

Q13) Let s and t be any integers with $s \leq t$ and

$$2 \binom{t}{s-1} = \binom{t}{s} :$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{t!}{(t-s+1)! (s-1)!} = \frac{t!}{s! (t-s)!}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{(t-s+1)} = \frac{1}{s} \quad \leftarrow \text{Cancel out common } t!, (s-1)! \text{ and } (t-s)! :$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s = t-s+1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3s = t+1$$

\therefore Since s can be any integer, this is one definition of divisibility. So we can be abbreviate:

$$3s = t+1 \quad \equiv \quad 3 \mid (t+1)$$

\therefore we have shown for all integers s and t , that when $2 \binom{t}{s-1} = \binom{t}{s}$, then $3 \mid (t+1)$