

Problem 4: \curvearrowright -Actions - Solution

We note that there is a bijection between intertwiners $f : G \rightarrow X$ and elements of X . Let us denote the set of intertwiners by $\text{Hom}_G(G, X)$. Then, we have the following maps

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hom}_G(G, X) &\rightarrow X \\ f &\mapsto f(e)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}X &\rightarrow \text{Hom}_G(G, X) \\ x &\mapsto f_x : G \rightarrow X\end{aligned}$$

with $f_x(g) = gx$. Note $f_x(hg) = hgx = hf_x(g)$, so f_x is an intertwiner and $x \mapsto f_x \mapsto f_x(e) = x$ and $\alpha \mapsto \alpha(e) \mapsto f_{\alpha(e)}$. But $f_{\alpha(e)}(g) = g\alpha(e) = \alpha(g)$. So indeed a bijection. Thus, we just have to print the size of X . This is actually a corollary of the Yoneda lemma where we view a group as a category with 1 point.