

**MATH 113: DISCRETE STRUCTURES**  
**READING QUESTIONS FOR FRIDAY WEEK 11**

**Reading assignment.** *DM:EB §6.7.*

*Problem 1.* The book defines  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  to mean that  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainder when divided by  $m$ . Prove that this is true if and only if  $m \mid a - b$ .

*Problem 2.* Which of the following “rules” are true?

- (a) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$ , then  $a + x \equiv b + x \pmod{c}$ .
- (b) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$ , then  $ax \equiv bx \pmod{cx}$ .
- (c) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$  and  $x \equiv y \pmod{z}$ , then  $a + x \equiv b + y \pmod{c + z}$ .