

Ideas to Theorems

Multiples are obtained by multiplying an integer by another integer

Consider 2 bags of marbles and the number of marbles in each bag can be shared (divided) equally between 3 people. Mathematically, we'd say the number of marbles in each bag is a multiple of 3.

If all the marbles were placed in one bag, is it still possible to share the marbles equally between the 3 people.

That suggests that if the number of apples in the first bag is a and the number of apples in the second bag is b , then we can still share (divide) the apples equally if they are all in the same bag.

Mathematically, we have:

$$3 \mid a \text{ and } 3 \mid b, \text{ then } 3 \mid (a + b)$$

Theorem: For any integers, a, b and d

- 1) If $d|a$ and $d|b$, then $d|(a + b)$**
- 2) If $d|a$ and $d \nmid b$, then $d \nmid (a + b)$**

Subtraction is defined in terms of addition, therefore

Theorem: For any integers, a, b and d

- 1) If $d|a$ and $d|b$, then $d|(a - b)$**
- 2) If $d|a$ and $d \nmid b$, then $d \nmid (a - b)$**