

Problem #3

1) Let X, Y be sets and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a function.
To prove that

If $U \subseteq X$, then $f(X-U) \supseteq f(X) - f(U)$

Let $y \in f(X) - f(U)$

Then there exists $x \in X$ such that $f(x) = y$, but
 $y \notin \{f(x) : x \in U\}$. Hence $x \notin U$ or $x \in X-U$ which
implies $y = f(x) \in f(X-U)$.

Thus, $y \in f(X) - f(U) \Rightarrow y \in f(X-U)$.

So $f(X-U) \supseteq f(X) - f(U)$.

2) If $V \subseteq Y$, then to prove that $f^{-1}(Y-V) = f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$.
First to show that $f^{-1}(Y-V) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$.

Let, $x \in f^{-1}(Y-V) \Rightarrow f(x) \in Y-V$. So, $f(x) \in Y$ and $f(x) \notin V$,
 $\Rightarrow x \in f^{-1}(Y)$ and $x \notin f^{-1}(V)$, $\Rightarrow x \in f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$.

Thus $f^{-1}(Y-V) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$

To prove that $f^{-1}(Y-V) \supseteq f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$

Let $x \in f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$

$\Rightarrow x \in f^{-1}(Y)$ & $x \notin f^{-1}(V)$

$\Rightarrow f(x) \in Y$ and $f(x) \notin V$,

$\Rightarrow f(x) \in Y-V$,

$\Rightarrow x \in f^{-1}(Y-V)$.

Hence $f^{-1}(Y-V) \supseteq f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$.

When combining, you get
 $f^{-1}(Y-V) = f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$.