

## Book 7

### Proposition 32

Every number is either prime or is measured by some prime number.

**A**  $\longleftarrow$   $\longrightarrow$

Let  $A$  be a number. I say that  $A$  is either prime or is measured by some prime number.

In fact, if  $A$  is prime then that which was prescribed has happened. And if (it is) composite then some prime number will measure it [Prop. 7.31].

Thus, every number is either prime or is measured by some prime number. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.