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First, we note that $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ contains two distinct elements, $\bar{0}$ and $\bar{1}$. Also, $\bar{1} = -\bar{1}$.

Claim: $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ is not an ordered field.

Proof (by contradiction): Assume $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ is an ordered field. Then there exists a set $P \subset \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ satisfying P1-P3. For any set P , either $\bar{1} \in P$ or $\bar{1} \notin P$. If $\bar{1} \in P$, then $-\bar{1} = \bar{1} \in P$ and P1 fails. If $\bar{1} \notin P$, then $-\bar{1} \notin P$ and $-\bar{1} \neq \bar{0}$. Again, P1 fails. We've reached a contradiction, so we may conclude that $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ is not an ordered field.

Notes: Many of you did this problem by enumerating the possibilities for P . These were \emptyset , $\{\bar{1}\}$, $\{\bar{0}\}$, $\{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$. Note that $\emptyset = \{\}$ is the empty set, NOT $\{\emptyset\}$, which is the set that contains the empty set. P1 fails for \emptyset not because \emptyset is empty, but because we may choose $x = \bar{1}$, so that $\bar{1} \notin P$ and $-\bar{1} \notin P$ and $\bar{1} \neq \bar{0}$.

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Claim: Additive inverses in a field are unique.

Proof: Let b and b' be inverses of a . Then $a + b = 0$ and $a + b' = 0$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 b &= b + 0 && \text{(by def'n of identity)} \\
 &= b + (a + b') \\
 &= (b + a) + b' && \text{(by associativity)} \\
 &= 0 + b' \\
 &= b'
 \end{aligned}$$

We've shown that for any two inverses b, b' of a , $b = b'$, so the additive inverse must be unique.