

Pythagorean Triple:  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$   
such that  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$

Theorem: A pythagorean triple exists.

Proof:  $c = 5, a = 4, b = 3$ . Then  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ .

Fermat Triple:  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ .  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$ .

so that  $c^3 = a^3 + b^3$

Theorem: No Fermat Triple exists.

Proof: Typically by contradiction.  
Assume  $a, b, c$  satisfies  $c^3 = a^3 + b^3$

deduce a contradiction.

$\neg (\exists x, x \text{ Fermat triple})$

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 $\forall x, x \text{ is not a fermat triple.}$