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### Axioms

Our book does not mention axioms but it should. Axioms are statements that are asserted to be true for purposes of constructing a theory. For example:

Axiom: Given a line L, and a point P not on L, there is exactly one line through P parallel to L.

Axiom: An empty set exists.



#### Axioms in this course

- Existence of integers, natural numbers, rational numbers, and real numbers.
- Properties of addition, multiplication such as commutative and associative laws, including closure.
- Properties of > and <</p>

The Division Algorithm Vabe Z with bro The Division Algorithm: Given  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with b > 0, there are unique integers q and r with  $0 \le r < b$  so that a = bq + r.  $a = 41 \quad b = 7$   $g r \quad o \leq r < 7$ 41 = 7q + r41 = 5.7+6741  $\frac{1}{34}, \frac{-1}{6}, \frac{41-5}{79}, \frac{41-5}{79}, \frac{-33}{79} = 679 + r$   $-\frac{1}{27}, \frac{-33+5}{79} = 2$  -33 = (-5)7 + 2 r = 2

# The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Theorem: Every <u>natural number greater than one</u> is a product of prime numbers, and this factorization into primes is unique up to rearranging the terms.

$$33 = 3 \cdot 1|$$
  

$$72 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$$
  

$$112 = 2 \cdot 56 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 28 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 14$$
  

$$= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 56 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 28 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 7$$

## Some fundamental definitions: divisibility

**Definition:** Suppose *a* and *b* are integers. We say that <u>a divides b</u>, written  $\underline{a|b}$ , if b = ac for some  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In this case we also say that *a* is a divisor of *b* and that *b* is a multiple of <u>a</u>.

# GCD and LCM

**Definition:** The greatest common divisor of integers *a* and *b*, written gcd(a, b), is the largest integer that divides both *a* and *b*.

**Definition:** The least common multiple of integers *a* and *b*, written lcm(a, b), is the smallest integer that is a multiple of both *a* and *b*.

$$gcd(8,12) = largest integer d such
that dls and dl12.
 $1, 2, 498$  are divisors of 8  
 $1, 2, 3, 49, 6, 12$  " " 12$$