

# Introduction and proofs

A **proof** is a method for ascertaining the truth

ex) Experimentation & Observing, Sampling & Counter examples, Judge & Jury, Word of god, Conviction

A **mathematical proof** is a verification of a propositions by chain of logical deductions from a set of axioms

Def: A **proposition** is a statement that is either T/F

ex)  $2+3=5$

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$n$	$n^2+n+41$	Prime
0	41	✓
1	43	✓
2	47	✓
3	53	✓
...	...	...
20	461	✓
...	...	...
39	1601	✓
40	1681 = $41^2$	✗
41	1763	✗

**predicate**: proposition whose truth depends on the value of variables

$a^4+b^4+c^4=d^4$  has no positive integer solution

$\exists a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $a^4+b^4+c^4=d^4$

Positive natural number:  $\exists 1, 2, 3, \dots$

**predicate**

$313(x^3+y^3)=z^3$  has no positive integer solutions

The regions in any maps can be colored in 4 colors so that adjacent regions have different colors

Every even integer but 2 is the sum of 2 primes:  $24=13+11$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 2 \Rightarrow n^2 \geq 4$

**implies**

ex)  $p \Rightarrow q$  is true if p is F or q is T

Truth Table

Def: An **implication**  $p \Rightarrow q$  is true if p is F or q is T

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$	$q \Rightarrow p$	$p \Leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

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**iff**

: False,  $n=-3$

Def: An **axiom** is a proposition that is "assumed" to be true

ex) If  $a=b$  &  $b=c$ , then  $a=c$

Euclidean Geometry: Given a line  $L$  & a point  $p$  not on  $L$ , there is exactly one line through  $p$  parallel to  $L$ .

Spherical Geometry: Given a line  $L$  & a point  $p$  not on  $L$ , there is no line through  $p$  parallel to  $L$ .

Hyperbolic Geometry: Given a line  $L$  & a point  $p$  not on  $L$ , there are infinitely many lines through  $p$  parallel to  $L$ .

Axioms should be 1. consistent

2. complete

Def: A set of axioms is **consistent** if no proposition can be proved T & F

A set of axioms is **complete** if it can be used to prove every proposition is T or F