

Suppose  $f : S \longrightarrow T$ . Recall that for  $X \subseteq S$ , the image of  $X$  under  $f$ , denoted  $im_f(X)$  is the set  $\{f(x) : x \in X\}$  and for  $Y \subseteq T$ , the preimage of  $Y$  under  $f$ ,  $preim_f(Y)$  is the set  $\{x \in S : f(x) \in Y\}$

For each of the following assertions determine whether it's true or false. If it's true prove it. If it's false, disprove it.

(a) For any two subsets  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  of  $S$ ,  $im_f(X_1 \cup X_2) = im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2)$ .

Proof: We must show that for all subsets  $X_1, X_2$  of  $S$  that  $im_f(X_1 \cup X_2) = im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2)$ . Suppose  $X_1, X_2$  are arbitrary subsets of  $S$ . By the definition of set equality our goal becomes showing  $im_f(X_1 \cup X_2) \subseteq im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2)$  and  $im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2) \subseteq im_f(X_1 \cup X_2)$ .

- We must show that  $im_f(X_1 \cup X_2) \subseteq im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2)$ . Suppose  $p$  is an arbitrary member of  $im_f(X_1 \cup X_2)$ . Then by definition of image  $p \in \{f(x) : x \in X_1 \cup X_2\}$ . By definition of set union  $p \in \{f(x) : x \in X_1 \text{ or } x \in X_2\}$ . This provides two cases, when  $x \in X_1$  and  $x \in X_2$ .
  - Assume  $x \in X_1$ . Then  $\{f(x) : x \in X_1\} = im_f(X_1)$ . Since  $p \in im_f(X_1)$ , then by definition of union  $p \in im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2)$ .
  - Assume  $x \in X_2$ . Then  $\{f(x) : x \in X_2\} = im_f(X_2)$ . Since  $p \in im_f(X_2)$ , then by definition of union  $p \in im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2)$ .
- We must show  $im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2) \subseteq im_f(X_1 \cup X_2)$ . Suppose  $p \in im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2)$ . By definition of set union  $p \in im_f(X_1)$  or  $p \in im_f(X_2)$ . This provides two cases, when  $p \in im_f(X_1)$  and when  $p \in im_f(X_2)$ .
  - Assume  $p \in im_f(X_1)$ . Then by definition of image  $p \in \{f(x) : x \in X_1\}$ . Therefore if  $x \in X_1$  then it by definition  $x \in X_1 \cup X_2$ . Thus  $p \in im_f(X_1 \cup X_2)$ .
  - Assume  $p \in im_f(X_2)$ . Then by definition of image  $p \in \{f(x) : x \in X_2\}$ . Therefore if  $x \in X_2$  then it by definition  $x \in X_1 \cup X_2$ . Thus  $p \in im_f(X_1 \cup X_2)$ .

Therefore  $im_f(X_1 \cup X_2) \subseteq im_f(X_1) \cup im_f(X_2)$ .

(b) For any two subsets  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  of  $S$ ,  $im_f(X_1 \cap X_2) = im_f(X_1) \cap im_f(X_2)$ .

This is false. Take  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $X_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $X_2 = \{-1, -2, -3\}$ . Therefore  $im_f(X_1 \cap X_2) = im_f(\{1, 2, 3\} \cap \{-1, -2, -3\}) = im_f(\emptyset) = \emptyset \neq \{1, 4, 9\} = \{1^2, 2^2, 3^2\} \cap \{(-1)^2, (-2)^2, (-3)^2\} = im_f(X_1) \cap im_f(X_2)$ .

(c) For any two subsets  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  of  $T$ ,  $preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2) = preim_f(Y_1) \cap preim_f(Y_2)$ .

We must show for any two subsets of  $T$ , that  $preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2) = preim_f(Y_1) \cap preim_f(Y_2)$ . By the definition of set equality, our goal is now to show that  $preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2) \subseteq preim_f(Y_1) \cap preim_f(Y_2)$  and  $preim_f(Y_1) \cap preim_f(Y_2) \subseteq preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2)$ .

- We must show  $preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2) \subseteq preim_f(Y_1) \cap preim_f(Y_2)$ . Suppose  $p$  is an arbitrary element in  $preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2)$ . By the definition of set intersection we must show  $p \in preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2) \subseteq preim_f(Y_1)$  and  $p \in preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2) \subseteq preim_f(Y_2)$ .
  - We must show  $p \in preim_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2) \subseteq preim_f(Y_1)$ . By definition  $p \in \{x \in S : f(x) \in Y_1 \text{ and } f(x) \in Y_2\}$ . If  $f(x) \in Y_1$  and  $f(x) \in Y_2$ , then necessarily  $f(x) \in Y_1$ . Therefore by definition  $p \in preim_f(Y_1)$ .

- We must show  $p \in \text{preim}_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2) \subseteq \text{preim}_f(Y_2)$ . By definition  $p \in \{x \in S : f(x) \in Y_1 \text{ and } f(x) \in Y_2\}$ . If  $f(x) \in Y_1$  and  $f(x) \in Y_2$ , then necessarily  $f(x) \in Y_2$ . Therefore by definition  $p \in \text{preim}_f(Y_2)$ .
- We must show  $\text{preim}_f(Y_1) \cap \text{preim}_f(Y_2) \subseteq \text{preim}_f(Y_1 \cap Y_2)$ . Suppose  $p$  is an arbitrary element of  $\text{preim}_f(Y_1) \cap \text{preim}_f(Y_2)$ . By the definition of set intersection, we must show  $\text{preim}_f(Y_1) \cap \text{preim}_f(Y_2) \subseteq \text{preim}_f(Y_1 \text{ and } Y_2)$ . Therefore we now have two goals,  $\text{preim}_f(Y_1) \cap \text{preim}_f(Y_2) \subseteq \text{preim}_f(Y_1)$  and  $\text{preim}_f(Y_1) \cap \text{preim}_f(Y_2) \subseteq \text{preim}_f(Y_2)$ .
  - We must show  $\text{preim}_f(Y_1) \cap \text{preim}_f(Y_2) \subseteq \text{preim}_f(Y_1)$ . By the definition of set intersection  $p \in \text{preim}_f(Y_1)$  and  $p \in \text{preim}_f(Y_2)$ . Therefore  $p \in \text{preim}_f(Y_1)$ .
  - We must show  $\text{preim}_f(Y_1) \cap \text{preim}_f(Y_2) \subseteq \text{preim}_f(Y_2)$ . By the definition of set intersection  $p \in \text{preim}_f(Y_1)$  and  $p \in \text{preim}_f(Y_2)$ . Therefore  $p \in \text{preim}_f(Y_2)$ .

(d) For any subset  $X$  of  $S$ ,  $\text{preim}_f(\text{im}_f(X)) \supseteq X$ .

Proof: We must show for any subset  $X$  of  $S$ ,  $\text{preim}_f(\text{im}_f(X)) \supseteq X$ . Suppose  $x$  is an arbitrary member of  $X$ . By the definition of image we must show  $X \subseteq \text{preim}_f(\{f(x) : x \in X\})$ . By definition of preimage we must show  $X \subseteq \{s \in S : f(s) \in \{f(x) : x \in X\}\}$ . Therefore since we have  $x \in X$ , we satisfy the internal definition of image, then the preimage of that simply takes all of the potential values in  $S$  which satisfy  $f(s) = f(x)$ , which we know include  $x$ .

(e) For any subset  $X$  of  $S$ ,  $\text{preim}_f(\text{im}_f(X)) = X$ .

False: Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given as  $f(x) = x^2$ , and  $X = \{1, 2\}$ . then  $X = \{1, 2\} \neq \{-2, -1, 1, 2\} = \text{preim}_f(\{1, 4\}) = \text{preim}_f(\text{im}_f(X))$ .

(f) For any subset  $Y$  of  $T$ ,  $\text{im}_f(\text{preim}_f(Y)) \supseteq Y$ .

False. Take  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , and  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $Y = \mathbb{R} \not\subseteq \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} = \text{im}_f(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}) = \text{im}_f(\text{preim}_f(\mathbb{R})) = \text{im}_f(\text{preim}_f(Y))$ .

(g) For any subset  $Y$  of  $T$ ,  $\text{im}_f(\text{preim}_f(Y)) = Y$ .