Progress in The Proof of The Conjecture  $c < rad^2(abc)$  - Case : c = a + 1

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**Abstract** In this paper, we consider the *abc* conjecture. We give some progress in the proof of the conjecture  $c < rad^2(abc)$  in the case c = a + 1.

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To the memory of my Father who taught me arithmetic To my wife **Wahida**, my daughter **Sinda** and my son **Mohamed Mazen** 

## 1 Introduction and notations

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

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

We note:

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

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) ([4]). 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:

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

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

We know that numerically,  $\frac{Logc}{Log(rad(abc))} \leq 1.629912$  ([2]). A conjecture was proposed that  $c < rad^2(abc)$  ([1]). Here we will give a proof of it for the case c = a + 1.

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

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

This result, I think is the key to obtain the final proof of the veracity of the *abc* conjecture.

## 2 A Proof of the conjecture (2) case c = a + 1

Let a, c positive integers, relatively prime, with c = a + 1 and R = rad(ac),  $c = \prod_{j' \in J'} c_{j'}^{\beta_{j'}}, \beta_{j'} \ge 1$ .

If c < rad(ac) then we obtain:

$$c < rad(ac) < rad^{2}(ac) \Longrightarrow \boxed{c < R^{2}}$$
(5)

and the condition (4) is verified.

If c = rad(ac), then a, c are not coprime, case to reject.

In the following, we suppose that c > rad(ac) and c and a are not prime numbers.

$$c = a + 1 = \mu_a rad(a) + 1 \stackrel{?}{<} rad^2(ac)$$
 (6)

2.1  $\mu_a \neq 1, \mu_a \leq rad(a)$ 

We obtain :

$$c = a + 1 < 2\mu_a . rad(a) \Rightarrow c < 2rad^2(a) \Rightarrow c < rad^2(ac) \Longrightarrow \boxed{c < R^2}$$
(7)

Then (6) is verified.

2.2  $\mu_c \neq 1, \, \mu_c \leq rad(c)$ 

We obtain :

$$c = \mu_c rad(c) \le rad^2(c) < rad^2(ac) \Longrightarrow \boxed{c < R^2}$$
(8)

and the condition (6) is verified.

2.3 
$$\mu_a > rad(a)$$
 and  $\mu_c > rad(c)$ 

2.3.1 **Case:** 
$$\mu_a = rad^q(a), q \ge 2, \ \mu_c = rad^p(c), p \ge 2$$
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In this case, we write c = a+1 as  $rad^{p+1}(c) - rad^{q+1}(a) = 1$ . Then rad(c), rad(a) are solutions of the Diophantine equation: :

$$X^{p+1} - Y^{q+1} = 1 \quad \text{with} \ (p+1)(q+1) \ge 9 \tag{9}$$

But the solutions of the equation (9) are  $:(X = \pm 3, p+1 = 2, Y = +2, q+1 = 3)$ , we obtain p = 1 < 2, then rad(c), rad(a) are not solutions of (9) and the case  $\mu_a = rad^q(a), q \ge 2, \ \mu_c = rad^p(c), p \ge 2$  is to reject.

2.3.2 Case: 
$$rad(c) < \mu_c < rad^2(c)$$
 and  $rad(a) < \mu_a < rad^2(a)$ :

We can write:

$$\mu_c < rad^2(c) \Longrightarrow c < rad^3(c) \\ \mu_a < rad^2(a) \Longrightarrow a < rad^3(a)$$
 
$$\implies ac < R^3 \Longrightarrow a^2 < ac < R^3 \Longrightarrow$$
$$a < R\sqrt{R} < R^2 \Longrightarrow \boxed{c = a + 1 < R^2}$$
(10)

2.3.3 **Case:**  $\mu_c > rad^2(c)$  or  $\mu_a > rad^2(a)$ 

I- We suppose that  $\mu_c > rad^2(c)$  and  $rad(a) < \mu_a \leq rad^2(a)$ :

I-1- Case rad(a) < rad(c): In this case  $a = \mu_a . rad(a) \le rad^2(a) . rad(a) < rad^2(a) rad(c) < rad^2(ac) \Longrightarrow a < R^2 \Longrightarrow \boxed{c < R^2}$ .

I-2- Case  $rad(c) < rad(a) < rad^2(c)$ : As  $a \le rad^2(a).rad(a) < rad^2(a).rad^2(c) \Longrightarrow a < R^2 \Longrightarrow \boxed{c < R^2}$ .

**Example:**  $2^{30}.5^2.127.353^2 = 3^7.5^5.13^5.17.1831 + 1$ , rad(c) = 2.5.127.353 = 448310,  $rad^2(c) = 200981856100$ ,

 $\begin{array}{l} \mu_c = 2^{29}.5.353 = 947\,577\,159\,680 \Longrightarrow rad^2(c) < \mu_c < rad^3(c), \\ rad(a) = 3.5.13.17.1831 = 6\,069\,765, \, rad^2(a) = 36\,842\,047\,155\,225, \\ \mu_a = 3^6.5^4.13^4 = 13\,013\,105\,625 < rad^2(a). \text{ It is the case }: \, rad(c) < \mu_c < rad^2(c) \text{ and } rad(a) < \mu_a \leq rad^2(a) \text{ with } rad(c) = 448\,310 < rad(a) = 36\,100 \text{ and } rad(a) < \mu_a \leq rad^2(a) \text{ and } rad(a) < rad(a) = 36\,100 \text{ and } rad(a) < \mu_a \leq rad^2(a) \text{ and } rad(a) < rad(a) = 36\,100 \text{ and } rad(a) < \mu_a \leq rad^2(a) \text{ and } rad(a) < rad(a) = 36\,100 \text{ and } rad(a) < \mu_a \leq rad^2(a) \text{ and } rad(a) < rad(a) = 36\,100 \text{ and } rad(a) < \mu_a \leq rad^2(a) \text{ and } rad(a) < rad(a) = 36\,100 \text{ and } rad(a) < rad(a$ 

 $6\,069\,765 < rad^2(c) = 200\,981\,856\,100.$ 

I-3- Case  $rad^2(c) < rad(a)$ :

I-3-1- We suppose que  $c \leq rad^6(c)$ , we obtain:

$$c \leq rad^{6}(c) \Longrightarrow c \leq rad^{2}(c).rad^{4}(c) \Longrightarrow c < rad^{2}(c).(rad(a))^{2} = R^{2} \Longrightarrow \boxed{c < R^{2}}$$

**Example:**  $5^{8}.7^{2} = 2^{4}3^{7}.547 + 1 \Longrightarrow 19140625 = 19140624 + 1$ ,  $rad(c) = 5.7 = 35, rad(a) = 2.3.547 = 3282 \Longrightarrow rad(a) > rad^{2}(c)$ , we obtain  $c = 19140625 > rad^{3}(c) = 42875$  and  $c < rad^{6}(c) = 1838265625$  and  $3282 = rad(a) < \mu_{a} = 5832 < rad^{2}(a) = 10771524 \Longrightarrow a < rad^{3}(a) = 35352141768$ .

I-3-2- We suppose  $c > rad^6(c) \Longrightarrow \mu_c > rad^5(c)$ , we suppose  $\mu_a = rad^2(a) \Longrightarrow a = rad^3(a)$ . Then we obtain that x = rad(a) is a solution in positive integers of the equation:

$$X^{3} + 1 = c = \mu_{c}.rad(c) \tag{11}$$

If  $c = rad^{n}(c)$  with  $n \geq 7$ , we obtain an equation like (9) that gives a contradiction. In the following, we will study the cases  $\mu_{c} = A.rad^{n}(c)$  with  $rad(c) \nmid A, n \geq 0$ . The above equation (11) can be written as :

$$(X+1)(X^2 - X + 1) = c \tag{12}$$

Let  $\delta$  any divisor of c, then:

$$X + 1 = \delta \tag{13}$$

$$X^{2} - X + 1 = \frac{c}{\delta} = c' = \delta^{2} - 3X \tag{14}$$

We recall that  $rad(a) > rad^2(c)$ , it follows that  $\delta$  must verifies  $\delta - 1 > rad^2(c) \Longrightarrow \delta > rad^2(c) + 1$ .

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{I-3-2-1- We suppose that } \delta = l.rad(c) \implies lrad(c) > rad^2(c) + 1 \implies l > \\ \frac{rad^2(c) + 1}{rad(c)}. \text{ We obtain } l \geq rad(c) + 2 \text{ so } rad(c) \text{ and } l \text{ have the same parity.} \\ \text{We have } \delta = l.rad(c) < c = \mu_c.rad(c) \implies l < \mu_c. \text{ As } \delta \text{ is a divisor of } c, \text{ then } l \end{array}$ 

is a divisor of  $\mu_c$ , we write  $\mu_c = l.m$ . From  $\mu_c = l(\delta^2 - 3X)$ , we obtain:

$$m = l^2 rad^2(c) - 3rad(a) \Longrightarrow 3rad(a) = l^2 rad^2(c) - m$$

A- Case  $3|m \implies m = 3m', m' > 1$ : As  $\mu_c = ml = 3m'l \implies 3|rad(c)$  and (rad(c), m') not coprime. We obtain:

$$rad(a) = l^2 rad(c) \cdot \frac{rad(c)}{3} - m'$$

It follows that a,c are not coprime, then the contradiction.

B - Case  $m = 3 \Longrightarrow \mu_c = 3l \Longrightarrow c = 3lrad(c) = 3\delta = \delta(\delta^2 - 3X) \Longrightarrow \delta^2 = 3(1+X) = 3\delta \Longrightarrow \delta = lrad(c) = 3$ , then the contradiction.

I-3-2-2- We suppose that  $\delta = l.rad^2(c), l \ge 2$ . In this case  $rad(a) = lrad^2(c) - 1$  verifies  $rad(a) > rad^2(c)$ . If  $lrad(c) \nmid \mu_c$  then the case to reject. We suppose that  $lrad(c)|\mu_c \Longrightarrow \mu_c = m.lrad(c)$ , then  $\frac{c}{\delta} = m = \delta^2 - 3rad(a)$ .

C - Case  $m = 1 = c/\delta \Longrightarrow \delta^2 - 3rad(a) = 1 \Longrightarrow (\delta - 1)(\delta + 1) = 3rad(a) = rad(a)(\delta + 1) \Longrightarrow \delta = 2 = l.rad^2(c)$ , then the contradiction.

D - Case m = 3, we obtain  $3(1 + rad(a)) = \delta^2 = 3\delta \Longrightarrow \delta = 3 = lrad^2(c)$ . Then the contradiction.

E - Case  $m \neq 1,3$ , we obtain:  $3rad(a) = l^2 rad^4(c) - m \Longrightarrow rad(a)$  and rad(c) are not coprime. Then the contradiction.

I-3-2-3- We suppose that  $\delta = l.rad^n(c), l \ge 2$  with  $n \ge 3$ . From  $c = \mu_c.rad(c) = lrad^n(c)(\delta^2 - 3rad(a))$ , let  $m = \delta^2 - 3rad(a)$ .

F - As seen above (paragraphs C,D), the cases m = 1 and m = 3 give contradictions, it follows the reject of these cases.

G - Case  $m \neq 1, 3$ . Let q a prime that divides m, it follows  $q|\mu_c \Longrightarrow q = c_{j'_0} \Longrightarrow c_{j'_0} |\delta^2 \Longrightarrow c_{j'_0}| 3rad(a)$ . Then rad(a) and rad(c) are not coprime. It follows the contradiction.

I-3-2-4- We suppose that  $\delta = \prod_{j \in J_1} c_j^{\beta_j}$ ,  $\beta_j \ge 1$  with at least one  $j_0 \in J_1$  with  $\beta_{j_0} \ge 2$ ,  $rad(c) \nmid \delta$  and  $\delta - 1 = \prod_{j \in J_1} c_j^{\beta_j} - 1 > rad^2(c) = \prod_{j' \in J'} c_{j'}^2$ ,  $J_1 \subset J'$ . We can write:

$$\delta = \mu_{\delta}.rad(\delta), \quad rad(c) = m.rad(\delta)$$

Then we obtain:

$$c = \mu_c.rad(c) = \mu_c.m.rad(\delta) = \delta(\delta^2 - 3X) = \mu_\delta.rad(\delta)(\delta^2 - 3X) \Longrightarrow$$
$$m.\mu_c = \mu_\delta(\delta^2 - 3X) \tag{15}$$

- If  $\mu_c = \mu_{\delta} \implies m = \delta^2 - 3X = (\mu_c.rad(\delta))^2 - 3X$ . As  $\delta < \delta^2 - 3X \implies m > \delta \implies rad(c) > m > \mu_c.rad(\delta) > rad^5(c)$  because  $\mu_c > rad^5(c)$ , it follows  $rad(c) > rad^5(c)$ . Then the contradiction.

- We suppose that  $\mu_c < \mu_{\delta}$ . As  $rad(a) = \mu_{\delta} rad(\delta) - 1$ , we obtain:

$$rad(a) > \mu_c.rad(\delta) - 1 > 0 \Longrightarrow R > c.rad(\delta) - rad(c) > 0 \Longrightarrow$$
$$c > R > c.rad(\delta) - rad(c) > 0 \Longrightarrow 1 > rad(\delta) - \frac{rad(c)}{c} > 0, \quad rad(\delta) \ge 2$$
$$\Longrightarrow \text{The contradiction}$$
(16)

- We suppose that  $\mu_{\delta} < \mu_c$ . In this case, from the equation (25) and as  $(m, \mu_{\delta}) = 1$ , it follows that we can write:

$$\mu_c = \mu_1 \cdot \mu_2, \quad \mu_1, \mu_2 > 1 \tag{17}$$

so that 
$$m.\mu_1 = \delta^2 - 3X, \quad \mu_2 = \mu_\delta$$
 (18)

But:

$$rad(a) = \delta - 1 = \mu_{\delta} rad(\delta) > rad^2(c) \Longrightarrow 0 > m^2 rad^2(\delta) - \mu_2 rad(\delta) + 1$$

Let P(Z) the polynomial:

$$P(Z) = m^2 Z - \mu_2 Z + 1 \Longrightarrow P(rad(\delta)) < 0$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

The discriminant of P(Z) is:

$$\Delta = \mu_2^2 - 4m^2 \tag{20}$$

-  $\Delta = 0 \Longrightarrow \mu_2 = 2m$ , but  $(m, \mu_2) = 1$ , then the contradiction. Case to reject.

-  $\Delta < 0 \implies P(Z)$  has no real roots. From (19) it follows that  $P(Z) > 0, \forall Z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then the contradiction with  $P(rad(\delta)) < 0$ . Case to reject.

-  $\Delta > 0 \implies \mu_2 > 2m \implies \frac{\mu_2}{m} > 2$ . We denote  $t = \sqrt{\Delta} > 0$ . The roots of P(Z) = 0 are  $Z_1, Z_2$  with  $Z_1 < Z_2$ , given by:

$$Z_1 = \frac{\mu_2 - t}{2m^2}, \quad Z_2 = \frac{\mu_2 + t}{2m^2}$$
 (21)

We approximate t by  $\tilde{t}$ :

$$t = \sqrt{\mu_2^2 - 4m^2} = \mu_2 \left(1 - \frac{4m^2}{\mu_2^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Longrightarrow \tilde{t} = \mu_2 - \frac{2m^2}{\mu_2} > 0$$

Then, we obtain  $\tilde{Z}_1, \tilde{Z}_2$  as :

$$\tilde{Z}_1 = \frac{\mu_2 - \tilde{t}}{2m^2} = \frac{1}{\mu_2}, \quad \tilde{Z}_2 = \frac{\mu_2 + \tilde{t}}{2m^2} = \frac{\mu_2}{m^2} - \frac{1}{\mu_2}$$
 (22)

As  $\mu_2^2 - 4m^2 > 0 \Longrightarrow \mu_2^2 - m^2 > 3m^2 > 0 \Longrightarrow \frac{\mu_2^2}{m^2} - 1 > 0$ , we will give below the proof that  $rad(\delta) > \tilde{Z}_2 \Longrightarrow P(rad(\delta)) > 0$ , then the contradiction with  $P(rad(\delta)) < 0$ ; we write:

$$rad(\delta) \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{\mu_2}{m^2} - \frac{1}{\mu_2}, \quad \mu_2 > 0 \Longrightarrow$$
$$\mu_2.rad(\delta) \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{\mu_2^2}{m^2} - 1$$
$$\delta \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{\mu_2^2 - m^2}{m^2} > \frac{3m^2}{m^2}$$
as  $\delta > 3 \Longrightarrow \delta > \frac{\mu_2^2}{m^2} - 1 > 3 \Longrightarrow rad(\delta) > \frac{\mu_2}{m^2} - \frac{1}{\mu_2} > \frac{3}{\mu_2}$ (23)

If follows  $P(rad(\delta)) > 0$  and the contradiction with the conclusion of the equation (19).

It follows that the case  $c > rad^6(c)$  and  $a = rad^3(a)$  is impossible.

I-3-3- We suppose  $c > rad^6(c) \Longrightarrow c = rad^6(c) + h, h > 0$  and  $\mu_a < rad^2(a) \Longrightarrow$  $a + l = rad^3(a), l > 0$ . Then we obtain :

$$rad^{6}(c) + h = rad^{3}(a) - l + 1$$
(24)

As  $rad^2(c) < rad(a)$  (see I-3), we obtain the equation:

$$rad^{3}(a) - (rad^{2}(c))^{3} = h + l - 1 = m > 0$$

Let  $X = rad(a) - rad^{2}(c)$ , then X is an integer root of the polynomial H(X)defined as: ŀ

$$H(X) = X^{3} + 3R.rad(c)X - m = 0$$
(25)

To resolve the above equation, we note X = u + v, then we obtain the two conditions:

$$u^{3} + v^{3} = m$$
,  $u.v = -R.rad(c) < 0 \Longrightarrow u^{3}.v^{3} = -R^{3}rad^{3}(c)$ 

It follows that  $u^3, v^3$  are the roots of the polynomial G(t) given by:

$$G(t) = t^2 - mt - R^3 rad^3(c) = 0$$
(26)

The discriminant of G(t) is :

$$\Delta = m^2 + 4R^3 rad^3(c) = \alpha^2, \quad \alpha > 0 \tag{27}$$

The two real roots of (26) are:

$$t_1 = u^3 = \frac{m+\alpha}{2} \tag{28}$$

$$t_2 = v^3 = \frac{m - \alpha}{2} \tag{29}$$

As  $m = rad^{3}(a) - rad^{6}(c) > 0$ , we obtain that  $\alpha = rad^{3}(a) + rad^{6}(c) > 0$ , then from the equation (27), it follows that  $(\alpha = x, m = y)$  is a solution of the Diophantine equation:

$$x^2 - y^2 = N \tag{30}$$

with  $N = 4R^3 rad^3(c) > 0$ . From the equations (28-29), we remark that  $\alpha$  and m verify the following equations:

$$x + y = 2u^3 = 2rad^3(a) \tag{31}$$

$$x - y = -2v^3 = 2rad^6(c) \tag{32}$$

then 
$$x^2 - y^2 = N = 4R^3 rad^3(c)$$
 (33)

Let Q(N) be the number of the solutions of (30) and  $\tau(N)$  is the number of suitable factorization of N, then we announce the following result concerning the solutions of the Diophantine equation (30) (see theorem 27.3 in [3]):

- If  $N \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then Q(N) = 0.
- If  $N \equiv 1$  or  $N \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $Q(N) = [\tau(N)/2]$ .
- If  $N \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then  $Q(N) = [\tau(N/4)/2]$ .
- [x] is the integral part of x for which  $[x] \le x < [x] + 1$ .

Let  $(\alpha', m'), \alpha', m' \in \mathbb{N}^*$  be another pair, solution of the equation (30), then  $\alpha'^2 - m'^2 = x^2 - y^2 = N = 4R^3 rad^3(c)$ , but  $\alpha = x$  and m = y verify the equation (31) given by  $x + y = 2rad^3(a)$ , it follows  $\alpha', m'$  verify also  $\alpha' + m' = 2rad^3(a)$ , that gives  $\alpha' - m' = 2rad^6(c)$ , then  $\alpha' = x = \alpha =$  $rad^3(a) + rad^6(c)$  and  $m' = y = m = rad^3(a) - rad^6(c)$ . We have given the proof of the uniqueness of the solutions of the equation (30) with the condition  $x + y = 2rad^3(a)$ . As  $N = 4R^3rad^3(c) \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \Longrightarrow Q(N) = [\tau(N/4)/2] =$  $[\tau(rad^6(c).rad^3(a))/2] > 1$ . But Q(N) = 1, then the contradiction.

It follows that the case  $\mu_a \leq rad^2(a)$  and  $c > rad^6(a)$  is impossible.

II- We suppose that  $rad(c) < \mu_c \leq rad^2(c)$  and  $\mu_a > rad^5(a)$ :

II-1- Case rad(c) < rad(a) : As  $c \leq rad^{3}(c) = rad^{2}(c).rad(c) \Longrightarrow c < rad^{2}(c).rad(a) \Longrightarrow c < R^{2}$ .

II-2- Case  $rad(a) < rad(c) < rad^2(a)$ : As  $c \le rad^3(c) = rad^2(c).rad(c) \Longrightarrow c < rad^2(c).rad^2(a) \Longrightarrow c < R^2$ .

II-3- Case  $rad^2(a) < rad(c)$ :

II-3-1- We suppose que  $a \leq rad^{6}(a) \implies a \leq rad^{2}(a).rad^{4}(a) \implies a < rad^{2}(a).(rad(c))^{2} = R^{2} \implies a < R^{2} \implies 1 + a \leq R^{2}$ , but (c, a) = 1, it follows  $c < R^{2}$ .

II-3-2- We suppose  $a > rad^6(a)$  and  $\mu_c \leq rad^2(c)$ . Using the same method as it was explicated in the paragraphs I-3-2, I-3-3 (permuting a,c), we arrive at a contradiction. It follows that the case  $\mu_c \leq rad^2(c)$  and  $a > rad^6(a)$  is impossible.

## 2.3.4 III - Case $\mu_c > rad^2(c)$ and $\mu_a > rad^2(a)$

We can write  $c > rad^3(c) \Longrightarrow c = rad^3(c) + h$  and  $a = rad^3(a) + l$  with h, l > 0 positive integers.

III-1- We suppose rad(a) < rad(c). We obtain the equation:

$$rad^{3}(c) - rad^{3}(a) = l - h + 1 = m > 0$$
(34)

Let X = rad(c) - rad(a), from the above equation, X is a real root of the polynomial:

$$P(X) = X^3 + 3RX - m = 0 (35)$$

As above, to resolve (35), we put X = u + v, then we obtain the two conditions:

$$u^3 + v^3 = m (36)$$

$$uv = -R < 0 \Longrightarrow u^3 \cdot v^3 = -R^3 \tag{37}$$

Then  $u^3, v^3$  are the roots of the equation:

$$H(Z) = Z^2 - mZ - R^3 = 0 (38)$$

The discriminant of H(Z) is:

$$\Delta = m^2 + 4R^3 = (rad^3(c) + rad^3(a))^2 = \alpha^2, \quad \text{taking} \quad \alpha > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = rad^3(c) + rad^3(a)$$
(39)

From the equation (39), we obtain that  $(\alpha = x, m = y)$  is a solution of the Diophantine equation:

$$x^2 - y^2 = N \tag{40}$$

with  $N = 4R^3 > 0$  and  $N \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Using the same method as in I-3-3-, we arrive to a contradiction.

III-2- We suppose rad(c) < rad(a). We obtain the equation:

$$rad^{3}(a) - rad^{3}(c) = h - l - 1 = m > 0$$
(41)

Let X = rad(a) - rad(c), from the above equation, X is a real root of the polynomial:

$$P(X) = X^3 + 3RX - m = 0 (42)$$

As above, to resolve (42), we put X = u + v, then we obtain the two conditions:

$$u^3 + v^3 = m (43)$$

$$uv = -R < 0 \Longrightarrow u^3 \cdot v^3 = -R^3 \tag{44}$$

Then  $u^3, v^3$  are the roots of the equation:

$$H(Z) = Z^2 - mZ - R^3 = 0 (45)$$

The discriminant of H(Z) is:

$$\Delta = m^2 + 4R^3 = (rad^3(c) + rad^3(a))^2 = \alpha^2, \quad \text{taking} \quad \alpha > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = rad^3(c) + rad^3(a)$$

$$(46)$$

From the equation (46), we obtain that  $(\alpha = x, m = y)$  is a solution of the Diophantine equation:

$$x^2 - y^2 = N \tag{47}$$

with  $N = 4R^3 > 0$  and  $N \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Using the same method as in I-3-3-, we arrive to a contradiction.

It follows that the case  $\mu_c > rad^2(c)$  and  $\mu_a > rad^2(a)$  is impossible.

We can annonce the following theorem:

**Theorem 1** (Abdelmajid Ben Hadj Salem, 2020) Let a, c positive integers relatively prime with c = a + 1, then  $c < rad^2(ac)$ .

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