

1. Even proof

Proposition: Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, If a and b are even, then ab is even.

Proof: Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, by definition of even there exists integers K and Q such that $a = 2K$ and $b = 2Q$. From this $ab = 2K2Q$ which we can then simplify into $4KQ = 2(2KQ)$. Let $M = 2KQ$. Since \mathbb{Z} is closed under multiplication and $2, K, Q \in \mathbb{Z}$, $2KQ \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus $ab = 2M$ where $2M$ is an integer and so by definition, ab is even. ■

2. Divides

Definition: Suppose that $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. We say that b divides a , denoted $b|a$, when there exists an integer k such that $a = bk$.

Does $2|10$? Yes $2|10$ because $10 = 2 \cdot 5$.

Does $4|10$? 4 does not divide 10 because if $10 = 4k$ then $k = 2.5 \notin \mathbb{Z}$

Synonyms:

- b is a divisor of a
- b is a factor of a
- a is a multiple of b
- $\frac{a}{b}$ is an integer. [$k = \frac{a}{b}$]

3. Proofs

Prove the following:

Proposition: Suppose that $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $b|a$ and $b|c$ then $b|(a+c)$.

Proof: Suppose that $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. By definition of divides there exists an integer k where $a = bk$ and an integer k_1 where $c = bk_1$. So from this we get $(a+c) = b(k+k_1)$. Since the integers are closed under addition $k+k_1$ must be an integer. Because of that by definition of divides $b|(a+c)$. ■

Proposition: Suppose that $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $x|y$ and $y|z$, then $x|z$.

Proof: Suppose that $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$. By definition of divides there exists an integer g where $y = xg$ and an integer f where $z = yf$. From this we can get $z = xgf$, simplifying it would get $\frac{z}{xg} = f$. Because $\frac{z}{y}$ is an integer, $\frac{x}{zg}$ must be an integer. (Or Since \mathbb{Z} is closed under multiplication, $\frac{x}{zg} \in \mathbb{Z}$). Therefore $x|z$. ■

- From this we can get $z = xgf$. Here I can actually just set $z = x(gf)$ and then follow it with Since \mathbb{Z} is closed under multiplication $x(gf) \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore $x|z$. ■

I just made it a little more complicated then needed.

My professors proof for the second:

Proposition: Suppose that $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $x|y$ and $y|z$, then $x|z$.

Proof: Suppose $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x|y$ and $y|z$. Then by definition, there exists integers k and m such that $y = xk$ and $z = ym$. So combining these equations we see that $z = xkm$. Let $n = km$, Since \mathbb{Z} is closed under multiplication $n = km \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore since $z = xn$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x|z$.