

- 49 For naturals n and m , we can express the statement “ n is a factor of m ” formally as
 $m: n \times nat$
- (a) What are the factors of 0 ?
 - (b) What is 0 a factor of?
 - (c) What are the factors of 1 ?
 - (d) What is 1 a factor of?

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

- (a) What are the factors of 0 ?
§ For any natural n we have $0: n \times nat$, so all naturals are factors of 0 .
- (b) What is 0 a factor of?
§ $m: 0 \times nat$ requires m to be 0 , so 0 is a factor of only 0 .
- (c) What are the factors of 1 ?
§ $1: n \times nat$ requires n to be 1 , so only 1 is a factor of 1 .
- (d) What is 1 a factor of?
§ For any natural m we have $m: 1 \times nat$, so 1 is a factor of all naturals.