

Exercises on Yoneda's Lemma

(1) Let \mathcal{C} be a category, $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$ the category of contravariant functors $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$, $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Set})$ the category of covariant functors $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$. Show that $X \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, X)$ defines a full and faithful embedding $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$ and $X \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, -)$ \dashv $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Set})$.

(2) Let G be a finite group and \mathcal{C} a category with just one object $*$ and $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(*, *) = G$. Show that $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Set})$ are the left G -sets (sets with left G -action) and $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$ are the right G -action sets.

(a) Which G -sets correspond to $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, -)$ and to $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, X)$?

(b) Use (1) to prove Cayley's theorem: G is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\Sigma_{|G|}$ the symmetric group on $|G|$ elements.

(3) Let K be a field and A a K -algebra. Let \mathcal{C} be the category with one object $*$ and $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(*, *) = A$. Interpret functors $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow K\text{-Vect}$ or $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow K\text{-Vect}$ as A -modules. Which familiar statements are given by Yoneda's Lemma in this situation?

(4) Let K be a field and Q a quiver with KQ finite dimensional. View Q as a category with objects $Q_0 = \{1, \dots, n\}$ and paths as morphisms. What are functors $Q \rightarrow K\text{-Vect}$? And what does Yoneda's Lemma say in this situation?