# A COMPLETE PROOF OF THE $a b c$ CONJECTURE: IT IS EASY AS ABC! 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we consider the $a b c$ conjecture. Assuming that the conjecture $c<\operatorname{rad}^{1.63}(a b c)$ is true, we give the proof that the $a b c$ conjecture is true.


## 1. INTRODUCTION AND NOTATIONS

Let $a$ be 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 $\operatorname{rad}(a)$. Then $a$ is written as:

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\begin{equation*}
a=\prod_{i} a_{i}^{\alpha_{i}}=\operatorname{rad}(a) \cdot \prod_{i} a_{i}^{\alpha_{i}-1} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

We denote:

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\begin{equation*}
\mu_{a}=\prod_{i} a_{i}^{\alpha_{i}-1} \Longrightarrow a=\mu_{a} \cdot \operatorname{rad}(a) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The $a b c$ 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 $a b c$ conjecture is given below:

Conjecture 1.1. (abc Conjecture): For each $\epsilon>0$, there exists $K(\epsilon)$ such that if $a, b, c$ positive integers relatively prime with $c=a+b$, then:

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\begin{equation*}
c<K(\epsilon) \cdot r a d^{1+\epsilon}(a b c) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
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where $K$ is a constant depending only of $\epsilon$.
We know that numerically, $\frac{\operatorname{Logc}}{\log (\operatorname{rad}(a b c))} \leq 1.629912$ [2]. It concerned the best example given by E. Reyssat [2]:

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\begin{equation*}
2+3^{10} .109=23^{5} \Longrightarrow c<\operatorname{rad}^{1.629912}(a b c) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

A conjecture was proposed that $c<\operatorname{rad}^{2}(a b c)$ [3]. In 2012, A. Nitaj [4] proposed the following conjecture:

Conjecture 1.2. Let $a, b, c$ be positive integers relatively prime with $c=a+b$, then:

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\begin{array}{r}
c<\operatorname{rad}^{1.63}(a b c) \\
a b c<\operatorname{rad}^{4.42}(a b c) \tag{6}
\end{array}
$$

In the following, we assume that the conjecture giving by the equation (5) is true that constitutes the key to obtain the proof of the $a b c$ conjecture.

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## 2. THE PROOF OF THE $A B C$ CONJECTURE

Proof. :
2.1. Case $\epsilon \geq\left(0.63=\epsilon_{0}\right)$. In this case, we choose $K(\epsilon)=1$ and let $a, b, c$ be positive integers, relatively prime, with $c=a+b, 1 \leq b<a, R=\operatorname{rad}(a b c)$, then $c<R^{1+\epsilon_{0}} \leq K(\epsilon) \cdot R^{1+\epsilon} \Longrightarrow c<K(\epsilon) \cdot R^{1+\epsilon}$ and the $a b c$ conjecture is true.
2.2. Case: $\epsilon<\left(0.63=\epsilon_{0}\right)$. We suppose that the abc conjecture is false, then it exists $\left.\epsilon^{\prime} \in\right] 0, \epsilon_{0}\left[\right.$ and for all parameter $K^{\prime}=K^{\prime}(\epsilon)>0$, it exists at least one triplet $\left(a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}, c^{\prime}\right)$ so $a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}, c^{\prime}$ be positive integers relatively prime with $c^{\prime}=a^{\prime}+b^{\prime}$ and $c^{\prime}$ verifies :

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\begin{equation*}
c^{\prime}>K^{\prime}\left(\epsilon^{\prime}\right) \cdot R^{1+\epsilon^{\prime}} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

In the above equation, $c^{\prime}$ depends of the value of $K^{\prime}\left(\epsilon^{\prime}\right)$ but not of the value of $K^{\prime}(\tau)$ with $\tau \neq \epsilon^{\prime}$. We can choose $K^{\prime}(\epsilon)$ as a smooth increasing function for $\left.\epsilon \in\right] 0, \epsilon_{0}[$. Let $\bar{\epsilon}=\epsilon^{\prime}-\Delta \epsilon$ with $0<\Delta \epsilon \ll \epsilon^{\prime}$ so that the abc conjecture is verified : it exists $K(\bar{\epsilon})$ and:

$$
\begin{equation*}
c^{\prime}<K(\bar{\epsilon}) \cdot R^{1+\bar{\epsilon}} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

We remark here that $c^{\prime}$ is independent of $K(\bar{\epsilon})$. The equation (7) can be written as:

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\begin{array}{r}
c^{\prime}>K^{\prime}\left(\epsilon^{\prime}\right) R^{1+\epsilon^{\prime}}>K^{\prime}\left(\epsilon^{\prime}-\Delta \epsilon\right) \cdot R^{1+\epsilon^{\prime}-\Delta \epsilon} \Longrightarrow \\
c^{\prime}>K^{\prime}(\bar{\epsilon}) \cdot R^{1+\bar{\epsilon}} \tag{9}
\end{array}
$$

Now, as the parameter $K^{\prime}(\epsilon)$ is arbitrary, we choose in the last equation above (9), $K^{\prime}(\bar{\epsilon})=K(\bar{\epsilon})$, it follows using the equation (8):

$$
\begin{gather*}
K^{\prime}(\bar{\epsilon}) \cdot R^{1+\bar{\epsilon}}<c^{\prime}<K(\bar{\epsilon}) \cdot R^{1+\bar{\epsilon}} \Longrightarrow \\
K^{\prime}(\bar{\epsilon}) \cdot R^{1+\bar{\epsilon}}<c^{\prime}<K^{\prime}(\bar{\epsilon}) \cdot R^{1+\bar{\epsilon}} \Longrightarrow 1<1 \tag{10}
\end{gather*}
$$

Then the contradiction. It follows that the assumption that the $a b c$ conjecture is false on $] 0,0.63$ [ is not verified and the $a b c$ conjecture is true for all $\epsilon \in] 0,0.63[$.

Finally, the $a b c$ conjecture is true for all $\epsilon>0$.
Q.F.D

We can announce the theorem:
Theorem 2.1. (The abc Theorem) We assume that the conjecture $c<R^{1.63}$ is true. For each $\epsilon>0$, there exists $K(\epsilon)$ such that if $a, b, c$ positive integers relatively prime with $c=a+b$, then :

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\begin{equation*}
c<K(\epsilon) \cdot R^{1+\epsilon} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $K$ is a constant depending only of $\epsilon$.

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