

Theorem 2.1.2: (a) If z and a are elements in R with $z+a=a$, then $z=0$ } \rightarrow uniqueness of 0 and 1
 (b) If u and $b \neq 0$ are elements in R with $u \cdot b = b$, then $u = 1$
 (c) If $a \in R$, then $a \cdot 0 = 0$ (Multiplication by zero is always zero)

Proof: (a) ¹ Suppose, $\exists z, a \in R$ s.t. $z+a=a$.
 ②. By A4, for each a , there exists $(-a) \in R$.
 ③. $(z+a)+(-a) = a+(-a)$ (Substitution of equality on 1)
 ④. $(z+a)+(-a) = z+(a+(-a))$ (A2)
 ⑤. $z+(a+(-a)) = (z+a)+(-a)$ (~~Transitivity of equality~~ Symmetry of equality on 4)
 ⑥. $z+(a+(-a)) = a+(-a)$ (Transitivity of equality on 5, 3)
 ⑦. $a+(-a) = 0$ (A4)
 ⑧. $z+(a+(-a)) = 0$ (Transitivity of equality on 6, 7)
 ⑨. $z+(a+(-a)) = z+0$ (Substitution of equality on 7)
 ⑩. $z+0 = z$ (A3) ⑪. $z+(a+(-a)) = z$ (Transitivity of equality on 9, 10)
 ⑫. $z = z+(a+(-a))$ (Symmetry of eq on 11)
 ⑬. $z = 0$ (Transitivity of eq on 12, 8)

(b) 1. Suppose, $\exists u, b \in R$ and $b \neq 0$ s.t. $u \cdot b = b$
 2. By M4, for each $b \in R$, $b \neq 0$, there exists $(\frac{1}{b}) \in R$
 3. $(u \cdot b) \cdot (\frac{1}{b}) = b \cdot (\frac{1}{b})$ (Substitution of equality on 1)
 4. $(u \cdot b) \cdot (\frac{1}{b}) = u \cdot (b \cdot (\frac{1}{b}))$ (M2)
 5. $u \cdot (b \cdot (\frac{1}{b})) = (u \cdot b) \cdot (\frac{1}{b})$ (Symmetry of eq on 4)
 6. $u \cdot (b \cdot (\frac{1}{b})) = b \cdot (\frac{1}{b})$ (Transitivity of eq on 5, 3)
 7. $b \cdot (\frac{1}{b}) = 1$ (M4)
 8. $u \cdot (b \cdot (\frac{1}{b})) = 1$ (Transitivity of eq on 6, 7)