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Q2: Let  $\omega \in \Omega^k(V)$  such that  $\omega$  is closed. Consider the k-form  $f^{-1*}\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$ . From the proprties of the exteriour derivative, we have that

$$d(f^{-1*}\omega) = f^{-1*}d(\omega) = 0$$

We get that  $f^{-1*}\omega$  is a closed differential form. Hence there exists some  $\eta \in \Omega^{k-1}(U)$  such that  $d\eta = f^{-1*}\omega$ . Pulling back by  $f^*$ , we then see that

$$d(f^*\eta) = f^*d\eta = f^* \circ f^{-1^*}\omega = (f^{-1} \circ f)^*\omega = \omega$$

Hence we have that  $\omega$  is an exact form.