# 3.4 Images and inverse images

### Exercise 3.4.1

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a bijective function, and let  $f^{-1}: Y \to X$  be its inverse. Let V be any subset of Y. Prove that the forward image of V under  $f^{-1}$  is the same set as the inverse image of V under f; thus the fact that both sets are denoted by  $f^{-1}(V)$  will not lead to any inconsistency.

Answer:

Proof. Scratchpad:

#### Exercise 3.4.2

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a function from one set X to another set Y, let S be a subset of X, and let U be a subset of Y.

i. What, in general, can one say about  $f^{-1}(f(S))$  and S?

Answer:

Proof. Scratchpad:

ii. What about  $f(f^{-1}(U))$  and U?

Answer:

Proof. Scratchpad:

iii. What about  $f^{-1}(f(f^{-1}(U)))$  and  $f^{-1}(U)$ ?

Answer:

Proof. Scratchpad:

# Exercise 3.4.3

Proof. Scratchpad:

Let $A, B$ be two subsets of a set $X$ , and let $f: X \to Y$ be a function. Show that	
i. $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$ ,	
Proof. Scratchpad:	_
ii. $f(A) \setminus f(B) \subseteq f(A \setminus B)$ ,	
Proof. Scratchpad:	
iii. $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$ .	
Proof. Scratchpad:	
For the first two statements, is it true that the $\subseteq$ relation can be improved to $=$ ?	
Answer:	
Proof.	
Exercise 3.4.5	
Let $f: X \to Y$ be a function from one set $X$ to another set $Y$ .	
i. Show that $f(f^{-1}(S)) = S$ for every $S \subseteq Y$ if and only if $f$ is surjective.	
Proof. Scratchpad:	
ii. Show that $f^{-1}(f(S)) = S$ for every $S \subseteq X$ if and only if $f$ is injective.	

## Exercise 3.4.9

Show that if  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  are two elements of a set I, and to each  $\alpha \in I$  we assign a set  $A_{\alpha}$ , then

$$\{x\in A_\beta: x\in A_\alpha \text{ for all }\alpha\in I\}=\{x\in A_{\beta'}: x\in A_\alpha \text{ for all }\alpha\in I\},$$

and so the definition of  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_{\alpha}$  defined in (3.3) does not depend on  $\beta$ .

Proof. Scratchpad:

Also explain why (3.4) is true.

Proof. Scratchpad:

### Exercise 3.4.10

Suppose that I and J are two sets, and for all  $\alpha \in I \cup J$  let  $A_{\alpha}$  be a set. Show that

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_{\alpha} \cup \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} A_{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I \cup J} A_{\alpha}.$$

*Proof.* Scratchpad:

If I and J are non-empty, show that

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_{\alpha} \cap \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_{\alpha} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I \cup J} A_{\alpha}.$$

Proof. Scratchpad: