

1.41 Theorem. Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $a \mid bc$ and $(a, b) = 1$, then $a \mid c$.

Proof. Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ be given such that $a \mid bc$ and $(a, b) = 1$. By Theorem 1.38, we know there exists $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $ax + by = 1$. Multiplying this equation by c ,

$$\begin{aligned}c(ax + by) &= c(1), \\acx + bcy &= c.\end{aligned}$$

Observing the left hand side of the equation, a divides any integer multiple of a and a divides any integer multiple of bc . Since a divides both terms, $a \mid c$. \square