

2. Defining "negative integers". Let  $n$  be any natural number. Consider now the polynomial equation  $x + n = z$  and suppose this polynomial equation has a unique solution  $x = \sim n$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote set of natural numbers adjoined with  $z$  and  $\{\sim n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Suppose we can extend the definitions of  $<$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  (that is,  $\sim n < \sim n + 1$  for any natural number  $n$ , and  $<$  is transitive), and  $\mathbb{Z}$  satisfies all rules of  $<$ , addition, and multiplication originally defined on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

- a) Prove that for any natural number  $n$ ,  $\sim n < z$ . Continue to prove that for natural numbers  $m < n$ , we have  $\sim n < \sim m$ , and  $n - m = n + (\sim m)$ . (where  $n - m$  is defined in PS1).

WTP: ①  $\sim n < z$  ②  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}. m < n \Rightarrow \sim n < \sim m$ . ③  $n - m = n + (\sim m)$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

① WTP:  $\sim n < z$ .

I'll prove by contradiction.

Assume  $\sim n \geq z$ .

Since  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , gives,  $\sim n + n \geq n + z$ .

Since according to the question, the solution of  $x + n = z$  is  $x = \sim n$ , which  $\sim n + n = z$ , gives  $z \geq n + z$ . From Q1, gives  $n + z = n$ , which  $z \geq n$ .

Since  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  (from def<sup>n</sup> of natural number).

However, in Q1, we have  $z < 1$ , gives  $z < n$ , contradicts

Therefore, I've proved  $\sim n < z$ .

② Assume  $m < n$ . WTP:  $\sim n < \sim m$ .

I'll prove by using contradiction.

Assume  $\sim n \geq \sim m$ .

Since  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , add  $n$  on both side, gives  $\sim n + n \geq \sim m + n$ .

Since  $n > m$ , from assumption, gives,  $\sim n + n \geq \sim m + n > \sim m + m$ .

However, from definition,  $\sim n + n = z$ ,  $\sim m + m = z$ , as  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , gives,  $z > z$ , contradicts.

Therefore, I've proved  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m < n \Rightarrow \sim n < \sim m$

③ WTP:  $n - m = n + (\sim m)$ .

From PS1, we have  $n = m + k \Rightarrow n - m = k$ .

Let  $n = m + k$ , gives  $n - m = k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

From the question, gives,  $\sim m + m = z$ , as  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Adding  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , gives,  $\sim m + m + k = z + k$ .

According to the definition of  $z$ , gives,  $z + k = k$ , which,

$$\sim m + m + k = k.$$

Since  $n = m + k$ , gives,  $\sim m + n = n - m$ , which  $n - m = n + (\sim m)$ .

I've proved  $n - m = n + (\sim m)$ .

- b) Prove that  $(\sim m)n = \sim (mn)$ .

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , gives  $m \cdot n \in \mathbb{N}$ . from the multiplication of natural number

by definition of  $z$ , gives,  $\sim (m \cdot n) + m \cdot n = z$ , as  $m \cdot n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Also, by definition of  $z$ , gives,  $\sim m + m = z$ , as  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Multiply  $n$  on both sides, gives,  $[\sim m + m] \cdot n = z$ .

By Q1(c), gives,  $z \cdot n = z$ , which,  $[\sim m + m] \cdot n = z \cdot n = z$ .

According to multiplication over addition,  $[\sim m + m] \cdot n = \sim m \cdot n + m \cdot n = z$ .

Since  $\sim (m \cdot n) + m \cdot n = z$ , gives,  $\sim (m \cdot n) + m \cdot n = \sim m \cdot n + m \cdot n$ .

Since  $m \cdot n \in \mathbb{N}$ , according to the cancellation rule, gives  $(\sim m) \cdot n = \sim (m \cdot n)$

We call the numbers  $\sim n$  the "negative integers", denoted  $-n$  henceforth. The set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of all natural numbers, zero, and the negative integers is called the "integers".