

Divisibility on Integers.

1. Definition: Given a natural number $m > 0$, and an integer n , we say $m|n$ if $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $n = km$.

1). $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, m > 0 \Rightarrow m|0$.

Let $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $m > 0$.

Since $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, k = 0, k \cdot m = 0 \cdot m = 0$, which $m|0$.

2). If $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, m > 0, m|n$ with $n = km \Rightarrow k$ is unique.

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

Assume for contradiction, k is not unique, which

$\exists k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, k_1 \neq k_2, n = k_1 m, n = k_2 m$.

Since $n = k_1 m, n = k_2 m$, gives $k_1 m = k_2 m$, since $m \in \mathbb{Z}, m > 0$, from cancellation law, gives $k_1 = k_2$, contradicts. ■

→ We define $k = \frac{n}{m}$ as it's uniquely guaranteed by the defⁿ.

