

# Assignment 1

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## Problem 1

### Problem 1

(22 marks)

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

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

(a) Give five elements of  $S_{4,-6}$ .

(5 marks)

(b) Give five elements of  $S_{12,18}$ .

(5 marks)

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

(4 marks)

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

(2 marks)

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

(4 marks)

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

(2 marks)

### Remark

The result that there exists  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $mx + ny = \gcd(x, y)$  is known as Bézout's Identity.

(a)

$$S_{4,-6} = \{4m - 6y : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad (1)$$

Value of m, n	Elements of S
m = 1, n = 1	-2
m = 2, n = 2	-4
m = 3, n = 3	-6
m = 4, n = 4	-8
m = 5, n = 5	-10

(b)

$$S_{12,18} = \{ 12m + 18y : m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \} \quad (2)$$

Value of m, n	Elements of S
m = 1, n = 1	30
m = 2, n = 2	60
m = 3, n = 3	90
m = 4, n = 4	120
m = 5, n = 5	150

(c)

(i)

1. Suppose  $w$  to be elements of  $S$ ,

$$S_{x,y} = \{ mx + ny : m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \} \quad (3)$$

2. Then  $w$  can be expressed in the form as follow, where  $x, y$  are Integers.

$$w = mx + ny \quad (m, n \in \mathbb{Z}) \quad (4)$$

3. Since  $d = \gcd(x, y)$ , then  $d \mid x$  and  $d \mid y$ ,
4. Since  $m, n$  are Integers, then  $d \mid mx$  and  $d \mid ny$ ,
5. Clearly,  $d \mid (mx + ny)$ , that is  $d \mid w$ ,
6. Clearly,

$$w \in \{ n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } d \mid n \} \quad (5)$$

7. Then,

$$S_{x,y} \subseteq \{ n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } d \mid n \} \quad (6)$$

(ii)

1. In the definition of greatest common divisor,  
we have  $d \geq 0$  ( $d = 0$  for  $x = y = 0$ ).
2. · From question (c) (i), we have  $d \mid w$  ( $w$  stands for elements in set  $S$ )  
· Clearly,  $z$  is one of the elements in set  $S$   
Therefore,  $d \mid z$ .
3. Since  $z$  is positive ( $z = 0$  if there are no positive element in set  $S$ ) and  $d \mid z$ ,  
Therefore,  $z = Cd$  (where  $C$  is a positive Integer).  
Therefore,  $z \geq d$  ( $z = d$  for  $x = y = 0$ ).

(d)

(i)

1. To prove this question, here refers to definition from Lecture material as follow.

### Definition

Let  $m, p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

- $m \text{ div } n = \lfloor \frac{m}{n} \rfloor$
- $m \% n = m - (m \text{ div } n) \cdot n$
- $m =_{(n)} p$  if  $n | (m - p)$

2. To prove this question, here starts from  $x$  since the procedure is the same for those of  $y$ .

From definition 1 and 2,  $x$  could be described as following format:

$$x \% z = x - \lfloor \frac{x}{z} \rfloor \cdot z \quad (7)$$

3. Since  $z$  is one of the element of set  $S$ , we have:

$$z = m_1x + n_1y \quad (8)$$

Substitute equation (7) with equation (8), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x \% z &= x - \lfloor \frac{x}{z} \rfloor (m_1x + n_1y) \\ &= (1 - \lfloor \frac{x}{z} \rfloor m_1) x + (-\lfloor \frac{x}{z} \rfloor n_1) y \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ x \% z &= m_2x + n_2y \text{ (where } m_2, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{)} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Therefore,  $x \% z$  is also one of the element of set  $S$ .

- 4.

### Fact

- $0 \leq (m \% n) < n$ .
- $m =_{(n)} p$  if, and only if,  $(m \% n) = (p \% n)$ .
- $m =_{(n)} (m \% n)$
- If  $m =_{(n)} m'$  and  $p =_{(n)} p'$  then:
  - $m + p =_{(n)} m' + p'$  and
  - $m \cdot p =_{(n)} m' \cdot p'$ .

From the definition above, we have:

$$x \% z \in [0, z) \quad (10)$$

5. Since  $z$  is the smallest positive number in set  $S$ ,

$$x \% z = 0 \quad (11)$$

6. Therefore,  $z \mid x$ , vice versa for proof of  $z \mid y$ .

(ii)

1. From question (d) (i), we have :

$$x \% z = 0$$

$$y \% z = 0,$$

Therefore,  $z$  is one of the common divisor of  $x, y$ .

2. Since  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of  $x, y$ .

Therefore,  $z \leq d$ .

## Problem 2

### Problem 2

(12 marks)

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

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

(Hint: Use Bézout's identity)

(4 marks)

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

(4 marks)

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

(4 marks)

(a)

- 1.

#### Remark

The result that there exists  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $mx + ny = \gcd(x, y)$  is known as Bézout's Identity.

Clearly,  $w$  is an Integer, which satisfies Bézout's Identity,

Substitute  $m$  with  $w$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} wx + ny &= \gcd(x, y) = 1 \\ &\downarrow \\ wx + ny &= 1 \\ &\downarrow \\ wx - 1 &= (-n)y \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Therefore,  $y \mid (wx - 1)$ .

- 2.

### Definition

Let  $m, p \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

- $m \operatorname{div} n = \lfloor \frac{m}{n} \rfloor$
- $m \% n = m - (m \operatorname{div} n) \cdot n$
- $m \equiv_{(n)} p$  if  $n \mid (m - p)$

From definition 3, we have:

$$wx = (y)1 \quad (13)$$

(b)

1.

**Fact**

$$\gcd(m, n) \cdot \text{lcm}(m, n) = |m| \cdot |n|$$

From Fact, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(x, y) \cdot \text{lcm}(x, y) &= |x| \cdot |y| \\ \downarrow \\ \text{lcm}(x, y) &= |x| \cdot |y| \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

2. Clearly, x could not be the multiples of y.

Otherwise, the result of  $\text{lcm}(x, y)$  would be  $|x|$  but  $|x| \cdot |y|$ .

3. However,  $y \mid kx$ .

Therefore,  $y \mid k$ .

(c)

1. From Bézout's Identity, suppose there exists a pair of  $w$  which:

$$\begin{aligned} w_1x + n_1y &= \gcd(x, y) = 1 \\ w_2x + n_2y &= \gcd(x, y) = 1 \\ \downarrow \\ (w_1 - w_2)x &= (n_2 - n_1)y \\ \downarrow \\ y &\mid (w_1 - w_2)x \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

2. From question (b), which, if  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$  and  $y \mid kx$  then  $y \mid k$ :

$$y \mid (w_1 - w_2) \quad (16)$$

3. Since:

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &\in [0, y) \\ w_2 &\in [0, y) \\ \downarrow \\ -y &< w_1 - w_2 < y \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

4. Statement in Line 3 contradicts the Statement in Line 2.

Therefore, there is at most one  $w$ .

## Problem 4

### Problem 4

(16 marks)

Use the laws of set operations (and any results proven in lectures) to prove the following identities:

(a) (Annihilation):  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$  (4 marks)

(b)  $(A \setminus C^c) \cup (B \cap C) = C \cap (B \cup A)$  (4 marks)

(c)  $A^c \oplus \mathcal{U} = A$  (4 marks)

(d) (De Morgan's law):  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$  (4 marks)

Proof assistant

[https://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs9020/cgi-bin/logic/21T3/set\\_theory/assignment](https://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs9020/cgi-bin/logic/21T3/set_theory/assignment)

(a)

$A \cap \emptyset$	$= A \cap (A \cap A^c)$	(Complement with $\cap$ )
	$= (A \cap A^c) \cap A$	(Commutativity of $\cap$ )
	$= (A^c \cap A) \cap A$	(Commutativity of $\cap$ )
	$= A^c \cap (A \cap A)$	(Associativity of $\cap$ )
	$= A^c \cap A$	(Idempotence of $\cap$ )
	$= A \cap A^c$	(Commutativity of $\cap$ )
	$= \emptyset$	(Complement with $\cap$ )

(b)

$(A \setminus C^c) \cup (B \cap C)$	$= (A \cap C^{cc}) \cup (B \cap C)$	(Definition of $\setminus$ )
	$= (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)$	(Double complement)
	$= (C \cap A) \cup (B \cap C)$	(Commutativity of $\cap$ )
	$= (C \cap A) \cup (C \cap B)$	(Commutativity of $\cap$ )
	$= C \cap (A \cup B)$	(Distributivity of $\cap$ over $\cup$ )
	$= C \cap (B \cup A)$	(Commutativity of $\cup$ )

(c)

$A^c \oplus U$	$= (A^c \cap U^c) \cup (A^c \cap U)$	(Definition of $\oplus$ )
	$= (A^c \cap U^c) \cup (A \cap U)$	(Double complement)
	$= (A^c \cap U^c) \cup A$	(Identity of $\cap$ )
	$= ((A^c \cap U) \cap U^c) \cup A$	(Identity of $\cap$ )
	$= (A^c \cap (U \cap U^c)) \cup A$	(Associativity of $\cap$ )
	$= (A^c \cap \emptyset) \cup A$	(Complement with $\cap$ )
	$= (A^c \cap (A \cap A^c)) \cup A$	(Complement with $\cap$ )
	$= ((A \cap A^c) \cap A^c) \cup A$	(Commutativity of $\cap$ )
	$= (A \cap (A^c \cap A^c)) \cup A$	(Associativity of $\cap$ )
	$= (A \cap A^c) \cup A$	(Idempotence of $\cap$ )
	$= \emptyset \cup A$	(Complement with $\cap$ )
	$= A \cup \emptyset$	(Commutativity of $\cup$ )
	$= A$	(Identity of $\cup$ )

## Problem 5

### Problem 5

(12 marks)

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)  $(X \cap Y)^* = X^* \cap Y^*$  (4 marks)

(b)  $(XY)^* = (YX)^*$  (4 marks)

(c)  $X(Y \cap Z) = (XY) \cap (XZ)$  (4 marks)

(a)

1. Suppose  $X = \{001\}$  while  $Y = \{0, 1\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} X \cap Y &= \{\lambda\} \\ &\downarrow \\ (X \cap Y)^* &= \{\lambda\} \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

2. Clearly,  $X = \{001\}$  is one of the element of  $Y^3$ .
3. Therefore,  $\{001\} \in X^* \cap Y^*$ .
4. Therefore,  $(X \cap Y)^* \neq X^* \cap Y^*$ , equation in question (a) disproved.

(b)

1. Suppose  $X = \{0\}$  while  $Y = \{1\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} XY &= \{01\} \\ YX &= \{10\} \\ &\downarrow \\ (XY)^* &= \{\lambda, 01, 0101, 010101, \dots\} \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

2. Clearly,  $YX \notin (XY)^*$   
3. Therefore,  $(XY)^* \neq (YX)^*$ , equation in question (b) disproved.

(c)

- 1.

$$X(Y \cap Z) = \{xy : x \in X \text{ and } y \in (Y \cap Z)\} \tag{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (XY) \cap (XZ) &= \{xy : x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y\} \cap \\ &\quad \{xy : x \in X \text{ and } y \in Z\} \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

2. Since the fore part of  $XY$  is the same as those of  $XZ$ ,  
Their intersection is actually the intersection of their rear part,  
Equation (21) can be written as:

$$(XY) \cap (XZ) = \{xy : x \in X \text{ and } (y \in Y \text{ and } y \in Z)\} \tag{22}$$

Therefore,  $y \in (Y \cap Z)$

3. Therefore,  $X(Y \cap Z) = (XY) \cap (XZ)$

## Problem 6

### Problem 6

(12 marks)

- (a) List all possible functions  $f : \{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , that is, all elements of  $\{0, 1\}^{\{a, b, c\}}$ . (4 marks)  
(b) Describe a connection between your answer for (a) and  $\text{Pow}(\{a, b, c\})$ . (4 marks)  
(c) Describe a connection between your answer for (a) and  $\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : \text{length}(w) = 3\}$ . (4 marks)

(a)

Functions	Expressions
1	$f(a) = 0$ $f(b) = 0$ $f(c) = 0$



Functions	Expressions
2	$f(a) = 1$ $f(b) = 1$ $f(c) = 1$
3	$f(a) = 0$ $f(b) = 0$ $f(c) = 1$
4	$f(a) = 0$ $f(b) = 1$ $f(c) = 0$
5	$f(a) = 0$ $f(b) = 1$ $f(c) = 1$
6	$f(a) = 1$ $f(b) = 0$ $f(c) = 0$
7	$f(a) = 1$ $f(b) = 1$ $f(c) = 0$
8	$f(a) = 1$ $f(b) = 0$ $f(c) = 1$

(b)

1.

### Fact

*Always*  $|Pow(X)| = 2^{|X|}$

From Fact, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |Pow(\{a, b, c\})| &= 2^{|\{a, b, c\}|} \\
 &= 2^3 = 8
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{23}$$

- Also,  $|\{0, 1\}^{\{a, b, c\}}| = 8$ .
- Therefore, the cardinality of answer for question (a) is equal to those of  $Pow(\{a, b, c\})$ .

(c)

1. Suppose  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} & | \{ w \in \{0, 1\}^* : \text{length}(w) = 3 \} | \\ & \quad \downarrow \\ & | \{ w \in \Sigma^* : \text{length}(w) = 3 \} | \\ & \quad \downarrow \\ & | \Sigma^3 | = | \Sigma |^3 = 2^3 = 8 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

2. Also,  $|\{0, 1\}^{\{a,b,c\}}| = 8$ .
3. Therefore, the cardinality of answer for question (a) is equal to those of  $\{ w \in \{0, 1\}^* : \text{length}(w) = 3 \}$ .

## Problem 8

### Problem 8

(16 marks)

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 counterexample to disprove:

- (a)  $(R_1; R_2); R_3 = R_1; (R_2; R_3)$  (4 marks)
- (b)  $I; R_1 = R_1; I = R_1$  where  $I = \{(x, x) : x \in S\}$  (4 marks)
- (c)  $(R_1 \cup R_2); R_3 = (R_1; R_3) \cup (R_2; R_3)$  (4 marks)
- (d)  $R_1; (R_2 \cap R_3) = (R_1; R_2) \cap (R_1; R_3)$  (4 marks)

(a)

1. For better flow of writing, syntax there is a  $b$ , is substituted with  $\exists b$ ,

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} R_1; R_2 &= \{ (a, c) : \text{there is a } b \text{ with } (a, b) \in R_1 \text{ and } (b, c) \in R_2 \} \\ & \quad \downarrow \\ R_1; R_2 &= \{ (a, c) : \exists b ((a, b) \in R_1 \wedge (b, c) \in R_2) \} \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

2. Suppose  $\langle x, z \rangle \in (R_1; R_2); R_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists y_1 ((\langle x, y_1 \rangle \in (R_1; R_2)) \wedge (\langle y_1, z \rangle \in R_3)) \\ & \quad \Downarrow \\ & \exists y_1 ((\exists y_2 (\langle x, y_2 \rangle \in R_1) \wedge (\langle y_2, y_1 \rangle \in R_2)) \wedge (\langle y_1, z \rangle \in R_3)) \\ & \quad \Downarrow \\ & \exists y_1 \exists y_2 (((\langle x, y_2 \rangle \in R_1) \wedge (\langle y_2, y_1 \rangle \in R_2)) \wedge (\langle y_1, z \rangle \in R_3)) \\ & \quad \Downarrow \\ & \exists y_1 \exists y_2 ((\langle x, y_2 \rangle \in R_1) \wedge ((\langle y_2, y_1 \rangle \in R_2) \wedge (\langle y_1, z \rangle \in R_3))) \\ & \quad \Downarrow \\ & \exists y_2 ((\langle x, y_2 \rangle \in R_1) \wedge \exists y_1 ((\langle y_2, y_1 \rangle \in R_2) \wedge (\langle y_1, z \rangle \in R_3))) \\ & \quad \Downarrow \\ & \exists y_2 ((\langle x, y_2 \rangle \in R_1) \wedge (\langle y_2, z \rangle \in (R_2; R_3))) \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \updownarrow \\ < x, z > \in R_1; (R_2; R_3) \end{array}$$

3. Therefore,  $(R_1; R_2); R_3 = R_1; (R_2; R_3)$ .

(b)

1. Suppose  $(x, z) \in I; R_1$  where  $I = \{(x, x) : x \in S\}$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \exists y ( ((x, y) \in I) \wedge ((y, z) \in R_1) ) \\ \downarrow \\ \exists x ( ((x, x) \in I) \wedge ((x, z) \in R_1) ) \\ \downarrow \\ I; R_1 \subseteq R_1 \end{array} \quad (27)$$

2. Reversely, suppose  $(x, z) \in R_1$ , then:

$$\begin{array}{c} (x, x) \in I \\ \downarrow \\ (x, z) \in I; R_1 \\ \downarrow \\ R_1 \subseteq I; R_1 \end{array} \quad (28)$$

Therefore,  $I; R_1 = R_1$ .

3. Suppose  $(x, z) \in R_1; I$  where  $I = \{(x, x) : x \in S\}$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \exists y ( ((x, y) \in R_1) \wedge ((y, z) \in I) ) \\ \downarrow \\ \exists z ( ((x, z) \in R_1) \wedge ((z, z) \in I) ) \\ \downarrow \\ R_1; I \subseteq R_1 \end{array} \quad (29)$$

4. Reversely, suppose  $(x, z) \in R_1$ , then:

$$\begin{array}{c} (z, z) \in I \\ \downarrow \\ (x, z) \in R_1; I \\ \downarrow \\ R_1 \subseteq R_1; 1 \end{array} \quad (30)$$

Therefore,  $R_1; 1 = R_1$ .

5. Therefore,  $I; R_1 = R_1; I = R_1$ .

(c)

1. Suppose  $\langle x, z \rangle \in (R_1 \cup R_2); R_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \exists y ((\langle x, y \rangle \in (R_1 \cup R_2)) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_3)) \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \exists y ((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_1 \vee \langle x, y \rangle \in R_2) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_3)) \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \exists y (((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_1) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_3)) \vee ((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_2) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_3))) \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \exists y ((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_1) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_3)) \vee \exists y ((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_2) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_3)) \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \langle x, z \rangle \in R_1; R_3 \vee \langle x, z \rangle \in R_2; R_3 \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \langle x, z \rangle \in (R_1; R_3) \cup (R_2; R_3)
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

2. Therefore,  $(R_1 \cup R_2); R_3 = (R_1; R_3) \cup (R_2; R_3)$ .

(d)

1. Suppose  $\langle x, z \rangle \in R_1; (R_2 \cap R_3)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \exists y ((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_1) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in (R_2 \cap R_3))) \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \exists y ((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_1) \wedge ((\langle y, z \rangle \in R_2) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_3))) \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \exists y ((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_1) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_2)) \wedge \exists y ((\langle x, y \rangle \in R_1) \wedge (\langle y, z \rangle \in R_3)) \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \langle x, z \rangle \in R_1; R_2 \wedge \langle x, z \rangle \in R_1; R_3 \\
& \quad \Downarrow \\
& \langle x, z \rangle \in (R_1; R_2) \cap (R_1; R_3)
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

2. Since equation (32) includes an unfold of conjunction, the result should not be equal but inclusion.

Therefore,  $R_1; (R_2 \cap R_3) \subseteq (R_1; R_2) \cap (R_1; R_3)$ .

3. Equation in question (d) disproved.