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Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that

$a|b$  and  $b|c \Rightarrow a|c$ .

Proof: Assume that  $a|b$  and  $b|c$ . Then there exist integers  $g_1, g_2$  such that  $b = ag_1$  and  $c = bg_2$ . Thus  $c = a(g_1 \underbrace{g_2}_{\in \mathbb{Z}})$ . Hence, by definition,  $a|c$ , since there exist an integer  $g = g_1 g_2$  such that  $c = ag$ .  $\square$