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3) show that every rational number.... Quotient of prime!...

Pf: We first prove that all primes p_n can be written as products/ quotients of some factorials of primes. (*)

Base case: $p_1 = 2 = 2!/1!$ So * holds for $n=1$

$n=k$. Assume * holds for all prime numbers up to p_k .

$n=k+1$. Observe $p_{k+1} = (p_{k+1})! / (p_{k+1}-1)!$. p_{k+1} is less than p_{k+1} , so it can be written as the product of primes smaller than p_{k+1} -- or smaller than or equal to p_k . (if a prime factor of $p_{k+1} - 1$ is larger than or equal to p_{k+1} then $p_{k+1}-1$ is larger than or equal to p_{k+1} , a contradiction.)

Since by induction hypothesis, all primes from p_1 to p_k can be written as products/quotients of prime factorials, the product of these primes (for example, $p_{k+1} - 1$) also can be written as products/ quotients of prime factors. Thus, p_{k+1} can be written as a product/quotient of prime factorials. * holds for $n=k+1$.

Therefore, * holds for all prime numbers.

All rational numbers can be written as the quotient of two integers, and all integers can be factored into prime numbers. All rational numbers are therefore the products/ quotients of prime numbers, and since * is true for all prime, all rational numbers can be written as products/ quotients of prime factorials. QED

7) Let $f(z) = az^4 + bz^3 + cz^2 + dz + e = a(z-r_1)(z-r_2)(z-r_3)(z-r_4)$ where a, b, c, d, e are integers and $a \neq 0$. Show that if $r_1 + r_2$ is a rational number and if $r_1 + r_2$ is not $r_3 + r_4$ then $r_1 r_2$ is a rational number too.

Pf

Divide both sides of the equation by a , we get

$$z^4 + \alpha z^3 + \beta z^2 + \gamma z + \varepsilon = (z - r_1)(z - r_2)(z - r_3)(z - r_4)$$

Since a, b, c, d, e are integers, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \varepsilon$ are rational numbers, where

$$\varepsilon = r_1 * r_2 * r_3 * r_4 \tag{1}$$

$$\gamma = -(r_1 * r_2 * r_3 + r_1 * r_2 * r_4 + r_1 * r_3 * r_4 + r_2 * r_3 * r_4) = (r_1 r_2) (r_3 + r_4) + (r_3 r_4) (r_1 + r_2) \tag{2}$$

$$\beta = r_1 r_2 + r_1 r_3 + \dots r_3 r_4 = r_1 r_2 + r_3 r_4 + (r_1 + r_2) (r_3 + r_4) \tag{3}$$

$$\alpha = -(r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + r_4) \tag{4}$$

From (4), since α and $r_1 + r_2$ are both rational, $r_3 + r_4$ is also rational. So $(r_1 + r_2)(r_3 + r_4)$ is also rational. From (4), β is rational, so $r_1 r_2 + r_3 r_4$ is rational, call it q_1 . Multiplying both sides by $(r_1 + r_2)$, we get

$$q_1 (r_1 + r_2) = r_1 r_2 (r_1 + r_2) + r_3 r_4 (r_1 + r_2) \tag{5}$$

$$(2)-(5) \text{ and rearrange, we get } [\gamma - q_1 (r_1 + r_2)] / (r_1 + r_2 - r_3 - r_4) = r_1 r_2$$

$\gamma, q_1, r_1 + r_2$, and $(r_1 + r_2 - r_3 - r_4)$ are all rational and $r_1 + r_2 - (r_3 + r_4)$ is not 0 bc $r_1 + r_2$ does not equal $r_3 + r_4$, $r_1 r_2$ is rational too. QED