

### Remainder formula division by zero and zero to the power of zero

The dividend  $a$ , divisor  $b$ , quotient  $c$ , and general remainder  $d$  can be represented as non-negative real numbers by

$$\frac{a}{b} = c \dots d \quad (1)$$

The general remainder  $d$  satisfies  $0 \leq d \leq a$ , and takes on a value that is equal to the minimum non-negative value when  $c$  is maximized. In particular, if  $b \neq 0$ , then  $0 \leq d < b$  is satisfied. Equation (1) can also be represented as

$$a = b \times c + d \quad (2)$$

Here, subtracting  $d$  from both sides of Equation (2) and multiplying both sides by  $b^{-1}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (a - d)b^{-1} &= bc \cdot b^{-1} = (b \cdot b^{-1})c = b^{1-1} \cdot c = b^0 c \\ \therefore (a - d)b^{-1} &= b^0 c \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

Here, if we let  $b < 0$ , then according to Equation (2),  $a < d$ . Therefore, the left-hand side of Equation (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (a - d)b^{-1} &= (a - a)b^{-1} = 0 \cdot 0^{-1} = 0^{1-1} = 0^0 \\ \therefore (a - d)b^{-1} &= 0^0 \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

and the right-hand side becomes

$$b^0 c = 0^0 \cdot c \quad (5)$$

Therefore, based on Equation (4) and (5), we obtain

$$0^0 = 0^0 \cdot c \quad (6)$$

Therefore, we transform this equation into

$$(c - 1)0^0 = 0 \quad (7)$$

If we assume that  $c \neq 1$ , we can divide both sides by  $c - 1$  and transform this equation into

$$0^0 = \frac{0}{c-1} \quad (8)$$

and obtain

$$0^0 = 0 \quad (9)$$

According to the remainder formula division by zero,

$$\frac{0}{c-1} = \frac{0}{0} = 0 \quad (10)$$

Therefore, according to Equation (8) and Equation (10), we obtain

$$0^0 = \frac{0}{0} = 0 \quad (11)$$

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