

# The Cayley Representation Theorem, Version 1

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We must argue that  $h(m) = h(n)$  implies that  $m = n$  in  $M$ . In other words, we must argue that if  $h(m) = \lambda_m(x)$  and  $h(n) = \lambda_n(x)$  are equal as functions, then  $m = n$ . In the contrapositive form, we must show that if  $m \neq n$ , then  $\lambda_m(x)$  and  $\lambda_n(x)$  are NOT the same function; i.e., they disagree on some  $x$ .

**Subclaim.** If  $m \neq n$ , then  $\lambda_m(x)$  and  $\lambda_n(x)$  are different functions. In fact, they disagree at the element  $x = 1$ .

*Proof of Subclaim:* Assume that  $m \neq n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_m(1) &= m \circ 1 && \text{(Definition of } \lambda_m\text{)} \\ &= m && \text{(Right Identity Law)} \\ &\neq n && \text{(Initial Assumption)} \\ &= n \circ 1 && \text{(Right Identity Law)} \\ &= \lambda_n(1). && \text{(Definition of } \lambda_n\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

This argument depends on the Right Identity Law.  $\square$

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