

JACKSON PETTY
MATH 350
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A HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Problem 1. Prove that there are infinitely many prime numbers.

Proof. Let S be a set of finitely many primes. Let q be one more than the product of all elements of S . Consider that if q is prime, then there must obviously be at least one prime number which is not enumerated in S . On the other hand, if q is not prime, then by the fundamental theorem of algebra there must exist at least one prime factor of q , and this factor is not included in S since q is not divisible by any elements of S . Thus any finite enumeration of primes is necessarily incomplete. ■

Problem 2. What is the air-speed velocity of an unladen swallow?

Solution. African or European? ■

Exercise 3. Go outside and find some fossils, because fossils are cool.