

1. Prove the following

**Theorem.** Suppose  $\gcd(c, m) = 1$  and  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$ . Then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

2. Can you apply the above theorem to solve the following equations for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ ?

(a)  $5x \equiv 10 \pmod{12}$

(b)  $6x \equiv 6 \pmod{12}$

In the case when the theorem of cancellation applies, find  $x$ . In the case when it does not apply find an example where there is congruence before cancellation, but not after.

*Caution:* DO NOT express the solution to a linear congruence  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  as  $x = \frac{b}{a}$  as you would the solution to the linear equation  $ax = b$ .