# SOME CONSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATEGORY OF POINTED G-SETS

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#### Abstract

This paper deals with the study of products, co-products, equalizers, co-equalizers, intersections, pullbacks and pushouts in the category of pointed G-sets. Further, it is shown that the category of pointed G-sets is complete and finitely complete.

## 1. Introduction

Motivated by the idea of pointed sets, pointed mappings, G-sets and G-morphisms, the notions of pointed G-sets and pointed G-morphisms have been defined, henceforth the category of pointed G-sets, denoted by  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>, has been constructed by taking into account pointed G-sets as the objects of the category and pointed G-morphisms as the morphisms of the category. Results regarding special morphisms like monomorphisms, epimorphisms, core-tractions and retractions in the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> have been proved in [4]. In the present analysis, we study some more properties of the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> and show that the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has products, co-products, equalizers, co-equalizers, intersections, pullbacks and pushouts. After showing the existence of these notions, we obtain that the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> is complete and finitely complete.

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### 2. Preliminaries

We begin with the following definitions and results that will be needed in the sequel [8,9,10]:

**Definition 2.1.** Let G be a group and X be a set. Then X is said to be a G-set if there exists a mapping  $\phi : G \times X \to X$  such that for all  $a, b \in G$  and  $x \in X$  the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $\phi(ab, x) = \phi(a, \phi(b, x)),$
- (ii)  $\phi(e, x) = x$ ,

where e is the identity of G. The G-set X defined above will be denoted by the pair  $(X, \phi)$ .

For the sake of convenience, one can denote  $\phi(a, x)$  as ax. Under this notation, above conditions become

- (i) (ab)x = a(bx),
- (ii) ex = x.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, \phi)$  be a G-set. Then a subset A of X is called a G-subset of X if  $(A, \phi)$  is also a G-set.

**Definition 2.3.** Let X and Y be two G-sets. Then a mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is called a G-morphism from X to Y if f(ax) = af(x) for all  $a \in G, x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of G-sets. Then the product of  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ , denoted by  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ , is defined to be the set  $\{f : I \to \bigcup X_i \mid f(i) \in X_i \text{ for all } i \in I\}$ .

**Proposition 2.1** [10, Theorem 3.2]. Let  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of G-sets. Then, the product  $\prod X_i$  of the family  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a G-set.

**Definition 2.5.** A pointed set (X, x') is said to be a pointed G-set if there exists a mapping  $\phi : G \times X \to X$  such that

- (i)  $(X, \phi)$  is a G-set,
- (ii)  $\phi(g, x') = x'$  for all  $g \in G$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let (X, x') be a pointed G-set. Then a pointed set (A, x') is called a pointed G-subset of (X, x') if A is a G-subset of X.

**Definition 2.7.** Let (X, x') be a pointed G-set and (A, x'), (B, x') be two pointed G-subsets of (X, x') such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Then disjoint union of

(A, x') and (B, x') is defined to be the set  $(A \cup B, x')$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let (X, x') be a pointed G-set and (A, x'), (B, x') be two pointed G-subsets of (X, x'). Then intersection of (A, x') and (B, x') is defined to be the set  $(A \cap B, x')$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let (X, x') and (Y, y') be two pointed G-sets. Then their product is defined to be the ordered pair  $(X \times Y, (x', y'))$ .

**Definition 2.10.** Let (X, x') and (Y, y') be two pointed G-sets. Then a mapping  $f: (X, x') \to (Y, y')$  is called a pointed G-morphism if

- (i) f is a G-morphism i.e., f(ax) = af(x) for all  $a \in G$ ,  $x \in X$ ,
- (ii) f(x') = y'.

We shall use the following lemmas in our main results:

Lemma 2.1. Let X and Y be two pointed G-sets. Then

- (i) The cartesian product of any two pointed G-sets is a pointed G-set,
- (ii) Disjoint union of pointed G-subsets is a pointed G-subset,
- (iii) Intersection of a finite family of pointed G-subsets is a pointed G-subset.

**Proof.** The proof of Lemma 2.1 is trivial.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $(X, \phi)$  be a G-set. Then

- (i) for any  $x, y \in X$ , a relation  $\sim_G$  on X defined by  $x \sim_G y \Leftrightarrow y = \phi(g, x)$  for some  $g \in G$ , is an equivalence relation,
- (ii) the set  $X/\sim_G$  of all G-equivalence classes is a G-set.

**Proof(i).** Let *e* be the identity element of *G*. Then for every  $x \in X$ , we have  $x = \phi(e, x)$  implying thereby  $x \sim_G x$ . Now, suppose  $x \sim_G y$ . Then  $y = \phi(g, x)$  for some  $g \in G$ . So, we have  $\phi(g^{-1}, y) = \phi(g^{-1}, \phi(g, x)) = \phi(g^{-1}g, x) = \phi(e, x) = x$  implies that  $y \sim_G x$ . Further, suppose  $x \sim_G y$  and  $y \sim z$ . Then there exist  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  such that  $y = \phi(g_1, x)$  and  $z = \phi(g_2, y)$ . Thus we have  $\phi(g_{2g_1}, x) = \phi(g_2, \phi(g_1, x)) = \phi(g_2, y) = z$  implying thereby  $x \sim_G z$ . Consequently,  $\sim_G$  is an equivalence relation.

We call this equivalence relation as G-equivalence relation and corresponding equivalence class as G-equivalence class.

**Proof(ii).** Proof is trivial.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let (X, x') be a pointed G-set and  $\sim_G$  be a G-equivalence relation on X. Then the pointed set  $(X/\sim_G, [x'])$  is a pointed G-set.

**Proof.** Define a mapping  $\phi : G \times X/\sim_G \to X/\sim_G$  by  $\phi(g, [x]) = [gx]$  for all  $g \in G, x \in X$ . It can be easily seen that  $(X/\sim_G, \phi)$  is a G-set and for any  $a \in G$ , we get  $\phi(a, [x']) = [ax'] = [x']$  which shows that  $(X/\sim_G, [x'])$  is a pointed G-set.

#### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has finite products.

**Proof.** If (X, x') and (Y, y') are two pointed G-sets, then in view of Lemma 2.1 (i),  $(X \times Y, (x', y'))$  is also a pointed G-set. Define natural projections  $p_1 : X \times Y \to X$  and  $p_2 : X \times Y \to Y$  by  $p_1(x, y) = x$  and  $p_2(x, y) = y$  for all  $x \in X, y \in Y$ . Trivially,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are pointed G-morphisms. We claim that  $(X \times Y, (x', y'))$  together with morphisms  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  is the categorical product of (X, x') and (Y, y').

Let  $\alpha_1 : (Z, z') \to (X, x')$  and  $\alpha_2 : (Z, z') \to (Y, y')$  be two morphisms in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>, then we can define a mapping  $\eta : (Z, z') \to (X \times Y, (x', y'))$  by

$$\eta(z) = (\alpha_1(z), \alpha_2(z))$$
 for all  $z \in Z$ .

For any  $z \in Z$  and  $a \in G$ , one gets  $\eta(az) = (\alpha_1(az), \alpha_2(az)) = a(\alpha_1(z), \alpha_2(z)) = a(\eta(z))$  which shows that  $\eta$  is a G-morphism and also  $\eta(z') = (\alpha_1(z'), \alpha_2(z')) = (x', y')$ . Therefore  $\eta$  is a pointed G-morphism. Also, we have  $(p_1 \circ \eta)(z) = p_1(\eta(z)) = p_1(\alpha_1(z), \alpha_2(z)) = \alpha_1(z)$  which implies  $p_1 \circ \eta = \alpha_1$ . Similarly,  $p_2 \circ \eta = \alpha_2$ .

Finally, we show that  $\eta$  is unique. Suppose, there exists another morphism  $\xi : (Z, z') \to (X \times Y, (x', y'))$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> such that  $p_1 \circ \xi = \alpha_1$  and  $p_2 \circ \xi = \alpha_2$ . Then we have  $\xi(z) = (p_1(\xi(z)), p_2(\xi(z))) = (\alpha_1(z), \alpha_2(z)) = \eta(z)$  for all  $z \in Z$  which implies  $\xi = \eta$ . This completes the proof.

Next, let (X, x') and (Y, y') be two pointed G-sets. Consider the pointed G-subset of  $X \times Y$  with the base point (x', y'), consisting of the elements of the type (x, y') and (x', y) for all  $x \in X, y \in Y$  and denote it by (X+Y, (x', y')). Trivially, the natural inclusions  $u_1 : (X, x') \to (X + Y, (x', y'))$  and  $u_2 : (Y, y') \to (X + Y, (x', y'))$  are pointed G-morphisms.

**Theorem 3.2.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has finite co-products.

**Proof.** If (X, x') and (Y, y') are two pointed G-sets, then obviously (X + Y, (x', y')) is a pointed G-set. Define natural inclusions  $u_1 : (X, x') \rightarrow (X + Y, (x', y'))$  and  $u_2 : (Y, y') \rightarrow (X + Y, (x', y'))$  by  $u_1(x) = (x, y')$  and

 $u_2(y) = (x', y)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$  which are trivially pointed G-morphisms. We claim that (X + Y, (x', y')) together with morphisms  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  is the categorical co-product of (X, x') and (Y, y').

Let  $\alpha_1 : (X, x') \to (Z, z')$  and  $\alpha_2 : (Y, y') \to (Z, z')$  be two morphisms in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. Define a mapping  $\eta : (X + Y, (x', y')) \to (Z, z')$  as follows:

$$\eta(x', y') = z',$$
  

$$\eta(x, y') = \alpha_1(x) \text{ for all } x \in X,$$
  

$$\eta(x', y) = \alpha_2(y) \text{ for all } y \in Y.$$

For any  $z \in Z$  and  $a \in G$ , one gets  $\eta(a(x, y')) = \eta(ax, ay') = \eta(ax, y') = \alpha_1(ax) = a(\alpha_1(x)) = a\eta(x, y')$ . Similarly,  $\eta(a(x', y)) = a\eta(x', y)$ . Thus  $\eta$  is a G-morphism and as  $\eta(x', y') = z'$ , it follows that  $\eta$  is a pointed G-morphism. Obviously,  $\eta \circ u_1 = \alpha_1$  and  $\eta \circ u_2 = \alpha_2$ .

Finally, we show that  $\eta$  is unique. Suppose, there exists another morphism  $\xi : (X + Y, (x', y')) \to (Z, z')$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> such that  $\xi \circ u_1 = \alpha_1$  and  $\xi \circ u_2 = \alpha_2$ . Then for any  $x \in X$ , we have  $(\xi \circ u_1)(x) = \alpha_1(x)$  implying thereby  $\xi(u_1(x)) = \alpha_1(x)$  which yields  $\xi(x, y') = \eta(x, y')$  for all  $(x, y') \in X + Y$ . Therefore  $\xi = \eta$ . Similarly, for any  $y \in Y$ , we have  $(\xi \circ u_2)(y) = \alpha_2(y)$  which yields  $\xi(u_2(y)) = \alpha_2(y)$  implying thereby  $\xi(x', y) = \eta(x', y)$  for all  $(x', y) \in X + Y$ . Thus  $\xi = \eta$  and consequently  $\eta$  is unique. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.3.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has finite intersections.

**Proof.** Let  $\{u_i : (X_i, x') \to (X, x') \mid i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$  be a family of subobjects of an object (X, x') in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> where  $u_i$ 's are inclusion mappings which are trivially pointed G-morphisms. Consider the set  $X' = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ . In view of Lemma 2.1 (*iii*), X' is a pointed G-set with the basepoint x'. Hence,  $(X', x') \in \mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. Let  $u : (X', x') \to (X, x')$  defined by u(x) = x for all  $x \in X'$ , be a morphism in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. We claim that X' together with  $u : (X', x') \to (X, x')$  is the intersection of the family of sub-objects  $\{u_i : (X_i, x') \to (X, x') \mid i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>.

Consider morphisms  $v_i : (X', x') \to (X_i, x')$  defined by  $v_i(x) = x$  for all  $x \in X', i = 1, 2, ..., n$ . Trivially  $v_i$ 's are G-morphisms and also  $v_i(x') = x'$ . Therefore  $v_i$ 's are pointed G-morphisms.

For any  $x \in X$ , we have  $(u_i \circ v_i)(x) = u_i(v_i(x)) = u_i(x) = x = u(x)$  which implies  $u_i \circ v_i = u$ . Now, for any object  $Y \in \mathcal{G}$ -Sets, let  $f: (Y, y') \to (X, x')$  be a morphism in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> which factors through each  $u_i$  i.e.,  $f = u_i \circ f_i$ .

For any  $y \in Y$ , one gets  $f(y) = (u_i \circ f_i)(y) = u_i(f_i(y)) = f_i(y) \in X_i$  which yields  $f(Y) \subseteq X_i$  for each i, (i = 1, 2, ..., n) implying thereby  $f(Y) \subseteq \cap X_i = X'$ . Therefore, we can define a mapping  $\eta : (Y, y') \to (X', x')$  by  $\eta(y) = f(y)$  for all  $y \in Y$ . It can be easily shown that  $\eta$  is a pointed G-morphism. Now, for any  $y \in Y$ , we get  $(u \circ \eta)(y) = u(\eta(y)) = \eta(y) = f(y)$  which implies  $u \circ \eta = f$ .

It remains to show that  $\eta$  is unique. Suppose there exists another morphism  $\xi : (Y, y') \to (X', x')$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> such that  $u \circ \xi = f$ . Then we have  $(u \circ \xi)(y) = f(y)$  yielding thereby  $u(\xi(y)) = \eta(y)$  which gives  $\xi(y) = \eta(y)$  for all  $y \in Y$  implying thereby  $\xi = \eta$ . This completes the proof.

To prove our next Theorem we require the following propositions:

**Proposition 3.1.** If  $\delta: I \to \bigcup X_i$  is the mapping defined by  $\delta(i) = x_i'$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then the set  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  together with the base point  $\delta$  is a pointed G-set.

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.1,  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is a G-set under the mapping  $\phi : G \times \prod_{i \in I} X_i \to \prod_{i \in I} X_i$  defined by  $\phi(a, f) = af$  for all  $a \in G$  and  $f \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ , where  $af : I \to \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i$  is defined by (af)(i) = a(f(i)) for each  $i \in I$ .

For any  $a \in G$ , we have  $(\phi(a, \delta))(i) = (a\delta)(i) = a(\delta(i)) = a(x_i') = x_i' = \delta(i)$  for all  $i \in I$  which implies  $\phi(a, \delta) = \delta$  and henceforth  $(\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \delta)$  is a pointed G-set.

**Proposition 3.2.** Projections are pointed G-morphisms.

**Proof.** Let  $\{(X_i, x_i')\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of pointed G-sets. Then in view of the above Proposition 3.1,  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  with the base point  $\delta$  is a pointed G-set. For each index  $i \in I$ , we define projections  $p_i : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \to X_i$  by  $p_i(f) = f(i)$ .

Now, for any  $a \in G$ , we have  $p_i(af) = (af)(i) = a(f(i)) = a(p_i(f))$  which shows that  $p_i$ 's are G-morphisms. Also we have  $p_i(\delta) = \delta(i) = x_i'$ . Therefore  $p_i : (\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \delta) \to (X_i, x_i')$  are pointed G-morphisms.

**Theorem 3.4.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has arbitrary products.

**Proof.** Let  $\{(X_i, x_i')\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of objects in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. Consider the set  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i = \{f : I \to \bigcup X_i\}$  such that  $f(i) \in X_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . In view of the above

Proposition 3.1, the set  $(\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \delta)$  is a pointed G-set.

For each  $i \in I$ , there are natural projections  $p_i : (\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \delta) \to (X_i, x_i')$ defined by  $p_i(f) = f(i)$  for all  $f \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ . In view of the above Proposition 3.2,  $p_i$ 's are pointed G-morphisms. We claim that  $(\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \delta)$  together with the projection mappings  $\{p_i\}_{i \in I}$  is the categorical product of the family  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>.

Let  $\{q_i : (X, x') \to (X_i, x_i')\}$  be a family of morphisms in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. Define a mapping  $\eta : (X, x') \to (\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \delta)$  such that  $x \mapsto \eta(x)$ , where  $\eta(x) : I \to \cup X_i$ is defined by  $(\eta(x))(i) = q_i(x)$  for all  $x \in X, i \in I$ .

For any  $a \in G$ , one gets  $(\eta(ax))(i) = q_i(ax) = a(q_i(x)) = a(\eta(x))(i)$  for all  $i \in I$  which implies  $\eta(ax) = a(\eta(x))$ . Therefore  $\eta$  is a G-morphism. Also, we have  $(\eta(x'))(i) = q_i(x') = x_i' = \delta(i)$  for all  $i \in I$  which implies  $\eta(x') = \delta$ . Consequently,  $\eta$  is a pointed G-morphism.

Moreover, for any  $x \in X$  and  $i \in I$ , we have  $(p_i \circ \eta)(x) = p_i(\eta(x)) = (\eta(x))(i) = q_i(x)$  implying thereby  $p_i \circ \eta = q_i$ .

For the uniqueness of  $\eta$ , suppose there exists another morphism  $\xi : (X, x') \to (\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \delta)$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> such that  $p_i \circ \xi = q_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then we have  $(p_i \circ \xi)(x) = q_i(x)$  yielding thereby  $p_i(\xi(x)) = q_i(x)$  implying  $(\xi(x))(i) = \eta(x)(i)$  which gives  $\xi(x) = \eta(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Therefore  $\xi = \eta$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.5.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has arbitrary co-products.

**Proof.** Let  $\{(X_i, x_i')\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of objects in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. Consider the set  $\bigcup X_i$  together with base point x' such that we identify each  $x_i'$  with x', then obviously  $(\bigcup X_i, x')$  is a pointed G-set.

For each  $i \in I$ , define natural inclusions  $u_i : (X_i, x_i') \to (\bigcup X_i, x')$  by  $u_i(x) = x$  for all  $x \in X_i$ . Trivially  $u_i$ 's are pointed G-morphisms. We claim that  $(\bigcup X_i, x')$  together with the natural inclusions  $\{u_i\}_{i \in I}$  is the categorical co-product of the family  $(X_i, x_i')$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>.

Let  $\{q_i : (X_i, x_i') \to (Y, y')\}$  be a family of morphisms in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. Define a mapping  $\eta : (\bigcup X_i, x') \to (Y, y')$  by  $\eta(x) = q_i(x)$  for all  $x \in X_i, i \in I$ . For any  $a \in G$ , we get  $\eta(ax) = q_i(ax) = a(q_i(x)) = a(\eta(x))$  which shows that  $\eta$  is a G-morphism and also  $\eta(x') = \eta(x'_i) = q_i(x'_i) = y'$ . Therefore,  $\eta$  is a pointed G-morphism.

Moreover, for any  $x \in X_i$ , we have  $(\eta \circ u_i)(x) = \eta(u_i(x)) = \eta(x) = q_i(x)$ which implies  $\eta \circ u_i = q_i$ .

It remains to show that  $\eta$  is unique. Suppose there exists another morphism  $\xi : (\bigcup X_i, x') \to (Y, y')$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> such that  $\xi \circ u_i = q_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then we have  $(\xi \circ u_i)(x) = q_i(x)$  which implies  $\xi(u_i(x)) = \eta(x)$  yielding thereby  $\xi(x) = \eta(x)$  for all  $x \in X_i$ . Therefore  $\xi = \eta$  which completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.6.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has equalizers and co-equalizers.

**Proof.** If  $\alpha, \beta: (X, x') \to (Y, y')$  are two morphisms in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>, then we have two morphisms  $\alpha, \beta: X \to Y$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets. In view of [11, Theorem 3.3], the equalizer of  $\alpha, \beta$  is (K, i), where  $K = \{x \in X \mid \alpha(x) = \beta(x)\} \subseteq X$ . Obviously, K is a G-subset of X under the mapping  $\phi: G \times K \to K$  define by  $\phi(g, k) = gk$ for all  $g \in G$ ,  $k \in K$ . Also, we get  $\phi(g, x') = gx' = x'$  and hence (K, x') is a pointed G-subset of (X, x').

Furthermore,  $i : K \to X$  is an inclusion morphism in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets and also i(x') = x' which shows that i is a pointed G-morphism.

The above discussion yields that in the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>

$$(K, x') \xrightarrow{i} (X, x') \xrightarrow{\alpha} (Y, y') = (K, x') \xrightarrow{i} (X, x') \xrightarrow{\beta} (Y, y').$$

Let there be a morphism  $u: (Z, z') \to (X, x')$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> such that

$$(Z,z') \stackrel{u}{\longrightarrow} (X,x') \stackrel{\alpha}{\longrightarrow} (Y,y') = (Z,z') \stackrel{u}{\longrightarrow} (X,x') \stackrel{\beta}{\longrightarrow} (Y,y').$$

Then

$$Z \xrightarrow{u} X \xrightarrow{\alpha} Y = Z \xrightarrow{u} X \xrightarrow{\beta} Y$$

holds in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets.

Since  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets has equalizers, for the morphism  $u : Z \to X$ , we have  $Im(u) \subseteq K$  by [11, Theorem 3.3]. Therefore, by the universal property of equalizer there exists a unique morphism  $\eta : Z \to K$  defined by  $\eta(z) = u(z)$  for all  $z \in Z$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets such that

$$Z \xrightarrow{\eta} K \xrightarrow{i} X = Z \xrightarrow{u} X.$$

Now,  $\eta$  is a G-morphism and also  $\eta(z') = u(z') = x'$  which show that  $\eta$  is a pointed G-morphism. Thus, we have

$$(Z, z') \xrightarrow{\eta} (K, x') \xrightarrow{i} (X, x') = (Z, z') \xrightarrow{u} (X, x').$$

This shows that (K, x') together with the morphism *i* is the equalizer of the pair of morphisms  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>.

We now proceed to prove the result for co-equalizers:

Let R be a relation on Y such that for any  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ ,  $y_1Ry_2 \Leftrightarrow y_1 = \alpha(x)$ and  $y_2 = \beta(x)$  for some  $x \in X$ . Consider a smallest equivalence relation  $\overline{R}$  on Y containing R. Then in view of Lemma 2.3,  $(Y/\overline{R}, [y'])$  forms a pointed G-set.

Consider the projection mapping  $p : (Y, y') \to (Y/\overline{R}, [y'])$ , then in view of [11, Theorem 3.4],  $p : Y \to Y/\overline{R}$  is the co-equalizer of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets. Obviously, p is a pointed G-morphism such that

$$(X, x') \xrightarrow{\alpha} (Y, y') \xrightarrow{p} (Y/\bar{R}, [y']) = (X, x') \xrightarrow{\beta} (Y, y') \xrightarrow{p} (Y/\bar{R}, [y']).$$

For any  $(Z, z') \in \mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>, let  $q : (Y, y') \to (Z, z')$  be another G-morphism such that

$$(X, x') \xrightarrow{\alpha} (Y, y') \xrightarrow{q} (Z, z') = (X, x') \xrightarrow{\beta} (Y, y') \xrightarrow{q} (Z, z')$$

holds in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. Then

$$X \xrightarrow{\alpha} Y \xrightarrow{q} Z = X \xrightarrow{\beta} Y \xrightarrow{q} Z$$

holds in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets. Therefore, by the universal property of co-equalizer there exists a unique morphism  $\eta: Y/\overline{R} \to Z$  defined by  $\eta([y]) = q(y)$  for all  $y \in Y$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets such that

$$Y \xrightarrow{p} Y/\bar{R} \xrightarrow{\eta} Z = Y \xrightarrow{q} Z$$

implying  $\eta \circ p = q$ .

Now,  $\eta$  is a G-morphism and also  $\eta([z']) = q(y') = z'$  which in turn yields that  $\eta$  is a pointed G-morphism. Thus, we have

$$(Y, y') \xrightarrow{p} (Y/\bar{R}, [y']) \xrightarrow{\eta} (Z, z') = (Y, y') \xrightarrow{q} (Z, z')$$

holds in  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup>. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.7.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets\* has pullbacks and pushouts.

**Proof.** In view of Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.6, the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has finite products and equalizers. Therefore, the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has pullbacks [1, Theorem 3.7].

Again, in view of Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.6, the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has finite co-products and co-equalizers. Taking in to account the dual of [1, Theorem 3.7], the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has pushouts.

**Theorem 3.8.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> is complete.

**Proof.** In view of Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.6, the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has arbitrary products and equalizers. Therefore, the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> is left complete [3, pp. 26]. Also, in view of Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 3.6, the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> has arbitrary co-products and co-equalizers. Therefore, the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> is right complete [3, pp. 26]. Henceforth, the category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> is complete [3, pp. 26].

In view of [1, Theorem 6.3], completeness implies finitely completeness, the following is an immediate corollary to Theorem 3.8.

Corollary 3.1. The category  $\mathcal{G}$ -Sets<sup>\*</sup> is finitely complete.

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