Theorem 1. Let $A_n = [0, \frac{1}{n}] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \le x \le \frac{1}{n}\}$. Then,

$$\bigcap_{n\in\mathbb{N}} A_n = \{0\}.$$

Proof. We have

$$x \in \{0\} \implies x = 0$$

$$\implies (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(0 \le x \le \frac{1}{n})$$

$$\implies (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(x \in A_n)$$

$$\implies x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n.$$

Therefore,

$$\{0\} \subseteq \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n.$$

Suppose

$$x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n,$$

and for the sake of contradiction that $x \notin \{0\}$. We can see

$$x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \land x \notin \{0\} \implies (\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(x \in A_n \land x \notin \{0\})$$

$$\implies (\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(x \in A_n \land x \neq 0)$$

$$\implies (\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(0 < x \leq \frac{1}{n})$$

$$\implies (\exists m \in \mathbb{N})(\frac{1}{m} < x)$$

$$\implies (\exists m \in \mathbb{N})(x \notin A_m)$$

$$\implies x \notin \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n,$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, $x \in \{0\}$, and we can conclude that

$$\bigcap_{n\in\mathbb{N}} A_n = \{0\}.$$

Theorem 2. Let $f: X \to Y$. Then

1.
$$f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$$

2.
$$A \subseteq B \implies f(A) \subseteq f(B)$$

3.
$$f^{-1}(C \cup D) = f^{-1}(C) \cup f^{-1}(D)$$

4.
$$f^{-1}(C \cap D) = f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$$

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- 5. $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$
- 6. $f^{-1}(\mathbb{C}A) = \mathbb{C}(f^{-1}(A))$
- 7. $f(\mathbb{C}A)$??? $\mathbb{C}(f(A))$ (this is an open question)

Proof. 1. Applying the definition of a set's image and the definition of unions of sets, we see

$$y \in f(A \cup B) \iff (\exists x \in A \cup B)(f(x) = y)$$

$$\iff (\exists x \in A)(f(x) = y) \lor (\exists x \in B)(f(x) = y)$$

$$\iff y \in f(A) \lor y \in f(B)$$

$$\iff y \in f(A) \cup f(B).$$

From this, we can conclude that $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$.

2. Suppose $A \subseteq B$. We have

$$y \in f(A) \iff (\exists x \in A)(f(x) = y)$$

 $\implies (\exists x \in B)(f(x) = y)$ By initial assumption
 $\iff y \in f(B),$

which means $f(A) \subseteq f(B)$.

3. By definition of a set's preimage and the definition of a union of sets, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \in f^{-1}(C \cup D) &\iff f(x) \in C \cup D \\ &\iff f(x) \in C \lor f(x) \in D \\ &\iff x \in f^{-1}(C) \lor x \in f^{-1}(D) \\ &\iff x \in f^{-1}(C) \cup f^{-1}(D). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $f^{-1}(C \cup D) = f^{-1}(C) \cup f^{-1}(D)$.

4. From the definition of a set's preimage and the definition of an intersection of two sets,

$$x \in f^{-1}(C \cap D) \iff f(x) \in C \cap D$$

$$\iff f(x) \in C \land f(x) \in D$$

$$\iff x \in f^{-1}(C) \land x \in f^{-1}(D)$$

$$\iff x \in f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D).$$

Thus, $f^{-1}(C \cap D) = f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D)$.

5. From the definition of a set's image and the definition of an intersection of sets,

$$y \in f(A \cap B) \iff (\exists x \in A \cap B)(f(x) = y)$$

$$\iff (\exists x)(x \in A \land x \in B \land f(x) = y)$$

$$\iff (\exists x \in A)(f(x) = y) \land (\exists x \in B)(f(x) = y)$$

$$\iff y \in f(A) \land y \in f(B)$$

$$\iff y \in f(A) \cap f(B).$$

Thus, $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$.

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6. From the definitions of a set's preimage and the complement of a set, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \in f^{-1}(\mathbb{C}A) &\iff f(x) \in \mathbb{C}A \\ &\iff f(x) \in Y \land f(x) \not\in A \\ &\iff x \in f^{-1}(Y) \land x \not\in f^{-1}(A) \\ &\iff x \in \mathbb{C}f^{-1}(A). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $f^{-1}(\mathbb{C}A) = \mathbb{C}(f^{-1}(A)).$

7. Expanding the sets by definition, can see

$$y \in \mathbb{C}f(A) \iff y \in f(X) \land y \notin f(A)$$

$$\iff (\exists x \in X)(y = f(x) \land y \notin f(A))$$

$$\iff (\exists x \in X)(f(x) \notin f(A) \land f(x) = y)$$

$$\iff (\exists x \in X)(x \notin A \land f(x) = y)$$

$$\iff (\exists x \in \mathbb{C}A)(f(x) = y)$$

$$\iff y \in f(\mathbb{C}A),$$

which leads us to conclude that $\mathbb{C}f(A)\subseteq f(\mathbb{C}A)$. Finally, our proof is complete.

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