quad} & Lc
 \end{array}$$

The top triangle commutes by the definition of  $\eta_c$ . Further,  $\varepsilon_{Lc}LL'L(f) = \lambda_{L'L(f)}$  and  $L'L(f) = L'(\lambda_{L'L(f)})$ . Hence  $\lambda_{L'L(f)} = L(f)$  and in the same way as before we obtain  $\varepsilon_{Lc}L(\eta_c) = 1_{Lc}$ .

Proposition 7. Let  $TM$  be dense in  $A$ . Then any two full embeddings from  $\mathcal{E}_K(T)$  are naturally isomorphic.

Proof: Let  $S, S' \in \mathcal{E}_K(T)$  and  $c \in C$ . Denote by  $K': TM \rightarrow A$  the inclusion functor. The categories  $(K' \downarrow Sc)$  and  $(K' \downarrow S'c)$  are isomorphic and therefore the density of  $TM$  implies that  $Sc$  and  $S'c$  are isomorphic. In this way we obtain the natural isomorphism between  $S$  and  $S'$ .

If  $(C, \square)$  and  $(A, \square')$  are concrete categories, we can consider the full subcategories of  $\mathcal{E}_K(T)$  consisting of all functors  $F$  commuting with the forgetful functors  $(\square = \square'F)$  or of all realizations. Here density can be replaced by inductive generation and this situation is actually treated in [2].

#### Applications

A) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the category of closure spaces (see [1]) and continuous maps. Let  $\mathcal{S}^-$  be a category, objects of which are the pairs  $a = (\square'a, \mathcal{U})$  where  $\square'a$  is a set and  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \exp \square'a$  and arrows  $f: (\square'a, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (\square'b, \mathcal{S})$  correspond with maps  $\square'(f): \square'a \rightarrow \square'b$  such that for  $X \in \mathcal{S}$  we have  $(\square'(f))^{-1}(X) \in \mathcal{U}$ . Let  $\square: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Ens}$ ,  $\square': \mathcal{S}^- \rightarrow \text{Ens}$  be the forgetful functors. Let  $\mu, \nu$  be two closure spaces with the same underlying set  $\square\mu = \square\nu$ . We say that  $\mu \leq \nu$  if there is an arrow  $f: \nu \rightarrow \mu$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\square(f) = id_{\square\mu}$ . Dual atoms of the lattice of all closure spaces with the same underlying set are called ultraspaces. Any ultraspace is a topological space. Let  $\mathcal{U}$

be the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all ultraspa-  
ces. Realizations of subcategories of  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\mathcal{S}^-$  are inve-  
stigated in [3].

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mu \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  
 $w \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\mu \leq w$  implies that  $w \in \mathcal{C}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{U}$  and  
 $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{S}^-$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}$  inductively generates  $\mathcal{C}$ . It follows  
from the fact that whenever a point  $x \in \square \mu$  belongs to  
the  $\mu$ -closure of some subset  $y \subseteq \square \mu$ , then we can find  
an ultraspace  $w \geq \mu$  such that  $x$  belongs to the  $w$ -clo-  
sure of  $y$ .

Let  $T: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be a realization. We are going to show  
that a pointwise left Kan extension  $L = \text{Lan}_{\mathcal{K}} T$  exists and  
 $L\mu = (\square \mu, \bigcap_{\mu \leq w \in \mathcal{M}} \mathcal{U}_w)$ , where  $Tw = (\square w, \mathcal{U}_w)$ . If  $\mu \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  
 $w \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $f: w \rightarrow \mu$  is an arrow of  $\mathcal{C}$ , we can find a  
 $w_1 \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $w_1 \geq \mu$  such that there exists an arrow  $f_1: w \rightarrow$   
 $\rightarrow w_1$  with  $\square(f) = \square(f_1)$ . Therefore for any  $w \in \mathcal{M}$  and  
any arrow  $f: w \rightarrow \mu$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  there is an arrow  $\lambda_f: Tw \rightarrow$   
 $\rightarrow L\mu$  with  $\square(f) = \square'(\lambda_f)$ . Evidently  $\lambda$  is a cone from  
the base  $(\mathcal{K} \downarrow \mu) \xrightarrow{P} \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{T} \mathcal{A}$  to the vertex  $L\mu$ . Let  $\mu_a$  be a  
cone from  $TP$  to  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mu_{\underline{x}}$  is a constant for any  
constant  $\underline{x}: w \rightarrow \mu$ . Define  $h: \square' L\mu \rightarrow \square' a$  by  $h_{\underline{x}} =$   
 $= \mu_{\underline{x}}$ . There is an arrow  $h': L\mu \rightarrow a$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\square'(h') =$   
 $= h$  because  $\square'(\mu_f) = h$  for any  $f: w \rightarrow \mu$  with  $\square(f) =$   
 $= id_{\square \mu}$ . Hence  $\lambda$  is a limiting cone.

These results can help us in the study of realizations  
of full subcategories of  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\mathcal{S}^-$ . Take for instance the  
full subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all regular closure  
 $T_1$ -spaces and a realization  $T: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$

contains the category of all completely regular topological  $T_1$ -spaces as a full subcategory, it follows from [6] that  $T\omega = (\square\omega, \mathcal{O}(\omega))$ , where  $\mathcal{O}(\omega)$  is the system of all open sets of  $\omega$ , for any ultraspace  $\omega$  with a non-measurable underlying set or  $T\omega = (\square\omega, \mathcal{L}(\omega))$ , where  $\mathcal{L}(\omega)$  is the system of all closed sets of  $\omega$ , for any such ultraspace. Let the first case occur. Then  $\text{Lan}_K T(\mu) = (\square\mu, \mathcal{O}(\mu))$  for any  $\mu$  with a non-measurable  $\square\mu$ . Hence  $\text{Lan}_K T$  is not full. By Proposition 4 or by the results of [2] we get the following theorem.

There exists no realization of the category of all regular closure  $T_1$ -spaces in  $\mathcal{G}^-$ .

B) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the category of all Hausdorff topological spaces and continuous maps,  $\mathcal{M}$  the full subcategory of all regular Hausdorff spaces and  $A = \mathcal{G}^-$ . Let  $\square: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Emb}$  and  $\square': A \rightarrow \text{Emb}$  be the forgetful functors. It is shown in [6] that for any realization  $S: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow A$   $S_m = (\square m, \mathcal{O}(m))$  for any  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  or  $S_m = (\square m, \mathcal{L}(m))$  for any  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ . Let  $T: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow A$  be a realization such that  $T_m = (\square m, \mathcal{L}(m))$  for any  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then  $\text{Lan}_K T_c = (\square c, \mathcal{L}(c))$  for any  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ . Hence  $\text{Lan}_K T$  is a realization and it is an initial object in  $\mathcal{E}_K(T)$ .

$\mathcal{M}$  is a reflexive subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Denote by  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  a left adjoint to the inclusion functor  $K: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  and  $\eta: \text{Id}_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow KF$  the unit of this adjunction. Then a pointwise right Kan extension exists and is equal to  $TF$ . The full subcategory of  $\mathcal{E}_K(T)$  consisting of all func-

ctors commuting with the forgetful functors has a terminal object  $R$  which is defined as follows:  $Rc = (\pi c, \mathcal{R}(c))$ , where  $\mathcal{R}(c) = \{ \eta_c^{-1} x \mid x \in \mathcal{L}(Fc) \}$ . The functor  $R$  is right  $M$ -full and right  $M$ -faithful and thus is a terminal object in the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$  consisting of all such functors. By [6]  $R$  is not a full embedding because  $\mathcal{R}(c)$  is not a subbasis for  $\mathcal{L}(c)$ . The problem of the existence of a terminal object in  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$  is in close connection with the open problem concerning the number of realizations of  $C$  in  $A$ .

C) Let  $C$  be the category of ordered sets and isotone maps,  $M$  a full subcategory of  $C$  having a single object, namely a two-element chain and  $A$  the category of semigroups and homomorphisms. Let  $\square: C \rightarrow \text{Ens}$  and  $\square': A \rightarrow \text{Ens}$  be the forgetful functors.  $M$  is dense in  $C$  and cogenerates  $C$ . Let  $T$  assign to the two-element chain a two-element upper semilattice. Clearly  $T: M \rightarrow A$  is a realization. M. Sekanina has constructed in [7] a full embedding  $H: C \rightarrow A$  extending  $T$  as follows:  $Hc$  is the free semigroup with the generating set  $\square c$  and with relations  $x \cdot y = x = y \cdot x \iff x, y \in \square c, x \geq y$ . It can be easily shown that  $H$  is a pointwise left Kan extension of  $T$  along  $K$ . Therefore  $H$  is an initial object in  $\mathcal{C}_K(T)$ . Let  $K'$  and  $T^{-1}$  be as in Proposition 6.  $\text{Lan}_{K'} T^{-1} = L'$  assigns to each  $a \in A$  the set  $Ia$  of all idempotents of  $a$  with the following ordering:  $x, y \in Ia, x \geq y \iff x \cdot y = x = y \cdot x$ . This ordering is considered in the theory of semigroups. For instance,

if  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an upper semilattice, then  $L'\mathfrak{a}$  is its ordered set. Clearly  $L'$  is left TM -full and left TM -faithful. By Proposition 6  $L'$  is a right adjoint for  $H$ . By Proposition 5  $H$  is up to the natural isomorphism the only colimit preserving full embedding from  $\mathcal{E}_K(T)$ . There is no limit preserving full embedding  $C \rightarrow A$  inducing a realization on  $M$  because a semigroup product of two semilattices is an idempotent semigroup.

D) A similar situation is in the following case (see [8]).  $C$  is the category of graphs and arrows are mappings preserving the relation "between",  $M$  is a full subcategory of all trees and  $A$  is the category of ternary algebras and homomorphisms.  $M$  is dense in  $C$  and cogenerates  $C$ . In [8] it is constructed a realization  $T: M \rightarrow A$  and  $\text{Lan}_K T$  is proved to be a full embedding. But in this case it has not a right adjoint.

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