

Let \mathbb{F} be any field.

Lemma 0.1. $\forall a \in \mathbb{F} : a \cdot 0 = 0$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
0 + 0 = 0 & \text{Existence of an Additive Identity} \quad (1) \\
\Rightarrow a \cdot (0 + 0) = a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 & \text{Distributive Law} \quad (2) \\
= a \cdot 0 & \text{Definition of } = \quad (3) \\
(a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0) - (a \cdot 0) = a \cdot 0 - (a \cdot 0) & \text{Definition of } = \quad (4) \\
\Rightarrow a \cdot 0 + (a \cdot 0 - a \cdot 0) = 0 & \text{Associative Law} \quad (5) \\
& \text{and Existence of an Additive Inverse} \\
\Rightarrow a \cdot 0 + 0 = 0 & \text{Existence of an Additive Inverse} \quad (6) \\
\Rightarrow a \cdot 0 = 0 & \text{Existence of an Additive Identity}
\end{array}$$

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Lemma 0.2. $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{F} : ab = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 0 \vee b = 0$

Proof. By Commutative Law and Lemma 0.1, $a = 0 \Rightarrow ab = ba = b \cdot 0 = 0$.

Similarly, $b = 0 \Rightarrow ab = a \cdot 0 = 0$. If $ab = 0$ and $b \neq 0$, $\exists b^{-1} : abb^{-1} = 0 \cdot b^{-1}$, hence by Commutative Law and Existence of a Multiplicative Inverse $a \cdot 1 = b^{-1} \cdot 0$, then by Existence of a Multiplicative Identity and Lemma 0.1 $a = 0$.

If $ab = 0$ and $a \neq 0$, $\exists a^{-1} : a^{-1}ab = a^{-1} \cdot 0$, hence by Commutative Law and Lemma 0.1 $aa^{-1}b = 0$, then by Existence of a Multiplicative Inverse $1 \cdot b = 0$, and by Commutative Law and Existence of a Multiplicative Identity $b \cdot 1 = b = 0$.

If $a = 0 \wedge b = 0$, then by Lemma 0.1 $ab = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$

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Theorem 0.3. $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 0 \in \mathbb{F} \Rightarrow 1 + 1 = 0$

Proof. Consider $(1 + 1) \cdot (1 + 1)$.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
(1 + 1)(1 + 1) = (1 + 1) \cdot 1 + (1 + 1) \cdot 1 & \text{Distributive Law} \quad (1) \\
1 \cdot (1 + 1) + 1 \cdot (1 + 1) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 & \text{Distributive Law and Commutative Law} \quad (2)
\end{array}$$

Therefore, $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = (1 + 1)(1 + 1) = 0$ by assumption.

Now, since $(1 + 1)(1 + 1) = 0$ and $1 + 1 = 1 + 1$, by Lemma 0.2 $1 + 1 = 0$ as required.

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