Definitive Tentative of a Proof of The abc Conjecture

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Abstract In this paper, we consider the *abc* conjecture. Firstly, we give an elementary proof that $c < 3rad^2(abc)$. Secondly, the proof of the *abc* conjecture is given for $\epsilon \ge 1$, then for $\epsilon \in]0,1[$. We choose the constant $K(\epsilon)$ as $K(\epsilon) =$

 $\frac{3}{e}.e^{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)}$ for $0 < \epsilon < 1$ and $K(\epsilon) = 3$ for $\epsilon \ge 1$. Some numerical examples are presented.

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To the memory of my Father who taught me arithmetic To the memory of my colleague and friend Jamel Zaiem (1956-2019)

1 Introduction and notations

Let a positive integer $a=\prod_i a_i^{\alpha_i}$, a_i prime integers and $\alpha_i\geq 1$ positive integers. We call *radical* of a the integer $\prod_i a_i$ noted by rad(a). Then a is written as:

$$a = \prod_{i} a_i^{\alpha_i} = rad(a). \prod_{i} a_i^{\alpha_i - 1}$$
 (1)

We note:

$$\mu_a = \prod_i a_i^{\alpha_i - 1} \Longrightarrow a = \mu_a.rad(a)$$
 (2)

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E-mail: abenhadjsalem@gmail.com Orcid.ID:0000-0002-9633-3330 The *abc* conjecture was proposed independently in 1985 by David Masser of the University of Basel and Joseph Esterlé of Pierre et Marie Curie University (Paris 6) [1]. It describes the distribution of the prime factors of two integers with those of its sum. The definition of the *abc* conjecture is given below:

Conjecture 1 (**abc Conjecture**): Let a, b, c positive integers relatively prime with c = a + b, then for each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a constant $K(\epsilon)$ such that :

$$c < K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon}$$
 (3)

 $K(\epsilon)$ depending only of ϵ .

The idea to try to write a paper about this conjecture was born after the publication of an article in Quanta magazine about the remarks of professors Peter Scholze of the University of Bonn and Jakob Stix of Goethe University Frankfurt concerning the proof of Shinichi Mochizuki [2]. The difficulty to find a proof of the abc conjecture is due to the incomprehensibility how the prime factors are organized in c giving a, b with c = a + b. So, I will give a simple proof that can be understood by undergraduate students.

We know that numerically, $\frac{Logc}{Log(rad(abc))} \leq 1.629912$ [1]. A conjecture was proposed that $c < rad^2(abc)$ [3]. It is the key to resolve the abc conjecture. In my paper, I propose an elementary proof that $c < 3rad^2(abc)$, it facilitates the proof of the abc conjecture. The paper is organized as follows: in the second section, we give the proof that $c < 3rad^2(abc)$. In section three, we present the proof of the abc conjecture. The numerical examples are discussed in sections four and five.

2 The Proof of $c < 3rad^2(abc)$

Below is given the definition of the conjecture $c < rad^2(abc)$:

Conjecture 2 Let a,b,c positive integers relatively prime with $c=a+b,a>b,b\geq 2$, then:

$$c < rad^{2}(abc) \Longrightarrow \frac{Logc}{Log(rad(abc))} < 2$$
 (4)

We note R = rad(abc) in the case c = a + b or R = rad(ac) in the case c = a + 1. We announce the theorem:

Theorem 1 Let a, b, c (respectively a, c) positive integers relatively prime with $c = a + b, a > b, b \ge 2$ (respectively $c = a + 1, a \ge 2$), then:

$$c < 3R^2 \Longrightarrow \frac{Logc}{Log(R)} < 2 + \frac{Log3}{Log(R)}$$
 (5)

2.1 Proof of the Theorem 1: $c < 3R^2$

Proof:

** Case c < R: $c < R < 3R^2$ and the condition (5) is verified.

** Case c = R: case to reject.

** Case c > R:

-(i)- with $c < R^2 \Longrightarrow c < 3R^2$, and the condition (5) is verified.

-(ii)- with $c > R^2$. Using the theorem of the Euclidean division, we can write:

$$c = mR^2 + m', \quad (m, m') \in \mathbb{N}^2 \quad and \ 1 \le m' < R^2$$
 (6)

with (m, m') an unique pair, if $m' = 0 \Longrightarrow a, b, c$ are not relatively prime, then $1 \le m' \le R^2$. We have also :

$$c = mR^2 + m' < mR^2 + R^2 \Longrightarrow mR^2 < c < (m+1)R^2$$
 (7)

-If m = 1, we obtain: $R^2 < c < 2R^2 < 3R^2$ and the condition (5) is verified.

-If m = 2, we obtain: $R^2 < 2R^2 < c < 3R^2$ and the condition (5) is verified.

We suppose that $m \ge 3 \Longrightarrow 3R^2 \le mR^2 < c < (m+1)R^2$.

Then we obtain that c has an upper bound by the natural number $(m+1)R^2$. We can write $c \leq (m+1)R^2 - 1$, then $\forall \delta' \in]0,1[$, we have $c < (m+1)R^2 - 1 + \delta' \Longrightarrow c < (m+1)R^2 - (1-\delta')$. Let $\delta = 1 - \delta'$ with $\delta \in]0,1[$ and we obtain c is bounded as:

$$mR^2 < c < (m+1)R^2 - \delta, \quad \forall \delta \in]0, 1[, m > 3]$$
 (8)

As $m \geq 3$, we write (8) as:

$$mR^2 < c < mR^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{m} - \frac{\delta}{mR^2}\right) \quad \forall \, \delta \in]0, 1[, m \ge 3]$$
 (9)

As $c = mR^2 + m'$, $m' < R^2$, but $c > R \Longrightarrow c^2 > R^2$, we obtain also:

$$c^2 = lR^2 + l', \quad l' < R^2 \tag{10}$$

From the above equations, we can write:

$$(mR^2 + m')^2 = lR^2 + l' \Longrightarrow m^2 R^4 + (2mm' - l)R^2 + m'^2 - l' = 0$$
 (11)

From the last equation above, \mathbb{R}^2 is the positive root of the polynomial of the second degree:

$$F(T) = m^2 T^2 + (2mm' - l)T + m'^2 - l' = 0$$
(12)

The discriminant of F(T) is:

$$\Delta = (2mm' - l)^2 - 4m^2(m'^2 - l') \tag{13}$$

As a real root of F(T) exists, and it is an integer, Δ is written as:

$$\Delta = t^2 \ge 0, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \tag{14}$$

** - Case $\Delta=0$ and $m'^2-l'\neq 0$: Then $(2mm'-l)^2=4m^2(m'^2-l')\Longrightarrow m'^2-l'=\alpha^2,\ \alpha\in\mathbb{N}.$ In this case the equation (12 has a double root $T_1=T_2=\frac{l-2mm'}{2m^2}=R^2\Longrightarrow l-2mm'=2m^2R^2>0.$ But $(l-2mm')^2=4m^4R^4=4m^2(m'^2-l')\Longrightarrow m'^2=m^2R^4+l'>R^4\Longrightarrow m'>R^2.$ Then the contradiction as $m'< R^2.$ The case $\Delta=0$ and $m'^2-l'\neq 0$ is impossible.

** - Case $\Delta=0$ and $m'^2-l'=0$: In this case, $2mm'-l=0\Longrightarrow R^2=0$. Then the contradiction as R>0. The case $\Delta=0$ and $m'^2-l'=0$ is impossible.

** - Case $\Delta > 0$ and $m'^2 - l' = 0$: The equation (12) becomes:

$$F(T) = m^2 T^2 + (2mm' - l)T = 0 \Longrightarrow \begin{cases} T_1 = 0 \\ T_2 = \frac{l - 2mm'}{m^2} = R^2 \end{cases}$$
 (15)

Then, we have:

$$l - 2mm' = m^2R^2 \Longrightarrow l = 2mm' + m^2R^2$$

As $m' < R^2 \implies l - m^2 R^2 < 2mR^2 \implies l < 2mR^2 + m^2 R^2$, we obtain $lR^2 < m(2+m)R^4$. We deduce that $c^2 = lR^2 + l' < m(2+m)R^4 + R^2$. As $m \ge 3$, we write the last equation as:

$$c < mR^2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{m} + \frac{1}{m^2 R^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

We announce that $\forall \delta \in]0,1[$ we have the inequalities:

$$mR^2 < c < mR^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{m} - \frac{\delta}{mR^2}\right) < mR^2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{m} + \frac{1}{m^2R^2}\right)^{1/2}$$
 (16)

because for $m \geq 3$:

$$\left(1 + \frac{2}{m} + \frac{1}{m^2 R^2}\right)^{1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{2m^2 R^2} + h(m, R) \quad with \ h(m, R) > 0$$

From (16), we can write for $m \geq 3$:

$$\left(1 + \frac{2}{m} + \frac{1}{m^2 R^2}\right)^{1/2} > 1 + \frac{1}{m} - \frac{\delta}{mR^2} \Longrightarrow
1 + \frac{2}{m} + \frac{1}{m^2 R^2} > \left(1 + \frac{1}{m} - \frac{\delta}{mR^2}\right)^2 \Longrightarrow
\delta^2 - 2R^2(m+1)\delta + R^4 - R^2 < 0$$
(17)

Let Q(X) the polynomial $Q(X) = X^2 - 2R^2(m+1)X + R^4 - R^2$. The roots of Q(X) = 0 are:

$$X_1 = R^2(m+1) + \sqrt{R^4(m^2 + 2m) + R^2} > X_2$$

$$X_2 = R^2(m+1) - \sqrt{R^4(m^2 + 2m) + R^2} > 1 > \delta$$
(18)

We deduce that $Q(\delta) > 0 \implies \delta^2 - 2R^2(m+1)\delta + R^4 - R^2 > 0$, then the contradicton with (17), it follows that the case $\Delta > 0$ and $m'^2 - l' = 0$ is impossible in the case $c > mR^2, m \ge 3$.

** - Case $\Delta > 0$ and $m'^2 - l' > 0$: We have: $\Delta = (2mm' - l)^2 - 4m^2(m'^2 - l') = t^2 \Longrightarrow t^2 < (2mm' - l)^2$. Let the case $|2mm' - l| = 2mm' - l \Longrightarrow t < 2mm' - l$. The expression of the two roots are:

$$\begin{cases}
T_1 = \frac{l - 2mm' + t}{2m^2} < 0 \\
T_2 = \frac{l - 2mm' - t}{2m^2} < 0
\end{cases}$$
(19)

As $R^2 > 0$ is a root of F(T) = 0, then the contradiction. It follows that the case $\Delta > 0$ and $m'^2 - l' > 0$ is impossible in the case $c > mR^2, m \ge 3$.

** - Case $\Delta > 0$ and $m'^2 - l' < 0$: From $m'^2 < l' \Longrightarrow (c - mR^2)^2 < c^2 - lR^2$, it gives $m^2R^2 + l - 2mc < 0 \Longrightarrow m^2R^2 + l < 2mc < 2m(m+1)R^2$. Then we obtain $l < m^2R^2 + 2mR^2 \Longrightarrow lR^2 < m(m+2)R^4 \Longrightarrow c^2 = lR^2 + l' < m(m+2)R^4 + R^2$. We use the same methodology as for the case $\Delta > 0$ and $m'^2 - l' = 0$ seen above. It follows that the case $\Delta > 0$ and $m'^2 - l' < 0$ is impossible in the case $c > mR^2, m \ge 3$.

All the cases for the resolution of the equation (12) have given contradictions with the hypothesis $c > mR^2, m \ge 3$. Then we obtain that $c < mR^2, m \ge 3 \implies c < 3R^2$. Hence the condition (5) is verified.

3 The Proof of the abc conjecture

$3.1 \text{ Case} : \epsilon \geq 1$

Using the result that $c < 3R^2$, we have $\forall \epsilon \geq 1$:

$$c < 3R^2 \le 3R^{1+\epsilon} \le K(\epsilon).R^{1+\epsilon}, \quad with \ K(\epsilon) = 3, \ \epsilon \ge 1$$
 (20)

Then the abc conjecture is true.

3.2 Case: $\epsilon < 1$

3.2.1 Case: c < R

In this case, we can write:

$$c < R < R^{1+\epsilon} < K(\epsilon).R^{1+\epsilon}, \quad with \ K(\epsilon) = \frac{3}{e}e^{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)}, \ \epsilon < 1$$
 (21)

here also $K(\epsilon) > 1$ for $\epsilon < 1$ and the abc conjecture is true.

3.2.2 Case: c > R

In this case, we confirm that:

$$c < K(\epsilon).R^{1+\epsilon}, \quad with \ K(\epsilon) = \frac{3}{e}e^{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)}, 0 < \epsilon < 1$$
 (22)

If not, then $\exists \epsilon_0 \in]0,1[$, so that the triple (a,b,c) checking c>R and:

$$c \ge R^{1+\epsilon_0}.K(\epsilon_0) \tag{23}$$

are in finite number. We have:

$$c \ge R^{1+\epsilon_0}.K(\epsilon_0) \Longrightarrow R^{1-\epsilon_0}.c \ge R^{1-\epsilon_0}.R^{1+\epsilon_0}.K(\epsilon_0) \Longrightarrow$$

$$R^{1-\epsilon_0}.c \ge R^2.K(\epsilon_0) > \frac{c}{3}K(\epsilon_0) \Longrightarrow R^{1-\epsilon_0} > \frac{1}{3}K(\epsilon_0)$$
(24)

As c > R, we obtain:

$$c^{1-\epsilon_0} > R^{1-\epsilon_0} > K(\epsilon_0) \Longrightarrow$$

$$c^{1-\epsilon_0} > \frac{1}{3}K(\epsilon_0) \Longrightarrow c > \left(\frac{1}{3}K(\epsilon_0)\right)^{\left(\frac{1}{1-\epsilon_0}\right)}$$
 (25)

We deduce that it exists an infinity of triples (a, b, c) verifying (23), hence the contradiction. Then the proof of the abc conjecture is finished. We obtain that $\forall \epsilon > 0, c = a + b$ with a, b, c relatively coprime:

$$c < K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon} \quad with \begin{cases} K(\epsilon) = 3, & \epsilon \ge 1\\ K(\epsilon) = \frac{3}{e}e^{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)}, & 0 < \epsilon < 1 \end{cases}$$
(26)

In the two following sections, we are going to verify some numerical examples.

4 Examples : Case c = a + 1

4.1 Example 1

The example is given by:

$$1 + 5 \times 127 \times (2 \times 3 \times 7)^3 = 19^6 \tag{27}$$

 $a = 5 \times 127 \times (2 \times 3 \times 7)^3 = 47045880 \Rightarrow \mu_a = 2 \times 3 \times 7 = 42 \text{ and } rad(a) = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 127, \text{ in this example, } \mu_a < rad(a).$

 $c = 19^6 = 47\,045\,880 \Rightarrow rad(c) = 19.$ Then $rad(ac) = rad(ac) = 2\times3\times5\times7\times19\times127 = 506\,730.$

We have c > rad(ac) but $3 \times rad^2(ac) = 3 \times 506\,730^2 = 256\,775\,292\,900 > c = 47\,045\,880$.

4.1.1 Case $\epsilon = 0.01$

 $c < K(\epsilon).rad(ac)^{1+\epsilon} \Longrightarrow 47\,045\,880 \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{3}{e}.e^{10000}.506\,730^{1.01}.$ The expression of $K(\epsilon)$ becomes:

$$K(0.01) = \frac{3}{e} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{0.0001}} = \frac{3}{e} \cdot e^{10000} = \frac{3}{e} \times 8.747777149120053120152473488653e + 4342$$

$$(28)$$

We deduce that $c \ll K(0.01).506\,730^{1.01}$ and the equation (26) is verified.

4.1.2 Case $\epsilon = 0.1$

 $K(0.1) = \frac{3}{e}.e^{\frac{1}{0.01}} = \frac{3}{e}.e^{100} = \frac{3}{e} \times 2.6879363309671754205917012128876e + 43 \Longrightarrow c < K(0.1) \times 506\,730^{1.01}, \text{ and the equation (26) is verified.}$

4.1.3 Case $\epsilon = 1$

 $K(1)=3\Longrightarrow c=47\,045\,880<3. rad^2(ac)=3\times 506\,730^2=3\times 256\,775\,292\,900=770\,325\,878\,700$ and the equation (26) is verified.

4.1.4 Case $\epsilon = 100$

$$K(100) = 3 \Longrightarrow c = 47\,045\,880 \stackrel{?}{<} 3 \times 506\,730^{101} = 3 \times 1.5222350248607608781853142687284e + 576$$

and the equation (26) is verified.

4.2 Example 2

We give here the example 2 from https://nitaj.users.lmno.cnrs.fr:

$$3^7 \times 7^5 \times 13^5 \times 17 \times 1831 + 1 = 2^{30} \times 5^2 \times 127 \times 353 \tag{29}$$

 $a=3^7\times7^5\times13^5\times17\times1831=424\,808\,316\,456\,140\,799\Rightarrow rad(a)=3\times7\times13\times17\times1831=8497671\Longrightarrow\mu_a>rad(a),$ $b=1,\ rad(c)=2\times5\times127\times353$ Then $rad(ac)=849767\times448310=3\,809\,590\,886\,010< c,$ and $rad^2(ac)=14\,512\,982\,718\,770\,456\,813\,720\,100>c,$ then $c\leq 3rad^2(ac)$. For example, we take $\epsilon=0.5$, the expression of $K(\epsilon)$ becomes:

$$K(\epsilon) = K(0.5) = \frac{3}{e} \cdot e^{1/0.25} = \frac{3}{e} \cdot e^4 = 60.256489174366656$$
 (30)

Let us verify (26):

$$c \stackrel{?}{<} K(\epsilon).rad(ac)^{1+\epsilon} \Longrightarrow c = 424808316456140800 \stackrel{?}{<} K(0.5) \times (3\,809\,590\,886\,010)^{1.5}$$
$$\Longrightarrow 424808316456140800 < 448044687923509378550, 01980095551 \tag{31}$$

Hence (26) is verified.

5 Examples : Case c = a + b

5.1 Example 1

We give here the example of Eric Reyssat [1], it is given by:

$$3^{10} \times 109 + 2 = 23^5 = 6436343 \tag{32}$$

 $a = 3^{10}.109 \Rightarrow \mu_a = 3^9 = 19683$ and $rad(a) = 3 \times 109$, $b = 2 \Rightarrow \mu_b = 1$ and rad(b) = 2, $c = 23^5 = 6436343 \Rightarrow rad(c) = 23$. Then $rad(abc) = 2 \times 3 \times 109 \times 23 = 15042$. For example, we take $\epsilon = 0.01$, the expression of $K(\epsilon)$ becomes:

$$K(\epsilon) = K(0.01) = \frac{3}{e} \cdot e^{9999.99} =$$

 $K(0.01) = 1.078050 \times 8.7477777149120053120152473488653e + 4342$ (33)

Let us verify (26):

$$c \stackrel{?}{<} K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon} \Longrightarrow c = 6436343 \stackrel{?}{<} K(0.01) \times (3 \times 109 \times 2 \times 23)^{1.01} \Longrightarrow 6436343 \ll K(0.01) \times 15042^{1.01}$$
 (34)

Hence (26) is verified.

5.2 Example 2

The example of Nitaj about the ABC conjecture [1] is:

$$a = 11^{16}.13^2.79 = 613\,474\,843\,408\,551\,921\,511 \Rightarrow rad(a) = 11.13.79$$
 (35)

$$b = 7^2.41^2.311^3 = 2477678547239 \Rightarrow rad(b) = 7.41.311$$
 (36)

$$c = 2.3^3.5^{23}.953 = 613474845886230468750 \Rightarrow rad(c) = 2.3.5.953$$
 (37)

$$rad(abc) = 2.3.5.7.11.13.41.79.311.953 = 28828335646110$$
 (38)

5.2.1 Case 1

we take $\epsilon = 100$ we have:

$$c \stackrel{?}{<} K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon} \Longrightarrow$$

 $613\,474\,845\,886\,230\,468\,750 \stackrel{?}{<} 3.(2.3.5.7.11.13.41.79.311.953)^{101} \Longrightarrow 613\,474\,845\,886\,230\,468\,750 < 3\times 2.7657949971494838920022381186039e + 1359$

then (26) is verified.

5.2.2 Case 2

We take $\epsilon = 0.5$, then:

$$c \stackrel{?}{<} K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon} \Longrightarrow$$
 (39)

 $613\,474\,845\,886\,230\,468\,750 \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{_3}{_e}e^4.(2.3.5.7.11.13.41.79.311.953)^{1.5} \Longrightarrow 613\,474\,845\,886\,230\,468\,750 < 1.078050 \times 8\,450\,961\,319\,227\,998\,887\,403.99$

We obtain that (26) is verified.

5.2.3 Case 3

We take $\epsilon = 1$, then

$$c \stackrel{?}{<} K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon} \Longrightarrow$$

 $613\,474\,845\,886\,230\,468\,750 \stackrel{?}{<} 3.(2.3.5.7.11.13.41.79.311.953)^2 \Longrightarrow 613\,474\,845\,886\,230\,468\,750 < 2\,493\,218\,808\,374\,329\,413\,474\,396\,300 \quad (40)$

We obtain that (26) is verified.

5.3 Example 3

It is of Ralf Bonse about the ABC conjecture [3]:

$$2543^{4}.182587.2802983.85813163 + 2^{15}.3^{77}.11.173 = 5^{56}.245983 \qquad (41)$$

$$a = 2543^{4}.182587.2802983.85813163$$

$$b = 2^{15}.3^{77}.11.173$$

$$c = 5^{56}.245983$$

$$rad(abc) = 2.3.5.11.173.2543.182587.245983.2802983.85813163$$

 $rad(abc) = 1.5683959920004546031461002610848e + 33$ (42)

5.3.1 Case 1

For example, we take $\epsilon = 10$, the expression of $K(\epsilon)$ becomes:

$$K(\epsilon) = K(10) = 3$$

Let us verify (26):

$$c \stackrel{?}{<} K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon} \Rightarrow c = 5^{56}.245983 \stackrel{?}{<}$$

$$3.(2.3.5.11.173.2543.182587.245983.2802983.85813163)^{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3.4136998783296235160378273576498e + 44 <$$

$$4,2377391100613958689159759468244e + 365$$

$$(43)$$

The equation (26) is verified.

5.3.2 Case 2

We take $\epsilon = 0.4 \Longrightarrow K(\epsilon) = K(0.4) = 13.13332629824440724356000075041$, then: The

$$c \stackrel{?}{<} K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon} \Rightarrow c = 5^{56}.245983 \stackrel{?}{<}$$

$$\frac{3}{\epsilon}.e^{6.25}.(2.3.5.11.173.2543.182587.245983.2802983.85813163)^{1.4}$$

$$\implies 3.4136998783296235160378273576498e + 44 < 1.07805 \times 3.6255465680011453642792720569685e + 47$$
(44)

And the equation (26) is verified.

Ouf, end of the mystery!

6 Conclusion

We have given an elementary proof of the abc conjecture, confirmed by some numerical examples. We can announce the important theorem:

Theorem 2 (David Masser, Joseph Œsterlé & Abdelmajid Ben Hadj Salem; 2019) Let a, b, c positive integers relatively prime with c = a + b, then for each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $K(\epsilon)$ such that :

$$c < K(\epsilon).rad(abc)^{1+\epsilon} \tag{45}$$

where $K(\epsilon)$ is a constant depending of ϵ proposed as:

$$\begin{cases} K(\epsilon) = 3, & \epsilon \ge 1 \\ K(\epsilon) = \frac{3}{e} e^{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)} & 0 < \epsilon < 1 \end{cases}$$

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