

# Function Problems

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## Problem 1

**a**

If  $f$  and  $g$  are decreasing functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  then their composition  $g \circ f$  is not necessarily decreasing. For example, let  $f(x) = -x$  and  $g(x) = -x$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are decreasing functions, but  $g \circ f = -(-x) = x$  is not decreasing.

**b**

If  $f$  and  $g$  are decreasing functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  then their composition is always increasing as if we consider  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x_1 < x_2$ , then  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$  and  $g(f(x_1)) < g(f(x_2))$  due to the fact that  $g$  is decreasing. Hence,  $g \circ f$  is increasing.

**c**

If  $f$  and  $g$  are increasing functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  then their pointwise sum  $f + g$  is always increasing as if we consider  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x_1 < x_2$ , then  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$  and  $g(x_1) < g(x_2)$  due to the fact that  $f$  and  $g$  are increasing. Hence,  $f(x_1) + g(x_1) < f(x_2) + g(x_2)$  and  $f + g$  is increasing.

**d**

If  $f$  and  $g$  are increasing functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  then their pointwise product  $f \cdot g$  is not necessarily increasing. For example, let  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are increasing functions, but  $f \cdot g = x^2$  is not increasing for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## Problem 2

**a**

Let  $r : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be given by the rule  $r(a, b) = 2^{a-1}(2b - 1)$ . Prove that  $r$  is one-to-one and onto  $\mathbb{N}$  (a bijection).

### One-to-one

Need:  $(\forall a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{N}) [r(a_1, b_1) = r(a_2, b_2) \Rightarrow (a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2)]$   
Let  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $r(a_1, b_1) = r(a_2, b_2)$ . Then  $2^{a_1-1}(2b_1-1) = 2^{a_2-1}(2b_2-1)$ . Since  $2^{a_1-1}$  and  $2^{a_2-1}$  are both powers of 2, they are both positive and non-zero. Hence, we can divide both sides of the equation by  $2^{a_1-1}$  to get  $(2b_1-1) = 2^{a_2-a_1}(2b_2-1)$ . Since  $2b_1-1$  and  $2b_2-1$  are both odd and non-zero, we can divide both sides of the equation by  $2b_2-1$  to get  $\frac{2b_1-1}{2b_2-1} = 2^{a_2-a_1}$ . Since the left side is a fraction with odd numerator and denominator, it must also be odd. But the right side is a power of 2, so the only way for the equation to hold is if  $a_2 - a_1 = 0$  and  $2b_1 - 1 = 2b_2 - 1$ . Hence,  $a_1 = a_2$  and  $b_1 = b_2$  and  $r$  is one-to-one.

### Onto

Need:  $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) (\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}) r(a, b) = n$   
Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $n$  be written in prime facortization form. That is,  $n$  is the product of some powers of primes. The even primes, which is only 2, can be contributed by the term  $2^{a-1}$  and all the other odd primes can be contributed by the term  $2b-1$  as the product of odd numbers is always odd. Hence,  $r$  is onto.

### b

Let  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow 8\mathbb{N}$  be given by the rule  $g(m, n) = 2^{m+2}(2n-1)$ . Prove that  $r$  is one-to-one and onto  $\mathbb{N}$  (a bijection).

### One-to-One

Need:  $(\forall m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}) [g(m_1, n_1) = g(m_2, n_2) \Rightarrow (m_1, n_1) = (m_2, n_2)]$   
Let  $m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g(m_1, n_1) = g(m_2, n_2)$ . Then  $2^{m_1+2}(2n_1-1) = 2^{m_2+2}(2n_2-1)$ . We can then divide both sides by 8 to get  $2^{m_1-1}(2n_1-1) = 2^{m_2-1}(2n_2-1)$ . This leads to a proof that is identical to the one in part a, so  $g$  is one-to-one.

### Onto

Need:  $(\forall k \in 8\mathbb{N}) (\exists m, n \in \mathbb{N}) g(m, n) = k$   
Let  $n \in 8\mathbb{N}$ . Then  $k$  be written in prime facortization form times 8. That is,  $k$  is a product of 8 times a series of primes. After factoring out 8 from  $2^{m+2}$  we get  $2^{m-1}$  thus resulting in a identical proof to the one in part a, so  $g$  is onto.

## Problem 3

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  For each subproblem, describe a codomain  $B$  and a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$

**a**

one-to-one but not onto

Let  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be given by the rule  $f(x) = x$ . Then  $f$  is one-to-one but not onto.

**b**

onto  $B$  but not one-to-one Let  $B = \{0\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be given by the rule  $f(x) = 0$ . Then  $f$  is onto but not one-to-one.

**c**

both one-to-one and onto Let  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be given by the rule  $f(x) = x$ . Then  $f$  is both one-to-one and onto.

**d**

neither one-to-one nor onto Let  $B = \{0, 1\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be given by the rule  $f(x) = 0$ . Then  $f$  is neither one-to-one nor onto.

## Problem 4

Find nonempty sets  $A, B, C$  and functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  for the following questions

**a**

$f$  is onto but  $g \circ f$  is not onto.

$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{1, 2\}, C = \{1, 2\}$  where  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is given by the rule  $f(x) = x$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is given by the rule  $g(x) = 1$ . Then  $f$  is onto but  $g \circ f$  is not onto.

**b**

$g$  is onto but  $g \circ f$  is not onto.

$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{1, 2\}, C = \{1, 2\}$  where  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is given by the rule  $f(x) = 1$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is given by the rule  $g(x) = x$ . Then  $g$  is onto but  $g \circ f$  is not onto.

**c**

$g \circ f$  is onto but  $f$  is not onto.

$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{1, 2, 3\}, C = \{1\}$  where  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is given by the rule  $f(x) = x$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is given by the rule  $g(x) = 1$ . Then  $g \circ f$  is onto but  $f$  is not onto.

**d**

$f$  is 1-1 but  $g \circ f$  is not 1-1.

$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{1, 2\}, C = \{1\}$  where  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is given by the rule  $f(x) = x$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is given by the rule  $g(x) = 1$  Then  $f$  is 1-1 but  $g \circ f$  is not 1-1.

**e**

$g$  is 1-1 but  $g \circ f$  is not 1-1.

$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{1, 2\}, C = \{1, 2\}$  where  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is given by the rule  $f(x) = 1$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is given by the rule  $g(x) = x$  Then  $g$  is 1-1 but  $g \circ f$  is not 1-1.

**f**

$g \circ f$  is 1-1 but  $g$  is not 1-1.

$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{1, 2, 3\}, C = \{1, 2\}$  where  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is given by the rule  $f(x) = x$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is given by the rule  $g(x) = x$  for  $x \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $g(x) = 1$  for  $x = 3$  Then  $g \circ f$  is 1-1 but  $g$  is not 1-1.

## Problem 5

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be 1-1 functions. Prove that  $g \circ f$  is also 1-1.

### Proof

Suppose:  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are 1-1 functions.

Need:  $g \circ f$  is 1-1.

In other words:  $(\forall a_1, a_2 \in A)[g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2)) \rightarrow a_1 = a_2]$

Proof: Let  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  such that  $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$ . Since  $g$  is 1-1 then  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ . Since  $f$  is 1-1 then  $a_1 = a_2$  as desired. Hence,  $g \circ f$  is 1-1.

## Problem 6

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be onto functions. Prove that  $g \circ f$  is also onto.

### Proof

Suppose:  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are onto functions.

Need:  $g \circ f$  is onto.

In other words:  $(\forall z \in C)(\exists x \in A)[g(f(x)) = z]$

Proof: Let  $z \in C$ , since  $g$  is onto  $C$  then  $(\exists y \in B)[g(y) = z]$ . Since  $f$  is onto  $B$  then  $(\exists x \in A)[f(x) = y]$  as desired. Hence,  $g(f(x)) = z$  and  $g \circ f$  is onto.

## Problem 7

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be functions. Assume  $g \circ f$  is one to one. Prove that  $f$  is one to one.

### Proof

Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are functions.

Assume  $g \circ f$  is one to one.

Need:  $f$  is one to one.

In other words:  $(\forall a_1, a_2 \in A)[f(a_1) = f(a_2) \rightarrow a_1 = a_2]$

Proof: Let  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  such that  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ . Composing  $g$  to both sides gives  $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is one to one, then  $a_1 = a_2$  as desired.

## Problem 8

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be functions. Assume  $g \circ f$  is onto. Prove that  $g$  is onto.

### Proof

Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  Assume:  $g \circ f$  is onto.

Need:  $g$  is onto.

In other words:  $(\forall z \in C)(\exists y \in B)[g(y) = z]$

Proof: Let  $z \in C$  then since  $g \circ f$  is onto then  $\exists x \in A$  such that  $g(f(x)) = z$ .

Let  $y := f(x)$ , clearly  $y \in B$  and  $g(y) = g(f(x)) = z$  as desired. Hence,  $g$  is onto.

## Problem 9

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be functions satisfying  $g \circ f = I_A$ .

**a**

Prove that if  $f$  is onto then  $f \circ g = I_B$ .

### Proof

Suppose:  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  Assume  $g \circ f = I_A$ . and  $f$  is onto

Need  $f \circ g = I_B$

In other words:  $(\forall b \in B)[f(g(b)) = b]$

Proof: since  $g \circ f = I_A$  we can say that  $f$  is one to one. Since  $f$  is onto and one to one then  $f$  is invertible (Main Theorem). Since  $f$  is invertible then it is both right and left invertible. By definition of right invertibility,  $f \circ g = I_B$  as desired.

**b**

Prove that if  $g$  is 1-1 then  $f \circ g = I_B$ .

**Proof**

Suppose:  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  Assume  $g \circ f = I_A$ . and  $g$  is 1-1

Need  $f \circ g = I_B$

Proof: Since  $g \circ f = I_A$  then  $g$  is onto. Since  $g$  is 1-1 and onto then  $g$  is invertible (Main Theorem). Since  $g$  is invertible then it is both right and left invertable.

By definition of left invertibility,  $f \circ g = I_B$  as desired.

**c**

Prove by example that  $g \circ f = I_A$  alone doesnt imply  $f \circ g = I_B$

**Proof**

Let  $A = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $B = \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be given by the rule  $f(x) = -\sqrt{x}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be given by the rule  $g(x) = x^2$ . Then  $g \circ f = I_A$  but  $f \circ g = I_B$  is not true.

**d**

(Optional) Can you find such an example with  $A = B$

**Proof**

It is not possible as if  $A = B$  that means  $A$  and  $B$  have the same elements. And since  $f \circ g \neq I_B$  that imply that  $f$  is not onto but for two sets to be equal, the functions must be 1-1 and onto (definition of Cardinality). Hence, it is not possible to find such an example with  $A = B$ .

## Problem 10

Suppose  $A, B, C, D$  are nonempty sets and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is 1-1 function. For each of the following two claims, prove it or give a specific counterexample (In a counterexample you may choose your  $A, B, C, D, g$ .)

**a**

For any two function  $f_1 : A \rightarrow B$  and  $f_2 : A \rightarrow B$ , if  $g \circ f_1 = g \circ f_2$  then  $f_1 = f_2$ .

**Proof**

Suppose:  $A, B$  are nonempty sets and  $f_1 : A \rightarrow B$  and  $f_2 : A \rightarrow B$  are functions.

Assume  $g \circ f_1 = g \circ f_2$

Need  $f_1 = f_2$

Suppose  $a \in A$  need  $f_1(a) = f_2(a)$

Since  $g$  is 1-1 then  $g(f_1(a)) = g(f_2(a))$  then  $f_1(a) = f_2(a)$  as desired

**b**

For any two function  $h_1 : C \rightarrow D$  and  $h_2 : C \rightarrow D$ , if  $h_1 \circ g = h_2 \circ g$  then  $h_1 = h_2$ .

**Proof**

Suppose  $C, D$  are nonempty sets and  $h_1 : C \rightarrow D$  and  $h_2 : C \rightarrow D$  are functions.

Assume  $h_1 \circ g = h_2 \circ g$

Need  $h_1 = h_2$

Proof: This is not true as we can take  $B = \{1\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $D = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be given by the rule  $g(x) = 1$  and  $h_1 : C \rightarrow D$  be given by the rule  $h_1(x) = x$  and  $h_2 : C \rightarrow D$  be given by the rule  $h_2(x) = x$  for  $x \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $h_2(3) = 4$  and  $h_2(4) = 3$ . Then  $h_1 \circ g = h_2 \circ g$  but  $h_1 \neq h_2$ .

**Problem 11****a**

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be 1-1 and onto, and let  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be a function. Prove that  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$  iff  $f \circ g = I_B$

**Proof**

Suppose  $A, B$  are nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is 1-1 and onto and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  is a function.

Need:  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$  iff  $f \circ g = I_B$

**Part I**

Need:  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$  implies  $f \circ g = I_B$

Suppose  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$ . Need  $f \circ g = I_B$

Proof: Since  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$  then  $f \circ g = I_B$  by definition of inverse.

**Part II**

Need:  $f \circ g = I_A$  implies  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$

Suppose  $f \circ g = I_B$

Need:  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$

Proof: Since  $f$  is 1-1 and onto then  $f$  is invertible (Main Theorem). Since  $f \circ g = I_B$  then  $g$  is an inverse of  $f$ . Since  $f$  is invertible then there is only one inverse of  $f$  and since  $g$  is an inverse of  $f$  then  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$  as desired.

**b**

## Problem 12

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  a function. Assume there exists a function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g \circ f = I_A$ . Prove that  $f$  is 1-1.

### Proof

Suppose:  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  a function.

Assume there exists a function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g \circ f = I_A$

Need  $f$  is 1-1

In other words:  $(\forall a_1, a_2 \in A)[f(a_1) = f(a_2) \rightarrow a_1 = a_2]$

Proof: Let  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  such that  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ . Then if we compose  $g$  with both sides of the equation we get  $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$ . Since  $g \circ f = I_A$  then  $a_1 = a_2$  as desired. Hence,  $f$  is 1-1.

## Problem 13

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  a function. Assume there exists a function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f \circ g = I_B$ . Prove that  $f$  is onto.

### Proof

Suppose:  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  a function.

Assume there exists a function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f \circ g = I_B$

Need  $f$  is onto

That is:  $(\forall y \in B)(\exists x \in A)[f(x) = y]$

Proof: Let  $y \in B$  and define  $x := g(y)$  then  $f(x) = f(g(y)) = (f \circ g)(y) = I_B(y) = y$  as desired. Hence,  $f$  is onto.

## Problem 14

Find an example of a function which has more than one left inverse. Do the same for right inverses.

**a**

Find two nonempty sets  $A$  and  $B$  and a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  which has more than one left inverse.



**Proof**

Need:  $f : A \rightarrow B$  which has more than one left inverse.

In other words: Need two functions  $g : B \rightarrow A$  and  $h : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g \circ f = I_A$  and  $h \circ f = I_A$  and  $g \neq h$

Proof: Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be given by the rule  $f(x) = x$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be given by the rule  $g(x) = x$  for  $x \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $g(3) = 1$  and  $h : B \rightarrow A$  be given by the rule  $h(x) = x$  for  $x \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $h(3) = 2$ . Then  $g \circ f = I_A$  and  $h \circ f = I_A$  and  $g \neq h$  as desired.

**b**

Find two nonempty sets  $A$  and  $B$  and a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  which has more than one right inverse.

**Proof**

Let  $A = \mathbb{R}$  and  $B = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be given by the rule  $f(x) = x^2$ . and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be given by the rule  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $h : B \rightarrow A$  be given by the rule  $h(x) = -\sqrt{x}$ . Then  $f \circ g = I_B$  and  $f \circ h = I_B$  and  $g \neq h$  as desired.

**Problem 15**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be functions. Prove that if  $g \circ f = I_A$  is equivalent to  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \rightarrow g(y) = x]$

**Proof****Part I**

Need:  $g \circ f = I_A$  implies  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \rightarrow g(y) = x]$

Suppose:  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be functions.

Assume:  $g \circ f = I_A$

Need:  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \rightarrow g(y) = x]$

Assume:  $f(x) = y$

Proof: Let  $x \in A$  then  $f(x) = y$ , then  $g(y) = g(f(x)) = I_A(x) = x$  as desired.

**Part II**

Need  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \rightarrow g(y) = x]$  implies  $g \circ f = I_A$

Suppose:  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be functions.

Assume:  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \rightarrow g(y) = x]$

Need:  $g \circ f = I_A$

In other words  $(\forall x \in A)[g(f(x)) = x]$

Proof: Let  $x \in A$  then  $g(y) = x$  then substituting  $f(x) = y$  then  $g(f(x)) = x$  as desired.

## Problem 16

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be functions. Prove that  $f \circ g = I_B$  is equivalent to  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \leftarrow g(y) = x]$

### Proof

#### Part I

Need:  $f \circ g = I_B$  implies  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \leftarrow g(y) = x]$

Suppose:  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be functions.

Assume  $f \circ g = I_B$

Need  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \leftarrow g(y) = x]$

Proof: Let  $y \in B$  then  $g(y) = x$  then  $f(x) = f(g(y)) = I_B(y) = y$  as desired.

#### Part II

Need  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \leftarrow g(y) = x]$  implies  $f \circ g = I_B$

Suppose:  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be functions.

Assume:  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \leftarrow g(y) = x]$

Need:  $f \circ g = I_B$

In other words:  $(\forall y \in B)[f(g(y)) = y]$

Proof: Let  $y \in B$  then  $f(x) = y$  then substituting  $g(y) = x$  then  $f(g(y)) = y$  as desired.

## Problem 17

Let  $A, B, C$  be nonempty sets, and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be invertible functions. Show that  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  is also invertible and that  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$ .

### Proof

Suppose:  $A, B, C$  are nonempty sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are invertible functions.

Need to show that:  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$

That is we need to show that  $(g \circ f) \circ (g \circ f)^{-1} = I_C$  and  $(g \circ f)^{-1} \circ (g \circ f) = I_A$

**Part I**

Need:  $(g \circ f) \circ (g \circ f)^{-1} = I_C$

Proof:  $(g \circ f) \circ (g \circ f)^{-1} = (g \circ f) \circ (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}) = g \circ (f \circ f^{-1}) \circ g^{-1} = g \circ I_B \circ g^{-1} = g \circ g^{-1} = I_C$  as desired.

**Part II**

Need:  $(g \circ f)^{-1} \circ (g \circ f) = I_A$

Proof:  $(g \circ f)^{-1} \circ (g \circ f) = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}) \circ (g \circ f) = f^{-1} \circ (g^{-1} \circ g) \circ f = f^{-1} \circ I_B \circ f = f^{-1} \circ f = I_A$  as desired.

**Problem 18**

Let  $A, B, C, D$  be nonempty sets, and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  and  $h : C \rightarrow D$  be functions. Show that  $h \circ g \circ f : A \rightarrow D$  is also invertible and that  $(h \circ g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} \circ h^{-1}$ .

**Proof**

Suppose:  $A, B, C, D$  are nonempty sets, and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  and  $h : C \rightarrow D$  are functions that are all invertible.

Need to show that:  $h \circ g \circ f$  is invertible and  $(h \circ g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} \circ h^{-1}$

**Part I**

Need:  $h \circ g \circ f$  is invertible

Proof: Since  $f, g, h$  are all invertible then we can compose to create the functions to get  $h \circ g \circ f$ . Then we can compose the inverses of the functions "in reverse order"  $(f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} \circ h^{-1})$  to get the inverse of  $h \circ g \circ f$  as desired as  $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} \circ h^{-1} \circ h \circ g \circ f = I_A$  and  $h \circ g \circ f \circ f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} \circ h^{-1} = I_D$ .

**Part II**

Given:  $(h \circ g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} \circ h^{-1}$

We need to show that  $(h \circ g \circ f) \circ (h \circ g \circ f)^{-1} = I_D$  and  $(h \circ g \circ f)^{-1} \circ (h \circ g \circ f) = I_A$  in order to prove that  $(h \circ g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} \circ h^{-1}$  and it is invertible.

**Subpart I**

Need  $(h \circ g \circ f) \circ (h \circ g \circ f)^{-1} = I_D$

### Subpart II

Need  $(h \circ g \circ f)^{-1} \circ (h \circ g \circ f) = I_A$

## Extra Problems

### Problem 1

Let  $A, B$  be nonempty sets,  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . If  $f$  is one to one, then  $f$  has a left inverse.

#### Proof

Suppose:  $A, B$  are nonempty sets,  $f : A \rightarrow B$ .

Assume  $f$  is one to one.

Need:  $f$  has a left inverse.

In other words, need:  $(\exists g : B \rightarrow A)(g(f(x)) = x)$

Proof: Let  $y \in B$ , since  $f$  is one to one then  $(\exists! x \in A)[f(x) = y]$ . Let define  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g(y) := x$ . We can prove that  $g(f(x)) = x$  due to the fact  $g(y) = g(f(x)) = x$  as desired. Hence,  $f$  has a left inverse.

### Problem 2

Let  $A, B$  be nonempty sets,  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . If  $f$  is onto, then  $f$  has a right inverse.

#### Proof

Suppose  $A, B$  are nonempty sets,  $f : A \rightarrow B$ .

Assume  $f$  is onto.

Need:  $f$  has a right inverse.

In other words, need:  $(\exists g : B \rightarrow A)(f(g(y)) = y)$

Proof: Let  $y \in B$ , since  $f$  is onto then  $y$  is always in the range of  $f$  then we can define  $g(y)$  to be an element of the preimage set of  $y$ . We can call this element  $t$  and  $g(y) = t$  such that  $f(t) = y$

We need to prove that  $f \circ g(y) = y$ , by definition of  $g(y) = t$  we have that  $f(g(y)) = y$

### Problem 3

If  $g \circ f = I_B$  then  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \rightarrow g(y) = x]$

## Proof

Suppose:  $A, B$  are nonempty sets,  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$

Assume:  $g \circ f = I_B$

Need:  $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)[f(x) = y \rightarrow g(y) = x]$

Proof: Let  $y \in B$  and  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Then  $g(y) = g(f(x)) = I_B(x) = x$  as desired.

## Problem 4

### Definitons

#### Domain

$A$  is the domain of  $f$  if  $A$  is a nonempty set such that  $\{x : \exists y \in B(f(x) = y)\}$

The set of all  $x$ 's which relate to at least one  $y$  in  $B$ .

#### Range

$C$  is the Range of  $f$  if  $C$  is a nonempty set such that  $\{y : \exists x \in A(f(x) = y)\}$

The set of all  $y$ 's to which at least one  $x$  relates to in  $A$ .

#### Codomain

Codomain is a superset of the range of  $f$

#### One-to-One

$(\forall x_1, x_2 \in A)(f(x_1) = f(x_2) \rightarrow x_1 = x_2)$

#### Onto

$(\forall y \in B)(\exists x \in A)[f(x) = y]$

#### Bijection

Both 1-1 and Onto

#### Left Inverse

$g$  is a left inverse of  $f$  if  $g \circ f = I_A$

#### Right Inverse

$g$  is a right inverse of  $f$  if  $f \circ g = I_B$

## **Inverse**

$g$  is an (unique) inverse of  $f$  if  $g \circ f = I_A$  and  $f \circ g = I_B$

## **Left Invertible**

$f$  is left invertible if there exists a left inverse of  $f$

## **Right Invertible**

$f$  is right invertible if there exists a right inverse of  $f$

## **Invertible**

$f$  is invertible if there exists a unique inverse of  $f$  that is both left and right inverses of  $f$

## **Main Theorem**

A function is invertible if and only if it is both one-to-one and onto.

## **Images**

The image of  $X$  under  $f$  is defined as all of the  $f(x)$  such that  $x \in X$   
In otherwords:  $\{y \in B : \exists x \in A(f(x) = y)\}$

## **Preimages**

The preimage of  $Y$  under  $f$  is defined as all of the  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) \in Y$   
In otherwords:  $\{x \in A : f(x) \in Y\}$

## **Composition**

The composition of two functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is defined as  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  such that  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$