

4.1 Proofs Involving Divisibility of Integers

<Def> $a(\neq 0)$, $b \in \mathbb{Z}$, we say that a **divides** b if $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = ac$. In this case, we write $a|b$.

e.g., n is an even integer \Leftrightarrow

p.62 R3.14 can therefore be restated for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ as:

$$2|ab \iff 2|a \text{ or } 2|b.$$

<Def> If $a|b$, then we also say that b is a **multiple** of a and that a is a **divisor** of b .

If a does not divide b , then we write $a \nmid b$.

e.g.,

R4.1 Let $a(\neq 0)$, $b(\neq 0)$, $c \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $a|b$ and $b|c \implies a|c$.

<Pf>:

(4.1 cont.)

R4.2 Let $a(\neq 0)$, $b(\neq 0)$, $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $a|c$ and $b|d \implies ab|cd$.
(Pf):

R4.3 Let $a(\neq 0)$, $b, c, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $a|b$ and $a|c \implies a|(bx + cy)$.
(Pf):

R4.4 Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $2|(x^2 - 1) \implies 4|(x^2 - 1)$.
(Pf):

(4.1 cont.)

R4.5 Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $3 \nmid xy \implies 3 \nmid x$ and $3 \nmid y$.
(Pf):

R4.6 \implies Ex4.6 Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $3 \mid 2a \implies 3 \mid a$.
(Pf):

(4.1 cont.)

R4.7 Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $4|(x^2 - y^2) \iff x$ and y are of the same parity.
(Pf):