

Extra Problem 6.3

Let A and B be nonempty sets, and consider a function $f: A \rightarrow B$. For any $C \subseteq A$ we define the set

$$f(C) = \{ f(x) \mid x \in C \}.$$

This is called the *Image* of the set C . It can also be written

$$f(C) = \{ y \in B \mid y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in C \} = \{ y \in B \mid (\exists x \in C)(f(x) = y) \}.$$

Similarly, for any $D \subseteq B$ we define the set

$$f^{-1}(D) = \{ x \in A \mid f(x) \in D \},$$

called the *inverse image of D under f* , or the *pre-image of D under f* . These definitions are referred to in the following problems. For all problems, let A and B be nonempty sets, and consider a function $f: A \rightarrow B$.

6.3.x1 Prove the following proposition: If G and H are subsets of A then

$$f(G \cup H) = f(G) \cup f(H).$$

6.3.x2 If f is an injection (ie. f is a one to one function), prove the following proposition: If G and H are subsets of A then $f(G \cap H) = f(G) \cap f(H)$.

6.3.x3 Prove the following proposition: If f is a surjection, and if J is a subset of B then $f(f^{-1}(J)) = J$.

6.3.x4 Prove the following proposition: If f is an injection, and if G is a subset of A then $f^{-1}(f(G)) = G$.