

# Divisibility

Na tej prezentacji omówione zostanie dzielenie w zbiorze liczb naturalnych.

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The question is how large can the gap between two consecutive prime numbers be?

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Note that iff stands for *if and only if*.

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## Short test

The class will begin with a short test. You may be asked to write a number as a product of primes or check whether a given number is divisible by 2,3,4 and so on.

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