

Exercise 1.5.i Let $\phi : 0 \rightarrow 1$ be the single nonidentity morphism in **2**. Then consider the category $C \times \mathbf{2}$ and pick a morphism $f : x \rightarrow y$ in C . We have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (x, 0) & \xrightarrow{(\text{id}_x, \phi)} & (x, 1) \\ (f, \text{id}_0) \downarrow & \searrow (f, \phi) & \downarrow (f, \text{id}_1) \\ (y, 0) & \xrightarrow{(\text{id}_y, \phi)} & (y, 1) \end{array}$$

A quick check shows that this diagram commutes. Now apply H to $C \times \mathbf{2}$. Observe that because $F = Hi_0$, we have $H(f, \text{id}_0) = Ff$. Similarly for G , we have $H(f, \text{id}_1) = Gf$. Now because H is itself a single functor, it preserves compositions of morphisms. Hence the above square is lifted to D where it forms a naturality square for f for some natural transformation where $H(\text{id}_x, \phi)$ and $H(\text{id}_y, \phi)$ are the components.

Let \mathcal{H} be the set of all functors $C \times \mathbf{2} \rightarrow D$ that restrict along i_0 and i_1 to F and G and \mathcal{A} be the set of natural transformations from F to G . Observe then that applying H defines a function $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$.

We may now define \mathcal{F}^{-1} . For any $\alpha : F \Rightarrow G$, map the component α_x to (id_x, ϕ) . This is enough to define a particular functor in \mathcal{H} as the other mappings are constrained by F and G .

Hence $\mathcal{H} \cong \mathcal{A}$. ///

Exercise 1.5.iii Let the two isomorphisms be $g : a \rightarrow a'$ and $h : b \rightarrow b'$ and let the leftmost diagram define f' . Then $f' = hfg^{-1}$. Hence the second diagram commutes because $f'g = hf$, the third because $h^{-1}f' = fg^{-1}$, and the fourth because $h^{-1}f'g = f$. ///

Exercise 1.5.iv

- (i) Because F is fully faithful, $C(y, x) \cong D(Fy, Fx)$. Hence $(Ff)^{-1}$ has a preimage in C , say g . Thus $Ff \circ Fg = \text{id}_y = F(fg) = F\text{id}_y$. Hence $fg = \text{id}_y$. Similar reasoning shows that $gf = \text{id}_x$. Therefore f is an isomorphism. ///
- (ii) Because F is fully faithful, we know that for any $x, y \in C$, $C(x, y) \cong D(Fx, Fy)$. There is at least one morphism in $D(Fx, Fy)$, namely the isomorphism Ff . Thus there is a morphism $f \in C(x, y)$. Now apply (i) to see that f is an isomorphism so $x \cong y$. ///

Exercise 1.5.ix Theorem 1.5.9 says that a functor defining an equivalence of categories is fully faithful. Hence, for a category to be equivalent to a locally small category, the hom sets of each category must be isomorphic. Sets are only isomorphic to other sets; therefore the equivalent category is also locally small. ///

Exercise 1.5.xi Consider the inclusion $\text{Ab} \rightarrow \text{Group}$. It is fully faithful because the hom sets between abelian groups are the same in each category. It is not essentially surjective because nonabelian groups are not isomorphic to abelian groups. ///