## 1 Preface

The set of integers  $\mathbb Z$  can be constructed from the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb N$  by introducing the concept of ordered pairs to represent negative numbers and zero

We let  $R\subseteq N\times N$  be an equivalence relation on it. Defined as:  $(a,b)R(c,d)\iff a-b=c-d$ 

Which necesitates:

$$-1 := \{(2,3), (3,4), \dots, (n,n+1)\}$$

Similarily:

$$1 := \{ (3,2), (4,3), \dots, (n+1, n) \}$$

## 2 Operations

## 2.1 Addition

Therefore, It will be defined using the equivalence relationship previously established, that:

$$a,b\in Z,$$
 and  $p,q,m,c\in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $a=(p,q),b=(m,c)\subseteq R$  a+b=  $(p+m,q+c)$  Since:

$$(a,b) + (c,d) = (a-b) + (c-d) = a+b-(c+d)$$

## 2.2 Multiplication

Similarily:

$$(p-q) \cdot (m-c) = (pm - pc - qm + qc) = (pm + qc) - (pc + qm)$$

Therefore:

$$a \cdot b = (pm + qc, pc + qm)$$