

# monoidal enriched natural transformations

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Hi.

I have a problem which, it seems to me, requires the notion of enriched natural transformation between enriched monoidal functors, but I haven't been able to find a good reference for it.

I've taken a look at the books of Borceux (Handbook of categorical algebra), Kelly (Basic notions of enriched category) and the appendix in Levine's "Mixed motives", but they all end just where I need them, or even long before that point.

More precisely, the situation I've encountered seems to be the following. I have:

– Two monoidal (symmetric) categories:

$V$  and  $W$ .

– A couple of monoidal (symmetric) functors between them:

$S, T : V \longrightarrow W$

– A monoidal natural transformation between  $S$  and  $T$  :

$\omega : S \Longrightarrow T$

And here is where my problems begin.

There is a well-known notion of what is a  $V$ -functor between  $V$ -categories and what a  $V$ -natural transformation is.

My first need is to understand what an  $S$ -functor between a  $V$ -category  $C$  and a  $W$ -category  $D$  should be:

$F : C \longrightarrow D$

I didn't find this thing in the literature, but I expect it ought to be something like a  $V$ -functor, but with a family of morphisms in  $W$

$$\lambda_{XY} : S[X,Y] \longrightarrow [FX,FY]$$

for every pair of objects  $X, Y$  in  $C$ . (Here the square brackets  $[,]$  stand for the objects in  $V$  and  $W$  of "morphisms" of  $C$  and  $D$ , and I'm leaving aside units and commutative isomorphisms for the moment.)

This seems reasonable to me, since (a) is the situation I have in the "real" world and (b) if I put  $S = \text{id}_V$ , I find the definition of a  $V$ -functor.

Next, I would need the notion of an " $\omega$ -natural transformation" and I think this should be something like a  $V$ -natural transformation between an  $S$ -functor  $F : C \longrightarrow D$  and a  $T$ -functor  $G : C \longrightarrow D$ , but placing at the beginning of the commutative diagram which defines a  $V$ -natural transformation an arrow like

$$\omega_{[X,Y]} : S[X,Y] \longrightarrow T[X,Y].$$

Assuming that this is ok, I should also need to understand what might be the definition of a "monoidal  $\omega$ -natural transformation".

That is to say,  $C$  is a monoidal  $V$ -category,  $D$  is a monoidal  $W$ -category,  $F$  is a monoidal  $S$ -functor and  $G$  a monoidal  $T$ -functor: what is a monoidal natural transformation between  $F$  and  $G$ , over the monoidal natural transformation  $\omega : S \longrightarrow T$ ?

I've drawn a couple of commutative diagrams that should appear in the definition of such a construct, but I feel I could be forgetting a dozen more. Any references for it?

Unfortunately for me, Kelly's book ends before this point: it explicitly says: "is our decision not to discuss the 'change of base-category' given by a symmetric monoidal functor  $V \longrightarrow W$ ". Has someone else done the job after Kelly's book?

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