

Introduction

What is proof?

Proof is method of obtaining / ascertaining a truth.

1. Experimentation
2. Observation
3. Sampling & Counter examples
4. Judge & Juries
5. Religion (Word of God)
6. Word of Boss

Important

In mathematics, a mathematical proof is a verification of a **proposition** by a chain of **logical deductions** from a set of **axioms**.

Proposition

Important

A **proposition** is statement which is **either true or false**.

- For this proposition to be to, the predicate has to come true.

Example

$$\forall n \in N, n^2 + n + 41 \text{ is the prime numbers}$$

is called the predicate (depends on the value of variable).

- for the 1 to 39 -> true
- but, 40 and 41 -> false

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$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 \text{ has no positive solutions}$$

- But for some 6 digit value, this proposition becomes false, and there exists a solution.

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$$\exists a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 \text{ has no positive solutions}$$

- But for some exists propositions, of which finding the shortest smallest counter example of > 1000 digits.
- factoring of 1000 digits is useful Crypto-systems works.
- Proofs by pictures are very convincing, but wrong.

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$$\forall n \in X, n \geq 2 \Rightarrow n^2 \geq 4$$

Implication

Important

An Implication $p \Rightarrow q$ is true, when p is false or q is true.

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

Example

"If pigs fly, I would be king" is true.

Axiom

Important

An **axiom** is a **proposition that is assumed to be true.**

Example

- In Euclidean Geometry, Given a line L and a point P not on line L, there is exactly one line through P \parallel L.
- In Euclidean Geometry, Given a line L and a point P not on line L, there is no line through P \parallel L.
- In Hyperbolic Geometry, Given a line L and a point P not on line L, there is infinite lines through P \parallel L.

Attention

- Axioms should be consistent and complete
- A set of Axioms is said to be **consistent** if no proposition can be proved to be both true and false.
- A set of Axioms are said to be **complete** if it can be used to prove every proposition is either true or false.