

6.  $-(-a) = (a + (-a)) + (-(-a))$  (Symmetry of eq on 5)  
 7.  $-(-a) = a + ((-a) + (-(-a)))$  (Transitivity of eq on 6, 5)  
 8.  $(-a) + (-(-a)) = 0$  (A4) 9.  $a + ((-a) + (-(-a))) = a + 0$  (Substitution on 8)  
 10.  $a + 0 = a$  (A3) 11.  $a + ((-a) + (-(-a))) = a$  (Transitivity of eq on 9, 10)  
 12.  $-(-a) = a$  (Transitivity of eq on 7, 11)

c)  $(-1)a = -a$  → Very beautiful

Proof: 1. By Trichotomy property, either  $(-1)a > -a$ , or  $(-1)a < -a$ , or  $(-1)a = -a$

2. Let,  $(-1)a > -a$  3.  $(-1)a - (-a) \in P$  (Defn. 2.1.6 (a) on 2.)

4.  $\because P$  is non-empty,  $(-1)a - (-a) = c$  for some  $c \in P$ .