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Finding Hay in a Haystack

Existence results are ubiquitous in mathematics. Proving that something exists does not necessarily provide a method to find it. Stranger still, in many situations one can prove that a certain property is satisfied by many (or even most) objects, yet it is very difficult to find a single object satisfying the property. I will take you on a tour and show you examples of this nature in different areas of mathematics such as set theory, analysis, number theory and combinatorics.

See you Thursday!