

Here are some problems for Wednesday/Thursday May 23/24, 2023. Aim to share solutions to one or two of the problems.

1. Prove that there do not exist three distinct numbers a, b , and c for which: $a+b+c$, ab , ac , bc , and abc are all equal.
2. Prove that if x and y are positive real numbers, then $x + y \geq 2\sqrt{xy}$.
3. Prove that there does not exist an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ for which $n^2 + n + 1$ is a perfect square.
4. Prove that if x and y are irrational, then $x + y$ is also irrational.
5. Prove that if x is irrational, then $x + y$ is also irrational.
6. Prove that $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, such that $x \neq y$,

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \leq 2. \quad (1)$$

7. For all real numbers x , with $0 < x < 1$, prove that

$$\frac{1}{x(1-x)} \leq 4. \quad (2)$$

8. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers. Prove that if $ab = c$, then $a \leq \sqrt{c}$ or $b \leq \sqrt{c}$.
9. Suppose $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a composite integer. Then n has a prime divisor less than or equal to \sqrt{n} .
10. Prove that $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is irrational if and only if it has a different distance from each rational number.
11. Prove that $S_n \notin \mathbb{Z}$ for all $n \geq 2$, where

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}. \quad (3)$$

The last three problems look interesting and potentially challenging. If more than one group wants to give these a try, that's fine.