Predicate logic

Limitations of propositional logic

Propositional logic only allows us to reason about completed statements about things, not about the things themselves.

Example

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this reasoning can not be expressed in propositional logic

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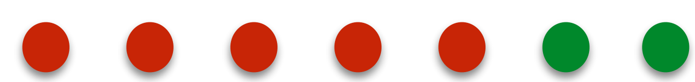

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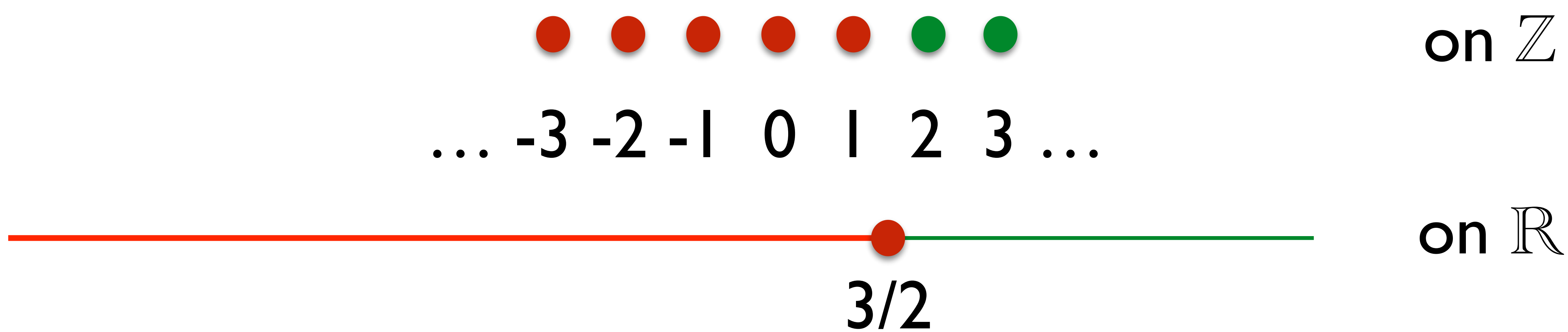

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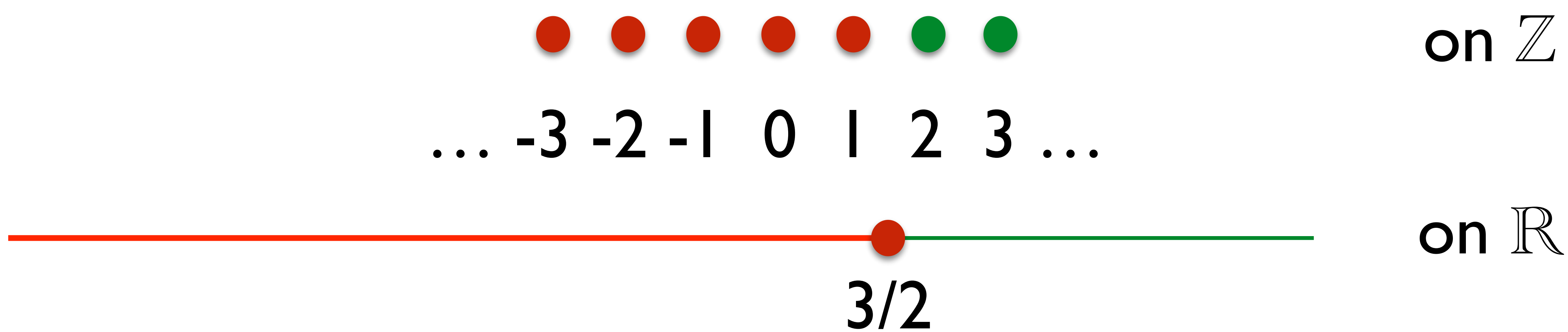

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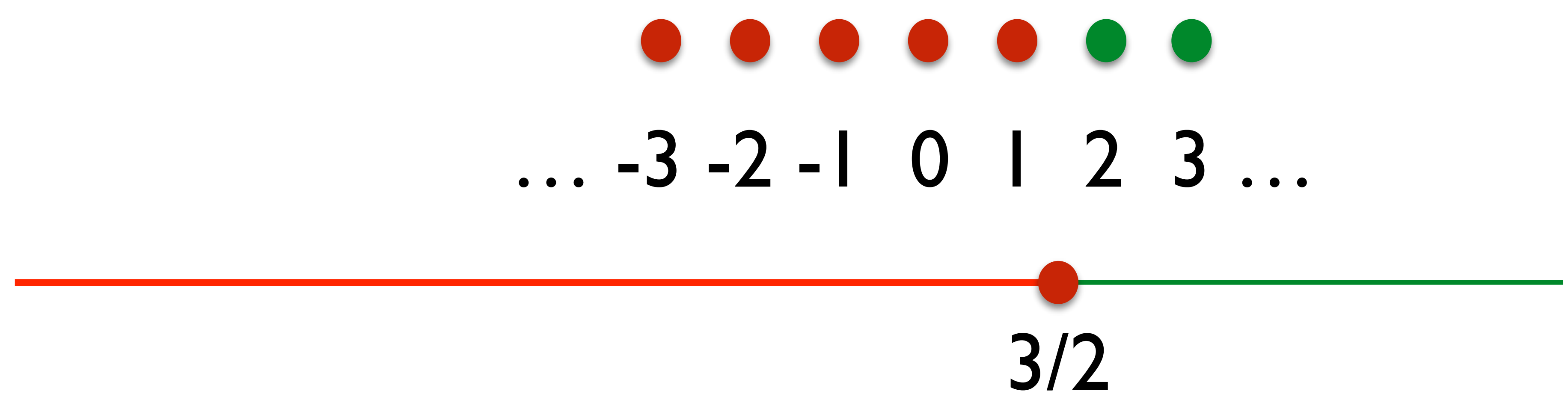

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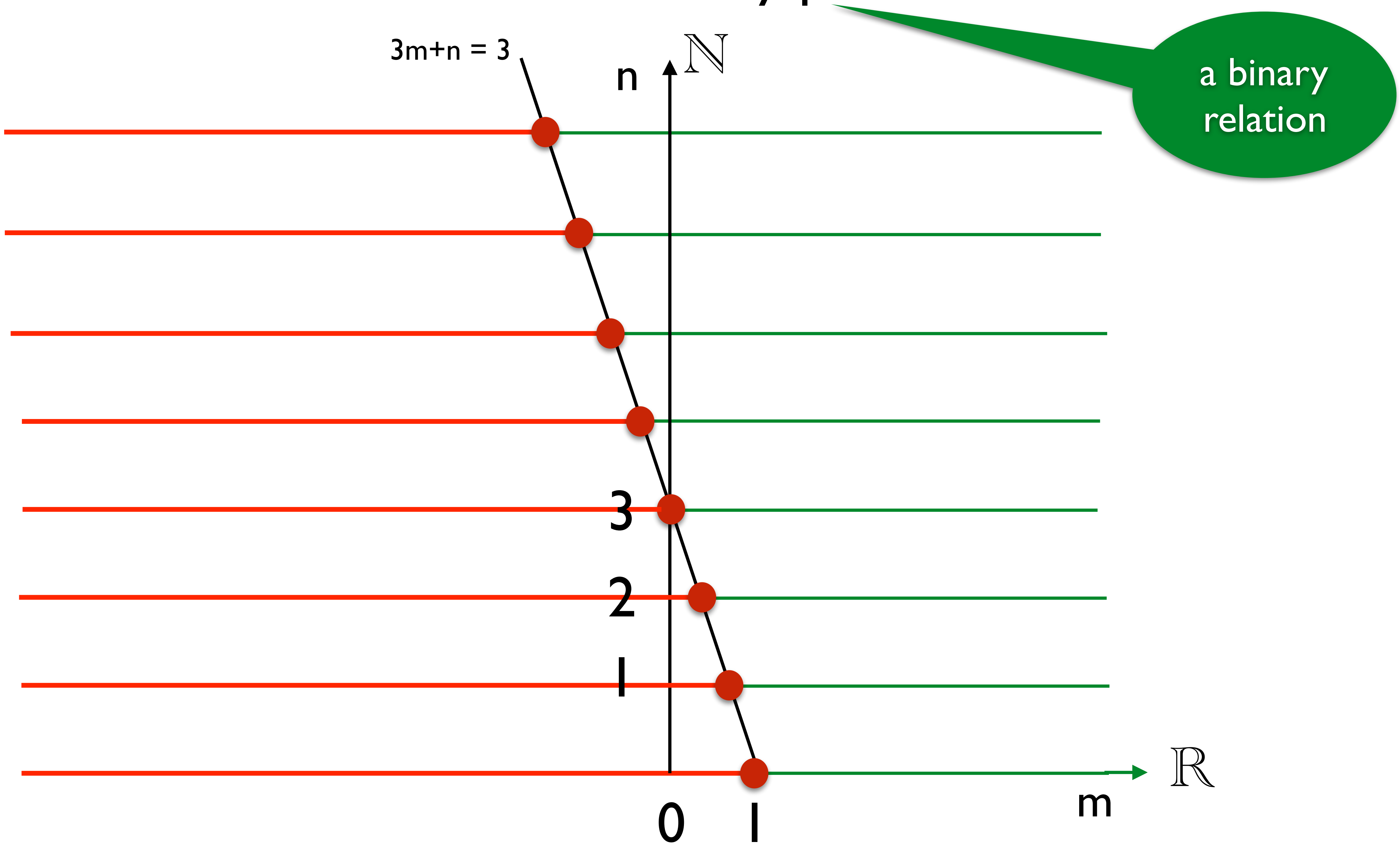

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