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En mathématiques le XX^{ème} siècle commence vers 1890...

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- ▶ **Central role of natural numbers ; Peano's arithmetic PA, one of the very first examples of a formal system.**

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$$\forall x \forall y \forall z (x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge z \neq 0) \Rightarrow x^3 + y^3 \neq z^3$$

with $t \neq u :: \neg(t = u)$, $t^3 :: (t \times (t \times t))$

(A case of Fermat's last theorem).

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$$SSS0 + S0 = SSSSS0 \quad \forall x (0 + x = x)$$

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NOT TO KNOW \neq To KNOW NOT

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- ▶ List of all infinite lists of zeros and ones ? Impossible because of **diagonal argument**. Let L_1, L_2, L_3, \dots be a list of all infinite lists ; dispose them one above another and then...

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- ▶ Hilbert (1900) : prove the consistency (non-contradiction) of arithmetic. Recidive around 1920 with a finitistic programme. Reduction to the sole formal paradoxes.

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