

# 1 Preliminaries

## 1.1 Basics

**Proposition 1.** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

1. The map  $f$  is injective if and only if  $f$  has a left inverse.
2. The map  $f$  is surjective if and only if  $f$  has a right inverse.
3. The map  $f$  is a bijection if and only if there exist  $g: B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f \circ g$  is the identity map on  $B$  and  $g \circ f$  is the identity map on  $A$ .
4. If  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets with the same number of elements the  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is bijective if and only if  $f$  is injective if and only if  $f$  is surjective.

**Proposition 2.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty set.

1. If  $\sim$  defines an equivalence relation on  $A$  then the set of equivalence classes of  $\sim$  form a partition of  $A$ .
2. If  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a partition of  $A$  then there is an equivalence relation on  $A$  whose equivalence classes are precisely the sets  $A_i, i \in I$