

"Every even number greater than 2 can be written as the sum of two prime numbers."

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$$\forall n: \mathbb{N}. (\text{Even}(n) \wedge n > 2) \rightarrow \exists p: \text{Prime}. \exists q: \text{Prime}. p + q = n.$$

Goldbach Conjecture

Intro to proofs.

A proof is a logically valid argument that establishes the truth of a proposition.

This can look like many different things depending on audience, subject, etc. Form of communication.

We distinguish two types of proofs (continuum):

• Formal proof:

- Use only axioms and things previously proved.
- Consists of a series of steps where each step is a valid logical inference from previous steps or assumptions.

- Is often expressed in formal notation.

• Informal proof:

- Uses only axioms and things previously proved.
- May omit or combine steps.
- Is often expressed in natural language.
- In principle could be expanded/translated into a completely formal proof.