

CS1231: Discrete Structures

Tutorial 6

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Quick Review

- ▶ **Division Algorithm.** The Remainder is Never Negative.
- ▶ If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then a is **congruent** to b modulo m if $m \mid (a - b)$. We write $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

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