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Score (Out of 4 points):

1. (4 points) Let $\underline{\text{Set}}$ be the category of sets and all functions. Let \mathcal{C} be a reasonably nice¹ category. Fix an object A in \mathcal{C} . Define a map

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -) : \mathcal{C} &\longrightarrow \underline{\text{Set}} \\ B &\longmapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) \end{aligned}$$

We can extend this map to a map of morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C} &\longrightarrow \underline{\text{Set}} \\ [f : B \rightarrow C] &\longmapsto [f_* : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, C)] \end{aligned}$$

to make it a covariant functor.² Explain how to define the map f_* , and verify that your construction is functorial.

¹For set-theoretic reasons, we need \mathcal{C} to be a *locally small category*. This holds for every category we will encounter.

²For each object A there is a **covariant** functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -)$ and a **contravariant** functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A)$. This question is about the first.