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#9) Prove that if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is 1-1 and  $A, B \subseteq X$ , then

a)  $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$ .

Proof: Let  $y \in f(A \cap B)$ . Then by definition of  $f(A \cap B)$ , there is some  $x \in A \cap B$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Since  $x \in A \cap B$  implies  $x \in A$ , so  $f(x) = y$  implies  $y \in f(A)$  by def. of  $f(A)$ . Since  $x \in A \cap B$  implies  $x \in B$ , we have  $f(x) = y$  implies  $y \in f(B)$  by def. of  $f(B)$ . Thus  $y \in f(A) \cap f(B)$  by def. of intersection and  $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$ .

Now let  $y \in f(A) \cap f(B)$ . Thus  $y \in f(A)$  and  $y \in f(B)$  by def. of intersection.

By def. of image,  $\exists x \in A$  and  $z \in B$  such that  $f(x) = y$  and  $f(z) = y$ .

Thus  $f(x) = f(z)$ . But  $f$  is 1-1 so it must be that  $x = z$ . Since  $x \in A$  and  $x = z \in B$ ,  $x \in A \cap B$ . Now  $f(x) = y$  implies  $y \in f(A \cap B)$  by def. of  $f(A \cap B)$ . Thus we have  $f(A \cap B) \supseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$ .

Since  $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$  and  $f(A \cap B) \supseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$ ,  
 $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$ . //

$$b) f(A \setminus B) = f(A) \setminus f(B).$$

Proof: Let  $y \in f(A \setminus B)$ . Then by def. of image there is some  $x \in A \setminus B$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

Since  $x \in A \setminus B$  implies  $x \in A$ , we see that  $f(x) = y$  implies  $y \in f(A)$  by def. of image.

Now suppose that  $\exists b \in B$  such that  $f(b) = y$ .

Then  $f(x) = f(b)$  and since  $f$  is 1-1,  $x = b$ .

This implies  $x = b \in B$ , but that contradicts the fact that  $x \in A \setminus B$ . So, there is no  $b \in B$  such that  $f(b) = y$ , and  $y \notin f(B)$ .

Putting it all together,  $y \in f(A)$ , but  $y \notin f(B)$ , so by def. of complement  $y \in f(A) \setminus f(B)$ , and  $f(A \setminus B) \subseteq f(A) \setminus f(B)$ .

Let  $y \in f(A) \setminus f(B)$ . Then  $y \in f(A)$  and  $\exists$  some  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Suppose  $x \in B$  as well. Then  $f(x) = y$  implies that  $y \in f(B)$  which contradicts the fact that  $y \in f(A) \setminus f(B)$ . So  $x \notin B$ , and  $x \in A$ , thus  $x \in A \setminus B$  by def. of complement. So since  $x \in A \setminus B$  and  $f(x) = y$ ,  $y \in f(A \setminus B)$  by def. of image, and  $f(A) \setminus f(B) \subseteq f(A \setminus B)$ .

Since  $f(A \setminus B) \subseteq f(A) \setminus f(B)$  and  $f(A \setminus B) \supseteq f(A) \setminus f(B)$ , we have  $f(A \setminus B) = f(A) \setminus f(B)$ . //

$$c) f^{-1}(f(A)) = A.$$

Proof: Let  $y \in f^{-1}(f(A))$ . Then by def. of inverse image, ~~there exists~~  $f(y) \in f(A)$ .

By def. of image, there exists some  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Since  $f$  is 1-1, we have  $y = x \in A$ , so  $f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq A$ .

Now let  $y \in A$ . Since  $f$  is a function,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , and  $A \subseteq X$ , there is some  $x \in Y$  such that  $f(y) = x$ .

Now,  $y \in A$  and  $f(y) = x$  implies that  $x \in f(A)$ , so more precisely  $f(y) = x \in f(A)$ . Thus, by def. of inverse image  $y \in f^{-1}(f(A))$ , and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$ .

Since  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$  and  $A \supseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$ , we have  $A = f^{-1}(f(A))$ .



3.10: b) Prove that if  $f$  is 1-1 from  $A$  onto  $B$ , then  $f^{-1}$  is 1-1 from  $B$  onto  $A$ .

Proof: Again  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is 1-1 and onto implies that there exists  $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$  by Thm 3.24. We want to show that  $f^{-1}$  is 1-1 and onto.

1-1: Let  $b, c \in B$ , and suppose  $f^{-1}(b) = f^{-1}(c)$ .

Then

$$b = f(f^{-1}(b)) = f(f^{-1}(c)) = c.$$

by def. of inverse function      by fact that  $f$  is a function

Thus,  $f^{-1}$  is 1-1 from  $B$  into  $A$ .

onto: take any  $a \in A$ . Since  $f$  is a function such that  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , there is some  $b \in B$  such that  $f(a) = b$ . So  $f^{-1}(f(a)) = f^{-1}(b) = a$  and  $f^{-1}$  is onto.