

Mathematical Semantics of Computer Systems, *MSCS* (4810-1168)  
Handout for Lecture 7 (2016/11/14)

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## Part I: Adjunction (ctn'd)

### 1 Today's Agenda

#### 1.1 Limits and Colimit

**Definition.** Diagram, cone, cocone

**Definition.** Limit, colimit

**Proposition 1.** *Limits from products and equalizers*

**Corollary 1.** *Concrete presentation of (co)limits in Sets*

#### 1.2 Limits as Adjoints

**Definition.** Functor category

**Proposition 2.** *A limit gives rise to an adjunction.*

### 2 Exercises

1. Formulate and prove the following statement.

A right adjoint preserves limits.

2. Prove the following: in an adjunction  $F \dashv G$ ,  $G$  is faithful if and only if every component of the counit  $\varepsilon$  is an epi. [5, Thm. IV.3.1]

## Part II: the Yoneda Lemma

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](http://ncatlab.org)) is an excellent online information source.

### 3 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  $\pi(|G|)$ .*

## 4 Today's Agenda

### 4.1 Equivalence of Categories

**Definition.** Subcategory, faithful functor, full functor

**Lemma 1.** *Any functor preserves isomorphisms.  
A full and faithful functor reflects isomorphisms.*

**Definition.** Equivalence of categories

**Proposition 3.** *Equivalence from a full, faithful and iso-dense functor.*

### 4.2 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 2.** *Ends as limits [5, Prop. IX.5.1]*

**Lemma 3.** *Homfunctors preserve (co)limits, hence also (co)ends*

## 5 Exercises

1. Formulate the “naturality” of the Yoneda correspondence

$$\text{Nat}(\mathbb{C}(\_, X), F) \cong FX$$

and prove it.

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