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Categories

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1. (a) First we show the category is closed under composition.

Let $R : A \rightarrow B, S : B \rightarrow C$.

$$S \circ R = \{ \langle a, c \rangle \in A \times C : \exists b (\langle a, b \rangle \in R \ \& \ \langle b, c \rangle \in S) \} \subseteq A \times C$$

Thus $S \circ R$ is an arrow in the category **Rel**.

Next we verify that the left and right identities are valid.

$$\begin{aligned} 1_B \circ R &= \{ \langle a, b_2 \rangle \in A \times B : \exists b_1 (\langle a, b_1 \rangle \in R \ \& \ \langle b_1, b_2 \rangle \in 1_B) \} \\ &= \{ \langle a, b_2 \rangle \in A \times B : \exists b_1 (\langle a, b_1 \rangle \in R \ \& \ b_1 = b_2) \} \\ &= \{ \langle a, b \rangle \in A \times B : \exists b (\langle a, b \rangle \in R) \} \\ &= R \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S \circ 1_B &= \{ \langle b_2, c \rangle \in B \times C : \exists b_1 (\langle b_2, b_1 \rangle \in 1_B \ \& \ \langle b_1, c \rangle \in S) \} \\ &= \{ \langle b_2, c \rangle \in B \times C : \exists b_1 (b_2 = b_1 \ \& \ \langle b_1, c \rangle \in S) \} \\ &= \{ \langle b, c \rangle \in B \times C : \exists b (\langle b, c \rangle \in S) \} \\ &= S \end{aligned}$$

(b)