

Re: JSH: Problem space, counting down on DMESE

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On Sat, 27 Oct 2007 17:39:13 -0700, gjedwards@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

As you are forever reminded, you won't ever produce anything interesting unless you are prepared to actually learn about a subject, be that math, encryption, or anything else.

That's especially true for the major problems in a subject – you can be sure that they have been studied incredibly hard. There are occasional recreational problems (like Galvin's paper folding) that an amateur may pick up from time to time, but you can be sure that there's nothing truly revolutionary in their solution.

An amateur is exceedingly unlikely to find a short proof of FLT, or to resolve the RH.

Only an idiot would waste time looking at these problems without reading about what others had done.

Newton quoted "standing on the shoulders of giants". JSH seems to think that he is a giant and so does not need to stand on anyone's shoulders.

He is mistaken.

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