

Directions: Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be subsets of  $A$ , and  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be subsets of  $B$ .

1. Prove that  $f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is a function, it is injective (one-to-one) and surjective (onto).  $\square$

2. Prove that  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subseteq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$  but  $f(A_1) \cap f(A_2) \subseteq f(A_1 \cap A_2)$  doesn't necessarily hold.

*Proof.* Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function such that  $f(A_1) = B_1$  and  $f(A_2) = B_2$ .  $\square$

3. Explain what about the definition of functions enables the statement in (a) to be true, but precludes  $f(A_1) \cap f(A_2) \subseteq f(A_1 \cap A_2)$ . (Hint: Think about what all counterexamples to this statement have in common.)

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