

REAL ARITHMETIC

Why

What are addition and multiplication for reals? What are the identity elements?

Definition

We call the operation of forming real sums real addition. We call the operation of forming real products real multiplication.

Results

It is easy to see the following.¹

Distributive

Proposition 1. For reals $x, y, z \in \mathbf{Z}$, $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$.

¹Nonetheless, the full accounts will appear in future editions.

