

Proofs involving divisibility

- Read carefully pages 99 through 103 (section 4.1)
- Some key questions to answer (try these without looking at the book, but after you've read the book):
 1. When do we say that an integer a is a *multiple* of an integer b ?
 2. When do we say that an integer a *divides* an integer b ?
 3. Write down all eight divisors of 6.
 4. Do the notions of “multiple” and “divisor” make sense if we use real numbers instead of integers? Explain.
 5. True or False: 0 is a multiple of all integers.
 6. Prove that for nonzero integers a and b , if a divides b and b divides c , then it must be the case that a divides c .
 7. Prove that for integers a, b, c , if a divides b and c divides d , then ac divides bd .
 8. Prove that for integers a, b, c, x, y , if a divides b and also divides c , then a also divides $bx + cy$.
 9. Using a contrapositive, prove that for integers x, y , if 3 does not divide the product xy then 3 cannot divide x or y .
 10. True or False: For every integer x , we can write x as either $3k$ for some integer k , or $3k + 1$ for some integer k or $3k + 2$ for some integer k (and exactly one of these three forms works). Can you think of a proof of this fact?
 11. Prove that for integers x, y , we have that 2 divides $x^2 - y^2$ if and only if 4 divides $x^2 - y^2$.
 12. Prove that for integers x, y , we have that $x - y$ is even if and only if $x + y$ is even.
- Practice problems from section 4.1 (page 114): 4.1, 4.3, 4.9, 4.13