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In order to show that S is a field, we'll need to prove the following **binary operator** properties:

1. In S , there are two members, zero - 0_S and one - 1_S
2. S supports the addition and multiplication binary operators
3. Every member in S can be negated, i.e. for every x there is $-x$
4. For every member in S that is not 0_S , $\exists x^{-1} \in S$, it is called the multiplicative inverse of x

In addition, the mentioned binary operators should satisfy the following properties, referred to as **field axioms**:

1. Associativity of addition(A1) and multiplication(M1):

$$a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$$

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$$

2. Commutativity of addition(A2) and multiplication(M2):

$$a + b = b + a$$

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

3. Additive identity(A3) and multiplicative identity(M3)

$$a + 0 = a$$

$$a \cdot 1 = a$$

4. Additive inverse(A4) and multiplicative inverse(M4)

$$a + (-a) = 0$$

$$a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$$

5. Distributivity(D)

$$a(b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$$

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Prove: $((a + b) + c) + d = (a + b) + (c + d) = a + (b + (c + d))$

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