

Re: On the multiplication of negative numbers

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[snip]

Yes, in a sloppy way of speaking, but *the* square root of
a
positive real number is defined as a positive number and it is
unique.

$$\text{sq.rt.}(16) = 4 \text{ or } -4.$$

No, we write
 $\text{sqrt}(16) = 4$
and
 $-\text{sqrt}(16) = -4$

Dirk Vdm

It's storm in a wine (or whine) glass:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Square_root
Harald

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It's a sloppy way of speakOing.

Dork is a sloppy, ignorant, pathetic local village idiot, like you.

Better a sloppy way of speakOing than an non-existent way of thinking:
<http://users.telenet.be/vdmoortel/dirk/Physics/Fumbles/SqrtRev.html>

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