



## Why

We want sums to follow those of natural numbers.<sup>1</sup>

## Definition

Consider  $[(a, b)], [(c, d)] \in \mathbf{Z}$ . We define the *integer sum* of  $[(a, b)]$  with  $[(c, d)]$  as  $[(a + c, b + d)]$ .<sup>2</sup>

## Notation

We denote the sum of  $[(a, b)]$  and  $[(c, d)]$  by  $[(a, b)] + [(c, d)]$ . So if  $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$  then the sum of  $x$  and  $y$  is  $x + y$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Future editions will modify this.

<sup>2</sup>One needs to show that this is well-defined. The account will appear in future editions.



