Show that if $b \mid a$ and $c \mid a$ and (b,c) = 1 then $bc \mid a$.

Solution

Assume that a, b, c natural numbers.

Since $b \mid a$ then there exists natural k such that a = bk. Since $c \mid a$ then there exists natural m such that a = cm. Therefore bk = cm.

Let's consider the equality bk = cm: $bk = cm \Leftrightarrow k = \frac{cm}{b}$. Since k is natural, then $\frac{cm}{b}$ is natural. Since (b,c) = 1, then we obtain that $b \mid m$, therefore there exists natural n such that m = nb. Thus, we obtain that a = cm = cnb = n(bc). Since $n \in N$ then $bc \mid a$.