

# Assignment1

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## Problem1

For  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  we define the set:

$$S_{x,y} = \{mx + ny : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

**(a) Give four elements of  $S_{6,9}$ .**

$$S_{6,9} = \{6m + 9n : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

let  $m = 0, n = 0$  , the element is 0.

let  $m = 1, n = -1$  , the element is -3.

let  $m = -1, n = 1$  , the element is 3.

let  $m = 1, n = 0$  , the element is 6.

So, four elements of  $S_{6,9}$  : -3, 0, 3, 6.

**(b) Give four elements of  $S_{10,-16}$  .**

$$S_{10,-16} = \{10m - 16n : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

let  $m = 0, n = 0$  , the element is 0.

let  $m = 1, n = 1$  , the element is -6.

let  $m = -1, n = -1$  , the element is 6.

let  $m = 1, n = 0$  , the element is 10.

So, four elements of  $S_{10,-16}$  : -6, 0, 6, 10.

**For the following questions, let  $d = \gcd(x, y)$  and  $z$  be the smallest positive number in  $S_{x,y}$ , or 0 if there are no positive numbers in  $S_{x,y}$ .**

**(c) (i) Show that  $S_{x,y} \subseteq \{n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } d|n\}$ .**

Suppose  $a \in S_{x,y}$ , then  $a = mx + ny$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Because  $d = \gcd(x, y)$ , so there exists  $x = k_1d$  for some  $k_1$  and  $y = k_2d$  for some  $k_2$ . Therefore  $a = (k_1m + k_2n)d$ .

Because  $k_1, m, k_2, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $k_1m + k_2n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a = kd$ . Therefore  $d|a$ .

Therefore  $a \in \{n : n \in Z \text{ and } d|n\}$ .

Therefore  $S_{x,y} \subseteq \{n : n \in Z \text{ and } d|n\}$ .

**(ii) Show that  $d \leq z$ .**

Because  $z$  is a number in  $S_{x,y}$ , by the results of c(i), we can get that  $d|z$ .

Because  $z \geq 0$ , by definition of gcd,  $d$  is also positive,

therefore,  $z \div d$  is a positive integer. So  $z \div d \geq 1$ .

Therefore  $d \leq z$ .

**(d) (i) Show that  $z|x$  and  $z|y$  (Hint: consider  $(x \% z)$  and  $(y \% z)$ ).**

Suppose  $x =_{(z)} p, y =_{(z)} q$ , which means  $z|(x-p)$  and  $z|(y-q)$ . In order to prove that  $z|x$  and  $z|y$ , I will show that  $p, q = 0$ .

Because  $z|(x-p)$  and  $z|(y-q)$ , there exists  $k_1, k_2 \in Z$ ,

$$x = k_1z + p,$$

$$y = k_2z + q.$$

Because  $z$  is the smallest positive number in  $S_{x,y}$ , therefore  $z = m_1x + n_1y$  for some  $m_1, n_1 \in Z$ . Then  $z = mx + ny = m(k_1z + p) + n(k_2z + q)$ .

Then  $z = (mk_1 + nk_2)z + mp + nq$ . In order to make this equation hold, we must set  $mk_1 + nk_2 = 1$  and  $mp + nq = 0$ . In this case,  $m$  and  $n$  cannot be 0 at the same time, which means  $p$  and  $q$  are both 0.

Therefore,  $p, q = 0$ .

Therefore,  $z|x$  and  $z|y$ .

**(ii) Show that  $z \leq d$ .**

Because  $d = \gcd(x, y)$ , so there exists  $x = k_1d$  for some  $k_1$  and  $y = k_2d$  for some  $k_2$ .

Because  $z$  is a number in  $S_{x,y}$ , therefore  $z = mx + ny$  for some  $m, n \in Z$ .

Therefore  $z = (k_1m + k_2n)d$ .

In order to let  $z$  be the smallest number in  $S_{x,y}$ , we just need to set  $mk_1 + nk_2$  is the smallest. Because  $z$  and  $d$  are both positive, so  $mk_1 + nk_2$  is a positive integer. The smallest positive integer is 1. So  $mk_1 + nk_2 = 1$ .

Therefore  $z = d$ .

Therefore  $z \leq d$ .

## Problem2

For all  $x, y \in Z$  with  $y > 1$  :

**(a) Prove that if  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$ , then there is at least one  $w \in [0, y) \cap N$  such that  $wx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ .**

By Bezout's identity, there exists  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $mx + ny = 1$ , then  $mx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ .

By Euclid's division lemma, for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , there exists  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $0 \leq r < y$  such that

$$m = qy + r$$

Therefore,  $(qy + r)x \equiv_{(y)} 1$ , which means  $qyr + rx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ , since  $y|qyr$ , so  $rx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ .

Therefore, there exists  $r \in [0, y) \cap N$ ,  $rx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ . So there is at least one  $w \in [0, y) \cap N$ ,  $wx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ .

**(b) Prove that if  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$  and  $y|kx$  then  $y|k$ .**

By Bezout's identity, there exists  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $mx + ny = 1$ .

Times  $k$  on both sides, then  $kmx + kny = k$ .

Because  $y|kx$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $y|kmx$ . Plus,  $y|kny$ , so  $k = kmx + kny$  is multiple of  $y$ .

Therefore,  $y|k$ .

**(c) Prove that if  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$ , then there is at most one  $w \in [0, y) \cap N$  such that  $wx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ .**

Suppose there are more than one  $w \in [0, y) \cap N$  such that  $wx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ . Let's say two  $w$  satisfy this equation, then let  $w_1x \equiv_{(y)} 1$  and  $w_2x \equiv_{(y)} 1$ ,  $w_1 \neq w_2$ , which means

$$\begin{aligned} y|(w_1x - 1), \\ y|(w_2x - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} w_1x &= k_1y + 1 \text{ for some } k_1, \\ w_2x &= k_2y + 1 \text{ for some } k_2. \end{aligned}$$

Subtract two equation, we get that  $(w_1 - w_2)x = (k_1 - k_2)y$ . So,  $y|(w_1 - w_2)x$ .

By the results of (b), we can get that  $y|(w_1 - w_2)$ .

Because  $w \in [0, y) \cap N$ ,  $w_1 - w_2$  can only be 0, so  $w_1 = w_2$ , which contradicts my suppose.

Therefore, if  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$ , then there is at most one  $w \in [0, y) \cap N$  such that  $wx \equiv_{(y)} 1$ .

### Problem3

Prove that for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$  with  $n \leq m$ :

$$\frac{3}{2}(n + (m \% n)) < m + n.$$

### Proof of Problem3

Let  $m \% n = p$ , which means  $m = kn + p$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So  $\frac{3}{2}(n + (m \% n)) = \frac{3}{2}(n + p)$ .

Let  $S = \frac{3}{2}(n + p) - (m + n)$ , in order to prove  $\frac{3}{2}(n + (m \% n)) < m + n$ , we just need to prove  $S < 0$ .

$$S = \frac{3}{2}(n + p) - (m + n) = \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{3}{2}p - (kn + p) = \frac{1}{2}(n + p) - kn.$$

Because  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$  with  $n \leq m$ , so for the equation  $m = kn + p$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < n$ .

Because  $0 < p < n$ , so  $S < \frac{1}{2}(n + n) - kn$ , therefore  $S < (1 - k)n$ .

Therefore,  $S < 0$ .

Therefore,  $\frac{3}{2}(n + (m \% n)) < m + n$ .

### Problem4

(a) prove  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap \emptyset &= A \cap (A \cap A^c) && \text{(Complement with } \cap) \\ &= (A \cap A) \cap A^c && \text{(Associativity of } \cap) \\ &= A \cap A^c && \text{(Idempotence of } \cap) \\ &= \emptyset && \text{(Complement with } \cap) \end{aligned}$$

(b) prove  $(A \setminus C) \cup (B \setminus C) = (A \cup B) \setminus C$

$$\begin{aligned} (A \setminus C) \cup (B \setminus C) &= (A \cap C^c) \cup (B \setminus C) && \text{(Definition of } \setminus) \\ &= (A \cap C^c) \cup (B \cap C^c) && \text{(Definition of } \setminus) \\ &= (C^c \cap A) \cup (B \cap C^c) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\ &= (C^c \cap A) \cup (C^c \cap B) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\ &= C^c \cap (A \cup B) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cap \text{ over } \cup) \\ &= (A \cup B) \cap C^c && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\ &= (A \cup B) \setminus C && \text{(Definition of } \setminus) \end{aligned}$$

**(c) prove  $A^c \oplus \mathcal{U} = A$**

$$\begin{aligned}
A^c \oplus \mathcal{U} &= (A^c \cap \mathcal{U}^c) \cup ((A^c)^c \cap \mathcal{U}) && \text{(Definition of } \oplus \text{)} \\
&= (A^c \cap \mathcal{U}^c) \cup (A \cap \mathcal{U}) && \text{(Double complement)} \\
&= (A^c \cap \mathcal{U}^c) \cup A && \text{(Identity of } \cap \text{)} \\
&= A \cup (A^c \cap \mathcal{U}^c) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cup \text{)} \\
&= (A \cup A^c) \cap (A \cup \mathcal{U}^c) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cup \text{ over } \cap \text{)} \\
&= \mathcal{U} \cap (A \cup \mathcal{U}^c) && \text{(Complement with } \cup \text{)} \\
&= (\mathcal{U} \cap A) \cup (\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{U}^c) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cap \text{ over } \cup \text{)} \\
&= (\mathcal{U} \cap A) \cup \emptyset && \text{(Complement with } \cap \text{)} \\
&= (A \cap \mathcal{U}) \cup \emptyset && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap \text{)} \\
&= A \cup \emptyset && \text{(Identity of } \cap \text{)} \\
&= A && \text{(Identity of } \cup \text{)}
\end{aligned}$$

**(d) prove  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$**

By uniqueness of complement:  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \cup B = \mathcal{U}$  if and only if  $B = A^c$ . In order to prove  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ , we just need to show that

$$(1) (A \cup B) \cap (A^c \cap B^c) = \emptyset.$$

$$(2) (A \cup B) \cup (A^c \cap B^c) = \mathcal{U}.$$

**proof of (1)**

$$\begin{aligned}
(A \cup B) \cap (A^c \cap B^c) &= (A^c \cap B^c) \cap (A \cup B) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap \text{)} \\
&= ((A^c \cap B^c) \cap A) \cup ((A^c \cap B^c) \cap B) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cap \text{ over } \cup \text{)} \\
&= (A \cap (A^c \cap B^c)) \cup ((A^c \cap B^c) \cap B) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap \text{)} \\
&= ((A \cap A^c) \cap B^c) \cup ((A^c \cap B^c) \cap B) && \text{(Associativity of } \cap \text{)} \\
&= ((A \cap A^c) \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap (B^c \cap B)) && \text{(Associativity of } \cap \text{)} \\
&= (\emptyset \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap (B^c \cap B)) && \text{(Complement with } \cap \text{)} \\
&= (\emptyset \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap \emptyset) && \text{(Complement with } \cap \text{)} \\
&= \emptyset \cup (A^c \cap \emptyset) && \text{(Annihilation)} \\
&= \emptyset \cup \emptyset && \text{(Annihilation)} \\
&= \emptyset && \text{(Idempotence of } \cup \text{)}
\end{aligned}$$

**proof of (2)**

$$\begin{aligned}
(A \cup B) \cup (A^c \cap B^c) &= ((A \cup B) \cup A^c) \cap ((A \cup B) \cup B^c) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cup \text{ over } \cap) \\
&= (A^c \cup (A \cup B)) \cap ((A \cup B) \cup B^c) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cup) \\
&= ((A^c \cup A) \cup B) \cap ((A \cup B) \cup B^c) && \text{(Associativity of } \cup) \\
&= ((A^c \cup A) \cup B) \cap (A \cup (B \cup B^c)) && \text{(Associativity of } \cup) \\
&= (\mathcal{U} \cup B) \cap (A \cup (B \cup B^c)) && \text{(Complement with } \cup) \\
&= (\mathcal{U} \cup B) \cap (A \cup \mathcal{U}) && \text{(Complement with } \cup) \\
&= \mathcal{U} \cap (A \cup \mathcal{U}) && \text{(duality of Annihilation of (a))} \\
&= \mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{U} && \text{(duality of Annihilation of (a))} \\
&= \mathcal{U} && \text{(Idempotence of } \cap)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ .

**(e) prove**  $((A \cup B) \cap (B \cup C)) \cap (C \cup A) = ((A \cap B) \cup (B \cap C)) \cup (C \cap A)$

$$\begin{aligned}
((A \cup B) \cap (B \cup C)) \cap (C \cup A) &= ((B \cup A) \cap (B \cup C)) \cap (C \cup A) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cup) \\
&= (B \cup (A \cap C)) \cap (C \cup A) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cup \text{ over } \cap) \\
&= (C \cup A) \cap (B \cup (A \cap C)) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup ((C \cup A) \cap (A \cap C)) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cap \text{ over } \cup) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup (((C \cup A) \cap A) \cap C) && \text{(Associativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup ((A \cap (C \cup A)) \cap C) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup (((A \cap C) \cup (A \cap A)) \cap C) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cap \text{ over } \cup) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup (((A \cap C) \cup A) \cap C) && \text{(Idempotence of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup (C \cap ((A \cap C) \cup A)) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup ((C \cap (A \cap C)) \cup (C \cap A)) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cap \text{ over } \cup) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup (((A \cap C) \cap C) \cup (C \cap A)) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup ((A \cap (C \cap C)) \cup (C \cap A)) && \text{(Associativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup ((A \cap C) \cup (C \cap A)) && \text{(Idempotence of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup ((C \cap A) \cup (C \cap A)) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((C \cup A) \cap B) \cup (C \cap A) && \text{(Idempotence of } \cup) \\
&= (B \cap (C \cup A)) \cup (C \cap A) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((B \cap C) \cup (B \cap A)) \cup (C \cap A) && \text{(Distributivity of } \cap \text{ over } \cup) \\
&= ((B \cap C) \cup (A \cap B)) \cup (C \cap A) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cap) \\
&= ((A \cap B) \cup (B \cap C)) \cup (C \cap A) && \text{(Commutativity of } \cup)
\end{aligned}$$

## Problem5

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . For each of the following, prove that the result holds for all sets  $X, Y, Z \subseteq \Sigma^*$ , or provide a counterexample to disprove:

**(a)**  $(X \cup Y)^{(*)} = X^{(*)} \cup Y^{(*)}$

Counterexample:

$X = \{0\}, Y = \{1\}$ . Then,  $X \cup Y = \{0, 1\}$ .

Therefore,  $0101 \in (X \cup Y)^{(*)}$ , while  $X^{(*)} \cup Y^{(*)} = \{00..., 11...\}$ ,  $0101$  is not in this set.

**(b)**  $(X \cap Y)^{(*)} = X^{(*)} \cap Y^{(*)}$

Counterexample:

$X = \{0, 1\}, Y = \{01\}$ . Then,  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ ,  $(X \cap Y)^{(*)}$  is also empty set.

While  $X^{(*)} \cap Y^{(*)} = \{0101...\}$ , which is not empty set.

**(c)**  $X(Y \cup Z) = (XY) \cup (XZ)$

Counterexample:

$X = \{0\}, Y = \{1\}, Z = \emptyset$ . Then,  $Y \cup Z = \{1\}$ , so  $X(Y \cup Z) = \{01\}$

While  $XY = \{01\}, XZ = \{0\}, (XY) \cup (XZ) = \{0, 01\}$ .

## Problem6

**(a)** List all possible functions  $f : \{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , that is, all element of  $\{0, 1\}^{\{a, b, c\}}$ .

$$f_1 : f(a) = 0, f(b) = 0, f(c) = 0$$

$$f_2 : f(a) = 0, f(b) = 0, f(c) = 1$$

$$f_3 : f(a) = 0, f(b) = 1, f(c) = 0$$

$$f_4 : f(a) = 1, f(b) = 0, f(c) = 0$$

$$f_5 : f(a) = 0, f(b) = 1, f(c) = 1$$

$$f_6 : f(a) = 1, f(b) = 0, f(c) = 1$$

$$f_7 : f(a) = 1, f(b) = 1, f(c) = 0$$

$$f_8 : f(a) = 1, f(b) = 1, f(c) = 1$$

**(b)** Describe a connection between your answer for (a) and  $\text{Pow}(\{a, b, c\})$ .

$$\text{Pow}(\{a, b, c\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$$

Therefore, if we consider 0,1 of (a) as one element appearing and not appearing in the subset, then it is corresponding to the 8 situations happening the power set of  $\{a, b, c\}$ .

**(c)** Describe a connection between your answer for (a) and  $\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : \text{length}(w) = 3\}$ .

$\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : \text{length}(w) = 3\} = \{000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$ , which is corresponding to contenance of all the results in the function  $f_i$ .

## Problem7

Show that for any sets  $A, B, C$  there is a bijection between  $A^{(B \times C)}$  and  $(A^B)^C$ .

### Proof of Problem7

By definition, bijection is a function is a function that is bijective. So I will show that there is a bijection between  $A^{(B \times C)}$  and  $(A^B)^C$  by showing that there is a function between  $A^{(B \times C)}$  and  $(A^B)^C$  which is both injective and surjective.

By definition, for any sets  $A, B, C$ ,

$A^{(B \times C)}$  is the set of all functions from  $B \times C$  to  $A$ .

$(A^B)^C$  is the set of all functions from  $C$  to  $A^B$ .

## Problem8

Recall the relation composition operator; defined as:

$$R_1; R_2 = \{(a, c) : \text{there is a } b \text{ with } (a, b) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, c) \in R_2\}$$

Let  $S$  be an arbitrary set. For each of the following, prove it holds for any binary relations  $R_1, R_2, R_3 \subseteq S \times S$ , or give a conterexample to disprove:

**(a)**  $(R_1; R_2); R_3 = R_1; (R_2; R_3)$

Suppose there is  $(a, b) \in R_1, (b, c) \in R_2, (c, d) \in R_3$ .

By definition,  $R_1; R_2 = \{(a, c) : \text{there is a } b \text{ with } (a, b) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, c) \in R_2\}$ .

Therefore,  $(R_1; R_2); R_3 = \{(a, d) : \text{there is a } c \text{ with } (a, c) \in R_1; R_2 \text{ and } (c, d) \in R_3\}$ .

Plus  $R_2; R_3 = \{(b, d) : \text{there is a } c \text{ with } (b, c) \in R_2 \text{ and } (c, d) \in R_3\}$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (R_1; R_2); R_3 &= \{(a, d) : \text{there is a } b \text{ with } (a, b) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, d) \in R_2; R_3\} \\ &= R_1; (R_2; R_3). \end{aligned}$$

**(b)**  $I; R_1 = R_1; I = R_1$  **where**  $I = \{(x, x) : x \in S\}$

Suppose there is  $(a, a), (b, b) \in I, (a, b) \in R_1$ .

By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} I; R_1 &= \{(a, b) : \text{there is a } a \text{ with } (a, a) \in I \text{ and } (a, b) \in R_1\} \\ &= \{(a, b) : \text{there is a } b \text{ with } (a, b) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, b) \in I\} \\ &= R_1; I \\ &= \{a, b\} \\ &= R_1. \end{aligned}$$



$$(c) (R_1 \cup R_2); R_3 = (R_1; R_3) \cup (R_2; R_3)$$

Suppose there is  $(a_1, b), (a_2, c) \in R_1, (b, c) \in R_2, (c, d) \in R_3$ .

Then  $R_1 \cup R_2 = \{(a_1, b), (a_2, c), (b, c)\}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (R_1 \cup R_2); R_3 &= \{(a_2, d), (b, d) : \text{there is a } c \text{ with } (a_2, c), (b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \text{ and } (c, d) \in R_3\} \\ &= \{(a_2, d) : \text{there is a } c \text{ with } (a_2, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \text{ and } (c, d) \in R_3\} \\ &\quad \cup \{(b, d) : \text{there is a } c \text{ with } (b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \text{ and } (c, d) \in R_3\} \\ &= \{(a_2, d) : \text{there is a } c \text{ with } (a_2, c) \in R_1 \text{ and } (c, d) \in R_3\} \\ &\quad \cup \{(b, d) : \text{there is a } c \text{ with } (b, c) \in R_2 \text{ and } (c, d) \in R_3\} \\ &= (R_1; R_3) \cup (R_2; R_3). \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) R_1; (R_2 \cap R_3) = (R_1; R_2) \cap (R_1; R_3)$$

Suppose there is  $(a, b), (a, c_1), (a, e_1), (a, e_2) \in R_1, (b, c_2), (c_1, d), (e_1, f_1) \in R_2, (c_1, d), (b, c_2), (e_2, f_2) \in R_3$ .

Then  $R_2 \cap R_3 = \{(b, c_2), (c_1, d)\}$ .

$R_1; R_2 = \{(a, c_2), (a, d), (a, f_1) : \text{there is a } b, c_1, e_1 \text{ with } (a, b), (a, c_1), (a, e_1) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, c_2), (c_1, d), (e_1, f_1) \in R_2\}$ .

$R_1; R_3 = \{(a, c_2), (a, d), (a, f_2) : \text{there is a } b, c_1, e_2 \text{ with } (a, b), (a, c_1), (a, e_2) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, c_2), (c_1, d), (e_1, f_2) \in R_3\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} R_1; (R_2 \cap R_3) &= \{(a, c_2), (a, d) : \text{there is a } b, c_1 \text{ with } (a, b), (a, c_1) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, c_2), (c_1, d) \in R_2 \cap R_3\}. \\ &= \{(a, c_2), (a, d), (a, f_1) : \text{there is a } b, c_1, e_1 \text{ with } (a, b), (a, c_1), (a, e_1) \in R_1 \text{ and } \\ &\quad (b, c_2), (c_1, d), (e_1, f_1) \in R_2\} \cap \{(a, c_2), (a, d), (a, f_2) : \text{there is a } b, c_1, e_2 \text{ with } \\ &\quad (a, b), (a, c_1), (a, e_2) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, c_2), (c_1, d), (e_1, f_2) \in R_3\} \\ &= (R_1; R_2) \cap (R_1; R_3). \end{aligned}$$