

**Lemma TP.** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $a|b$  and  $b|c$ , then  $a|c$ .

**Proof.** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  be given such that  $a|b$  and  $b|c$ . By definition,  $b = ax$  and  $c = by$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Substituting into  $c$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} c &= (ax)y \\ &= a(xy). \end{aligned}$$

By CPI,  $xy = t$  for  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus,  $a|c$ . □

**2.1 Theorem.** If  $n$  is a natural number greater than 1, and that there exists a prime  $p$  such that  $p|n$ .

**Proof.** By contradiction, let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n > 1$  be given, and for all primes  $p$ ,  $p \nmid n$ . Let  $\mathbb{S} = \{\text{the numbers greater than 1 that divide } n\}$ . Since any number divides itself, the set is nonempty. By the WOANN, there exists a smallest number  $p_0 \in \mathbb{S}$ . Since  $p_0$  is a composite number,  $p_0 = xy$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and both greater than 1. Since  $x|p_0$  and  $p_0|n$ , by Lemma TP,  $x|n$ .

Notice that both  $x$  and  $p_0$  divide  $n$ . Since  $1 < x < p_0$ , this contradicts the WOANN where  $p_0$  is the smallest number that divides  $n$ . Thus, there exists a prime  $p$  such that  $p|n$ . □