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**Problem #13**

Part a) Let  $f : Z \times Z \rightarrow Z$  be defined by  $f(m, n) = 2m + n$ . I claim that  $f$  is a surjection and  $f$  is not an injection.

Proof: Let  $p \in Z$ . We need to find a pre-image for  $p$ . That is, we need to find an element  $q \in Z \times Z$  such that  $f(q) = p$ . The element  $q$  has the form  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are integers.

Case 1: Suppose that  $p$  is even. Then we have that  $p = 2r$  for some integer  $r$ . Equivalently,  $p = 2r + 0$ . So by setting  $x = r$  and  $y = 0$  we have  $q = (r, 0)$  and  $f(q) = p$  as required.

Case 2: Suppose that  $p$  is odd. Then we have that  $p = 2s + 1$  for some integer  $s$ . So by setting  $x = s$  and  $y = 1$  we have  $q = (s, 1)$  and  $f(q) = p$  as required.

In either case, it follows that  $f$  is a surjection.

To prove that  $f$  is not an injection, we have to find elements  $p$  and  $q$  both members of  $Z \times Z$  such that  $p \neq q$  and  $f(p) = f(q)$ . To this end let  $p = (3, 1)$  and  $q = (-1, 9)$ . We can see that  $p \neq q$  since  $3 \neq -1$  and  $1 \neq 9$ . Now look at the equation below.

$$f(p) = f[(3, 1)] = 2(3) + 1 = 7 = 2(-1) + 9 = f[(-1, 9)] = f(q)$$

This equation shows that  $f(p) = f(q)$  even though  $p \neq q$ . This shows that  $f$  is not injective. This concludes the proof.

Part b) Let  $g : Z \times Z \rightarrow Z$  be defined by  $g(m, n) = 6m + 3n$ . I claim that  $g$  is not a surjection and  $g$  is not an injection.

Proof: To show that  $g$  is not a surjection, we need to find an element  $q \in Z$  such that  $g(p) \neq q$  for all  $p \in Z \times Z$ . If we take  $q = 5$ , then let  $p = (x, y) \in Z \times Z$ . We need to show that  $g(p) \neq 5$ . By way of contradiction, suppose for the moment that  $f(p) = 5$ . This means that  $6x + 3y = 5$ . This last equation implies that  $2x + y = \frac{5}{3}$ . We know that  $x$  and  $y$  are integers and that integers are closed under addition and multiplication. This means that  $2x + y$  must be an integer yet we know that  $\frac{5}{3}$  is not an integer. This is a contradiction, hence  $g(p) \neq 5$  which is what we were required to show.

To prove that  $g$  is not an injection, we have to find elements  $p$  and  $q$  both members of  $Z \times Z$  such that  $p \neq q$  and  $g(p) = g(q)$ . To this end, let  $p = (1, 2)$  and  $q = (-3, 10)$ . We can see that  $p \neq q$  since  $1 \neq -3$  and  $2 \neq 10$ . Now look at the equation below.

$$g(p) = g[(1, 2)] = 6(1) + 3(2) = 12 = 6(-3) + 3(10) = g[(-3, 10)] = g(q)$$

This equation shows that  $g(p) = g(q)$  even though  $p \neq q$ . This shows that  $g$  is not injective. This concludes the proof.