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On Feb 2, 11:34 pm, quasi <qu...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Sat, 2 Feb 2008 18:04:43 -0800 (PST), Deep <deepk...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Consider the following equation under the given conditions.

$$R^{1/2} = n^{(k-2)}[S/T] \quad (1)$$

where $S = m^{(k-1)} - Am^{(k-3)} + Bm^{(k-5)} - \dots - k$
(2)

$T = n^{(k-1)} - An^{(k-3)} + Bn^{(k-5)} - \dots - k$
(3)

$mn = 1$
(4)

Condition: R is positive rational but not a perfect square.
k is a prime > 3, A, B, .. divisible by k

Assertion: $m = u^{(1/2)}$ where u is rational but not a perfect square

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will satisfy (1)

You need to declare the restrictions on _all_ your variables.

Let's what you forgot ...

Variables: R, S, T, k, m, n, A,B, ...

Restrictions:

R is a positive rational but not a perfect square.

S,T are what? Presumably positive reals, but you didn't say.

k is a prime, $k > 3$

$mn = 1$, but m,n are what? Presumably positive reals, but you didn't say. You did state an asserted _conclusion_ about m,n but not a declaration of their types in the hypothesis.

A,B, ... are "divisible by k". Thus, A,B, ... are presumably integers, but you didn't say. Without further specification, one would have to assume arbitrary integer multiples of k, possibly zero, possibly negative. If that's not what you intended, you have to make your restrictions clear.

You are often careless in this regard, and several times in the past I've made the same objection. You need to declare the types and restrictions on your variables -- _all_ of them.

Although I can see in advance that for any of the likely specifications for the missing declarations, your assertion is false, there's no sense trying to provide a counterexample until you fully specify all the conditions. Thus, before exposing the hopelessness of your almost certainly false assertion, please fix your problem statement. Also, you have a typo in condition (2).

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Thank you very much for your comments. Your comments are valid and I must be careful in defining the problem. Now kindly note the following:

1. All the variables are real and each > 0
2. Each of the variables A, B, ... is an integer and divisible by k.

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3. Prime $k > 3$
4. S and T are defined in terms of m and n so they are also real.
5. $mn = 1$
6. My goal is to prove that only $m = u^{1/2}$ will satisfy the condition $R^{1/2}$ is irrational and R is rational given u is rational but not a perfect square.

I thank you for your helpful comments and I look forward to hearing from you about the correctness of the assertion.

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