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1. (i) - We wish to find how many maps, how many injective maps, how many surjective maps, and how many bijective maps exist
 $f: \{1\} \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$

~ Well, we have 2 possible maps

~ Then we have 2 injective maps

~ But we have 0 surjective maps

~ Thus we have 0 bijective maps

(ii) - We wish to find how many maps, how many injective maps, how many surjective maps, and how many bijective maps
 $f: \{1, 2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$

~ Well, we have 4 possible maps

~ Then we have 2 injective maps

~ Moreover we have 2 surjective maps

~ Thus we have 2 bijective maps

(iii) - We wish to find how many maps, how many injective maps, how many surjective maps, and how many bijective maps

exists $f: \{1, 2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$

- ~ Well, we have 9 possible maps
- ~ Then we have 6 injective maps
- ~ But we have 0 surjective maps
- ~ Thus we have 0 bijective maps

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2. (i) - We wish to find the inverse map for
 $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $x \mapsto f(x) = -4x$

~ Well,

$$f^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$y \mapsto f^{-1}(y) = -\frac{1}{4}y$$

(ii) - We wish to find the inverse map for
 $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $x \mapsto f(x) = 2x + 2$

~ Thus

$$f^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$y \mapsto f^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y - 1$$

(iii) - We wish to find the inverse map for
 $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$
 $x \mapsto f(x) = \exp(x-1)$

~ Then

$$f^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$y \mapsto f^{-1}(y) = \log(y) + 1$$

3. (i) - We wish to show that

$$f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$$

where

$$f: S \rightarrow T$$

is a map with $A \subseteq S$ and $B \subseteq S$ subsets

~ Well, let $y \in f(A \cup B)$

Then there exists some $x \in A \cup B$ such that

$$y = f(x)$$

~ But here $x \in A$ or $x \in B$, and so $f(x) \in f(A)$ or $f(x) \in f(B)$

~ Thus $f(x) \in f(A) \cup f(B)$, or rather $y \in f(A) \cup f(B)$

~ However this is true for all $y \in f(A \cup B)$, whence

$$f(A \cup B) \subseteq f(A) \cup f(B)$$

~ On the other hand, let $y \in f(A) \cup f(B)$

Then either there exists some $x \in A$ such that

$$y = f(x)$$

or there exists some $x \in B$ such that

$$y = f(x)$$

~ That is, there exists some $x \in A \cup B$ such that

$$y = f(x)$$

~ But here $f(x) \in f(A \cup B)$, or rather $y \in f(A \cup B)$, and this is true for all $y \in f(A) \cup f(B)$, whence

$$f(A) \cup f(B) \subseteq f(A \cup B)$$

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~ But if

$f(A \cup B) \subseteq f(A) \cup f(B)$ and $f(A) \cup f(B) \subseteq f(A \cup B)$

then we must have

as desired $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$

(ii) - We wish to show that

$$f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$$

where

$$f: S \rightarrow T$$

is a map with $A \subseteq S$ and $B \subseteq S$ subsets

~ Well, let $y \in f(A \cap B)$

Then there exists $x \in A \cap B$ such that

$$y = f(x)$$

~ That is, there exists both $x_a \in A$ such that

$$y = f(x_a)$$

and there exists $x_b \in B$ such that

$$y = f(x_b)$$

with

$$x_a = x_b$$

~ But $f(x_a) \in f(A)$ and $f(x_b) \in f(B)$ with

$$f(x_a) = f(x_b)$$

and so $f(x_a) \in f(A) \cap f(B)$, or rather,

$$y \in f(A) \cap f(B)$$

~ However this is true for all $y \in f(A \cap B)$, and so we must have that

$$f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$$

as desired



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4.

(i) - We wish to check if

$$*: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$(m, n) \mapsto m * n = mn - 1$$

is commutative and associative

~ Well,

$$n * m = nm - 1$$

$$= mn - 1$$

$$= m * n$$

and so $*$ is commutative

~ However,

$$(m * n) * p = (mn - 1) * p$$

$$= (mn - 1)p - 1$$

$$\neq m(np - 1) - 1 = m * (n * p)$$

and so $*$ is not associative

(ii) - We wish to check if the binary operation

$$*: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$(m, n) \mapsto m * n = \frac{1}{2}(m + n)$$

is commutative and associative

~ Well,

$$n * m = \frac{1}{2}(n + m)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(m + n)$$

$$= m * n$$

and so $*$ is commutative

~ However,

$$(m * n) * p = \left[\frac{1}{2}(m + n) \right] * p$$

or

$$(m * n) * p = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}(m+n) + p \right] \\ \neq \frac{1}{2} \left[m + \frac{1}{2}(n+p) \right] = m * (n * p)$$

and so $*$ is not associative

(iii) - We wish to check if the binary operation
 $*$: $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$(m, n) \mapsto m * n = 5$$

is commutative and associative

~ Well,

$$n * m = 5 \\ = m * n$$

and so $*$ is commutative

~ Furthermore,

$$(m * n) * p = 5 * p \\ = 5 \\ = m * (n * p)$$

and so $*$ is associative