

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:  $p = 3k+1$

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

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

Case II:  $p = 3k+2$

$p+4 = 3k+2+4 = 3k+6 = 3(k+2)$  where  $3 \geq 2$  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  $\exists$  prime triple besides (3,5,7)