

Chapter 4, #8

Suppose a is an integer. If $5|2a$ then $5|a$.

Proof: Suppose $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $5|2a$. By definition of "divides", there is a $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $5d = 2a$.

Since $2a$ is even (by def. of even), it follows that $5d$ is even. The number $5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1$ is odd. If d were also odd, then the product $5d$ would be odd. (by Chapter 4, #4). So d must be even, & thus by the definition of even, there is a number $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $2c = d$. Substituting $d = 2c$ into $5d = 2a$ gives $5(2c) = 2a$. Simplifying gives $5c = a$, where $c \in \mathbb{Z}$, so by the def. of "divides", we know $5|a$. $\square$

Chapter 4, #28

If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $c \cdot \gcd(a, b) \leq \gcd(ca, cb)$.

Proof: Say $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $d = \gcd(ca, cb)$. By the definition of $\gcd$, $d|ca$ and $d|cb$. Also, if $l|ca$ and $l|cb$, then $l \leq d$ (because d is the greatest common divisor).

Now let $e = \gcd(a, b)$.

Since $e|a$ and $e|b$ (def. of $\gcd$), there is

a $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $ek = a$ and

$em = b$. This means $cek = ca$ and $cem = cb$.

By def. of "divides", we have that $ce|ca$ and $ce|cb$. So ce is a common divisor of ca and cb , and thus $ce \leq \gcd(ca, cb)$.

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