

# BEAL's Conjecture: A Complete Proof

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## Abstract

In 1997, Andrew Beal [1] announced the following conjecture : *Let  $A, B, C, m, n$ , and  $l$  be positive integers with  $m, n, l > 2$ . If  $A^m + B^n = C^l$  then  $A, B$ , and  $C$  have a common factor.* We begin to construct the polynomial  $P(x) = (x - A^m)(x - B^n)(x + C^l) = x^3 - px + q$  with  $p, q$  integers depending of  $A^m, B^n$  and  $C^l$ . We resolve  $x^3 - px + q = 0$  and we obtain the three roots  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  as functions of  $p, q$  and a parameter  $\theta$ . Since  $A^m, B^n, -C^l$  are the only roots of  $x^3 - px + q = 0$ , we discuss the conditions that  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are integers. Two numerical examples are given.

**Keywords:** Prime numbers, divisibility, roots of polynomials of third degree.

*O my Lord! Increase me further in knowledge.*

*(Holy Quran, Surah Ta Ha, 20:114.)*

*To my wife Wahida*

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## 1 Introduction

In 1997, Andrew Beal [1] announced the following conjecture :

**Conjecture 1.1.** *Let  $A, B, C, m, n,$  and  $l$  be positive integers with  $m, n, l > 2$ . If:*

$$A^m + B^n = C^l \quad (1.1)$$

*then  $A, B,$  and  $C$  have a common factor.*

In this paper, we give a complete proof of the Beal Conjecture. Our idea is to construct a polynomial  $P(x)$  of three order having as roots  $A^m, B^n$  and  $-C^l$  with the condition (1.1). The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 of preliminaries, we begin with the trivial case where  $A^m = B^n$ . Then we consider the polynomial  $P(x) = (x - A^m)(x - B^n)(x + C^l) = x^3 - px + q$ . We express the three roots of  $P(x) = x^3 - px + q = 0$  in function of two parameters  $\rho, \theta$  that depend of  $A^m, B^n, C^l$ . The Section 3 is the main part of the paper. We write that  $A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3}$ . As  $A^{2m}$  is an integer, it follows that  $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3}$  must be written as  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a, b$  are two positive coprime integers. We discuss the conditions of divisibility of  $p, a, b$  so that the expression of  $A^{2m}$  is an integer. Depending on each individual case, we obtain that  $A, B, C$  have or not a common factor. In the last Section, two numerical examples are presented.

## 2 Preliminaries

We begin with the trivial case when  $A^m = B^n$ . The equation (1.1) becomes:

$$2A^m = C^l \quad (2.1)$$

then  $2|C^l \implies 2|C \implies \exists c \in \mathbb{N}^* / C = 2c$ , it follows  $2A^m = 2^l c^l \implies A^m = 2^{l-1} c^l$ . As  $l > 2$ , then  $2|A^m \implies 2|A \implies 2|B^n \implies 2|B$ . The conjecture (1.1) is verified.

We suppose in the following that  $A^m > B^n$ .

### 2.1 General Case

Let  $m, n, l \in \mathbb{N}^* > 2$  and  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such:

$$A^m + B^n = C^l \quad (2.2)$$

We call:

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= (x - A^m)(x - B^n)(x + C^l) = x^3 - x^2(A^m + B^n - C^l) \\ &\quad + x[A^m B^n - C^l(A^m + B^n)] + C^l A^m B^n \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Using the equation (2.2),  $P(x)$  can be written:

$$\boxed{P(x) = x^3 + x[A^m B^n - (A^m + B^n)^2] + A^m B^n (A^m + B^n)} \quad (2.4)$$

We introduce the notations:

$$p = (A^m + B^n)^2 - A^m B^n \quad (2.5)$$

$$q = A^m B^n (A^m + B^n) \quad (2.6)$$

As  $A^m \neq B^n$ , we have :

$$p > (A^m - B^n)^2 > 0 \quad (2.7)$$

Equation (2.4) becomes:

$$P(x) = x^3 - px + q \quad (2.8)$$

Using the equation (2.3),  $P(x) = 0$  has three different real roots :  $A^m$ ,  $B^n$  and  $-C^l$ .

Now, let us resolve the equation:

$$P(x) = x^3 - px + q = 0 \quad (2.9)$$

To resolve (2.9) let:

$$x = u + v \quad (2.10)$$

Then  $P(x) = 0$  gives:

$$P(x) = P(u+v) = (u+v)^3 - p(u+v) + q = 0 \implies u^3 + v^3 + (u+v)(3uv - p) + q = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

To determine  $u$  and  $v$ , we obtain the conditions:

$$u^3 + v^3 = -q \quad (2.12)$$

$$uv = p/3 > 0 \quad (2.13)$$

Then  $u^3$  and  $v^3$  are solutions of the second ordre equation:

$$X^2 + qX + p^3/27 = 0 \quad (2.14)$$

Its discriminant  $\Delta$  is written as :

$$\Delta = q^2 - 4p^3/27 = \frac{27q^2 - 4p^3}{27} = \frac{\bar{\Delta}}{27} \quad (2.15)$$

Let:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Delta} &= 27q^2 - 4p^3 = 27(A^m B^n (A^m + B^n))^2 - 4[(A^m + B^n)^2 - A^m B^n]^3 \\ &= 27A^{2m} B^{2n} (A^m + B^n)^2 - 4[(A^m + B^n)^2 - A^m B^n]^3 \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Noting :

$$\alpha = A^m B^n > 0 \quad (2.17)$$

$$\beta = (A^m + B^n)^2 \quad (2.18)$$

we can write (2.16) as:

$$\bar{\Delta} = 27\alpha^2\beta - 4(\beta - \alpha)^3 \quad (2.19)$$

As  $\alpha \neq 0$ , we can also rewrite (2.19) as :

$$\bar{\Delta} = \alpha^3 \left( 27\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - 4\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - 1\right)^3 \right) \quad (2.20)$$

We call  $t$  the parameter :

$$t = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \quad (2.21)$$

$\bar{\Delta}$  becomes :

$$\bar{\Delta} = \alpha^3(27t - 4(t-1)^3) \quad (2.22)$$

Let us calling :

$$y = y(t) = 27t - 4(t-1)^3 \quad (2.23)$$

Since  $\alpha > 0$ , the sign of  $\bar{\Delta}$  is also the sign of  $y(t)$ . Let us study the sign of  $y$ . We obtain  $y'(t)$ :

$$y'(t) = y' = 3(1+2t)(5-2t) \quad (2.24)$$

$y' = 0 \implies t_1 = -1/2$  and  $t_2 = 5/2$ , then the table of variations of  $y$  is given below:

t	$-\infty$	$-1/2$	$5/2$	4	$+\infty$
$1+2t$	-	0	+		+
$5-2t$	+		+	0	-
$y'(t)$	-	0	+	0	-
$y(t)$	$+\infty$		54	0	$-\infty$

Fig. 1: The table of variation

The table of the variations of the function  $y$  shows that  $y < 0$  for  $t > 4$ . In our case, we are interested for  $t > 0$ . For  $t = 4$  we obtain  $y(4) = 0$  and for  $t \in ]0, 4[ \implies y > 0$ . As we have  $t = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} > 4$  because as  $A^m \neq B^n$ :

$$(A^m - B^n)^2 > 0 \implies \beta = (A^m + B^n)^2 > 4\alpha = 4A^m B^n \quad (2.25)$$

Then  $y < 0 \implies \bar{\Delta} < 0 \implies \Delta < 0$ . Then, the equation (2.14) does not have real solutions  $u^3$  and  $v^3$ . Let us find the solutions  $u$  and  $v$  with  $x = u + v$  is a positive or a negative real and  $u.v = p/3$ .

## 2.2 Demonstration

*Proof.* The solutions of (2.14) are:

$$X_1 = \frac{-q + i\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2} \quad (2.26)$$

$$X_2 = \bar{X}_1 = \frac{-q - i\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2} \quad (2.27)$$

We may resolve:

$$u^3 = \frac{-q + i\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2} \quad (2.28)$$

$$v^3 = \frac{-q - i\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2} \quad (2.29)$$

Writing  $X_1$  in the form:

$$X_1 = \rho e^{i\theta} \quad (2.30)$$

with:

$$\rho = \frac{\sqrt{q^2 - \Delta}}{2} = \frac{p\sqrt{p}}{3\sqrt{3}} \quad (2.31)$$

$$\text{and } \sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2\rho} > 0 \quad (2.32)$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{q}{2\rho} < 0 \quad (2.33)$$

Then  $\theta [2\pi] \in ] + \frac{\pi}{2}, +\pi[$ , let:

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < +\pi \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6} < \frac{\theta}{3} < \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} < \cos\frac{\theta}{3} < \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \quad (2.34)$$

and:

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{4} < \cos^2\frac{\theta}{3} < \frac{3}{4}} \quad (2.35)$$

hence the expression of  $X_2$ :

$$X_2 = \rho e^{-i\theta} \quad (2.36)$$

Let:

$$u = r e^{i\psi} \quad (2.37)$$

$$\text{and } j = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} \quad (2.38)$$

$$j^2 = e^{i\frac{4\pi}{3}} = -\frac{1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} = \bar{j} \quad (2.39)$$

$j$  is a complex cubic root of the unity  $\iff j^3 = 1$ . Then, the solutions  $u$  and  $v$  are:

$$u_1 = r e^{i\psi_1} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{i\frac{\theta}{3}} \quad (2.40)$$

$$u_2 = r e^{i\psi_2} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} j e^{i\frac{\theta}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{i\frac{\theta+2\pi}{3}} \quad (2.41)$$

$$u_3 = r e^{i\psi_3} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} j^2 e^{i\frac{\theta}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{i\frac{4\pi}{3}} e^{i\frac{\theta}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{i\frac{\theta+4\pi}{3}} \quad (2.42)$$

and similarly:

$$v_1 = r e^{-i\psi_1} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{-i\frac{\theta}{3}} \quad (2.43)$$

$$v_2 = r e^{-i\psi_2} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} j^2 e^{-i\frac{\theta}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{i\frac{4\pi}{3}} e^{-i\frac{\theta}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{i\frac{4\pi-\theta}{3}} \quad (2.44)$$

$$v_3 = r e^{-i\psi_3} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} j e^{-i\frac{\theta}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{i\frac{2\pi-\theta}{3}} \quad (2.45)$$

We may now choose  $u_k$  and  $v_h$  so that  $u_k + v_h$  will be real. In this case, we have necessary :

$$v_1 = \bar{u}_1 \quad (2.46)$$

$$v_2 = \bar{u}_2 \quad (2.47)$$

$$v_3 = \bar{u}_3 \quad (2.48)$$

We obtain as real solutions of the equation (2.11):

$$x_1 = u_1 + v_1 = 2\sqrt[3]{\rho}\cos\frac{\theta}{3} > 0 \quad (2.49)$$

$$x_2 = u_2 + v_2 = 2\sqrt[3]{\rho}\cos\frac{\theta+2\pi}{3} = -\sqrt[3]{\rho}\left(\cos\frac{\theta}{3} + \sqrt{3}\sin\frac{\theta}{3}\right) < 0 \quad (2.50)$$

$$x_3 = u_3 + v_3 = 2\sqrt[3]{\rho}\cos\frac{\theta+4\pi}{3} = \sqrt[3]{\rho}\left(-\cos\frac{\theta}{3} + \sqrt{3}\sin\frac{\theta}{3}\right) > 0 \quad (2.51)$$

We compare the expressions of  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\sqrt[3]{\rho}\cos\frac{\theta}{3} &\stackrel{?}{>} \sqrt[3]{\rho}\left(-\cos\frac{\theta}{3} + \sqrt{3}\sin\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \\ 3\cos\frac{\theta}{3} &\stackrel{?}{>} \sqrt{3}\sin\frac{\theta}{3} \end{aligned} \quad (2.52)$$

As  $\frac{\theta}{3} \in ]\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}[$ , then  $\sin\frac{\theta}{3}$  and  $\cos\frac{\theta}{3}$  are  $> 0$ . Taking the square of the two members of the last equation, we get:

$$\frac{1}{4} < \cos^2\frac{\theta}{3} \quad (2.53)$$

which is true since  $\frac{\theta}{3} \in ]\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}[$  then  $x_1 > x_3$ . As  $A^m, B^n$  and  $-C^l$  are the only real solutions of (2.9), we consider, as  $A^m$  is supposed great than  $B^n$ , the expressions:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A^m = x_1 = u_1 + v_1 = 2\sqrt[3]{\rho}\cos\frac{\theta}{3} \\ B^n = x_3 = u_3 + v_3 = 2\sqrt[3]{\rho}\cos\frac{\theta+4\pi}{3} = \sqrt[3]{\rho}\left(-\cos\frac{\theta}{3} + \sqrt{3}\sin\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \\ -C^l = x_2 = u_2 + v_2 = 2\sqrt[3]{\rho}\cos\frac{\theta+2\pi}{3} = -\sqrt[3]{\rho}\left(\cos\frac{\theta}{3} + \sqrt{3}\sin\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \end{array} \right. \quad (2.54)$$

□

### 3 Proof of the Main Theorem

**Main Theorem:** Let  $A, B, C, m, n$ , and  $l$  be positive integers with  $m, n, l > 2$ . If:

$$A^m + B^n = C^l \quad (3.1)$$

then  $A, B$ , and  $C$  have a common factor.

*Proof.*  $A^m = 2\sqrt[3]{\rho}\cos\frac{\theta}{3}$  is an integer  $\Rightarrow A^{2m} = 4\sqrt[3]{\rho^2}\cos^2\frac{\theta}{3}$  is an integer. But:

$$\sqrt[3]{\rho^2} = \frac{p}{3} \quad (3.2)$$

Then:

$$A^{2m} = 4\sqrt[3]{\rho^2}\cos^2\frac{\theta}{3} = 4\frac{p}{3}\cos^2\frac{\theta}{3} = p\frac{4}{3}\cos^2\frac{\theta}{3} \quad (3.3)$$

As  $A^{2m}$  is an integer, and  $p$  is an integer then  $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3}$  must be written in the form:

$$\boxed{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{1}{b} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b}} \quad (3.4)$$

with  $b \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , for the last condition  $a \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $a, b$  coprime.

### 3.1 Case $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{1}{b}$

We obtain :

$$A^{2m} = p \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4 \cdot p}{3 \cdot b} \quad (3.5)$$

As  $\frac{1}{4} < \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} < \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{b} < \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow b < 4 < 3b \Rightarrow b = 1, 2, 3$ .

#### 3.1.1 Case $b = 1$

$b = 1 \Rightarrow 4 < 3$  which is impossible.

#### 3.1.2 Case $b = 2$

$b = 2 \Rightarrow A^{2m} = p \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2 \cdot p}{3} \Rightarrow 3|p \Rightarrow p = 3p'$  with  $p' \neq 1$  because  $3 \ll p$ , and  $b = 2$ , we obtain:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{2p}{3} = 2 \cdot p' \quad (3.6)$$

But :

$$B^n C^l = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{p}{3} = \frac{3p'}{3} = p' \quad (3.7)$$

On the one hand:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{2m} &= (A^m)^2 = 2p' \Rightarrow 2|p' \Rightarrow p' = 2p'' \Rightarrow A^{2m} = 4p''^2 \\ &\Rightarrow A^m = 2p'' \Rightarrow 2|A^m \Rightarrow 2|A \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand:

$B^n C^l = p' = 2p'' \Rightarrow 2|B^n$  or  $2|C^l$ . If  $2|B^n \Rightarrow 2|B$ . As  $C^l = A^m + B^n$  and  $2|A$  and  $2|B$ , it follows  $2|A^m$  and  $2|B^n$  then  $2|(A^m + B^n) \Rightarrow 2|C^l \Leftrightarrow 2|C$ .

Then, we have :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor. Also if  $2|C^l$ , we obtain the same result :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

#### 3.1.3 Case $b = 3$

$b = 3 \Rightarrow A^{2m} = p \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4p}{9} \Rightarrow 9|p \Rightarrow p = 9p'$  with  $p' \neq 1$  since  $9 \ll p$  then  $A^{2m} = 4p' \Rightarrow p'$  is not a prime. Let  $\mu$  a prime with  $\mu|p' \Rightarrow \mu|A^{2m} \Rightarrow \mu|A$ .

On the other hand:

$$B^n C^l = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = 5p'$$

Then  $\mu|B^n$  or  $\mu|C^l$ . If  $\mu|B^n \Rightarrow \mu|B$ . As  $C^l = A^m + B^n$  and  $\mu|A$  and  $\mu|B$ , it follows  $\mu|A^m$  and  $\mu|B^n$  then  $\mu|(A^m + B^n) \Rightarrow \mu|C^l \Rightarrow \mu|C$ .

Then, we have :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor. Also if  $\mu|C^l$ , we obtain the same result :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

### 3.2 Case $a > 1$ , $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b}$

That is to say:

$$\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} \quad (3.8)$$

$$A^{2m} = p \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4 \cdot p \cdot a}{3 \cdot b} \quad (3.9)$$

and  $a, b$  verify one of the two conditions:

$$\boxed{\{3|p \text{ and } b|4p\}} \text{ or } \boxed{\{3|a \text{ and } b|4p\}} \quad (3.10)$$

and using the equation (2.35), we obtain a third condition:

$$\boxed{b < 4a < 3b} \quad (3.11)$$

In these conditions, respectively,  $A^{2m} = 4\sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = 4\frac{p}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3}$  is an integer.

Let us study the conditions given by the equation (3.10).

#### 3.2.1 Hypothesis: $\{3|p \text{ and } b|4p\}$

**3.2.1.1. Case  $b = 2$  and  $3|p$  :**  $3|p \Rightarrow p = 3p'$  with  $p' \neq 1$  because  $3 \ll p$ , and  $b = 2$ , we obtain:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p \cdot a}{3b} = \frac{4 \cdot 3p' \cdot a}{3b} = \frac{4 \cdot p' \cdot a}{2} = 2 \cdot p' \cdot a \quad (3.12)$$

As:

$$\frac{1}{4} < \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{2} < \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow a < 2 \Rightarrow a = 1 \quad (3.13)$$

But  $a > 1$  then the case  $b = 2$  and  $3|p$  is impossible.

**3.2.1.2. Case  $b = 4$  and  $3|p$  :** We have  $3|p \Rightarrow p = 3p'$  with  $p' \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , it follows:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p \cdot a}{3b} = \frac{4 \cdot 3p' \cdot a}{3 \times 4} = p' \cdot a \quad (3.14)$$

and:

$$\frac{1}{4} < \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{4} < \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow 1 < a < 3 \Rightarrow a = 2 \quad (3.15)$$

But  $a, b$  are coprime. Then the case  $b = 4$  and  $3|p$  is impossible.

**3.2.1.3. Case:**  $b \neq 2, b \neq 4, b|p$  and  $3|p$  : As  $3|p$  then  $p = 3p'$  and :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4 \times 3p'}{3} \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4p'a}{b} \quad (3.16)$$

We consider the case:  $b|p' \implies p' = bp''$  and  $p'' \neq 1$  (if  $p'' = 1$ , then  $p = 3b$ , see sub-paragraph **II. Case  $k'=1$**  of paragraph **3.2.1.8**). Hence :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4bp''a}{b} = 4ap'' \quad (3.17)$$

Let us calculate  $B^n C^l$ :

$$B^n C^l = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = p' \left( 3 - 4 \frac{a}{b} \right) = b.p'' \cdot \frac{3b - 4a}{b} = p'' \cdot (3b - 4a) \quad (3.18)$$

Finally, we have the two equations:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4bp''a}{b} = 4ap'' \quad (3.19)$$

$$B^n C^l = p'' \cdot (3b - 4a) \quad (3.20)$$

**I. Case  $p''$  is prime:**

From (3.19),  $p''|A^{2m} \implies p''|A^m \implies p''|A$ . From (3.20),  $p''|B^n$  or  $p''|C^l$ . If  $p''|B^n \implies p''|B$ , as  $C^l = A^m + B^n \implies p''|C^l \implies p''|C$ . If  $p''|C^l \implies p''|C$ , as  $B^n = C^l - A^m \implies p''|B^n \implies p''|B$ .

Then  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**II. Case  $p''$  is not prime:**

Let  $\lambda$  one prime divisor of  $p''$ . From (3.19), we have :

$$\lambda|A^{2m} \implies \lambda|A^m \quad \text{as } \lambda \text{ is prime then } \lambda|A \quad (3.21)$$

From (3.20), as  $\lambda|p''$  we have:

$$\lambda|B^n C^l \implies \lambda|B^n \quad \text{or } \lambda|C^l \quad (3.22)$$

If  $\lambda|B^n$ ,  $\lambda$  is prime  $\lambda|B$ , and as  $C^l = A^m + B^n$  then we have also :

$$\lambda|C^l \quad \text{as } \lambda \text{ is prime, then } \lambda|C \quad (3.23)$$

By the same way, if  $\lambda|C^l$ , we obtain  $\lambda|B$ .

Then:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

Let us verify the condition (3.11) given by:

$$b < 4a < 3b$$

In our case, the last equation becomes:

$$p < 3A^{2m} < 3p \quad \text{with } p = A^{2m} + B^{2n} + A^m B^n \quad (3.24)$$

The condition  $3A^{2m} < 3p \implies A^{2m} < p$  is verified.

If :

$$p < 3A^{2m} \implies 2A^{2m} - A^m B^n - B^{2n} > 0$$

We put  $Q(Y) = 2Y^2 - B^n Y - B^{2n}$ , the roots of  $Q(Y) = 0$  are  $Y_1 = -\frac{B^n}{2}$  and  $Y_2 = B^n$ .  $Q(Y) > 0$  for  $Y < Y_1$  and  $Y > Y_2 = B^n$ . In our case, we take  $Y = A^m$ . As  $A^m > B^n$  then  $p < 3A^{2m}$  is verified. Then the condition  $b < 4a < 3b$  is true.

In the following of the paper, we verify easily that the condition  $b < 4a < 3b$  implies to verify  $A^m > B^n$  which is true.

**3.2.1.4. Case  $b = 3$  and  $3|p$  :** As  $3|p \implies p = 3p'$  and we write :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4 \times 3p' a}{3 \cdot 3} = \frac{4p' a}{3} \quad (3.25)$$

As  $A^{2m}$  is an integer and that  $a$  and  $b$  are coprime and  $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3}$  can not be one in reference to the equation (2.34), then we have necessary  $3|p' \implies p' = 3p''$  with  $p'' \neq 1$ , if not  $p = 3p' = 3 \times 3p'' = 9$  but  $p = A^{2m} + B^{2n} + A^m B^n > 9$ , the hypothesis  $p'' = 1$  is impossible, then  $p'' > 1$ . hence:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p' a}{3} = \frac{4 \times 3p'' a}{3} = 4p'' a \quad (3.26)$$

$$B^n C^l = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = p' \left( 3 - 4 \frac{a}{b} \right) = \frac{3p''(9 - 4a)}{3} = p'' \cdot (9 - 4a) \quad (3.27)$$

As  $\frac{1}{4} < \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{3} < \frac{3}{4} \implies 3 < 4a < 9 \implies a = 2$  as  $a > 1$ .  $a = 2$ , we obtain:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p' a}{3} = \frac{4 \times 3p'' a}{3} = 4p'' a = 8p'' \quad (3.28)$$

$$B^n C^l = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = p' \left( 3 - 4 \frac{a}{b} \right) = \frac{3p''(9 - 4a)}{3} = p'' \quad (3.29)$$

The two last equations give that  $p''$  is not prime. Then we use the same methodology described above for the case **3.2.1.3.**, and we have :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**3.2.1.5. Case  $3|p$  and  $b = p$  :** We have :

$$\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{p}$$

and :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{p} = \frac{4a}{3} \quad (3.30)$$

As  $A^{2m}$  is an integer, this implies that  $3|a$ , but  $3|p \implies 3|b$ . As  $a$  and  $b$  are coprime, hence the contradiction. Then the case  $3|p$  and  $b = p$  is impossible.

**3.2.1.6. Case  $3|p$  and  $b = 4p$  :**  $3|p \implies p = 3p', p' \neq 1$  because  $3 \ll p$ , hence  $b = 4p = 12p'$ .

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{3} \implies 3|a \quad (3.31)$$

because  $A^{2m}$  is an integer. But  $3|p \implies 3|[(4p) = b]$ , that is in contradiction with the hypothesis  $a, b$  are coprime. Then the case  $b = 4p$  is impossible.

**3.2.1.7. Case  $3|p$  and  $b = 2p$  :**  $3|p \implies p = 3p', p' \neq 1$  because  $3 \ll p$ , hence  $b = 2p = 6p'$ .

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \frac{a}{b} = \frac{2a}{3} \implies 3|a \quad (3.32)$$

because  $A^{2m}$  is an integer. But  $3|p \implies 3|(2p) \implies 3|b$ , that is in contradiction with the hypothesis  $a, b$  are coprime. Then the case  $b = 2p$  is impossible.

**3.2.1.8. Case  $3|p$  and  $b \neq 3$  is a divisor of  $p$  :** We have  $b = p' \neq 3$ , and  $p$  is written as:

$$p = kp' \quad \text{with} \quad 3|k \implies k = 3k' \quad (3.33)$$

and :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4 \times 3 \cdot k' p'}{3} \frac{a}{p'} = 4ak' \quad (3.34)$$

We calculate  $B^n C^l$ :

$$B^n C^l = \frac{p}{3} \cdot \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = k'(3p' - 4a) \quad (3.35)$$

**I. Case  $k' \neq 1$ :**

We suppose  $k' \neq 1$ , we use the same methodology described for the case **3.1.2.3.**, and we obtain:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**II. Case  $k' = 1$ :**

We have  $k' = 1 \implies p = 3b$ , then we have:

$$A^{2m} = 4a \implies a \quad \text{is even} \quad (3.36)$$

and :

$$A^m B^n = 2 \sqrt[3]{\rho} \cos \frac{\theta}{3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\rho} \left( \sqrt{3} \sin \frac{\theta}{3} - \cos \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{p\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} - 2a \quad (3.37)$$

let:

$$A^{2m} + 2A^m B^n = \frac{2p\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} = 2b\sqrt{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} \quad (3.38)$$

The left member of (3.38) is an integer and  $b$  also, then  $2\sqrt{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3}$  can be written in the form:

$$2\sqrt{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \quad (3.39)$$

where  $k_1, k_2$  are two coprime integers and  $k_2|b \implies b = k_2 \cdot k_3$ .

**II.1. Case  $k_3 \neq 1$ :**

We suppose  $k_3 \neq 1$ . Hence:

$$A^{2m} + 2A^m B^n = k_3.k_1 \quad (3.40)$$

Let  $\mu$  is an prime integer such that  $\mu|k_3$ . If  $\mu = 2 \Rightarrow 2|b$ , but  $2|a$  that is contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime. We suppose  $\mu \neq 2$  and  $\mu|k_3$ , then:

$$\boxed{\mu|A^m(A^m + 2B^n) \Rightarrow \mu|A^m \text{ or } \mu|(A^m + 2B^n)} \quad (3.41)$$

### II.1.1. Case $\mu|A^m$ :

If  $\mu|A^m \Rightarrow \mu|A^{2m} \Rightarrow \mu|4a \Rightarrow \mu|a$ . As  $\mu|k_3 \Rightarrow \mu|b$  and that  $a, b$  are coprime hence the contradiction.

### II.1.2. Case $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ :

If  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n) \Rightarrow \mu \nmid A^m$  and  $\mu \nmid 2B^n$  then  $\mu \neq 2$  and  $\mu \nmid B^n$ .  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ , we can write:

$$A^m + 2B^n = \mu.t' \quad t' \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad (3.42)$$

It follows:

$$A^m + B^n = \mu t' - B^n \Rightarrow A^{2m} + B^{2n} + 2A^m B^n = \mu^2 t'^2 - 2t' \mu B^n + B^{2n}$$

Using the expression of  $p$ , we obtain:

$$p = t'^2 \mu^2 - 2t' B^n \mu + B^n (B^n - A^m) \quad (3.43)$$

As  $p = 3b = 3k_2.k_3$  and  $\mu|k_3$  hence  $\mu|p \Rightarrow p = \mu\mu'$ , so we have :

$$\mu' \mu = \mu(\mu t'^2 - 2t' B^n) + B^n (B^n - A^m) \quad (3.44)$$

then:

$$\boxed{\mu|B^n(B^n - A^m) \Rightarrow \mu|B^n \text{ or } \mu|(B^n - A^m)} \quad (3.45)$$

#### II.1.2.1. Case $\mu|B^n$ :

If  $\mu|B^n \Rightarrow \mu|B$  which is in contradiction with case **II.1.2.** above.

#### II.1.2.2. Case $\mu|(B^n - A^m)$ :

If  $\mu|(B^n - A^m)$  and using  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ , we obtain:

$$\mu|3B^n \quad (3.46)$$

##### II.1.2.2.1. Case $\mu|B^n$ :

If  $\mu|B^n$ , using the result above of **II.1.2.1.** of this paragraph, it is impossible.

##### II.1.2.2.2. Case $\mu = 3$ :

If  $\mu = 3 \Rightarrow 3|k_3 \Rightarrow k_3 = 3k'_3$ , and we have  $b = k_2 k_3 = 3k_2 k'_3$ , it follows  $p = 3b = 9k_2 k'_3$  then  $9|p$ , but  $p = (A^m - B^n)^2 + 3A^m B^n$  then :

$$9k_2 k'_3 - 3A^m B^n = (A^m - B^n)^2$$

we write it as :

$$3(3k_2 k'_3 - A^m B^n) = (A^m - B^n)^2 \quad (3.47)$$

hence :

$$\boxed{3|(3k_2k'_3 - A^mB^n) \implies 3|A^mB^n \implies 3|A^m \text{ or } 3|B^n} \quad (3.48)$$

**II.1.2.2.2.1. Case  $3|A^m$ :**

If  $3|A^m \implies 3|A$  and we have also  $3|A^{2m}$ , but  $A^{2m} = 4a \implies 3|4a \implies 3|a$ . As  $b = 3k_2k'_3$  then  $3|b$ , but  $a, b$  are coprime hence the contradiction. Then  $3 \nmid A$ .

**II.1.2.2.2.2. Case  $3|B^n$ :**

If  $3|B^n \implies 3|B$ , but the (3.47) gives  $3|(A^m - B^n)^2 \implies 3|(A^m - B^n) \implies 3|A^m \implies 3|(A^{2m} = 4a) \implies 3|a$ . As  $3|b$  then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

Then the hypothesis  $k_3 \neq 1$  is impossible.

**III. Case  $k_3 = 1$ :**

Now we suppose that  $k_3 = 1 \implies b = k_2$  and  $p = 3b = 3k_2$ . We have then:

$$2\sqrt{3}\sin\frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1}{b} \quad (3.49)$$

with  $k_1, b$  coprime. We write (3.49) as :

$$4\sqrt{3}\sin\frac{\theta}{3}\cos\frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1}{b}$$

Taking the square of the two members and replacing  $\cos^2\frac{\theta}{3}$  by  $\frac{a}{b}$ , we obtain:

$$3 \times 4^2 \cdot a(b - a) = k_1^2 \quad (3.50)$$

which implies that :

$$\boxed{3|a \quad \text{or} \quad 3|(b - a)} \quad (3.51)$$

**III.1. Case  $3|a$ :**

If  $3|a$ , as  $A^{2m} = 4a \implies 3|A^{2m} \implies 3|A$  and  $3|a$ . But  $p = (A^m - B^n)^2 + 3A^mB^n$  and that  $3|p \implies 3|(A^m - B^n)^2 \implies 3|(A^m - B^n)$ . But  $3|A$  hence  $3|B^n \implies 3|B$ , as  $m \geq 3 \implies 3^2|p$ , it follows  $3|b$  then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

**III.2. Case  $3|(b - a)$ :**

Considering now that  $3|(b - a)$ . As  $k_1 = A^m(A^m + 2B^n)$  by the equation (3.40) and that  $3|k_1 \implies 3|A^m(A^m + 2B^n) \implies \boxed{3|A^m \text{ or } 3|(A^m + 2B^n)}$ .

**III.2.1. Case  $3|A^m$ :**

If  $3|A^m \implies 3|A \implies 3|A^{2m}$  then  $3|4a \implies 3|a$ . But  $3|(b - a) \implies 3|b$  hence the contradiction with  $a, b$  are coprime.

**III.2.2. Case  $3|(A^m + 2B^n)$ :**

If:

$$3|(A^m + 2B^n) \implies 3|(A^m - B^n) \quad (3.52)$$

But  $p = A^{2m} + B^{2n} + A^mB^n = (A^m - B^n)^2 + 3A^mB^n$  then  $p - 3A^mB^n = (A^m - B^n)^2 \implies 9|(p - 3A^mB^n)$  or  $9|(3b - 3A^mB^n)$ , then  $3|(b - A^mB^n)$  but  $3|(b - a) \implies$

$3|(a - A^m B^n)$ . As  $A^{2m} = 4a = (A^m)^2 \implies \exists a' \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $a = a'^2 \implies A^m = 2a'$ . We arrive to:

$$\boxed{3|(a'^2 - 2a'B^n) \Rightarrow 3|a'(a' - 2B^n) \Rightarrow 3|a' \quad \text{or} \quad 3|(a' - 2B^n)} \quad (3.53)$$

### III.2.2.1. Case $3|a'$ :

If  $3|a' \Rightarrow 3|a'^2 \Rightarrow 3|a$ , but  $3|(b - a) \Rightarrow 3|b$ , then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

### III.2.2.2. Case $3|(a' - 2B^n)$ :

Now if  $3|(a' - 2B^n) \Rightarrow 3|(2a' - 4B^n) \Rightarrow 3|(A^m - 4B^n) \Rightarrow 3|(A^m - B^n)$ , we refine the case III.2.2., equation (3.52), that has a solution given by the case 2.2.1. above.

Then, the study of the case 3.2.1.8. is finished.

**3.2.1.9 Case  $3|p$  and  $b|4p$ :** As  $3|p \Rightarrow p = 3p'$  and  $b|4p \Rightarrow \exists k_1 \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $4p = 12p' = k_1 b$ .

#### I. Case $k_1 = 1$ :

If  $k_1 = 1$ , then  $b = 12p'$ , ( $p' \neq 1$  if not  $p = 3 \ll A^{2m} + B^{2n} + A^m B^n$ ). But  $A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{12p' a}{3 b} = \frac{4p' \cdot a}{12p'} = \frac{a}{3} \Rightarrow 3|a$  because  $A^{2m}$  is an integer, then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

#### II. Case $k_1 = 3$ :

If  $k_1 = 3$ , then  $b = 4p'$  and  $A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1 \cdot a}{3} = a$ .

Let us calculate  $A^m B^n$ :

$$A^m B^n = 2\sqrt[3]{\rho} \cos \frac{\theta}{3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\rho} \left( \sqrt{3} \sin \frac{\theta}{3} - \cos \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{p\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} - \frac{a}{2} \quad (3.54)$$

Let:

$$A^{2m} + 2A^m B^n = \frac{2p\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} = 2p' \sqrt{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} \quad (3.55)$$

The left member of the equation (3.55) is an integer and also  $p'$ , then  $2\sqrt{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3}$  can be written as :

$$2\sqrt{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_2}{k_3} \quad (3.56)$$

where  $k_2, k_3$  are two coprime integers and:

$$k_3 | p' \implies \exists k_4 \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad \text{and} \quad p' = k_3 \cdot k_4 \quad (3.57)$$

#### II.1. Case $k_4 \neq 1$ :

We suppose that  $k_4 \neq 1$ , then:

$$A^{2m} + 2A^m B^n = k_2 \cdot k_4 \quad (3.58)$$

Let  $\mu$  one prime integer with:

$$\mu | k_4 \quad (3.59)$$

Then :

$$\boxed{\mu | A^m (A^m + 2B^n) \implies \mu | A^m \quad \text{or} \quad \mu | (A^m + 2B^n)} \quad (3.60)$$

**II.1.1. Case  $\mu|A^m$ :**

If  $\mu|A^m \implies \mu|A^{2m} \implies \mu|a$ . As  $\mu|k_4 \implies \mu|p' \implies \mu|(4p' = b)$ . But  $a, b$  are coprime then the contradiction.

**II.1.2. Case  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ :**

If  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n) \implies \mu \nmid A^m$  and  $\mu \nmid 2B^n$  then  $\mu \neq 2$  and  $\mu \nmid B^n$ .  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ , we can write:

$$A^m + 2B^n = \mu t' \quad t' \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad (3.61)$$

It follows:

$$A^m + B^n = \mu t' - B^n \implies A^{2m} + B^{2n} + 2A^m B^n = \mu^2 t'^2 - 2t' \mu B^n + B^{2n}$$

Using the expression of  $p$ , we obtain:

$$p = t'^2 \mu^2 - 2t' B^n \mu + B^n (B^n - A^m) \quad (3.62)$$

As  $p = 3p'$  and  $\mu|p' \implies \mu|(3p') \implies \mu|p$ , we can write  $:\exists \mu' \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $p = \mu \mu'$ , then we obtain :

$$\mu' \mu = \mu(\mu t'^2 - 2t' B^n) + B^n (B^n - A^m) \quad (3.63)$$

and:

$$\boxed{\mu|B^n (B^n - A^m) \implies \mu|B^n \quad \text{or} \quad \mu|(B^n - A^m)} \quad (3.64)$$

**II.1.2.1. Case  $\mu|B^n$ :**

If  $\mu|B^n \implies \mu|B$  which is in contradiction with the case **II.1.2.** above.

**II.1.2.2. Case  $\mu|(B^n - A^m)$ :**

If  $\mu|(B^n - A^m)$  and using  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ , we obtain:

$$\boxed{\mu|3B^n} \quad (3.65)$$

**II.1.2.2.1. Case  $\mu|B^n$ :**

If  $\mu|B^n$  it is impossible, see the case **II.1.2.1.** above.

**II.1.2.2.2 Case  $\mu = 3$ :**

If  $\mu = 3 \implies 3|k_4 \implies k_4 = 3k'_4$ , and we obtain  $p' = k_3 k_4 = 3k_3 k'_4$ , it follows  $p = 3p' = 9k_3 k'_4$  then  $9|p$ , but  $p = (A^m - B^n)^2 + 3A^m B^n$ , then:

$$9k_4 k'_5 - 3A^m B^n = (A^m - B^n)^2$$

that we write :

$$3(3k_4 k'_5 - A^m B^n) = (A^m - B^n)^2 \quad (3.66)$$

then  $3|(3k_4 k'_5 - A^m B^n) \implies 3|A^m B^n \implies \boxed{3|A^m \quad \text{or} \quad 3|B^n}$ .

**II.1.2.2.2.1. Case  $3|A^m$ :**

If  $3|A^m \implies 3|A^{2m} \implies 3|a$ , but  $3|p' \implies 3|(4p') \implies 3|b$ , then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime. Then  $3 \nmid A$ .

**II.1.2.2.2.2. Case  $3|B^n$ :**

If  $3|B^n$  and using (3.61), we have  $A^m = \mu t' - 2B^n = 3t' - 2B^n \implies 3|A^m \implies 3|A^{2m} \implies 3|a$ , but  $3|p' \implies 3|(4p') \implies 3|b$ , then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

Then the hypothesis  $k_4 \neq 1$  is impossible.

### II.2. Case $k_4 = 1$ :

We suppose that  $\boxed{k_4 = 1} \implies p' = k_3 k_4 = k_3$ . Then we obtain:

$$2\sqrt{3}\sin\frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_2}{p'} \quad (3.67)$$

with  $k_2, p'$  coprime, we write (3.67) as :

$$4\sqrt{3}\sin\frac{\theta}{3}\cos\frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{k_2}{p'}$$

Taking the square of the two members and replacing  $\cos^2\frac{\theta}{3}$  by  $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $b = 4p'$ , we obtain:

$$3.a(b - a) = k_2^2 \quad (3.68)$$

that implies:

$$\boxed{3|a \quad \text{or} \quad 3|(b - a)} \quad (3.69)$$

#### II.2.1. Case $3|a$ :

If  $3|a \implies 3|A^{2m} \implies 3|A$ , as  $p = (A^m - B^n)^2 + 3A^m B^n$  and that  $3|p \implies 3|(A^m - B^n)^2 \implies 9|(A^m - B^n)^2$ . But  $(A^m - B^n)^2 = p - 3A^m B^n = 3b - 3A^m B^n \implies 3|(b - A^m B^n)$ . As  $3|A^m \implies 3|b \implies$  the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

#### II.2.2. Case $3|(b - a)$ :

We consider that  $3|(b - a)$ . As  $k_2 = A^m(A^m + 2B^n)$  given by the equation (3.58) and that  $3|k_2 \implies 3|A^m(A^m + 2B^n) \implies \boxed{3|A^m \quad \text{or} \quad 3|(A^m + 2B^n)}$ .

##### II.2.2.1. Case $3|A^m$ :

If  $3|A^m \implies 3|A^{2m} \implies 3|a$ , but  $3|(b - a) \implies 3|b$  then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

##### II.2.2.2. Case $3|(A^m + 2B^n)$ :

If:

$$3|(A^m + 2B^n) \implies 3|(A^m - B^n) \quad (3.70)$$

but  $p = A^{2m} + B^{2n} + A^m B^n = (A^m - B^n)^2 + 3A^m B^n$  then  $p - 3A^m B^n = (A^m - B^n)^2 \implies 9|(p - 3A^m B^n)$  or  $9|(3p' - 3A^m B^n)$ , then  $3|(p' - A^m B^n) \implies 3|4(p' - 4A^m B^n) \implies 3|(b - 4A^m B^n)$  but  $3|(b - a) \implies 3|(a - A^m B^n)$ . As  $3|(A^{2m} - 4A^m B^n) \implies \boxed{3|A^m(A^m - 4B^n)}$ .

##### II.2.2.2.1. Case $3|A^m$ :

If  $3|A^m \implies 3|A^{2m} \implies 3|a$ , but  $3|(b - a) \implies 3|b$  then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

##### II.2.2.2.2. Case $3|(A^m - 4B^n)$ :

Now if  $3|(A^m - 4B^n) \implies 3|(A^m - B^n)$ , we refine the hypothesis of the beginning (3.70) above, that has a solution **II.2.2.2.1.**

**III. Case  $k_1 \neq 3$  and  $3|k_1$ :**

We suppose  $k_1 \neq 3$  and  $3|k_1 \implies k_1 = 3k'_1$  with  $k'_1 \neq 1$ . We have  $4p = 12p' = k_1b = 3k'_1b \implies 4p' = k'_1b$ .  $A^{2m}$  can be written as :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{3k'_1b}{3} \frac{a}{b} = k'_1a \quad (3.71)$$

and  $B^n C^l$ :

$$B^n C^l = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{k'_1}{4} (3b - 4a) \quad (3.72)$$

As  $B^n C^l$  is an integer, we must have  $\boxed{4|(3b - 4a) \quad \text{or} \quad 4|k'_1}$ .

**III.1. Case  $4|(3b - 4a)$ :**

We suppose that  $4|(3b - 4a) \implies \frac{3b - 4a}{4} = c \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , and we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{2m} &= k'_1a \\ B^n C^l &= k'_1c \end{aligned}$$

**III.1.1. Case  $k'_1$  is prime:**

If  $k'_1$  is prime, then  $k'_1|A^{2m} \implies k'_1|A$  and  $k'_1|B^n C^l \implies k'_1|B^n$  or  $k'_1|C^l$ . If  $k'_1|B^n \implies k'_1|B$ , then  $k'_1|C^l \implies k'_1|C$ . With the same method if  $k'_1|C^l$ , we arrive to  $k'_1|B$ .

We obtain:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**III.1.2. Case  $k'_1$  not a prime:**

We suppose  $k'_1$  not a prime. Let  $\mu$  a prime divisor of  $k'_1$ , as described in **III.1.1.** above, we obtain :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**III.2. Case  $4|k'_1$ :**

Now, we suppose that  $4|k'_1$ .

**III.2.1. Case  $k'_1 = 4$ :**

We suppose  $k'_1 = 4$ , then  $A^{2m} = 4a$  and  $B^n C^l = 4c$ , It is easy to verify that 2 is a common factor of  $A, B, C$ .

We obtain:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**III.2.2. Case  $k'_1 = 4k''_1$ :**

If  $k'_1 = 4k''_1$  with  $k''_1 > 1$ . Then, we have:

$$A^{2m} = 4k''_1a \quad (3.73)$$

$$B^n C^l = k''_1(3b - 4a) \quad (3.74)$$

**III.2.2.1. Case  $k''_1$  prime:**

If  $k''_1$  is prime, then  $k''_1|A^{2m} \implies k''_1|A$  and  $k''_1|B^n C^l \implies k''_1|B^n$  or  $k''_1|C^l$ . If  $k''_1|B^n \implies k''_1|B$ , then  $k''_1|C^l \implies k''_1|C$ . With the same method if  $k''_1|C^l$ , we arrive to  $k''_1|B$ .

We obtain:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

### III.2.2.2. Case $k''_1$ not a prime:

If  $k''_1$  not a prime. Let  $\mu$  a prime divisor of  $k''_1$ , as described in case III.2.2.1. above, we obtain :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

### 3.2.2 Hypothesis : $\{3|a \text{ and } b|4p\}$

We have :

$$3|a \implies \exists a' \in \mathbb{N}^* / a = 3a' \quad (3.75)$$

#### 3.2.2.1. Case $b = 2$ and $3|a$ : $A^{2m}$ is written as :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{2} = \frac{2 \cdot p \cdot a}{3} \quad (3.76)$$

Using the equation (3.75),  $A^{2m}$  becomes:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{2 \cdot p \cdot 3a'}{3} = 2 \cdot p \cdot a' \quad (3.77)$$

But  $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3a'}{2} > 1$  which is impossible, then  $b \neq 2$ .

#### 3.2.2.2. Case $b = 4$ and $3|a$ : $A^{2m}$ is written as :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4 \cdot p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4 \cdot p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4 \cdot p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{4} = \frac{p \cdot a}{3} = \frac{p \cdot 3a'}{3} = p \cdot a' \quad (3.78)$$

$$\text{and } \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3 \cdot a'}{4} < \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{4} \implies a' < 1 \quad (3.79)$$

which is impossible.

Then the case  $b = 4$  is impossible.

#### 3.2.2.3. Case $b = p$ and $3|a$ : Then:

$$\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3a'}{p} \quad (3.80)$$

and:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \frac{3a'}{p} = 4a' = (A^m)^2 \quad (3.81)$$

$$\exists a'' \in \mathbb{N}^* / a' = a''^2 \quad (3.82)$$

We calculate  $A^m B^n$ , hence:

$$\begin{aligned} A^m B^n &= p \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} - 2a' \\ \text{or } A^m B^n + 2a' &= p \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} \end{aligned} \quad (3.83)$$

The left member of (3.83) is an integer and  $p$  is also, then  $2\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\sin\frac{2\theta}{3}$  will be written as :

$$2\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\sin\frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \quad (3.84)$$

where  $k_1, k_2$  are two coprime integers and  $k_2|p \implies p = b = k_2.k_3, k_3 \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

**I. Case  $k_3 \neq 1$ :**

We suppose that  $k_3 \neq 1$ . We obtain :

$$A^m(A^m + 2B^n) = k_1.k_3 \quad (3.85)$$

Let us  $\mu$  a prime integer with  $\mu|k_3$ , then  $\mu|b$  and  $\mu|A^m(A^m + 2B^n)$ . Hence:

$$\boxed{\mu|A^m \quad \text{or} \quad \mu|(A^m + 2B^n)} \quad (3.86)$$

**I.1. Case  $\mu|A^m$ :**

If  $\mu|A^m \implies \mu|A$  and  $\mu|A^{2m}$ , but  $A^{2m} = 4a' \implies \mu|4a' \implies (\mu = 2 \text{ but } 2|a') \text{ or } \mu|a'$ . Then  $\mu|a$  hence the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

**I.2. Case  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ :**

If  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n) \implies \mu \nmid A^m$  and  $\mu \nmid 2B^n$  then  $\mu \neq 2$  and  $\mu \nmid B^n$ . We write  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$  as:

$$A^m + 2B^n = \mu.t' \quad t' \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad (3.87)$$

It follows:

$$A^m + B^n = \mu t' - B^n \implies A^{2m} + B^{2n} + 2A^m B^n = \mu^2 t'^2 - 2t' \mu B^n + B^{2n}$$

Using the expression of  $p$ :

$$p = t'^2 \mu^2 - 2t' B^n \mu + B^n (B^n - A^m) \quad (3.88)$$

Since  $p = b = k_2.k_3$  and  $\mu|k_3$  then  $\mu|b \implies \exists \mu' \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $b = \mu\mu'$ , so we can write:

$$\mu'\mu = \mu(\mu t'^2 - 2t' B^n) + B^n (B^n - A^m) \quad (3.89)$$

From the last equation, we get  $\mu|B^n(B^n - A^m) \implies \boxed{\mu|B^n \quad \text{or} \quad \mu|(B^n - A^m)}$ .

**I.2.1. Case  $\mu|B^n$ :**

If  $\mu|B^n$  which is contradiction with  $\mu \nmid B^n$ .

**I.2.2. Case  $\mu|(B^n - A^m)$ :**

If  $\mu|(B^n - A^m)$  and using  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ , we arrive to:

$$\mu|3B^n \implies \begin{cases} \boxed{\mu|B^n} \\ \text{or} \\ \boxed{\mu = 3} \end{cases} \quad (3.90)$$

**I.2.2.1. Case  $\mu|B^n$ :**

If  $\mu|B^n$  which is contradiction with  $\mu \nmid B$  from **I.2. Case  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ .**

**I.2.2.2. Case  $\mu = 3$ :**

If  $\mu = 3$ , then  $b = 3\mu'$ , but  $3|a$  then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

**II. Case  $k_3 = 1$ :**

We assume now  $k_3 = 1$ . Hence:

$$A^{2m} + 2A^m B^n = k_1 \quad (3.91)$$

$$b = k_2 \quad (3.92)$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1}{b} \quad (3.93)$$

Taking the square of the last equation, we obtain:

$$\frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1^2}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{16}{3} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1^2}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{16}{3} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \cdot \frac{3a'}{b} = \frac{k_1^2}{b^2}$$

Finally:

$$4^2 a' (p - a) = k_1^2 \quad (3.94)$$

but  $a' = a'^2$  then  $p - a$  is a square. Let us:

$$\lambda^2 = p - a \quad (3.95)$$

The equation (3.94) becomes:

$$4^2 a'^2 \lambda^2 = k_1^2 \implies k_1 = 4a'' \lambda \quad (3.96)$$

taking the positive square root. Using (3.91), we get :

$$k_1 = 4a'' \lambda \quad (3.97)$$

But  $k_1 = A^m(A^m + 2B^n) = 2a''(A^m + 2B^n)$ , it follows:

$$A^m + 2B^n = 2\lambda \quad (3.98)$$

Let  $\lambda_1$  prime  $\neq 2$ , a divisor of  $\lambda$  (if not,  $\lambda_1 = 2|\lambda \implies 2|\lambda^2 \implies 2|(p - a)$  but  $a$  is even, then  $2|p \implies 2|b$  which is contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime).

We consider  $\lambda_1 \neq 2$  and :

$$\lambda_1|\lambda \implies \lambda_1|\lambda^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_1|(A^m + 2B^n) \quad (3.99)$$

$$\lambda_1|(A^m + 2B^n) \implies \lambda_1 \nmid A^m \quad \text{if not} \quad \lambda_1|2B^n \quad (3.100)$$

But  $\lambda_1 \neq 2$  hence  $\lambda_1|B^n \implies \lambda_1|B$ , it follows:

$$\lambda_1|(p = b) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_1|A^m \implies \lambda_1|2a'' \implies \lambda_1|a \quad (3.101)$$

hence the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

**II.1. Case  $\lambda_1 \nmid A^m$  and  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)$ :**

We assume now  $\lambda_1 \nmid A^m$ .  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)^2$  that is  $\lambda_1 | (A^{2m} + 4A^mB^n + 4B^{2n})$ , we write it as  $\lambda_1 | (p + 3A^mB^n + 3B^{2n}) \implies \lambda_1 | (p + 3B^n(A^m + 2B^n) - 3B^{2n})$ . But  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | (p - 3B^{2n})$ , as  $\lambda_1 | (p - a)$  hence by difference, we obtain  $\lambda_1 | (a - 3B^{2n})$  or  $\lambda_1 | (3a' - 3B^{2n}) \implies \lambda_1 | 3(a' - B^{2n})$ , Then:

$$\boxed{\lambda_1 = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_1 | (a' - B^{2n})} \quad (3.102)$$

**II.1.1. Case  $\lambda_1 = 3$ :**

If  $\lambda_1 = 3$  but  $3 \nmid a$ , as  $\lambda_1 | (p - a) \implies 3 | (p - b)$  hence the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

**II.1.2. Case  $\lambda_1 | (a' - B^{2n})$ :**

If  $\lambda_1 | (a' - B^{2n}) \implies \lambda_1 | (a'^2 - B^{2n}) \implies \boxed{\lambda_1 | (a'' - B^n)(a'' + B^n)} \implies \lambda_1 | (a'' + B^n)$  or  $\lambda_1 | (a'' - B^n)$ , because  $(a'' - B^n) \neq 1$ , if not, we obtain  $a'^2 - B^{2n} = a'' + B^n \implies a'^2 - a'' = B^n - B^{2n}$ . The left member is positive and the right member is negative, then the contradiction.

**II.1.2.1. Case  $\lambda_1 | (a'' - B^n)$ :**

If  $\lambda_1 | (a'' - B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | 2(a'' - B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | (A^m - 2B^n)$  but  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)$  hence  $\lambda_1 | 2A^m \implies \lambda_1 | A^m$  as  $\lambda_1 \neq 2$ , it follows  $\lambda_1 | A^m$  hence the contradiction with (3.100).

**II.1.2.2. Case  $\lambda_1 | (a'' + B^n)$ :**

If  $\lambda_1 | (a'' + B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | 2(a'' + B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | (2a'' + 2B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)$ . We find the case **II.1.** that has solutions.

Then the case  $k_3 = 1$  is impossible.

**3.2.2.4. Case  $b|p \implies p = b.p', p' > 1, b \neq 2, b \neq 4$  and  $3|a$  :**

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4.p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4.b.p'.3.a'}{3.b} = 4.p'.a' \quad (3.103)$$

We calculate  $B^n C^l$ :

$$B^n C^l = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3} - \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) \quad (3.104)$$

But  $\sqrt[3]{\rho^2} = \frac{p}{3}$ , hence using  $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{3.a'}{b}$ :

$$B^n C^l = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3.a'}{b} \right) = p \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{4.a'}{b} \right) = p'(b - 4a') \quad (3.105)$$

As  $p = b.p'$ , and  $p' > 1$ , we have then:

$$B^n C^l = p'(b - 4a') \quad (3.106)$$

$$\text{and } A^{2m} = 4.p'.a' \quad (3.107)$$

**I. Case  $\lambda$  a prime divisor of  $p'$ :**

Let  $\lambda$  a prime divisor of  $p'$  (we suppose  $p'$  not prime ). From (3.107), we have:

$$\lambda|A^{2m} \Rightarrow \lambda|A^m \quad \text{as } \lambda \text{ is a prime, then } \lambda|A \quad (3.108)$$

From (3.106), as  $\lambda|p'$  we have:

$$\lambda|B^n C^l \Rightarrow \lambda|B^n \quad \text{or } \lambda|C^l \quad (3.109)$$

If  $\lambda|B^n$ ,  $\lambda$  is a prime  $\lambda|B$ , but  $C^l = A^m + B^n$ , then we have also :

$$\lambda|C^l \quad \text{as } \lambda \text{ is a prime, then } \lambda|C \quad (3.110)$$

By the same way, if  $\lambda|C^l$ , we obtain  $\lambda|B$ . then :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

## II. Case $p'$ is a prime number:

We suppose now that  $p'$  is prime, from the equations (3.106) and (3.107), we obtain that:

$$p'|A^{2m} \Rightarrow p'|A^m \Rightarrow p'|A \quad (3.111)$$

and:

$$p'|B^n C^l \Rightarrow p'|B^n \quad \text{or } p'|C^l \quad (3.112)$$

$$\text{If } p'|B^n \Rightarrow p'|B \quad (3.113)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } C^l = A^m + B^n \quad \text{and that } p'|A, p'|B \Rightarrow p'|A^m, p'|B^n \Rightarrow p'|C^l \\ \Rightarrow p'|C \end{aligned} \quad (3.114)$$

By the same way, if  $p'|C^l$ , we arrive to  $p'|B$ .

Hence:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

### 3.2.2.5. Case $b = 2p$ and $3|a$ : We have:

$$\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3a'}{2p} \implies A^{2m} = \frac{4p.a}{3b} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \frac{3a'}{2p} = 2a' \implies 2|A^m \implies 2|a \implies 2|a'$$

Then  $2|a$  and  $2|b$  which is contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

### 3.2.2.6. Case $b = 4p$ and $3|a$ : We have :

$$\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3a'}{4p} \implies A^{2m} = \frac{4p.a}{3b} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \frac{3a'}{4p} = a'$$

Calculate  $A^m B^n$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} A^m B^n &= \frac{p\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} - \frac{2p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{p\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} - \frac{a'}{2} \implies \\ A^m B^n + \frac{A^{2m}}{2} &= \frac{p\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} \end{aligned} \quad (3.115)$$

let:

$$A^{2m} + 2A^m B^n = \frac{2p\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} \quad (3.116)$$

The left member of (3.116) is an integer and  $p$  is an integer, then  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}\sin\frac{2\theta}{3}$  will be written:

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}\sin\frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \quad (3.117)$$

where  $k_1, k_2$  are two coprime integers and  $k_2|p \implies p = k_2.k_3$ .

**I. Case  $k_3 \neq 1$ :**

Firstly, we suppose that  $k_3 \neq 1$ . Hence:

$$A^{2m} + 2A^m B^n = k_3.k_1 \quad (3.118)$$

Let  $\mu$  a prime integer and  $\mu|k_3$ , then  $\mu|A^m(A^m + 2B^n) \implies \boxed{\mu|A^m \text{ or } \mu|(A^m + 2B^n)}$ .

**I.1. Case  $\mu|A^m$ :**

If  $\mu|A^m \implies \mu|(A^{2m} = a') \implies \mu|(3a' = a)$ . As  $\mu|k_3 \implies \mu|p \implies \mu|(4p = b)$ . Then the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

**I.2. Case  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ :**

If  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n) \implies \mu \nmid A^m$  and  $\mu \nmid 2B^n$  then:

$$\mu \neq 2 \text{ and } \mu \nmid B^n \quad (3.119)$$

$\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ , we write:

$$A^m + 2B^n = \mu.t' \quad t' \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad (3.120)$$

Then :

$$\begin{aligned} A^m + B^n = \mu t' - B^n &\implies A^{2m} + B^{2n} + 2A^m B^n = \mu^2 t'^2 - 2t' \mu B^n + B^{2n} \\ &\implies p = t'^2 \mu^2 - 2t' B^n \mu + B^n (B^n - A^m) \end{aligned} \quad (3.121)$$

As  $b = 4p = 4k_2.k_3$  and  $\mu|k_3$  then  $\mu|b \implies \exists \mu' \in \mathbb{N}^*$  that  $b = \mu\mu'$ , we obtain:

$$\mu' \mu = \mu(4\mu t'^2 - 8t' B^n) + 4B^n (B^n - A^m) \quad (3.122)$$

The last equation implies  $\mu|4B^n(B^n - A^m)$ , but  $\mu \neq 2$  then  $\boxed{\mu|B^n \text{ or } \mu|(B^n - A^m)}$ .

**I.2.1. Case  $\mu|B^n$ :**

If  $\mu|B^n$  then the contradiction with (3.119).

**I.2.2. Case  $\mu|(B^n - A^m)$ :**

If  $\mu|(B^n - A^m)$  and using  $\mu|(A^m + 2B^n)$ , we obtain:

$$\boxed{\mu|3B^n \implies \mu|B^n \text{ or } \mu = 3} \quad (3.123)$$

**I.2.2.1. Case  $\mu|B^n$ :**

If  $\mu|B^n$  it is contradiction with (3.119).

**I.2.2.2. Case  $\mu = 3$ :**

If  $\mu = 3$ , then  $b = 3\mu'$ , but  $3|a$  which is contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

## II. Case $k_3 = 1$ :

We assume now  $k_3 = 1$ . Hence:

$$A^{2m} + 2A^m B^n = k_1 \quad (3.124)$$

$$p = k_2 \quad (3.125)$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1}{p} \quad (3.126)$$

Taking the square of the last equation, we obtain:

$$\frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \frac{2\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1^2}{p^2}$$

$$\frac{16}{3} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{k_1^2}{p^2}$$

$$\frac{16}{3} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \cdot \frac{3a'}{b} = \frac{k_1^2}{p^2}$$

Finally:

$$a'(4p - 3a') = k_1^2 \quad (3.127)$$

but  $a' = a'^2$  then  $4p - 3a'$  is a square. Let us:

$$\lambda^2 = 4p - 3a' = 4p - a = b - a \quad (3.128)$$

The equation (3.127) becomes:

$$a'^2 \lambda^2 = k_1^2 \implies k_1 = a'' \lambda \quad (3.129)$$

taking the positive square root. Using (3.124), we get :

$$k_1 = a'' \lambda \quad (3.130)$$

But  $k_1 = A^m(A^m + 2B^n) = a''(A^m + 2B^n)$ , it follows:

$$(A^m + 2B^n) = \lambda \quad (3.131)$$

Let  $\lambda_1$  prime  $\neq 2$ , a divisor of  $\lambda$  (if not  $\lambda_1 = 2|\lambda \implies 2|\lambda^2$ . As  $2|(b = 4p) \implies 2|(a = 3a')$  which is contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime).

We consider  $\lambda_1 \neq 2$  and :

$$\lambda_1|\lambda \implies \lambda_1|(A^m + 2B^n) \quad (3.132)$$

$$\implies \lambda_1 \nmid A^m \quad \text{if not} \quad \lambda_1|2B^n \quad (3.133)$$

But  $\lambda_1 \neq 2$  hence  $\lambda_1|B^n \implies \lambda_1|B$ , it follows:

$$\lambda_1|(b = 4p) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_1|A^m \implies \lambda_1|2a'' \implies \lambda_1|a \quad (3.134)$$

hence the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

**II.1. Case  $\lambda_1 \nmid A^m$ ,  $\lambda_1 \nmid B^n$  and  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)$ :**

We assume now  $\lambda_1 \nmid A^m$ ,  $\lambda_1 \nmid B^n$ .  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)^2$  that is  $\lambda_1 | (A^{2m} + 4A^m B^n + 4B^{2n})$ , we write it as  $\lambda_1 | (p + 3A^m B^n + 3B^{2n}) \implies \lambda_1 | (p + 3B^n(A^m + 2B^n) - 3B^{2n})$ . But  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n) \implies \lambda_1 | (p - 3B^{2n})$ , as  $\lambda_1 | (4p - a)$  hence by difference, we obtain  $\lambda_1 | (a - 3(B^{2n} + p))$  or  $\lambda_1 | (3a' - 3(B^{2n} + p)) \implies \lambda_1 | 3(a' - B^{2n} - p) \implies \boxed{\lambda_1 = 3 \text{ or } \lambda_1 | (a' - (B^{2n} + p))}$ .

**II.1.1. Case  $\lambda_1 = 3$ :**

If  $\lambda_1 = 3 | \lambda \implies 3 | \lambda^2 \implies 3 | b - a$  but  $3 | a \implies 3 | (p = b)$  hence the contradiction with  $a, b$  coprime.

**II.1.2. Case  $\lambda_1 | (a' - (B^{2n} + p))$ :**

If  $\lambda_1 \neq 3$  and  $\lambda_1 | (a' - B^{2n} - p) \implies \lambda_1 | (A^m B^n + B^{2n}) \implies \lambda_1 | B^n (A^m + 2B^n) \implies \boxed{\lambda_1 | B^n \text{ or } \lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)}$ .

**II.1.2.1. Case  $\lambda_1 | B^n$ :**

If  $\lambda_1 | B^n$  that is in contradiction with the hypothesis  $\lambda_1 \nmid B$  cited above case II.1.

**II.1.2.2. Case  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)$ :**

If  $\lambda_1 | (A^m + 2B^n)$ . We refine this condition in the case II.1.

Then the case  $k_3 = 1$  is impossible.

**3.2.2.7. Case  $3 | a$  and  $b = 2p' b \neq 2$  with  $p' | p$  :**  $3 | a \implies a = 3a'$ ,  $b = 2p'$  with  $p = k.p'$ , hence:

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4.p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4.k.p'.3.a'}{6p'} = 2.k.a' \quad (3.135)$$

Calculate  $B^n C^l$ :

$$B^n C^l = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3} - \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) \quad (3.136)$$

But  $\sqrt[3]{\rho^2} = \frac{p}{3}$  hence en using  $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{3.a'}{b}$ :

$$B^n C^l = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3.a'}{b} \right) = p \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{4.a'}{b} \right) = k(p' - 2a') \quad (3.137)$$

As  $p = b.p'$ , and  $p' > 1$ , we have then:

$$B^n C^l = k(p' - 2a') \quad (3.138)$$

$$\text{and } A^{2m} = 2k.a' \quad (3.139)$$

**I. Case  $\lambda$  is a prime divisor of  $k$ :**

We suppose that  $\lambda$  is a prime divisor of  $k$  (we suppose  $k$  not a prime ). From (3.139), we have:

$$\lambda | A^{2m} \implies \lambda | A^m \quad \text{as } \lambda \text{ is prime then } \lambda | A \quad (3.140)$$

From (3.138), as  $\lambda|k$ , we have:

$$\lambda|B^n C^l \Rightarrow \lambda|B^n \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda|C^l \quad (3.141)$$

If  $\lambda|B^n$ ,  $\lambda$  is prime  $\lambda|B$ , and as  $C^l = A^m + B^n$  then we have also:

$$\lambda|C^l \quad \text{as } \lambda \text{ is prime then } \lambda|C \quad (3.142)$$

By the same way, if  $\lambda|C^l$ , we obtain  $\lambda|B$ . Then :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

## II. Case $k$ is prime:

Now, we suppose now that  $k$  is prime, from the equations (3.138) and (3.139), we obtain:

$$k|A^{2m} \Rightarrow k|A^m \Rightarrow k|A \quad (3.143)$$

and:

$$k|B^n C^l \Rightarrow k|B^n \quad \text{or} \quad k|C^l \quad (3.144)$$

$$\text{if } k|B^n \Rightarrow k|B \quad (3.145)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{as } C^l = A^m + B^n \quad \text{and that } k|A, k|B \Rightarrow k|A^m, k|B^n \Rightarrow k|C^l \\ \Rightarrow k|C \end{aligned} \quad (3.146)$$

By the same way, if  $k|C^l$ , we arrive to  $k|B$ .

Hence:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**3.2.2.8. Case  $3|a$  and  $b = 4p'$   $b \neq 2$  with  $p'|p$  :**  $3|a \Rightarrow a = 3a'$ ,  $b = 4p'$  with  $p = k.p'$ ,  $k \neq 1$ , if not,  $b = 4p$  a case that has been studied (paragraph 3.2.2.6), then we have :

$$A^{2m} = \frac{4.p}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4.k.p'.3.a'}{12p'} = k.a' \quad (3.147)$$

Writing  $B^n C^l$ :

$$B^n C^l = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3} - \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) \quad (3.148)$$

But  $\sqrt[3]{\rho^2} = \frac{p}{3}$ , hence en using  $\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{3.a'}{b}$ :

$$B^n C^l = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3.a'}{b} \right) = p \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{4.a'}{b} \right) = k(p' - a') \quad (3.149)$$

As  $p = b.p'$ , and  $p' > 1$ , we have:

$$B^n C^l = k(p' - 2a') \quad (3.150)$$

$$\text{and } A^{2m} = 2k.a' \quad (3.151)$$

## I. Case $\lambda$ a prime divisor of $k$ :

Let  $\lambda$  a prime divisor of  $k$  (we suppose  $k$  not a prime). From (3.151), we have:

$$\lambda|A^{2m} \Rightarrow \lambda|A^m \quad \text{as } \lambda \text{ is prime then } \lambda|A \quad (3.152)$$

From (3.150), as  $\lambda|k$  we obtain:

$$\lambda|B^n C^l \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda|B^n \text{ or } \lambda|C^l} \quad (3.153)$$

**I.1 Case  $\lambda|B^n$  or  $\lambda|C^n$ :**

If  $\lambda|B^n$ ,  $\lambda$  is a prime, then  $\lambda|B$ , and as  $\lambda|A \Rightarrow \lambda|(A^m + B^n = C^l) \Rightarrow \lambda|C$ . By the same way if  $\lambda|C^l$ , we obtain  $\lambda|B$ . Then :  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**II. Case  $k$  is prime:**

We suppose now that  $k$  is prime, from the equations (3.150) and (3.151), we have:

$$k|A^{2m} \Rightarrow k|A^m \Rightarrow k|A \quad (3.154)$$

and:

$$k|B^n C^l \Rightarrow k|B^n \text{ or } k|C^l \quad (3.155)$$

$$\text{if } k|B^n \Rightarrow k|B \quad (3.156)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{as } C^l = A^m + B^n \text{ and that } k|A, k|B \Rightarrow k|A^m, k|B^n \Rightarrow k|C^l \\ \Rightarrow k|C \end{aligned} \quad (3.157)$$

By the same way if  $k|C^l$ , we arrive to  $k|B$ .

Hence:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**3.2.2.9. Case  $3|a$  and  $b|4p$ :**  $a = 3a'$  and  $4p = k_1 b$  with  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . As  $A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4p}{3} \frac{3a'}{b} = k_1 a'$  and  $B^n C^l$ :

$$B^n C^l = \sqrt[3]{\rho^2} \left( 3 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3} - \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{p}{3} \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3a'}{b} \right) = \frac{k_1}{4} (b - 4a') \quad (3.158)$$

As  $B^n C^l$  is an integer, we must have  $\boxed{4|k_1 \text{ or } 4|(b - 4a')}$ .

**I. Case  $k_1 = 1$ :**

If  $k_1 = 1 \Rightarrow b = 4p$ : it is the case (3.2.2.6) above.

**II. Case  $k_1 = 4$ :**

If  $k_1 = 4 \Rightarrow p = b$ : it is the case (3.2.2.3) above.

**III. Case  $4|k_1$ :**

We suppose that  $4|k_1$  with  $k_1 > 4 \Rightarrow k_1 = 4k'_1$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{2m} &= 4k'_1 a' \\ B^n C^l &= k'_1 (b - 4a') \end{aligned}$$

By discussing  $k'_1$  is a prime integer or not, we arrive easily to:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor.

**III.1. Case  $4 \nmid (b - 4a')$  and  $4 \nmid k'_1$ :**

If  $4 \nmid (b - 4a')$  and  $4 \nmid k'_1$  it is impossible.

### III.2. Case $4 \mid (b - 4a')$ :

If  $4 \mid (b - 4a') \Rightarrow (b - 4a') = 4c$ , with  $c \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , then we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{2m} &= k_1 a' \\ B^n C^l &= k_1 c \end{aligned}$$

By discussing  $k_1$  is a prime integer or not, we arrive easily to:  $A, B$  and  $C$  solutions of (2.2) have a common factor. □

The main theorem is proved.

## 4 Numerical Examples

### 4.1 Example 1:

We consider the example:

$$6^3 + 3^3 = 3^5 \quad (4.1)$$

with  $A^m = 6^3$ ,  $B^n = 3^3$  and  $C^l = 3^5$ . With the notations used in the paper, we obtain:

$$p = 3^6 \times 73, \quad (4.2)$$

$$q = 8 \times 3^{11}, \quad (4.3)$$

$$\bar{\Delta} = 4 \times 3^{11} (3^6 \times 4^2 - 73^3) < 0, \quad (4.4)$$

$$\rho = \frac{p\sqrt{p}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3^8 \times 73\sqrt{73}}{3}, \quad (4.5)$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{4 \times 3^3 \times \sqrt{3}}{73\sqrt{73}} \quad (4.6)$$

As  $A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \Rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{3A^{2m}}{4p} = \frac{3 \times 2^4}{73} = \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow a = 3 \times 2^4$ ,  $b = 73$ ;  
then:

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{73}} \quad (4.7)$$

$$p = 3^6 b \quad (4.8)$$

Let us verify the equation (4.6) using the equation (4.7):

$$\cos\theta = \cos 3(\theta/3) = 4\cos^3 \frac{\theta}{3} - 3\cos \frac{\theta}{3} = 4 \left( \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{73}} \right)^3 - 3 \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{73}} = -\frac{4 \times 3^3 \times \sqrt{3}}{73\sqrt{73}} \quad (4.9)$$

That's OK. For this example, we can use the two conditions of (3.10) as  $3 \mid p, b \mid 4p$  and  $3 \mid a$ . The cases **3.2.1.3** and **3.2.2.4** are respectively used. We find for both cases that  $A^m, B^n$  and  $C^l$  of the equation (4.1) have a common prime factor which is true.

## 4.2 Example 2:

Let the second example:

$$7^4 + 7^3 = 14^3 \Rightarrow 2401 + 343 = 2744 \quad (4.10)$$

With the notation of the paper, we take:

$$A^m = 7^4 \quad (4.11)$$

$$B^n = 7^3 \quad (4.12)$$

$$C^l = 14^3 \quad (4.13)$$

We obtain:

$$p = 57 \times 7^6 = 3 \times 19 \times 7^6 \quad (4.14)$$

$$q = 8 \times 7^6 \quad (4.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Delta} &= 27q^2 - 4p^3 = 27 \times 4 \times 7^{18} (16 \times 49 - 19^3) \\ &= -27 \times 4 \times 7^{18} \times 6075 < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

$$\rho = \frac{p\sqrt{p}}{3\sqrt{3}} = 19 \times 7^9 \times \sqrt{19} \quad (4.17)$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{-q}{2\rho} = -\frac{4 \times 7}{19\sqrt{19}} \quad (4.18)$$

As  $A^{2m} = \frac{4p}{3} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \Rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{3A^{2m}}{4p} = \frac{7^2}{4 \times 19} = \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow a = 7^2, b = 4 \times 19$ ;  
then:

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{7}{2\sqrt{19}} \quad (4.19)$$

$$3|p \text{ and } b|(4p) \quad (4.20)$$

Let us verify the equation (4.18) using the equation (4.19):

$$\cos\theta = \cos 3(\theta/3) = 4\cos^3 \frac{\theta}{3} - 3\cos \frac{\theta}{3} = 4 \left( \frac{7}{2\sqrt{19}} \right)^3 - 3 \frac{7}{2\sqrt{19}} = -\frac{4 \times 7}{19\sqrt{19}} \quad (4.21)$$

It is the same value of (4.18)!

Now, from (4.20), we have  $3|p \Rightarrow p = 3p', b|(4p)$  with  $b \neq 2, 4$  then  $12p' = k_1 b = 3 \times 7^6 b$ . It concerns the paragraph **3.2.1.9.** of the first hypothesis. As  $k_1 = 3 \times 7^6 = 3k'_1$  with  $k'_1 = 7^6 \neq 1$ . It is the case **III.**, with the two conditions:  $4|(3b - 4a)$  or  $4|k'_1$ . We take  $4|(3b - 4a)$ . Let us calculate  $3b - 4a$ :

$$3b - 4a = 3 \times 4 \times 19 - 4 \times 7^2 = 32 \Rightarrow 4|(3b - 4a) \quad (4.22)$$

Then it is the sous-case **III.1.** with  $A^{2m} = 7^8 = 7^6 \times 7^2 = k'_1 \cdot a$  with  $k'_1$  not a prime, we find the sous-case **III.1.2** with the result that  $A, B$  and  $C$  have a common factor namely the prime number 7 a divisor of  $k'_1 = 7^6$ !

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