

Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism. Let \mathfrak{b} be an ideal in B . Then it is easy to show that the inverse image of \mathfrak{b} , that is $f^{-1}(\mathfrak{b})$, is an ideal in A , and we call it a *contracted ideal*. A common notation for the contracted ideal in this case is \mathfrak{b}^c .