

**Theorem (2.3.66).** *Let  $f$  be the invertible function  $f : Y \Longrightarrow Z$ , and let  $g$  be the invertible function  $g : X \Longrightarrow Y$ . The inverse of the composition  $f \circ g$  is given by  $(f \circ g)^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.3.29a and Theorem 2.3.29b, and by the definition for bijective functions,  $f \circ g$  is invertible. Thus,  $(f \circ g)^{-1} \circ (f \circ g) = \iota_X$ .

What remains to be determined is whether  $(g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}) \circ (f \circ g) = \iota_X$ . Let  $x$  be an element in the domain of  $g$  such that  $((g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}) \circ (f \circ g))(x) = x$ . By the definition for the composition of functions, that is  $g^{-1}(f^{-1}(f(g(x)))) = x$ . Clearly,  $(g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}) \circ (f \circ g) = \iota_X$ .

Thus, the inverse of the composition  $f \circ g$  is indeed given by  $(f \circ g)^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$ . ■