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Division by Zero

Someone once told you that you cannot divide by zero,

which is probably true,

but what is the alternative?

The additive identity won't admit multiplicative inversion,

but what if the roles are reversed? Will the multiplicative identity tolerate additive inversion?

Can you subtract one?

Suppose you are a family of four and subtract one.

Suppose today you are capable of one thing fewer than yesterday.

You contain multitudes, but one is subtracted.

Your life numbers some days. Subtract one.

Suppose you are a birthday cake with one slice eaten. A child sleeping with one eye open. A parent with one eye on a screen. A lover with one foot out the door.

Once upon a time minus once.

Far better to divide by zero than subtract one —

just accept that two equals one and be done with it.