# Arithmetical Hierarchy 

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for some $k$ and for $P$ some Diophantine equation.

## A first step to show the hierarchy

Theorem
For all $i, \Sigma_{i+1}^{0} \supseteq \Sigma_{i}^{0}, \Pi_{i}^{0}$
Proof.
Use "dummy" quantifiers. $\square$


Figure: The Arithmetical Hierarchy

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## More Problems

- The Riemann Hypothesis is in $\Pi_{1}^{0}$
- The Twin Prime

Conjecture is in $\Pi_{2}^{0}$

- $\mathbf{P} \neq \mathrm{NP}$ is in $\Pi_{2}^{0}$


Figure: The Arithmetical Hierarchy

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