Claim: for all  $a, b, c, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \ge 0$ :  $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \rightarrow a + c \equiv b + c \pmod{n}$ 

Before we start, we must know:

- 1. What every word in the statement means.
- 2. What the statement as a whole means.
- 3. Where to start.
- 4. What your target is.

## Divides

For integers x, y we say x|y ("x divides y") iff there is an integer z such that xz = y.

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## Equivalence in modular arithmetic

Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and n > 0. We say  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if and only if n | (b - a)