

1) Suppose that  $R$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  and  $S$  is a relation from  $B$  to  $C$ . Prove that if  $\text{Ran}(R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(S)$ , then  $\text{Dom}(R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(S \circ R)$ .

[**Note:** This was (part of) a HW problem.]

*Proof.* Let  $a \in \text{Dom}(R)$ . Then, there is  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in R$ . This also means that  $b \in \text{Ran}(R)$ , and since  $\text{Ran}(R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(S)$ , we have that  $b \in \text{Dom}(S)$ . Hence, there is  $c \in C$  such that  $(b, c) \in S$ . Then, since  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in S$ , we have that  $(a, c) \in S \circ R$ , and thus  $a \in \text{Dom}(S \circ R)$ . Hence,  $\text{Dom}(R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(S \circ R)$ .  $\square$

2) Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be relations on a set  $A$ .

(a) Prove that if  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are both reflexive, then so is  $R_1 \cup R_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are both reflexive and let  $a \in A$ . Then, since  $R_1$  is reflexive, we have that  $(a, a) \in R_1$ , which means that  $(a, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ .  $\square$

(b) Prove that if  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are both symmetric, then so is  $R_1 \cup R_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are both symmetric and let  $(a, b) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ . Then either  $(a, b) \in R_1$  or  $(a, b) \in R_2$ . In the former case, we have that  $(b, a) \in R_1$ , since  $R_1$  is symmetric, and in the latter case we have that  $(b, a) \in R_2$ , since  $R_2$  is symmetric. In either case we have that  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ .  $\square$

3) Let  $R$  be a partial order on  $A$ ,  $B_1 \subseteq A$ ,  $B_2 \subseteq A$ ,  $x_1$  a least upper bound of  $B_1$ , and  $x_2$  an upper bound of  $B_2$ . Prove that if  $B_1 \subseteq B_2$ , then  $x_1 R x_2$ .

[**Note:** This was a HW problem.]

*Proof.* We prove that  $x_2$  is an upper bound of  $B_1$ : let  $b \in B_1$ . Since  $B_1 \subseteq B_2$ , we have that  $b \in B_2$ . Since  $x_2$  is an upper bound of  $B_2$ , we have that  $b R x_2$ . Since  $b \in B_1$  was arbitrary, we have that  $x_2$  is an upper bound of  $B_1$ .

Now, since  $x_1$  is the *least* upper bound of  $B_1$ , and  $x_2$  is an upper bound of  $B_1$ , we have that  $x_1 R x_2$ .  $\square$

4) Let  $m$  be a [fixed] positive integer and consider the relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  given by:

$$C_m = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid m \text{ divides } b - a\}.$$

Prove that  $C_m$  is an equivalence relation.

[Remember that  $m$  divides  $c$  iff  $c = m \cdot k$  for some  $k$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .]

*Proof.* [Reflexive] Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $a - a = 0 = 0 \cdot m$ . Since  $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have that  $m$  divides  $a - a$ , and so  $(a, a) \in C_m$ .

[Symmetric] Suppose that  $(a, b) \in C_m$ . Then,  $b - a = k \cdot m$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus,  $a - b = -(b - a) = -(k \cdot m) = (-k) \cdot m$ . Since  $-k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have that  $m$  divides  $a - b$ , and so  $(b, a) \in C_m$ .

[Transitive] Suppose that  $(a, b), (b, c) \in C_m$ . Then  $b - a = k \cdot m$  and  $c - b = l \cdot m$  for some  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then,

$$c - a = (c - b) + (b - a) = l \cdot m + k \cdot m = (l + k) \cdot m.$$

Since  $k + l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have that  $m$  divides  $c - a$ , and so  $(a, c) \in C_m$ .

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5) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $C \subseteq A$ , and  $g = f \cap (C \times B)$ . Prove that  $g : C \rightarrow B$  (i.e., the relation  $g$  is a function from  $C$  to  $B$ ) and for all  $c \in C$  we have that  $g(c) = f(c)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $c \in C$ . Then, since  $C \subseteq A$ , we have that  $c \in A$ . Then  $(c, f(c)) \in f$ . But, since  $c \in C$  and  $f(c) \in B$ , we also have that  $(c, f(c)) \in C \times B$ . So,  $(c, f(c)) \in f \cap (C \times B) = g$ .

Suppose now that  $(c, b) \in g$ . Then, since  $g \subseteq f$ , we have  $(c, b) \in f$ , so  $b = f(c)$ . So,  $(c, f(c))$  is the unique element of  $g$  with first coordinate  $c$ , and hence  $g : C \rightarrow B$  and  $g(c) = f(c)$ . □