

1. Consider the morphism  $f : x \rightarrow y$ . Show that if there exists a pair of morphisms  $g, h : y \rightarrow x$  so that  $fg = 1_x$  and  $hf = 1_y$ , then  $g = h$  and  $f$  is an isomorphism.

Let  $y_0 \in y$ .

Note that:  $(hf)g(y_0) = h(fg)(y_0)$

$$\Leftrightarrow g(hf(y_0)) = (fg)(h(y_0))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g(y_0) = h(y_0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g = h$$

Since  $g = h$ , the initial conditions become  $fg = 1_x$  and  $gf = 1_y$ , so  $f$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$

2. For any category  $\mathcal{C}$  and any object  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ , show that there is a category  $\mathcal{C}/c$  whose objects are morphisms with codomain  $c$  and morphism from  $f : x \rightarrow c$  to  $g : y \rightarrow c$  is a map  $h : x \rightarrow y$  so that  $f = gh$ .

Let  $f, g, h$  be objects in  $\mathcal{C}/c$  and  $f : x \rightarrow c$ ,  $g : y \rightarrow c$ ,  $h : z \rightarrow c$ .

Let  $k, l$  be morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}/c$  and  $k : x \rightarrow y$ ,  $l : y \rightarrow z$ .

Since the set of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}/c$  is a subset of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$ , it is associative.

To compose  $k$  and  $l$ , by substituting  $g = lh$  into  $kg = f$ , it becomes  $k(lh) = f$ . By associativity, it follows that  $(kl)h = f$ , so  $kl$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{C}/c$ , and  $kl : x \rightarrow z$ .

For any object  $f : x \rightarrow c$ , the identity morphism of  $f$  is the morphism  $1_f : x \rightarrow x$ . Also, in  $\mathcal{C}$ , the identity morphism of object  $x$  is the morphism  $1_x : x \rightarrow x$ . So  $1_f = 1_x$ .

So for any morphism  $k : f \rightarrow g; x \mapsto y$ , the composition morphism  $1_f k = 1_x k = k$ . Similarly, the composition morphism  $k 1_g = k 1_y = k$ .

So  $\mathcal{C}/c$  forms a category.  $\square$