WNumber Systems

## Properties of Numbers

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| Associative law for addition |  |
| Existence of additive identity |  |
| Existence of additive inverse |  |
| Commutative law of addition |  |
| Associative law for multiplication |  |
| Existence of multiplication identity |  |
| Existence of multiplicative inverse |  |
| Commutative law for multiplication |  |
| Distributive law of multiplication over addition |  |
| Distributive law of multiplication over subtraction |  |
| Distributive law of division over addition |  |
| Distributive law of division over subtraction |  |

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Table 1 Common Sets

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| Set | Meaning | Example | Description/Example |
|  | The natural numbers |  | Can sometimes be assumed to include 0, especially by computer scientists |
|  | The integers |  |  |
|  | The positive integers |  |  |
|  | The rational numbers |  |  |
|  | The real numbers |  |  |
|  | Complex numbers |  |  |

Note that: