

$$A^x + B^y = C^z$$

- Part 1: My theorem

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Abstract

Adding to the known partial results, two famous Math problems : Beal conjecture and the Fermat-Catalan conjecture are proved by one theorem - QS theorem that we propose in this article, and also means that the elementary proof of FLT has been found.

1 The theorem

theorem 1. (General - theorem: denoted by QG theorem)

For all positive integers n and x_i , all integers $A_i \neq \pm 1$ and $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) = 1$

$$A_1^{x_1} + A_2^{x_2} + \dots + A_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}} + A_n^{x_n} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_{n-1}} + \frac{1}{x_n} + \frac{n}{LCM(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n)} > 1.$$

Notes:

Sign(+) before A_i can be replaced with sign (-) in any place.

LCM ($x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n$): least common multiples of $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n$.

Remark:

If we let $B_1^{x_1} + B_2^{x_2} + \dots + B_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}} = B$

Multiply both sides by $B^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1}}$

we have $B_1^{x_1} B^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1}} + B_2^{x_2} B^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1}} + \dots + B_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}} B^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1}} = B^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} + 1}$

$$(B_1 B^{x_2 \dots x_{n-1}})^{x_1} + (B_2 B^{x_1 \dots x_{n-1}})^{x_2} + \dots + (B_{n-1} B^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-2}})^{x_{n-1}} = B^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} + 1}$$

clearly, if all A_i has a common factor, the equation above have solution in integer.

For $n = 3$, we have $A_1^{x_1} + A_2^{x_2} + A_3^{x_3} = 0$

This is the same as equation $A^x + B^y = C^z$, and we get the theorem for specific case $n = 3$ as below:

theorem 2. (Specific - theorem: denoted by QS-theorem)

For positive integers x, y, z , and $A, B, C \neq \pm 1$, coprime integers:

$$\text{The equation } A^x + B^y = C^z \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{LCM(x, y, z)} > 1$$

In other words, the equation $A^x + B^y = C^z$ has no solution ($A, B, C \neq \pm 1$, coprime) in integer if

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{LCM(x, y, z)} \leq 1$$

Notes:

LCM (x, y, z): least common multiples of x, y and z .

As above, if A, B and C have a common factor, we always find a solution as below:

Let $a_0^x + b_0^x = c_0$ then $c_0^x a_0^x + c_0^x b_0^x = c_0^{x+1}$
 so $A^x + B^x = C^{x+1}$ ($A = c_0 a_0, B = c_0 b_0, C = c_0$)

Or

Let $a_0^x + b_0^y = c_0$ then $c_0^{xy} a_0^x + c_0^{xy} b_0^y = c_0^{xy+1}$
 so $A^x + B^y = C^{xy+1}$, ($A = c_0^y a_0, B = c_0^x b_0, C = c_0$)

2 Consequence:

For Beal's conjecture [1]

There are no solution to the equation $A^x + B^y = C^z$ in positive integers A, B, C, x, y, z with A, B, C being pairwise coprime and all of x, y, z being greater than 2.

The cases: $A^3 + B^3 = C^3, A^4 + B^4 = C^4, A^3 + B^3 = C^4, A^4 + B^4 = C^3, A^3 + B^3 = C^5, A^5 + B^5 = C^5$ (and all permutation of the ordered triple (x,y,z)) have been shown to have no solution in integer (A,B and C coprimes). By QS - theorem, Beal's conjecture is proven for other cases. That mean Beal's conjecture (including Fermat's Last theorem) is true for all positive integers $x, y, z \geq 3$

For Fermat- Catalan conjecture [2]

There are only finitely many triples of relatively integers A, B, C for which $A^x + B^y = C^z$ with x, y, z are positive integers satisfying $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} < 1$

All cases of triple: $x, y, z = (2, 4, 5); (2, 3, 7); (2, 3, 8); (2, 3, 9); (2, 3, 10); (2, 5, 5); (4, 4, 4); (5, 5, 5); (3, 3, 4); (4, 4, 3); (3, 3, 5)$ (and all permutation of the ordered triple (x,y,z)) satisfy: $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} < 1 \leq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{LCM(x, y, z)}$ have been shown [2] to have only finitely many solutions in integer as follows:

The cases: $x, y, z = (2, 4, 5); (2, 3, 7); (2, 3, 8); (2, 3, 9)$ have some solutions in integer.

$$2^5 + 7^2 = 3^4, 7^3 + 13^2 = 2^9, 2^7 + 17^3 = 71^2,$$

$$3^5 + 11^4 = 122^2, 17^7 + 76271^3 = 21063928^2 1414^3 + 2213459^2 = 65^7,$$

$$9262^3 + 15312283^2 = 113^7, 43^8 + 96222^3 = 30042907^2, 33^8 + 1549034^2 = 15613^3$$

And for $1^x + B^y = C^z$, the $1^x + 2^3 = 3^2$ is the only solution where one of a,b and c is 1 [3]. The cases: $(2, 3, 10); (2, 5, 5); (4, 4, 4); (5, 5, 5); (3, 3, 4); (4, 4, 3); (3, 3, 5)$ have no solution in integer.

By QS -theorem, other cases $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{LCM(x, y, z)} \leq 1$ have no solution in integer, so that if x,y,z satisfy $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} < 1$, then the equation $A^x + B^y = C^z$ has only finitely many solutions in integer.

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