

**Theorem (2.3.29a).** *Let  $f$  be a function  $f : B \implies C$ , and let  $g$  be a function  $g : A \implies B$ . If both  $f$  and  $g$  are injective, then  $f \circ g$  is injective.*

*Proof.* By the contrapositive. Let the domain of discourse be  $A$ . Suppose it were not the case that  $(f \circ g)$  were injective. Then by the definition for injective functions, the following universally quantified statement is true,  $\neg \forall a \forall b ((f \circ g)(a) = (f \circ g)(b) \implies (a = b))$ . Note that the composition of functions  $(f \circ g)(x)$  is defined by  $f(g(x))$ . Thus, we have the equivalent universal quantification  $\neg \forall a \forall b (f(g(a)) = f(g(b)) \implies (a = b))$ . In other words, it is not the case that  $f$  is injective, by the definition for injective functions. Also, because  $f = f$ ,  $\neg \forall a \forall b (g(a) = g(b) \implies (a = b))$  is a logically equivalent universal quantification. That is, it is not the case that  $g$  is injective, by the definition for injective functions. Since the contrapositive follows directly from the negation of the conclusion, it is necessarily the case that if both  $f$  and  $g$  are injective, then  $f \circ g$  is injective. ■