

**Prove the following statements (10 points)**

- 1. If  $a|b$  and  $a|c$ , then  $a|(mb + nc)$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$a|b$  means  $\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $b = k_1 a$

$a|c$  means  $\exists k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $c = k_2 a$

We want to know if  $mb + nc$  can be factorized as the product of  $a$  and an integer.

Obviously,  $mb = mk_1 a$ ,  $nc = nk_2 a$ . Adding them together, we have

$$mb + nc = mk_1 a + nk_2 a = (mk_1 + nk_2)a$$

Obviously,  $(mk_1 + nk_2)$  is an integer, that is  $mb + nc$  can be factorized as the product of  $a$  and an integer!

According to the definition of division, we have  $a|(mb + nc)$ .