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So: $14300 = 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5 \times 11 \times 13$.

Now we move on to divisibility rules. In other words - how do we know that some number is divisible by, say, 3?

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- divisible by 11, we have (1+3+3+1)-(2+4+2)=0, which is divisible by 11.

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- not divisible by 11, we have (6+9+4)-(5+4+2)=8, which is not divisible by 11.

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