

COM S 330 — Functions and Compositions

Let A , B , and C be sets (not necessarily the same, but also not necessarily different), and let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be functions. Recall the definitions of injective, surjective, and bijective.

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| $f : A \rightarrow B$ injective (one-to-one) $\forall x, y \in A[(f(x) = f(y)) \rightarrow (x = y)]$ If $f(x) = f(y)$ for any two values x, y in the domain A , then x and y must be equal. | $f : A \rightarrow B$ surjective (onto) $\forall y \in B \exists x \in A(f(x) = y)$ If y is in the codomain B , then there exists an element x from the domain A such that $f(x) = y$. | $f : A \rightarrow B$ bijective (one-to-one and onto) f is injective and surjective. There exists an inverse function $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ such that $f^{-1}(y) = x$ if and only if $f(x) = y$. |
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The *composition* function $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is defined by $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$ for all $x \in A$. In the table below, we have specified different options for f and g being injective, surjective, neither, or both. You should determine if the given situations imply that $g \circ f$ is injective, surjective, neither, or both. Is it ALWAYS one of these cases, or could it possibly change for different examples? If your answer is “Always Yes” or “Always No” then give a proof. If your answer is “Sometimes Yes, Sometimes No” then give an example for each situation.

| | g bijective | g injective, not surjective | g surjective, not injective | g not injective or surjective |
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| f bijective | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ |
| | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ |
| f injective, not surjective | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ |
| | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ |
| f surjective, not injective | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ |
| | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ |
| f not injective or surjective | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ injective? _____ |
| | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ | Is $g \circ f$ surjective? _____ |