

## Re: On the muliplication of negative numbers

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On Jul 27, 4:18 pm, Uncle Ben <b...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

It might seem strange to consider this plebian topic in a newsgroup having to do with such an esoteric subject at the theory of relativity, But, believe it or not, a controversy has arisen between certain frequent posters in this newsgroup as to the result of multiplying negative numbers, a topic generally treated in the U.S. educational system before the 6th year (12-year-olds).

Just as a sociological note, I don't consider the knee-jerk contrariness of a couple of well-known goofballs (Spaceman and "Henri the Doctor Wilson") to constitute a controversy. There are certain people who, if a person who carries the air of some scientific experience says it's now the year 2008, will leap at the opportunity to say that it is 2010 and that only those who cannot think on their own and are stuck in some status quo propaganda campaign will believe that it is 2008. It does not matter to these goofballs whether grade-school children would mock them -- they have lived a lifetime of being mocked and they are amply self-shielded against it.

In fact, it is IMHO counterproductive to call such activity "controversy" because it gives insanity credence. There are a number of novices and newbies who come to these groups and, because of the utterances of the insane, come to the conclusion that there is substantial controversy about even the basics of relativity, when in fact there is not.

There is ample controversy about many scientific matters, but not in the areas where the insane babble that there is, any more than there is controversy about negative numbers and how to multiply with them.

To uncover the true agenda here, note that none of these cranks would dream of walking up to a 5th grade math teacher and telling them that their rules of handling negative numbers are illogical. They only tell \*physicists\* that. Now ask yourself why this is so.

Don't be blind to the obvious.

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