

## Problem

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets, let  $A$  and  $B$  be any subsets of  $X$ , and let  $C$  and  $D$  be any subsets of  $Y$ . Determine which of the properties are true for all functions  $F$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  and which are false for at least one function  $F$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Justify your answers.

Exercise

For all subsets  $C$  and  $D$  of  $Y$ , if  $C \subseteq D$ , then

$$F^{-1}(C) \subseteq F^{-1}(D).$$

## Step-by-step solution

## Step 1 of 1

Let  $F$  be a mapping from set  $X$  to set  $Y$ , and let  $C$  and  $D$  be any subsets of  $Y$ .

That means,  $C \subseteq Y$ , and  $D \subseteq Y$ .

Assume that,  $C \subseteq D$ .

The objective is to determine whether the statement,  $F^{-1}(C) \subseteq F^{-1}(D)$  is true or false.

Let  $x$  be any element in the inverse image  $F^{-1}(C)$ .

That means,  $x \in F^{-1}(C)$ .

By the definition of inverse image,

$$F(x) \in C.$$

Since,

$$C \subseteq D$$

$$F(x) \in D$$

Hence, by the definition of inverse image,  $x \in F^{-1}(D)$ .

Therefore,  $F^{-1}(C) \subseteq F^{-1}(D)$ .

Hence, the statement is true.