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## Exam 2

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### Instructions

- You will have 90 minutes to complete this exam; do **NOT** begin until instructed to do so.
- You are allowed to use one sheet of  $8.5 \times 11$ " paper for reference, as well as the provided ERD reference, but no other resources.
- No electronic devices may be used, including calculators, cell phones, cameras, and computers.
- Please write legibly: what I cannot read, I cannot award credit!

**(20 pts.) NORMALIZATION**

Consider a database with the following two relations,  $T1$  and  $T2$ , and functional dependencies. Your task is to ensure that the database is in 3NF.

$T1(\underline{A}, \underline{B}, C)$

$T2(\underline{M}, \underline{N}, O, P, Q, R)$

$N \rightarrow PQ$

$R \rightarrow O$

1. On this page, show and justify all steps of your analysis, including the current NF of all relations.
2. On the next page, draw your final schema.

$T1$  is Atomic so it fit 1NF

$T1$ 's non prime Attribute fully Functional dependency on primary key

$AB \rightarrow C$ , so it fit 2NF

$T1$ 's Nonprime Attribute is not Transitive functional dependency on primary key. so it fit 3NF

$T2$  is Atomic so it fit 1NF

$T2$ 's non prime attribute is not fully functional dependency on primary key. so it not fit 2NF.   
 which one? -1.5

$N \rightarrow PQ$

$R \rightarrow O$

AND  $MN \rightarrow R$  ✓

$\therefore MN \rightarrow R$	$T2-1(\underline{M}, \underline{N}, R)$	1NF, 2NF, 3NF
$N \rightarrow PQ$	$T2-2(\underline{N}, P, Q)$	1NF, 2NF, 3NF
$R \rightarrow O$	$T2-3(\underline{R}, O)$	1NF, 2NF, 3NF

Purposefully left blank for your logical schema – include in your diagram all PKs and FKs.

 $T_1$ 

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	C
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 $T_2 - 1$ 

<u>M</u>	<u>N</u>	R
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 $T_2 - 2$   
✓ -.5

<u>N</u>	P	Q
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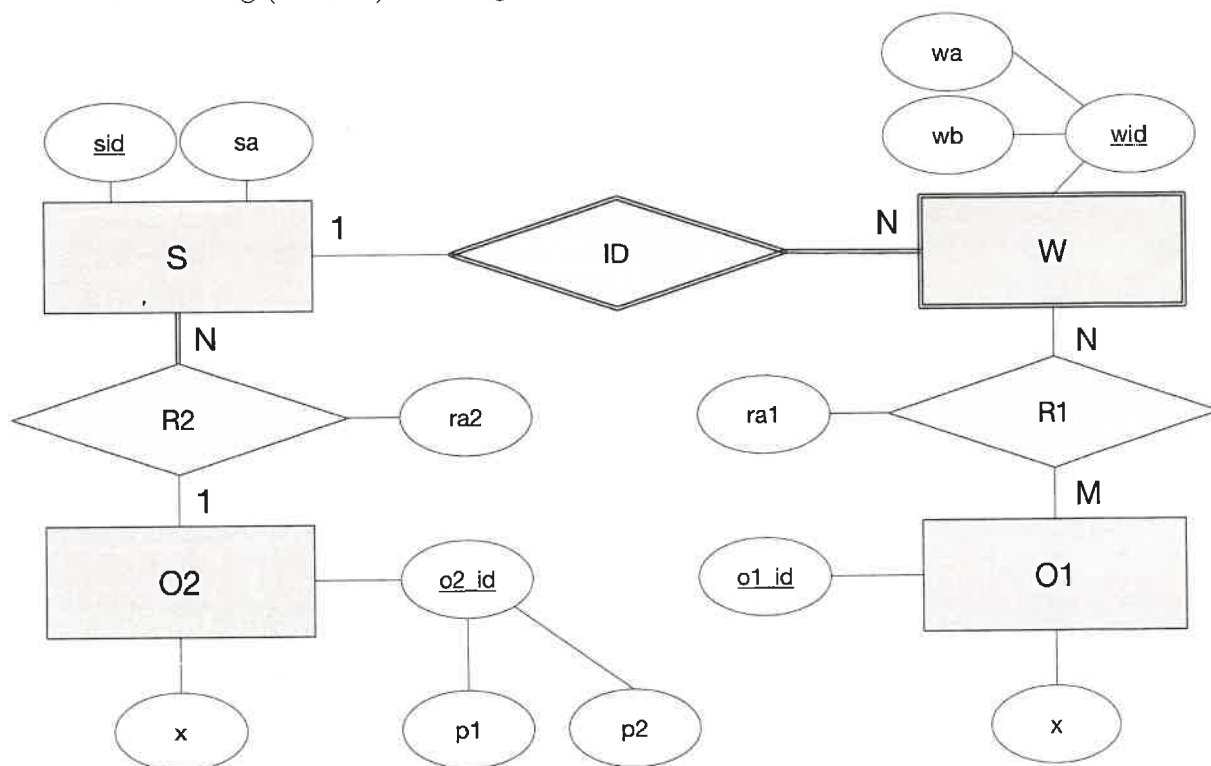
 $T_2 - 3$   
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**(15 pts.) CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

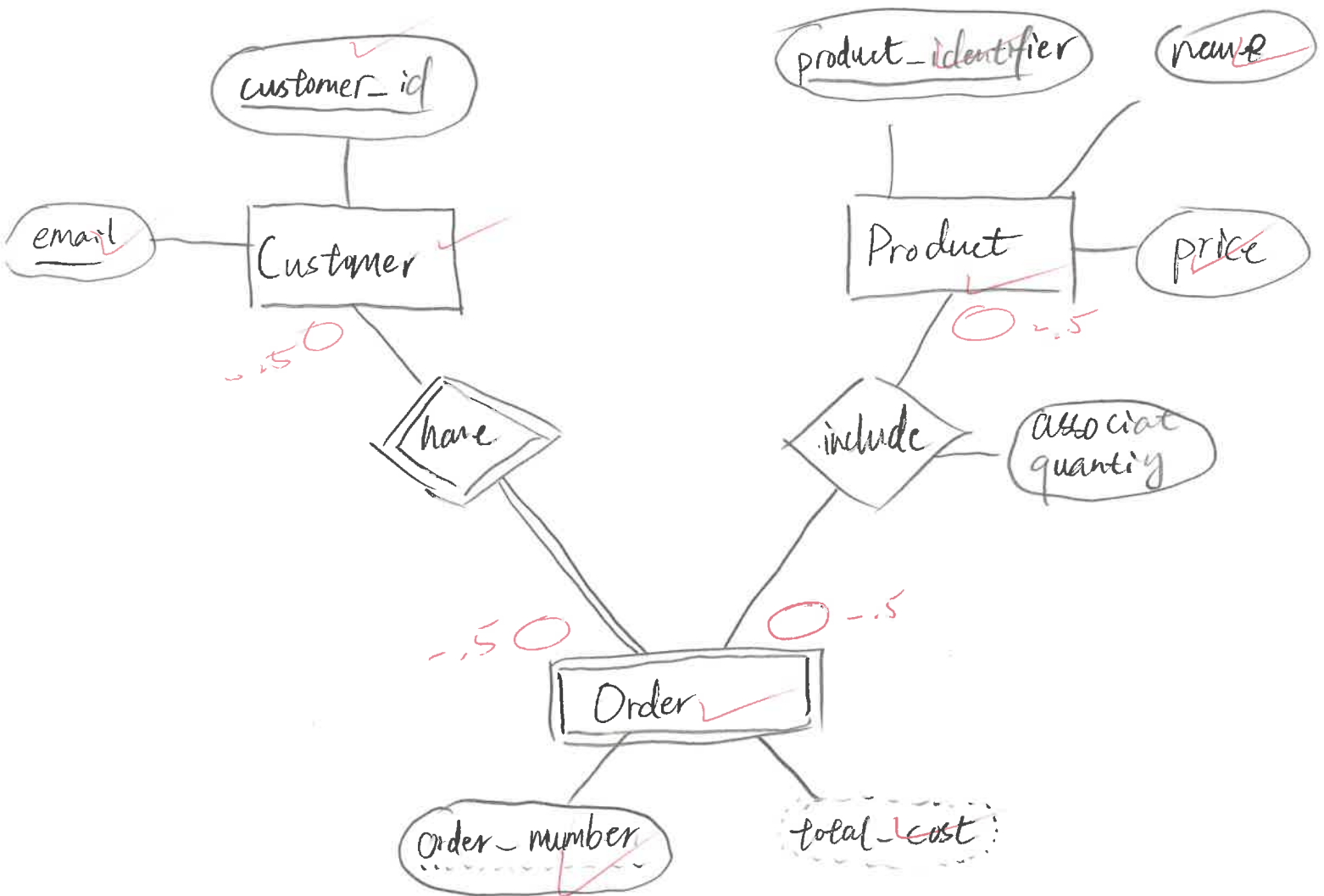
Respond to the questions below.

a) Consider the following (familiar) ER Diagram:

Indicate the validity of each of the following statements by writing the complete word true or false.falseA W can be uniquely identified by combining its wa and wb.  
*need it strong entity's PK together*falseAn O2 can be uniquely identified by either its p1 or p2.  
*and*1.5 falseInstead of on R2, ra2 could have been equivalently modeled on S.  
*1:N → N*falseInstead of on R1, ra1 could have been equivalently modeled on O1.  
*N:M need bright table*falseIt is possible for an S to not be associated with any O2.  
*S at least have 1 O2*trueIt is possible for an S to not be associated with any W.  
*but w at least have 1 S.*

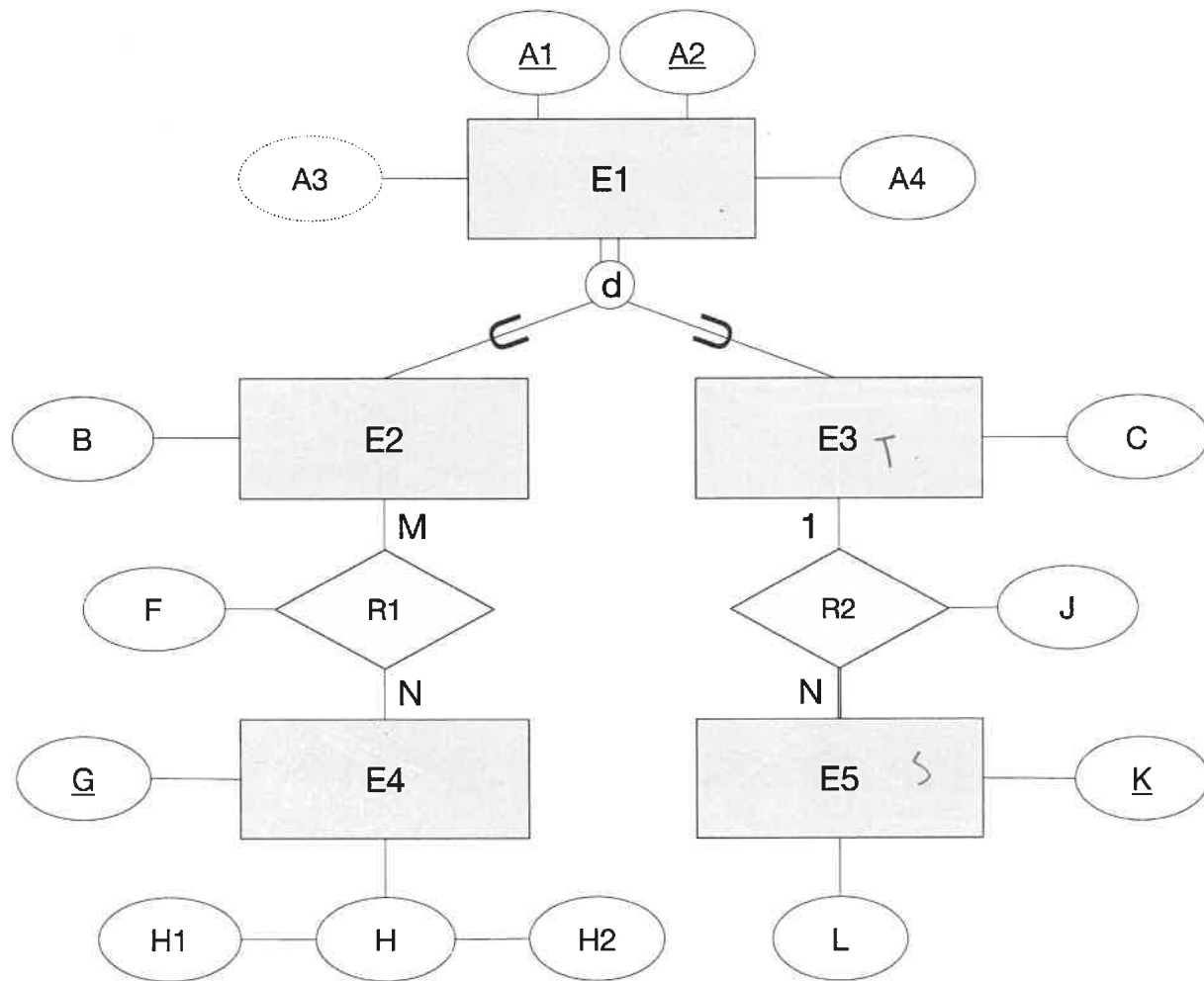
b) Produce an ER Diagram for the following narrative.

- All products on the site have a unique product identifier (PID), a name, and a price.
- All customers have a unique e-mail address and a unique customer id (CID).
- All orders are assigned an order number, unique to each customer. For example, user1@gmail.com (CID: 13) may have orders #1, #2, and #3, while user2@yahoo.com (CID: 121) may also have orders #1 and #2; however, neither can have a second order #1.
- Each order includes any number of products (including 0 for special promotions), and each product in an order has an associated quantity. For example, an order might include...
  - 2 of “Red Swingline Stapler” (PID: 17, \$20 each)
  - 1 of “Multi-Function Printer” (PID: 51, \$200 each)
  - 1 of “Baseball Bat” (PID: 3, \$10 each)
- It is important to know the total cost of the order (e.g., \$250 for the example order above).

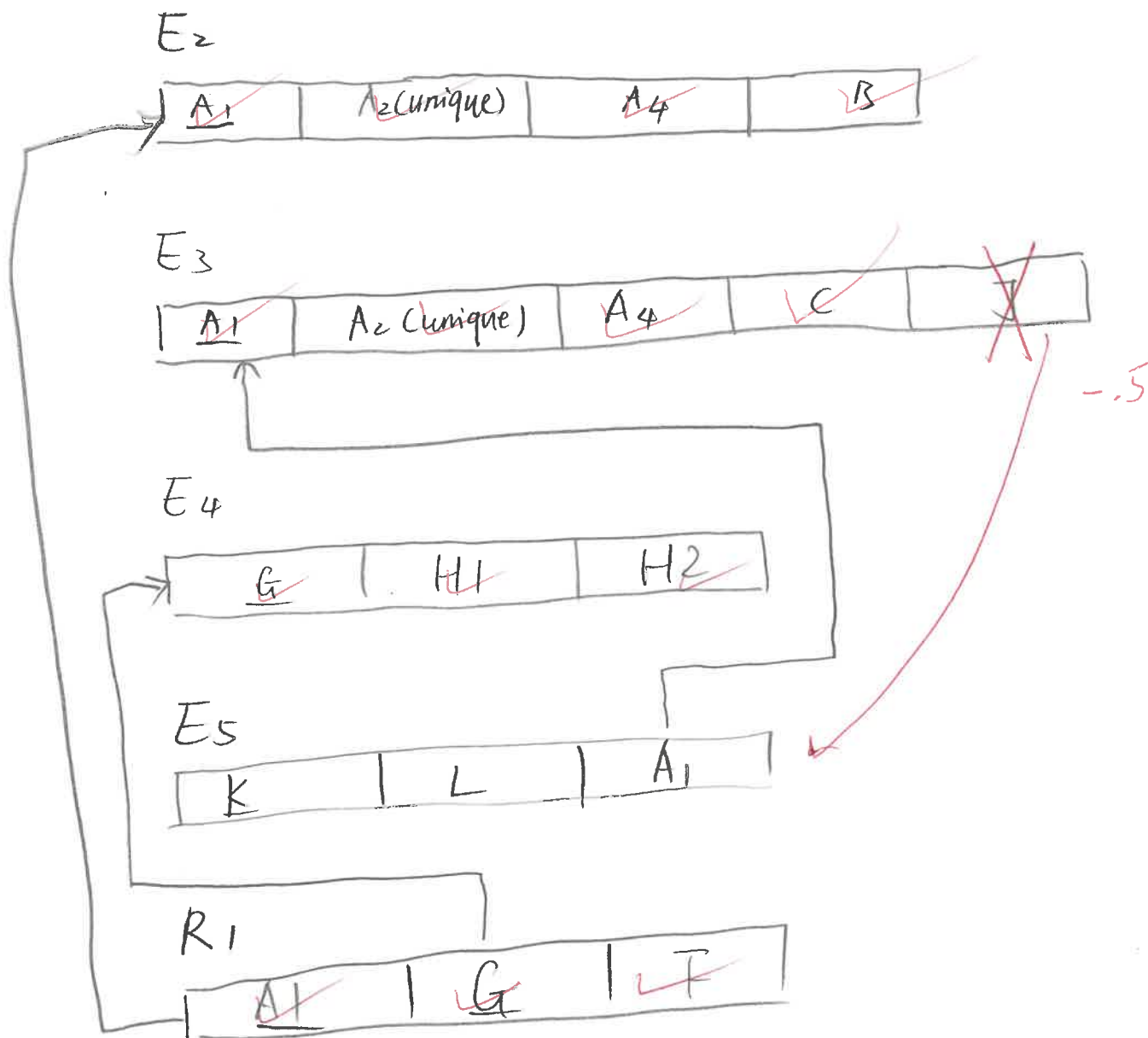


**(20 pts.) LOGICAL DESIGN**

On the next page, map the following ER Diagram to a relational schema.



Purposefully left blank for your logical schema – include in your diagram all PKs and FKs.



**(10 pts.) PHYSICAL DESIGN**

You are working to improve the performance of a query load on relation T3 (ID, A, B, C). After some initial analysis of the state of the relation, you make the following observations:

- Relation T3 has billions of rows
- Attribute A has 366 distinct values
- Attribute B has 500 distinct values
- Attribute C has 3 distinct values

You then look to the log of past queries involving relation T3 and it turns out there are only four that have run more than twice, each listed below in parameterized form with associated frequency of execution (high=run quite often, low=run relatively rarely):

- low - SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM T3 WHERE A=?
- high - SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM T3 WHERE B=?
- high - UPDATE T3 SET A=? WHERE B=?
- high - SELECT ID FROM T3 WHERE C=?

Given only this information, you must now justify whether or not to add single-attribute indexes for each attribute below. First, place an × in the appropriate blank indicating whether or not to make the index, then used the supplied space to justify your decision.

i. Attribute A: ☐ DO make index ☒ Do NOT make index

Attribute A run query relatively rarely, and need to be updated frequently.

ii. Attribute B: ☒ DO make index ☐ Do NOT make index

Attribute B run query quite often and most distinct value.

iii. Attribute C: ☐ DO make index ☒ Do NOT make index

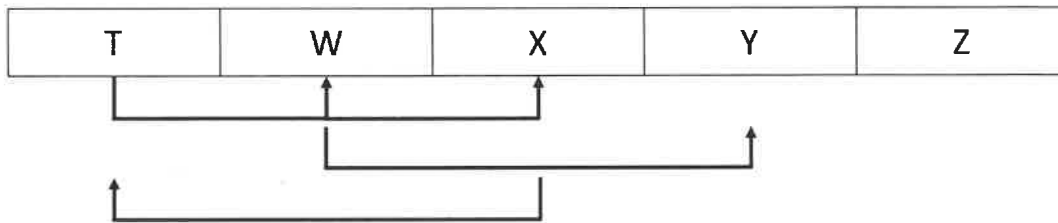
Attribute C only have 3 distinct values.

So in the case, whatever C has index or not there's no satisficing performance improvement of it last query?



**(5 pts.) BONUS: FUNCTIONAL DEPENDENCIES***Respond to the questions below.*

a) Consider the following visual depiction of the functional dependencies of a relational schema:



Identify the minimal key(s) of of this relation: \_\_\_\_\_

TZ

+1

$$T \rightarrow WX$$

$$W \rightarrow Y$$

$$X \rightarrow T$$

$$T^* \{T\}$$

$$T \rightarrow WX \quad \{TWX\}$$

$$W \rightarrow Y \quad \{TWXY\}$$

$$X \rightarrow T \quad \{TWXY\}$$

$$Z \quad \{TWXYZ\}$$

b) Consider the current state of the following relation:

	<b>A<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>A<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>A<sub>3</sub></b>
$t_1$	$a$	1	$x$
$t_2$	$b$	1	$y$
$t_3$	$c$	2	$z$
$t_4$	$d$	2	$z$

Your task: given the current state of the relation, for each FD listed below, if you believe it...

- does **NOT** hold: list ALL pairs of rows that invalidate this FD; ex:  $(t_1, t_4)$  and  $(t_2, t_3)$
- **DOES** hold: write the full word **valid**

$\{A_1\} \rightarrow \{A_2\}$

valid.

$\{A_2\} \rightarrow \{A_3\}$

$(t_1, t_2)$

$\{A_2\} \rightarrow \{A_1\}$

$(t_1, t_2)(t_3, t_4)$

$\{A_3\} \rightarrow \{A_2\}$

valid.

$\{A_2, A_3\} \rightarrow \{A_1\}$

$(t_3, t_4)$

+3