

**Proposition 1.7:** If  $m$  is an integer, then  $0 + m = m$  and  $1 \cdot m = m$ .

*Proof.* Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then by additive commutativity

$$0 + m = m + 0.$$

But  $m + 0 = m$  by Axiom 1.2. So  $0 + m = m$ .

On the other hand, by multiplicative commutativity,

$$1 \cdot m = m \cdot 1.$$

Axiom 1.3 implies  $m \cdot 1 = m$ , so  $1 \cdot m = m$ . □

**Proposition 1.8:** If  $m$  is an integer, then  $(-m) + m = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then additive commutativity implies

$$(-m) + m = m + (-m).$$

Since Axiom 1.4 implies  $m + (-m) = 0$ , it follows that  $(-m) + m = 0$ . □

**Proposition 1.11(iii):** Let  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $p$  be integers. Then  $m + (n + p) = (p + m) + n$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $m$ ,  $n$ , and  $p$  are integers. Then

$$\begin{aligned} m + (n + p) &= m + (p + n) && \text{by additive commutativity} \\ &= (m + p) + n && \text{by additive associativity} \\ &= (p + m) + n && \text{by additive commutativity.} \end{aligned}$$

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