

AGNT Essentials - problems set 1

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Problem 1 Let $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a functor.

- (a) Suppose that F is an equivalence. Prove that F is fully faithful and essentially surjective on objects.
- (b) Now suppose instead that F is fully faithful and essentially surjective on objects. For each $B \in \mathcal{B}$ choose an object $G(B)$ of \mathcal{A} and an isomorphism $\epsilon_B : F(G(B)) \rightarrow B$. Prove that G extends to a functor in such a way that $(\epsilon_B)_{(B \in \mathcal{B})}$ is a natural isomorphism $FG \Rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{B}}$. Then construct a natural isomorphism $1_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow GF$, thus proving that F is an equivalence.

Problem 2 Show that equivalence of categories is an equivalence relation.

Problem 3

- (a) Give an example of a category **not** isomorphic to its opposite.
- (b) Give an example of a category isomorphic to its opposite

Problem 4 Give three examples of categories so that none of them is equivalent to any other.

Problem 5 Why is it that the analog construction of Russell's Paradox does not lead to a contradiction in Category Theory?