

## ECS20

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### Exercise 1

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be three integers, with  $a$  non zero. Show that if  $a \mid bc$  and  $\gcd(a,b) = 1$ , then  $a \mid c$ .

### Exercise 2

Let  $n$  be a natural number. We call  $s(n)$  the sum of its digits. Show that if  $s(n)=s(3n)$ , then  $9 \mid n$ . (*Hint*: a number  $n$  is divisible by 3 if and only if  $s(n)$  is divisible by 3. Similarly, a number  $n$  is divisible by 9 if and only if  $s(n)$  is divisible by 9).

### Exercise 3

Let  $a$  be a non-zero integer. Show that if 2 does not divide  $a$  and 3 does not divide  $a$ , then  $24 \mid (a^2 + 23)$ .

### Exercise 4

Prove that for every three natural numbers  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  strictly greater than 1, there is some natural number larger than  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  that is not divisible by  $x$ ,  $y$  or  $z$ .