

## INTRODUCTION TO ABSTRACT MATHEMATICS FALL 2013

## Assignment 10.2 Due November 15

**Exercise 1.** Let  $f: A \to B$  and  $g: B \to C$ . Recall that this means f and g are relations, and in a previous exercise we defined the composition  $g \circ f$  of any two relations. We also prove that if f and g are functions, then so is  $g \circ f: A \to C$ .

- **a.** Show that if f and g are both injective, so is  $g \circ f$ .
- **b.** Show that if f and g are both surjective, so is  $g \circ f$ .
- **c.** Show that if f and g are both bijective, so is  $g \circ f$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $f : A \to B$  be a function. Show that if f is invertible (i.e.  $f^{-1} : B \to A$  is also a function, then

$$f \circ f^{-1} = \operatorname{Id}_B$$
 and  $f^{-1} \circ f = \operatorname{Id}_A$ ,

where for any set X,  $Id_X : X \to X$  is the function defined by  $Id_X(x) = x$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $f : A \to B$  be a function.

- **a.** Show that f is injective if and only if there exists a function  $g : B \to A$  so that  $g \circ f = \mathrm{Id}_A$ . Such a function g is called a *left inverse* of f.
- **b.** Show that f is surjective if and only if there exists a function  $h : B \to A$  so that  $f \circ h = \text{Id}_B$ . Such a function h is called a *right inverse* of f.
- c. Use the preceding parts to show that in the case that f is injective, any left inverse of it must be surjective. Furthermore, show that when f is surjective, any right inverse of it must be injective.
- **c'.** [Optional] Part **c** can also be derived immediately by proving the following more general statement. If  $f : A \to B$  and  $g : B \to C$  are functions, and  $g \circ f : A \to C$  is a bijection, then f is injective and g is surjective.