

Proof of the Infinitude of Primes

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Theorem: There is a prime between every n and $n!$ where

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 2 \text{ and } \{n \geq 3 : n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Proof: Take the number $n! - 1$. $n!$ and $n! - 1$ are relatively prime because if there is a greatest common factor for them, it must divide their difference, which is 1. So the greatest common factor is 1. Therefore, 1 is the only integer less than or equal to n divides that divides $n! - 1$. Otherwise, if an integer other than 1, less than or equal to n divides $n! - 1$ this will make $n! - 1$ and $n!$ have a greatest common factor larger than 1. $n! - 1 > 1$ since $n \geq 3$ so $n! - 1 = pk$ for some prime p , $k \geq 1$. Therefore, $p > n$. So $n! > n! - 1 \geq p > n$. ■

There are infinitely many primes

Proof: Because of the previous theorem, we now know that there exists a prime between all n and $n!$ for $n \geq 3$. Therefore, there is a prime between n and $n!$, $n!$ and $(n!)!$, $(n!)!$ and $((n!)!)!$...