



Fermat's last theorem: algebraic proof

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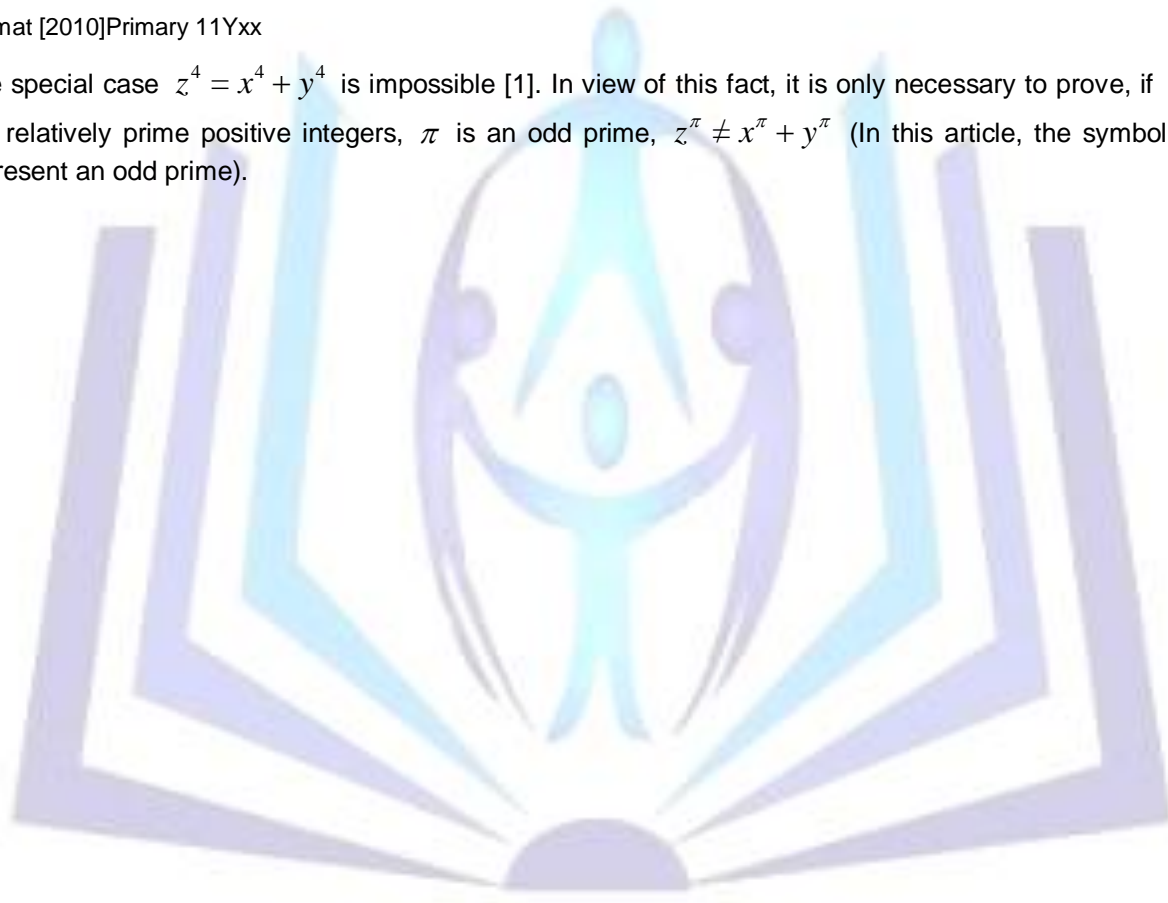
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Abstract

In 1995, A. Wiles announced, using cyclic groups, a proof of Fermat's Last Theorem, which is stated as follows: If π is an odd prime and x, y, z are relatively prime positive integers, then $z^\pi \neq x^\pi + y^\pi$. In this note, a proof of this theorem is offered, using elementary Algebra. It is proved that if π is an odd prime and x, y, z are positive integers satisfying $z^\pi = x^\pi + y^\pi$, then $x, y,$ and z are each divisible by π .

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The special case $z^4 = x^4 + y^4$ is impossible [1]. In view of this fact, it is only necessary to prove, if $x, y, z,$ are relatively prime positive integers, π is an odd prime, $z^\pi \neq x^\pi + y^\pi$ (In this article, the symbol π will represent an odd prime).



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Theorem 1 If π is an odd prime and $x^\pi + y^\pi = z^\pi$, then

1. $(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}, ((z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2});$
2. $x \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}(y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi})[z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}].$

Theorem 1 is arrived at through the following two Lemmas.

Lemma 1 If $x^\pi + y^\pi = z^\pi$, then $x + y - z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}(z - x - y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}).$

Proof. It is obvious that $(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, (z-y)^\pi - x^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, (z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$

$$(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi = (x+y-z+z)^\pi - z^\pi = \sum_0^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(x+y-z)^{\pi-k} z^k;$$

$$(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi - (x+y-z)^\pi = \sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(x+y-z)^{\pi-k} z^k.$$

Lemma 2 If $x^\pi + y^\pi = z^\pi$, then

$$(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}((z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2})[(z-y)^\pi - x^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}].$$

Proof. See proof of Lemma 1.

Theorem 2 If $z^\pi = x^\pi + y^\pi$, then $xy \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}; xz \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}; yz \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$

Proof.

$$\sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)x^{\pi-k}y^k = \sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(x+y-z)^{\pi-k}z^k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2};$$

for every $1 \leq k \leq \pi-1, C(\pi, k)x^{\pi-k}y^k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$; so

$$xy^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi};$$

$$(E1) \quad xy \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$$

$$\sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)x^{\pi-k}z^k = \sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(z-x-y)^{\pi-k}x^k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2};$$

$\sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)x^{\pi-k}z^k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}$; then for each integer $1 \leq k \leq \pi-1, C(\pi, k)x^{\pi-k}z^k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2},$

$$xz^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi};$$

$$(E2) \quad xz \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$$

$$\sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)y^{\pi-k}z^k = \sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(z-x-y)^{\pi-k}y^k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2};$$

$\sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)y^{\pi-k}z^k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}$; then for each integer $1 \leq k \leq \pi-1, C(\pi, k)y^{\pi-k}z^k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}$

$$yz^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi};$$

$$(E3) \quad yz \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$$

With the equivalences (E1), (E2), (E3), and the equivalence $x + y - z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$, comes $z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, x \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$



Fermat's Last Theorem. If π is an odd prime and x, y, z , are relatively prime positive integers, then $z^\pi \neq x^\pi + y^\pi$.

Proof. The equivalences $x \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$. hold

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