

Expansion of Congruence Statements and Division by Zero

Theorem For $a, b \in Z$, the following is true:

$$a \equiv b(\text{mod. } 0) \Rightarrow a = b$$

Proof $0|a$ is true if and only if $a = 0$ because by the fundamental theorem of reducible set-theoretical division by zero shown in the following expression:

$$\frac{a}{0} = 0 \cdots a \quad (1)$$

(where $\cdots a$ denotes the remainder of a), $\cdots a = 0$ is true if and only if $a = 0$. Consequently, when $a = 0$, the statement in (1) is true if and only if $0|b$, that is, $b = 0$. In this case, $a = b = 0$, and thus

$$0 \equiv 0(\text{mod. } 0) \Rightarrow a = b \quad (2)$$

When $a \neq 0$, this satisfies $\cdots a \neq 0$ in (1). Moreover,

$$\frac{b}{0} = 0 \cdots b \quad (3)$$

and thus the statement is true if and only if $\cdots b = a$; that is,

$$\cdots a = \cdots b \quad (4)$$

Of course, (4) satisfies (1) and (3); therefore,

$$\cdots a = \cdots b \Rightarrow a = b \quad (5)$$

Conversely, when the modulo is 0, if $a \neq b$, then

$$\begin{aligned} a &\not\equiv b(\text{mod. } 0) \quad (6) \\ \therefore \frac{a-b}{0} &= 0 \cdots a-b \neq 0 \\ \therefore a &\equiv b(\text{mod. } 0) \Rightarrow a = b \end{aligned}$$

QED.