Division by Zero is not Infinity

Or an Error

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Zero was an invention first properly documented by mathematicians in India in the mid fifth century. It was included as part of the sequence of integers 1-9 meaning decimal numbers actually have the 10 digits 0-9.

It has long been argued that dividing any number by zero is either impossible or gives an error and this is true if we include zero as a linear extension to the number range 1-9. However zero is actually a special case and is the absence of something. i.e. If I have zero apples, I don't have any apples.

I suggest that zero is a special case and should not be treated as other integers. If I give you zero apples, I have done nothing. Therefore if I divide something by zero nothing has happened and so the result is the original value.

To give an example:

12 ÷ 2 = 6
12 ÷ 1 = 12
12 ÷ 0 = 12

i.e. If I divide 12 apples by zero people, I have done nothing, I therefore still have 12 apples, I don't have infinite apples.