

**Remark 10.18.** For  $r \geq 3$ , we define  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r-1}, a_r)$  and  $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r-1}, a_r]$  inductively:

$$\begin{aligned}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r-1}, a_r) &= ((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r-1}), a_r); \\ [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r-1}, a_r] &= [[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r-1}], a_r].\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 10.19.** Show that for  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

- (1)  $(a, [b, c]) = [(a, b), (a, c)]$ ;
- (2)  $[a, (b, c)] = ([a, b], [a, c])$ ;
- (3)  $([a, b], [a, c], [b, c]) = [(a, c), (a, b), (b, c)]$ .