## Definition: Set of Natural Numbers $\mathbb N$

The set of natural numbers  $\mathbb N$  is the smallest set such that:

- $\bullet$   $0 \in \mathbb{N}$
- $\bullet \ n \in \mathbb{N} \to n+1 \in \mathbb{N}$

These last two points also fit the set of Integers, but since  $\mathbb{N}$  is the smallest set that satisfies these properties then it is uniquely defined.