

MATH 113: DISCRETE STRUCTURES
HOMEWORK 06

Due: Wednesday, February 11.

Problem 1. Let A, B be nonempty sets and let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function. Show that a function $g: B \rightarrow A$ such that $g \circ f = \text{id}_A$ exists if and only if f is injective. (Note that this is an “if and only if” proof. So there will be two parts to your proof: first suppose there is a function g with the stated properties, and show that it follows that f is injective; next, suppose that f is injective, and use that to prove that the appropriate function g exists. For this last part you need to construct the function g .)

Problem 2. Let A be a nonempty finite set, let $E \subseteq 2^A$ be the collection of subsets of A of even cardinality, and let $O \subseteq 2^A$ be the collection of subsets of A of odd cardinality. Create an explicit bijective function $f: E \rightarrow O$ and conclude that $|E| = |O| = 2^{|A|-1}$. (You should define f by giving an explicit procedure one can perform to turn an element of E into an element of O . You should prove that f is bijective either by exhibiting a two-sided inverse, or by proving that f is injective and surjective.)