

## 1.2 Deductive Structures

### 1 General Statements

**Counter Example:** An example that disproves that something is always true

Example: "All prime numbers are odd" is disproved by "2 is a prime number"

**Deductive Structure:** Scaffolding of information used for reasoning

Example:  $A = B$ .  $B = C$ . Therefore,  $A = C$

**Postulates  $\rightarrow$  Theorems  $\rightarrow$  Definitions**

Unproven  $\rightarrow$  Proven  $\rightarrow$  definition of statement/word

**Declarative Statement:** Statement without "if" "then" "but"

Example: An odd number + odd number is even

**Conditional Statement:** If...Then

Example: If P then Q

### 2 Types of Conditional Statements

**Normal**

If P then Q

**Converse**

If Q then P

**Inverse**

If !P then !Q

**Contrapositive**

If !Q then !P