

Latex help: “ a divides b ” and “ a does not divide b ” and “ a is congruent to b mod n ” and “ a is not congruent to b mod n ”:

$$a \mid b \quad , \quad a \nmid b \quad , \quad a \equiv b \pmod{n} \quad , \quad a \not\equiv b \pmod{n}.$$

Do not forget needed parentheses: $a \mid (b - 17)$ is correct while $a \mid b - 17$ is not right.

The [Ch 3: Methods of Proofs](#) handout gave several formulations of $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and remarked: You can use (on HW& exams, unless otherwise indicated) any of the above equivalent formulations as the definition of $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$. See (1)-(5) and (1')-(5'). The Ch. 3 handout also explains Modulo Arithmetic and transitivity.

- . **Theorem 1.** For integers a and b , if $a \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ and $b \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, then $ab \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$.
1. Symbolically write Theorem 1.
 2. Prove Theorem 1 using Modulo Arithmetic and the fact that congruence is transitive. In your proof:
 - specifically state where you are using the transitivity of congruence
 - the only place you should use the definition of congruence (in any form) is to do calculations with specific integers (and explain this step). I.e.: Note $27 \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ by definition of congruence modulo 8 since $27 - 3 = 24$ and $8 \mid 24$.

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DELETE this whole sentence and THEN put your answer to ALL parts down here.