

**Quiz 2**  
**Sample Solutions**

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In the space provided, please write your solution to the following exercises. *Fully explain your reasoning.* Remember to use good notation and full sentences.

*Good Luck!*

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

(i) Complete the following definition:  $g$  is *one-to-one* if

**Solution:**  $g(b_1) = g(b_2)$  implies that  $b_1 = b_2$ .

(ii) If  $g \circ f$  is onto and  $g$  is one-to-one, show that  $f$  is onto.

**Solution:** Let  $b \in B$ . We need to show that there exists an element  $a$  in  $A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ . Consider  $g(b) := c$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is onto, there exists an element  $a$  in  $A$  such that

$$g(f(a)) = c = g(b).$$

Since  $g$  is one-to-one, this implies that  $f(a) = b$  which shows that  $f$  is onto.

2. Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by stating that  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  if and only if  $a^2 + b^2 \leq c^2 + d^2$ . Show that  $\sim$  is transitive but not symmetric.

**Solution:** We first show that  $\sim$  is transitive. Suppose that  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  and that  $(c, d) \sim (e, f)$ . Then

$$a^2 + b^2 \leq c^2 + d^2 \leq e^2 + f^2.$$

Since  $a^2 + b^2 \leq e^2 + f^2$ , we have that  $(a, b) \sim (e, f)$  and thus  $\sim$  is indeed transitive.

To see that  $\sim$  is not symmetric, consider  $(1, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Since  $1^2 + 0^2 \leq 1^2 + 1^2$ , we have  $(1, 0) \sim (1, 1)$ . However,  $1^2 + 1^2 \not\leq 1^2 + 0^2$  and so  $(1, 1) \not\sim (1, 0)$  showing that the relation is not symmetric.

3. Prove that  $n! > 2^n$  for all integers  $n \geq 4$ .

**Solution:** Let  $n = 4$ . Then  $4! = 24 > 2^4 = 16$  and so the claim is true for  $n = 4$ . Now assume that  $k! > 2^k$  for some integer  $k \geq 4$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)! &= (k+1)k! \\&> (k+1)2^k \\&\geq (4+1)2^k \\&= 5 \cdot 2^k \\&> 4 \cdot 2^k \\&= 2^2 \cdot 2^k \\&= 2^{k+2} \\&> 2^{k+1}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, we conclude that  $n! > 2^n$  for all integers  $n \geq 4$ .