Posted by James Kuyper on Mon, 09 Apr 2007 17:05:52 GMT

Kenneth Bowman wrote:

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> How can the sum of no numbers be a number?

Consider the total human population of all cities on the moon.
Naively, I would think that is is 0 (unless there is something very
interesting going on 8-), calculated as a sum of no numbers. Would you
argue that it is not a number? Would you argue that it is the sum of
some numbers? If so, what is the meaning of the numbers being added up?