

Exercise 1.2.67

a. If $xy = xz$, and $x \neq 0$, then $y = z$

$$y = y \cdot 1 \text{ (Id.)}$$

$$y = y \cdot (x \cdot x^{-1}) \text{ (Inv.) } (x \neq 0)$$

$$y = (y \cdot x) \cdot x^{-1} \text{ (A.)}$$

$$y = (x \cdot y) \cdot x^{-1} \text{ (C.)}$$

$$y = (x \cdot z) \cdot x^{-1} \text{ (Assumption)}$$

$$y = (z \cdot x) \cdot x^{-1} \text{ (C.)}$$

$$y = z \cdot (x \cdot x^{-1}) \text{ (A.)}$$

$$y = z \cdot 1 \text{ (Inv.)}$$

$$y = z \text{ (Id.)}$$

b. If $xy = x$, and $x \neq 0$, then $y = 1$

$$y = y \cdot 1 \text{ (Id.)}$$

$$= y \cdot (x \cdot x^{-1}) \text{ (Inv.) } (x \neq 0)$$

$$= (y \cdot x) \cdot x^{-1} \text{ (A.)}$$

$$= (x \cdot y) \cdot x^{-1} \text{ (C.)}$$

$$= x \cdot x^{-1} \text{ (assumption)}$$

$$= 1 \text{ (Inv.)}$$

c. If $xy = 1$, and $x \neq 0$, then $y = x^{-1}$

$$y = y \cdot 1 \quad (\text{Id.})$$

$$= y \cdot (x \cdot x^{-1}) \quad (\text{Inv.}) \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$= (y \cdot x) \cdot x^{-1} \quad (\text{A.})$$

$$= (x \cdot y) \cdot x^{-1} \quad (\text{C.})$$

$$= 1 \cdot x^{-1} \quad (\text{Assumption})$$

$$= x^{-1} \quad (\text{Id.})$$

d. If $x \neq 0$, then $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x$

$$(x^{-1})^{-1} \cdot x^{-1} = 1 \quad (\text{Inv.})$$

$$(x^{-1})^{-1} \cdot x^{-1} = x \cdot x^{-1} \quad (\text{Inv.})$$

$$\therefore (x^{-1})^{-1} = x \quad (\text{cancellation})$$