

Theorem

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$.

- 1 If f, g are both injective, then $g \circ f$ is also injective.
- 2 If f, g are both surjective, then $g \circ f$ is also surjective.
- 3 If f, g are both bijective, then $g \circ f$ is also bijective.

Proof.

- 1 Let $x_1, x_2 \in A$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$.
Then $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ since f injective.
Then $g(f(x_1)) \neq g(f(x_2))$ since g injective.
- 2 Let $z \in C$.
There exists $y \in B$ with $g(y) = z$ since g surjective.
There exists $x \in A$ with $f(x) = y$ since f surjective.
So therefore $g(f(x)) = z$.
- 3 Put 1 and 2 together!

