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Problem Solving - What are the terms/strategies I may need? What do I know?

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- (A2) For all $x, y \in F$, x + y = y + x.
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- (M4) For each $x \in F$, there exists an element $x^{-1} \in F$ such that $xx^{-1} = 1$.
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Steps & Process – Try to answer the question writing in many steps to avoid small errors.

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Fails (x = 2 has no integer such that 2q = 1)

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We should also note that the sum and product of integers produces an integer.

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Solidify Understanding – Explain why the steps makes sense by connecting to math you know.

Why is proving that a set over two operations is indeed a field helpful?

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