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In article <1193955986.702563.187910@xx> Proginoskes <CCheckman@xxxxxxxxxx> writes:

On Nov 1, 3:12 pm, mike3 <mike4...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Oct 31, 6:56 pm, "Dik T. Winter" <Dik.Win...@xxxxxx> wrote:

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He did not claim such a thing. When he claimed something he wrote letters to others that they did show something for which he claimed to have a proof (this clearly shows his background, i.e. not mathematics, he was just an amateur).

Why does one need to be something other than an "amateur" to have a "background" (ie. knowledge, experience) in mathematics?

Well, he was an amateur (just like me BTW). And you do not need to be something else, but he just was something else.

Knowing what other people have tried is important, so you don't end up "reinventing the wheel".

Not publicising what you have found before you can safely tell what you have found (so that recognition comes to the proper place) seems to be quite common in law circles. He has always been very secretive about his proofs (although he did reveal the methods he did use, like infinite descent).

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