Mathematical Semantics of Computer Systems, *MSCS* (4810-1168)
Handout for Lecture 8 (2014/12/15)

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Remember: we loosely follow [3], but it hardly serves as an introductory textbook. More beginner-friendly ones include [1, 4]; other classical textbooks include [5, 2]. nLab (`ncatlab.org`) is an excellent online information source.

1 Today's Goal

Familiarize yourself with the *Yoneda lemma*. Identify it as a category theory analogue of the *Cayley representation theorem*:

Theorem (Cayley). *Every group G is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\pi(|G|)$.*

2 Today's Agenda

2.1 Equivalence of Categories

Definition. Subcategory, faithful functor, full functor

Lemma. *Any functor preserves isomorphisms.*
A full and faithful functor reflects isomorphisms.

Definition. Equivalence of categories

Proposition. *Equivalence from a full, faithful and iso-dense functor.*

2.2 The Yoneda Lemma

Definition. Covariance, contravariance

Theorem (Yoneda). *The Yoneda lemma, the Yoneda embedding as a full and faithful functor*

Definition. end, coend

Theorem. *The Yoneda lemma, the (co)end form*

Lemma. *Ends as limits [5, Prop. IX.5.1]*

Lemma. *Homfunctors preserve (co)limits, hence also (co)ends*

3 Exercises

1. Formulate the "naturality" of the Yoneda correspondence

$$\mathrm{Nat}\big(\mathbb{C}(\_, X), F\big) \;\cong\; FX$$

and prove it.

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