



## INTEGER RATIONAL HOMOMORPHISM

### Why

Do the integer numbers correspond (in the sense *Homomorphisms*) to elements of the rationals.

### Main Result

Indeed, roughly speaking the integers correspond to rationals whose denominator is 1. Denote by  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$  the set  $\{[(a, b)] \in \mathbf{Q} \mid b = 1_{\mathbf{Z}}\}$ .

**Proposition 1.** *The rings  $(\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}, +_{\mathbf{Q}} \mid \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}, \cdot_{\mathbf{Q}} \mid \tilde{\mathbf{Q}})$  and  $(\mathbf{Z}, +_{\mathbf{Z}}, \cdot_{\mathbf{Z}})$  are homomorphic.<sup>1</sup>*

*Proof.* The function is  $f : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$  with  $f(z) = [(z, 1)]$ .<sup>2</sup> □

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<sup>1</sup>Indeed, more is true and will be included in future editions. There is an *order perserving* ring homomorphism.

<sup>2</sup>The full account will appear in future editions.



