

Problem Set 14

Due: Monday, April 6th

Instructions: Answer each of the following questions and provide a justification for your answer. In addition to the points assigned below, you will receive 0-2 writing points for the entire problem set.

1. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be functions. Assume that f and g are both injective functions. Either prove that $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is always injective, or provide a counter-example.
2. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be functions. Assume that f and g are both surjective functions. Either prove that $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is always surjective, or provide a counter-example.
3. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be functions. Assume that f is a surjective function and g is an injective function.
 - (a) Either prove that $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is always injective, or provide a counter-example.
 - (b) Either prove that $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is always surjective, or provide a counter-example.
4. Create functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ such that g is **not** injective, but $g \circ f$ **is** injective.
5. Describe a bijection between the set of natural numbers \mathbb{N} and the set of square numbers. Make sure you prove that you are actually describing a function (so for any given element you need to be able to describe where it is sent) and that you argue why it is injective and surjective.
6. Suppose that $|\mathbb{N}| = |A| = |B|$. Prove that $|\mathbb{N}| = |A \cup B|$.
7. Describe a bijection between the set of natural numbers \mathbb{N} and $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$. Make sure you prove that you are actually describing a function (so for any given element you need to be able to describe where it is sent) and that you argue why it is injective and surjective.