

Proof of Beal's Conjecture and Fermat's Last Theorem

Fermat's Last Theorem

$P^n + Q^n \neq R^n$, $n > 2$ if P, Q, R and n are positive integers.

Andrew Wiles produced a lengthy proof of over 100 pages in the mid 1990s.

Beal's Conjecture

If $A^x + B^y = C^z$, $x > 2$, $y > 2$, $z > 2$, where A, B, C, x, y and z are positive integers, then A, B and C must have a highest common factor > 1 .

If $n > 2$ is an odd integer, the left hand side of the equation can be written as

$A^x + B^y = (A^{x/n})^n + (B^{y/n})^n = [A^{x/n} + B^{y/n}][(A^{x/n})^{n-1} - (A^{x/n})^{n-2} B^{y/n} + (A^{x/n})^{n-3} (B^{y/n})^2 - \dots + (A^{x/n})^2 (B^{y/n})^{n-3} - A^{x/n}(B^{y/n})^{n-2} + (B^{y/n})^{n-1}]$. Beal's conjecture equation can be written as $C^z - B^y = A^x$. If $n > 2$ is an

integer, the left hand side of the equation can be written as

$C^z - B^y = (C^{z/n})^n - (B^{y/n})^n = [C^{z/n} - B^{y/n}][(C^{z/n})^{n-1} + (C^{z/n})^{n-2} B^{y/n} + (C^{z/n})^{n-3} (B^{y/n})^2 + \dots + (C^{z/n})^2 (B^{y/n})^{n-3} + C^{z/n}(B^{y/n})^{n-2} + (B^{y/n})^{n-1}]$

Proof of Beal's Conjecture

Let it be initially assumed that A and B have a highest common factor $= 1$ and $A^x + B^y = (A^{x/n})^n + (B^{y/n})^n = [A^{x/n} + B^{y/n}][(A^{x/n})^{n-1} - (A^{x/n})^{n-2} B^{y/n} + (A^{x/n})^{n-3} (B^{y/n})^2 - \dots + (A^{x/n})^2 (B^{y/n})^{n-3} - A^{x/n}(B^{y/n})^{n-2} + (B^{y/n})^{n-1}] = M^n$ where $n > 2$ is an odd integer. Let $M = d - e$, $A^{x/n} = hd$, $B^{y/n} = ie$ where M is a positive integer, d and e are positive rational numbers.

Therefore $[A^{x/n} + B^{y/n}][(A^{x/n})^{n-1} - (A^{x/n})^{n-2} B^{y/n} + (A^{x/n})^{n-3} (B^{y/n})^2 - \dots + (A^{x/n})^2 (B^{y/n})^{n-3} - A^{x/n}(B^{y/n})^{n-2} + (B^{y/n})^{n-1}]/M = M^{n-1}$ i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & [(hd + ie)/(d - e)]h^{n-1}d^{n-1} - [(hd + ie)/(d - e)]h^{n-2}i d^{n-2}e \\ & + [(hd + ie)/(d - e)]h^{n-3}i^2 d^{n-3}e^2 - \dots + [(hd + ie)/(d - e)]h^2i^{n-3}d^2e^{n-3} \\ & - [(hd + ie)/(d - e)]hi^{n-2}de^{n-2} + [(hd + ie)/(d - e)]i^{n-1}e^{n-1} \\ & = d^{n-1} - (n-1)d^{n-2}e + \binom{n-1}{2}d^{n-3}e^2 - \dots + \binom{n-1}{2}d^2e^{n-3} - (n-1)de^{n-2} + e^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the first and last coefficients on the left hand side of the equation to the first and last binomial coefficient of 1 on the right hand side of the equation implies that $h = i$. Equating the second and second to the last coefficients on the left hand side of the equation to

the second and second to the last binomial coefficient of $n-1$ on the right hand side of the equation implies that $h = i$ once again. If this carries on, $h = i$ every time because of the symmetry of the binomial coefficients. If $h = i$, this implies that all coefficients on the left hand side of the equation are the same. If corresponding coefficients on both sides of the equation are equated given that $h = i$ then conflicting values of $h = i$ begin to arise. The left hand side of the equation can therefore not be equal to the right hand side of the equation if A and B have a highest common factor $= 1$. Therefore $A^x + B^y \neq M^n$ if A and B have a highest common factor $= 1$. This proves Beal's conjecture, $A^x + B^y \neq C^z$ when z is an odd integer, A and B have a highest common factor $= 1$.

Let it be initially assumed that C and B have a highest common factor $= 1$ and $C^z - B^y = (C^{z/n})^n - (B^{y/n})^n = [C^{z/n} - B^{y/n}][C^{z/n})^{n-1} + (C^{z/n})^{n-2} B^{y/n} + (C^{z/n})^{n-3} (B^{y/n})^2 + \dots + (C^{z/n})^2 (B^{y/n})^{n-3} + C^{z/n}(B^{y/n})^{n-2} + (B^{y/n})^{n-1}] = L^n$. Let $L = f + g$, $B^{y/n} = jf$ and $C^{z/n} = kg$ where L is a positive integer, f and g are positive rational numbers. Therefore $[C^{z/n} - B^{y/n}][C^{z/n})^{n-1} + (C^{z/n})^{n-2} B^{y/n} + (C^{z/n})^{n-3} (B^{y/n})^2 + \dots + (C^{z/n})^2 (B^{y/n})^{n-3} + C^{z/n}(B^{y/n})^{n-2} + (B^{y/n})^{n-1}]/L = L^{n-1}$ i.e.

$$[(kg - jf)/(f + g)]k^{n-1} g^{n-1} + [(kg - jf)/(f + g)]k^{n-2} j g^{n-2} f + [(kg - jf)/(f + g)]k^{n-3} j^2 g^{n-3} f^2 + \dots + [(kg - jf)/(f + g)]k^2 j^{n-3} g^2 f^{n-3} + [(kg - jf)/(f + g)]k j^{n-2} g f^{n-2} + [(kg - jf)/(f + g)]j^{n-1} f^{n-1} = g^{n-1} + (n-1)g^{n-2} f + \binom{n-1}{2} g^{n-3} f^2 + \dots + \binom{n-1}{2} g^2 f^{n-3} + (n-1) g f^{n-2} + f^{n-1}$$

Equating the first and last coefficients on the left hand side of the equation to the first and last binomial coefficient of 1 on the right hand side of the equation implies that $j = k$. Equating the second and second to the last coefficients on the left hand side of the equation to the second and second to the last binomial coefficient of $n-1$ on the right hand side of the equation implies that $j = k$ once again. If this carries on, $j = k$ every time because of the symmetry of the binomial coefficients. If $j = k$, this implies that all coefficients on the left hand side of the equation are the same. If corresponding coefficients on both sides of the equation are equated given that $j = k$ then conflicting values of $j = k$ begin to arise. The left hand side of the equation can therefore not be equal to the right hand side of the equation if C and B have a highest common factor $= 1$. Therefore $C^z - B^y \neq L^n$ if C and B

have a highest common factor = 1. This proves Beal's conjecture, $C^z - B^y \neq A^x$ if C and B have a highest common factor = 1. It should now be clear why all examples of Beal's conjecture that have x, y and z to be different all originate from Beal conjecture examples where 2 of x, y or z are the same e.g. $7^6 + 7^7 = 98^3$ can be rewritten as $49^3 + 7^7 = 98^3$. $242^{10} + 242^{11} = 175692^5$ can be rewritten as $58564^5 + 242^{11} = 175692^5$ or $242^5 + 242^6 = 726^5$ if each of the terms is divided by 242^5 .

Proof of Fermat's Last Theorem

It has just been shown that $(C^{z/n})^n - (B^{y/n})^n \neq L^n$. Let $C^{z/n}$ and $B^{y/n}$ be integers. Let $tC^{z/n} = R$, $tB^{y/n} = Q$ and $tL = P$, where t is the highest common factor of P, Q and R. When each term in the inequality $(C^{z/n})^n - (B^{y/n})^n \neq L^n$ is multiplied by t^n then $R^n - Q^n \neq P^n$ i.e. Fermat's Last theorem is proved. For the special case when $n = 2$ i.e. the Pythagorean theorem, there will be no conflicting values of j and k. Therefore, the condition of A, B and C sharing a highest common factor > 1 is not necessary.