



## 2 STORIES



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theory governs practice governs theory

#### 1900 INT'L CONFERENCE OF MATHEMATICIANS

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## 10 entscheidungsproblem

10. Entscheidung der Losbarkeit einer diophantischen Gleichung. Eine diophantische Gleichung mit irgendwelchen Unbekannten und mit ganzen rationalen Zahlkoefficienten sei vorgelegt: man soll ein Verfahren angeben, nach welchen sich mittels einer endlichen Anzahl von Operationen entscheiden lässt, ob die Gleichung in ganzen rationalen Zahlen losbar ist.

> "Is there a method to decide whether a given equation with Integer coefficients has an Integer solution?"

I928:

# IS THERE A METHOD TO

## DECIDE WHETHER A

## MATHEMATICAL

## STATEMENT IS TRUE OR

FALSE?



#### Leibniz 1670



#### Babbage 1840

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of Theoretical

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#### GROUP OF OBJECTS



#### GROUP OF OBJECTS ELEMENTS MEMBERS

# $\{2, 3, 5, 7\}$

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# $2 \in \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$

# $4 \not\in \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$

## A is a subset of B

# ACB

"every element in A is also in B"  $% A^{\prime}$ 

# Q: when are 2 sets equal? $A \stackrel{?}{=} B$



# A: whenever both $A \subseteq B$ $B \subseteq A$

## SETS CAN CONTAIN NO ELEMENTS



## SETS CAN CONTAIN INFINITELY MANY ELEMENTS

 $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, ...\}$  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\ldots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$ 

# AUB

# AUNION

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# $A \cap B$

# AUNION

# ANB

#### INTERSECTION

## SEQUENCE

**LIST** OF OBJECTS

(ORDER MATTERS)

# SEQUENCE

LIST OF OBJECTS ELEMENTS MEMBERS

(ORDER MATTERS)





#### K ELEMENT SEQUENCE IS CALLED A K-TUPLE

2 ELEMENT SEQUENCE IS CALLED A PAIR

## GRAPH

#### SET OF NODES (VERTICES) SOME OF WHICH ARE CONNECTED (EDGES)



## HOW CAN WE FORMALLY REPRESENT A GRAPH?



#### SET OF EDGES









### DIRECTED GRAPH



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### LABELLED GRAPH



## ALPHABET

FINITE SET OF SYMBOLS



**BINARY** ALPHABET

# $\Sigma_2 = \{a, b, c, d, ..., z\}$

**SESAME ST** ALPHABET

## STRING

FINITE SEQUENCE OF SYMBOLS

FROM AN ALPHABET

### STRINGS OVER BINARY ALPHABE

# $\sigma = 010001001$

## EMPTY STRING (LENGTH O)

## LANGUAGE

**SET OF STRINGS** 

#### LANGUAGE OF BINARY

### STRINGS

## $\{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, ...\}$

## DEFINITIONS

## THEORENS

PROOFS

## WE SEEK TO MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT OUR WORLD.

## PREFER TRUE STATEMENTS

## PRECISE STATEMENTS

#### MATHEMATICAL DEFINITIONS OF OBJECTS

### PRECISE ARGUMENTS

MATHEMATICAL PROOFS

# $\operatorname{PROVE}: \overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$

WHAT MUST WE SHOW?

# PROOF BY CONTRADICTION

"REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM"

### ASSUME THE ABSURD

## ASSUME THE ABSURD DERIVE A FALLACY

## ASSUME THE ABSURD DERIVE A FALLACY ERGO: ABSURD IS FALSE

## PROVE: THERE ARE INFINITELY MANY PRIMES

# $\frac{\text{PROVE:}}{\sqrt{2}}$ is an irrational number