

# Re: Towards a Formula for Primes

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On 10 Mai, 02:08, Gerry Myerson <g...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Then maybe one should read something about the two topics. Knuth's Art of Computer Programming has a nice section on pseudo-randomness. Niven has written a couple of good books on irrationality.

Clearly, you are not very rigorous.

I will repeat an earlier story.

A person whose blushes I wish to spare wrote a book in which he put a "general formula for primes", and the Japanese decided that this was a sensation. Alan Coutanceau-Clark tested the "formula" for the eighth, and it failed.

AT THAT TIME, I was reading "The Art of Computer Programming" by Professor Donald E Knuth, which had another "formula" that failed at the eighth.

Don't bicker with me.

I have already read up on the subject. How else would I have known about that formula, if I had not entered the pages?

Before you accuse, you should check what was written. I already said I had read it.

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