

25. Prove that the composition of two 1-1 functions is 1-1.

Proof: Given functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ that are both 1-1 functions.

This means:

If $f(a) = f(b)$ for any $a, b \in X$ then $a = b$	If $g(u) = g(v)$ for any $u, v \in Y$ then $u = v$
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There is a function $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$

Suppose $g \circ f(a) = g \circ f(b)$ for some $a, b \in X$

Then $g(f(a)) = g(f(b))$ and if I rename $u = f(a)$ and $v = f(b)$, then $g(u) = g(v)$

Since g is 1-1, we know that $u = v$

So $f(a) = f(b)$

Since f is 1-1, we know that $a = b$

This if $g \circ f(a) = g \circ f(b)$ for some $a, b \in X$, then $a = b$.

This proves that $g \circ f$ is 1-1.

26. Prove that the composition of two onto functions is onto.

Proof: Given functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ that are both onto functions.

This means

If u is any element in Y , then somewhere in X there is an element a that maps to u (so $f(a) = u$)	If t is any element in Z , then somewhere in Y there is an element v that maps to t (so $g(v) = t$)
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There is a function $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$

(because the codomain of f is the domain of g .)

Let $r \in Z$

(This means: pick any element in Z and name it r).

Because g is onto, there exists $w \in Y$ such that $g(w) = r$

This means: somewhere in Y there is an element that maps to r ; let's name it w .

Now because $w \in Y$ and f is onto, there exists $b \in X$ such that $f(b) = w$

This means: somewhere in X there is an element that maps to w , let's name it b .

So, $g(f(b)) = g(w) = r$

We have shown that given any element r , there exists and element $b \in X$ such that $g \circ f(b) = r$, and hence $g \circ f$ is onto.