

Definition. Let a and d be integers. We say that d divides a (that is, a is a multiple of d), written as $d|a$, if and only if there is an integer k such that $a = kd$.

Example. $5|15$

(1) Determine if the following statements are true.

(a) $2|6$

(d) $8|0$

(g) $10^2|10^3$

(j) $-6| -42$

(b) $3|7$

(e) $0|1$

(h) $-5|20$

(k) $-6|39$

(c) $8|4$

(f) $75|50$

(i) $8| -24$

(l) $0|0$

(2) If $a|b$ and $b|c$, is it true that $a|c$? Can you give an algebraic argument for this? (Note: this means you cannot use a numeric example to show that this is true, it has to work no matter what values a , b , and c are used.)

(3) If $a|b$ and $a|c$, does it mean that $a|bc$? Why or why not? If it is true, give an algebraic argument. If it is not true, then give a *counterexample*.

(4) If $a|b$ and $a|c$, is it true that $a|b + c$? Why or why not?

(5) If $a|bc$, does it mean that $a|b$ or $a|c$? Why or why not?

(6) In the previous part, can you give some conditions where the statement will *definitely* work?