

problem 6 solution

Proof

Any set of prime triples is of the form $\{p, p+2, p+4\}$

Case I :- $p=2$

We have $p+2 = 4 = 2 \times 2$ which is not prime. Hence $p \neq 2$

Case II $p = 3$

$$p+2 = 5$$

$$p+4 = 7$$

$(3, 5, 7)$ form a prime triplet.

Case III: $p \geq 4$

Since p is prime > 3

So $p = 3k+1$ or $3k+2$ $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Case I: $p = 3k+1$

$$p+2 = 3k+1+2 = 3k+3 = 3(k+1) \text{ where } 3 \geq 2 \text{ and } k+1 \geq 2$$

$p+2$ is not prime. Hence $(p, p+2, p+4)$ do not form a prime triple.

Case II: $p = 3k+2$

$$p+4 = 3k+2+4 = 3k+6 = 3(k+2) \text{ where } 3 \geq 2 \text{ and } k+2 \geq 2$$

$p+4$ is not prime and hence $(p, p+2, p+4)$ do not form a prime triple.

Hence the only case in which $(p, p+2, p+4)$ form a prime triple is when $p = 3$.

Hence the only prime triple is $(3, 5, 7)$.

Hence \nexists prime triple besides $(3, 5, 7)$