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Division in $\mathbb{Z}$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b > 0$ then there exists unique $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $r \in [0, b)$

$$a = \underbrace{q}_{\text{quotient}} b + \underbrace{r}_{\text{remainder}}$$

Consider

$$S := \{a - xb \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \implies a - \underbrace{(-|a|)}_x b = a + |a|b \geq a + |a| > 0 \\ & \implies a - xb \in S \end{aligned}$$

Thus S is non-empty.

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$$r := \min \{a - xb \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

which exists by Well-Ordering principle

As $r \in S$ we have

$$r = a - qb$$

for some $q \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Definition. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, a \neq 0$. Then b is **divisible by** a or a **divides** b if

$$b \in a\mathbb{Z}$$

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