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(10 points) Suppose that  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is one-to-one. Let's define the function  $f : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^2$  by the equation  $f(x, y) = (x + g(y), g(x))$ . Prove that  $f$  is one-to-one. You must work directly from the definition of one-to-one. Do not use any facts about (for example) derivatives or the behavior of increasing functions.

**Solution:** Let  $(x, y)$  and  $(a, b)$  be pairs of natural numbers and suppose that  $f(x, y) = f(a, b)$ .

By the definition of  $f$ , we know that  $x + g(y) = a + g(b)$  and  $g(x) = g(a)$ .

Since  $g$  is one-to-one and  $g(x) = g(a)$ ,  $x = a$ . Substituting this into  $x + g(y) = a + g(b)$ , we get  $x + g(y) = x + g(b)$ , so  $g(y) = g(b)$ .

Since  $g$  is one-to-one,  $g(y) = g(b)$  implies that  $y = b$ .

Since  $x = a$  and  $y = b$ ,  $(x, y) = (a, b)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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(10 points) Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is onto. Let's define  $g : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  by  $g(x, y) = (f(x) + y, y + 3)$ . Prove that  $g$  is onto.

**Solution:** Suppose that  $(a, b)$  is a pair of integers.

Consider  $c = a - b + 3$ .  $c$  is an integer, since  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. Since  $f$  is onto, this means there is an integer  $x$  such that  $f(x) = c$ .

Now, let  $y = b - 3$ . We can then calculate:

$$g(x, y) = (f(x) + y, y + 3) = (c + y, (b - 3) + 3) = ((a - b + 3) + (b - 3), b) = (a, b)$$

So we've found a point  $(x, y)$  such that  $g(x, y) = (a, b)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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(10 points) Suppose that  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (\frac{5}{4}, \infty)$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{5x^2+3}{4x^2}$ . Proof that  $f$  is one-to-one. You must work directly from the definition of one-to-one. Do not use any facts about (for example) derivatives or the behavior of increasing functions.

**Solution:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be positive real numbers and suppose that  $f(x) = f(y)$ . By the definition of  $f$ , this translates into

$$\frac{5x^2+3}{4x^2} = \frac{5y^2+3}{4y^2}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{5}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{5}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$\text{So } x^2 = y^2.$$

Since  $x$  and  $y$  are known to be positive, this implies that  $x = y$ , which is what we needed to show.

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(10 points) Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by  $f(x, y) = xy + yx^2 - x^2$ . Prove that  $f$  is onto.

**Solution:**

Notice that  $f(x, y) = xy + (y - 1)x^2$ .

Let  $p$  be an integer. We need to find a pre-image for  $p$ .

Consider  $m = (p, 1)$ .

$m$  is an element of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . We can compute

$$f(m) = p \cdot 1 + (1 - 1)p^2 = p + 0 \cdot p^2 = p$$

So  $m$  is a pre-image of  $p$ .

Since we can find a pre-image for an arbitrarily chosen integer,  $f$  is onto.

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(10 points) Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are sets. Suppose that  $f : B \rightarrow A$  and  $g : A \rightarrow B$  are functions such that  $f(g(x)) = x$  for every  $x \in A$ . Prove that  $g$  is one-to-one.

**Solution:** Let  $m$  and  $n$  be elements of  $A$ . Suppose that  $g(m) = g(n)$ .

Since  $g(m) = g(n)$ ,  $f(g(m)) = f(g(n))$  by substitution. Since  $f(g(x)) = x$  for every  $x \in A$ ,  $f(g(m)) = m$  and  $f(g(n)) = n$ . So  $f(g(m)) = f(g(n))$  implies that  $m = n$ .

Since  $g(m) = g(n)$  implies that  $m = n$  for any  $m$  and  $n$  in  $A$ ,  $g$  is one-to-one, which is what we needed to prove.

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(10 points) Suppose that  $f : [0, \frac{1}{2}] \rightarrow [1, \frac{5}{2}]$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{1-2x^2}$ . Prove that  $f$  is one-to-one. You must work directly from the definition of one-to-one. Do not use any facts about (for example) derivatives or the behavior of increasing functions.

**Solution:**

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any numbers in  $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$  and suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2+1}{1-2x^2} &= \frac{y^2+1}{1-2y^2} \\ \Rightarrow (x^2+1)(1-2y^2) &= (y^2+1)(1-2x^2) \\ \Rightarrow x^2+1-2x^2y^2-2y^2 &= y^2+1-2x^2y^2-2x^2 \\ \Rightarrow 3x^2 &= 3y^2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= y \end{aligned}$$

(The last step works because  $x$  and  $y$  are both positive.)

Therefore  $f$  is one-to-one.