

Exercise 1. Prove that all terminal \mathcal{C} -objects are isomorphic.

Proof. Let a and b be terminal \mathcal{C} -objects. Then the identity $\mathbf{1}_a: a \rightarrow a$ (resp. $\mathbf{1}_b: b \rightarrow b$) is the unique arrow $a \rightarrow a$ (resp. $b \rightarrow b$). Since a (resp. b) is terminal, there exists a unique arrow $j: b \rightarrow a$ (resp. $i: a \rightarrow b$). Then the composite arrow $j \circ i$ (resp. $i \circ j$) is an arrow from a to a (resp. b to b), and therefore equal to $\mathbf{1}_a$ (resp. $\mathbf{1}_b$). Therefore we have:

$$i \circ j = \mathbf{1}_b \qquad j \circ i = \mathbf{1}_a$$

which shows that a and b are isomorphic.

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