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Abstract

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Examples:

1. Since $3^3 + 6^3 = 3^5$, 3, 6 and 3; cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle.

2. Similarly, since $2^9 + 8^3 = 4^5$, 2, 8, and 4 cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle.

However, for $2^3 + 2^3 = 2^4$, 2, 2 and 2 can be the lengths of the sides of a triangle since the sum of the lengths of any two sides is greater than the length of the third side. (Note: $2 + 2 > 2$)

Note the following::

In any triangle, the sum of the lengths of any two sides is greater than the length of the third side. For A , B , and C to form a triangle, **1.** $A + B > C$, **2.** $A + C > B$, and **3.** $B + C > A$.

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The requirement is that one should prove that if $A^x + B^y = C^z$, where A, B, C, x, y, z are positive integers, $x, y, z > 2$, and $A \neq B \neq C \neq 2$, then A , B , and C cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle.

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PS:

An interesting observation, above, is the prime number, 2. In the Pythagorean theorem, each exponent equals 2, but in the exception to the above conjecture, each base equals 2, ($2^3 + 2^3 = 2^4$ is true), but the exponent on the second term on the left is a repetition of the first exponent. Generally, $a^n + a^n = a^{n+1}$ is true only if $a = 2$.

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