

North Dakota Mathematics Talent Search 2007-2008

Problem Set 3

Problems due May 31st, 2008

1. Let a, b, c be odd integers. Prove that the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ does not have solutions in the set of rational numbers.
2. Prove that the product of eight consecutive positive integers cannot be a perfect square.
3. Let a, b, c, d be positive integers such that $ad = bc$. Prove that $a + b + c + d$ cannot be a prime number.
4. Let n be an integer. If $n \geq 2$, prove that $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}$ cannot be an integer.
5. Find the positive integers n such that all the numbers $n + 1, n + 3, n + 7, n + 9, n + 13,$ and $n + 15$ are prime.