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Tim Peters wrote:

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After all, it is mathematics. Why should it care?

Mathematics doesn't care whether there is an efficient factoring algorithm. Computer Science does.

LOL! How true. Another funny thing is that whenever James has made a "math doesn't care" argument in the past, somehow or other math always managed to care after all, and favored the outcome he didn't want. By now, he should suspect that math has a deep grudge against him personally ;-)

Now THAT is funny. And it is true that EVERY time before this when I was certain that the math didn't care, it turned out there were mathematical reasons for why a different outcome than the one I supposed had to occur.

Luckily, "the math" does not hold grudges, and one of the best things that happened for me was realizing that what's mathematically true is just true. And it is always true, and doesn't change dependent on

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one's needs or the needs of anyone else.

The math just does not care. It simply is, truth.

James Harris

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