

## Beal Conjecture Convincing Proof

"5% of the people think; 10% of the people think that they think; and the other 85% would rather die than think."---Thomas Edison

"The simplest solution is usually the best solution"---Albert Einstein

### Abstract

The author proves directly the original Beal conjecture that if  $A^x + B^y = C^z$ , where  $A, B, C, x, y, z$  are positive integers and  $x, y, z > 2$ , then  $A, B$  and  $C$  have a common prime factor. In the numerical examples, two approaches have been used to change the sum,  $A^x + B^y$ , of two powers to a single power,  $C^z$ . In one approach, the application of factorization is the main principle, while in the other approach, a derived formula from  $A^x + B^y$  was applied. The two approaches changed the sum  $A^x + B^y$  to the single power,  $C^z$ , perfectly. The derived formula confirmed the validity of the assumption that it is necessary that the sum  $A^x + B^y$  has a common prime factor before  $C^z$  can be derived. It was shown that if  $A^x + B^y = C^z$ , where  $A, B, C, x, y, z$  are positive integers and  $x, y, z > 2$ , then  $A, B$  and  $C$  have a common prime factor.

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## Preliminaries

### Process and Requirements Involved in Changing the Sum of Two Powers to a Single Power

The process will be guided as follows. There is a sum of two powers  $A^x + B^y$ . One will write this sum as a single power  $C^z$  such that  $A^x + B^y = C^z$ , noting that  $A, B, C, x, y, z$  are positive integers and  $x, y, z > 2$ .

The necessary condition is that the two powers must have a common power as exemplified below. If this requirement is not satisfied, the sum of the two powers cannot be changed to a single power, because of the intermediate product step.

Two main steps are involved in changing the sum  $A^x + B^y$  to a single power  $C^z$ .

#### Step 1

In step 1, the **sum** of the two powers is changed to a **product** by factorization and also by a derived formula. The factorization is a common "monomial" factoring which involves a division process. It is the quotient involved which requires the common prime factor requirement so that the resulting product satisfies the requirements,  $A, B, x, y$  are positive integers and  $x, y, z > 2$ . Thus,  $A$  and  $B$  must have common prime factor (as illustrated below) for the division result to satisfy the conditions where  $A, B, x, y$  are positive integers and  $x, y, z > 2$ . Any product obtained also has the same common prime factor as the sum of the powers. Note below as in Approach A that it is the second term (a quotient) of the critical sum, where some of the common factors are needed for cancellation and simplification.

Approach A		Approach B
Without factoring the powers first		Factoring each power first (more efficient)
Change $34^5 + 51^4$ to a single term		Change $34^5 + 51^4$ to a single term
$= 34^5 \left( 1 + \frac{51^4}{34^5} \right) \quad (A)$ <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;"> <math>\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{critical sum}}</math> </div>	(factoring out the $34^5$ )	$= (17 \cdot 2)^5 + (17 \cdot 3)^4$ $= 17^5 \cdot 2^5 + 17^4 \cdot 3^4$ $= 17^4 \underbrace{(17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4)}_{\text{critical sum}}$
$= 34^5 \left( 1 + \frac{17^4 \cdot 3^4}{17^5 \cdot 2^5} \right) \quad (B)$	(some common factors divided out)	$= 17^4 (17 \cdot 32 + 81)$
$= 17^5 \cdot 2^5 \left( 1 + \frac{3^4}{17 \cdot 2^5} \right) \quad (C)$		$= 17^4 (625)$
$= 17^5 \cdot 2^5 \left( \frac{17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4}{17 \cdot 2^5} \right) \quad (D)$	Critical sum satisfies $A, B, x, y$ being, positive integers; $x, y, z > 2$ .	$= 17^4 (5^4)$
$= 17^4 \underbrace{(17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4)}_{\text{critical sum}} \leftarrow \text{-----} (E)$		$= (17 \cdot 5)^4$
$= 17^4 (625)$		$= 85^4$
$= 17^4 (5^4)$		
$= (17 \cdot 5)^4$		
$= 85^4$		

Note above that Steps (A) to (C) constitute Step 1.

Note also that Approach B takes less steps.

**Step 2:** In Step 2, the product from step 1 is changed to a single power.

**Example 1A:**  $2^3 + 2^3 = 2^4$       $A = 2, B = 2, C = 2, x = 3, y = 3, z = 4, A^x + B^y = C^z$ .

Change the sum  $2^3 + 2^3$  to a single power of 2.

Factor out the greatest common factor.

$$2^3 + 2^3$$

$$= 2^3(\underbrace{1+1}_{\text{critical sum}}) \quad (\text{G}) < \text{-----}$$

$$= 2^3(2)$$

$$= 2^4$$

This step requires that  $2^3$  and  $2^3$  have a common prime factor

It is interesting how the "(1+1)" provided the much needed 2.

The  $2^4$  must have a common factor as  $2^3$  and  $2^3$ , from which it was obtained..  
From above, the common prime factor is 2,

**Example 1B Using the derived formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$

Let  $r, s$  and  $t$  be prime factors of  $A, B$  and  $C$  respectively, where  $D, E$  and  $F$  are positive integers. Then  $A = Dr, B = Es$ , and  $C = Ft$ ,  $(Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z$

(from  $A^x + B^y = C^z$ ) . Also  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ , where  $s = r$ .

Assuming that  $A$  and  $B$  have a common prime factor  $r$ , the above equation becomes

$(Dr)^x + (Er)^y = (Ft)^z$ . From the left-hand side of this equation, one obtains the conversion

formula,  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$ . This formula will be applied to numerical equations to test the validity of the assumption that  $A$ , and  $B$  have a common prime factor before being converted to  $C$ .

**Conversion Formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$ , where  $r = s$  (i.e.,  $A$  and  $B$  have a common prime factor)

The conversion formula will convert the two-term sum  $A^x + B^y$  to a single term,  $C^z$ .

<p>For the left-hand-side Change <math>2^3 + 2^3</math> to a single term <math>(1 \bullet 2)^3 + (1 \bullet 2)^3 = (1 \bullet 2)^4</math> <math>r = 2, D = 1, x = 3, E = 1, y = 3</math> <math>= 2^3(1^3 + 1^3 \bullet 2^{3-3})</math> <math>= 2^3(1 + 2^0)</math> <math>= 2^3(1 + 1)</math> <math>= 2^3(2)</math> <math>= 2^4</math></p>	<p>For the right-hand side <math>F = 1, t = r = 2, z = 4</math> <math>F^z t^z = 1 \bullet 2^4</math> <math>= 2^4</math> Observe above that it has been shown that <math>r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z</math></p>
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**Example 1B** confirmed the assumption that it is necessary that the sum  $A^x + B^y$  has a common prime factor before  $C^z$  can be derived. (from the formula  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ ).

**Example 2A**  $7^6 + 7^7 = 98^3$   $A = 7, B = 7, C = 98, x = 6, y = 7, z = 3, A^x + B^y = C^z$   
 Change the sum  $7^6 + 7^7$  to a single power of 98.

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $7^6 + 7^7$ $= 7^6(\underbrace{1+7}_{\substack{\text{critical} \\ \text{sum}}}) \quad (G) \leftarrow \text{-----}$ $= 7^6(8)$ $= 7^6(2^3)$ $= (7^2)^3(2^3)$ $= (7^2 \bullet 2)^3$ $= (49 \bullet 2)^3$ $= (98)^3$ $= 98^3$ <p>Note that if <math>7^6 + 7^7</math> did not have any common factor, one could not factor, and one will not be able to write the sum as a product and subsequently change the product to power form.</p>	<p>This step requires that <math>7^6</math> and <math>7^7</math> have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the "(1+7)" provided the much needed <math>2^3</math>.</p>
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Since  $98^3$  was obtained from the sum  $7^6 + 7^7$ , which has a common prime factor 7,  $98^3$  has the same common prime factor, 7. Therefore  $7^6, 7^7$  and  $98^3$  have the common prime factor of 7.

**Example 2B Using the derived formula:**  $\text{Formula} : r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$

Let  $r, s$  and  $t$  be prime factors of  $A, B$  and  $C$  respectively, where  $D, E$  and  $F$  are positive integers. Then  $A = Dr, B = Es$ , and  $C = Ft, (Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z$

$$7^6 + 7^7 = 98^3$$

$$(1 \bullet 7)^6 + (1 \bullet 7)^7 = (14 \bullet 7)^3$$

**Conversion Formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ , where  $r = s$  (i.e.,  $A$  and  $B$  have a common prime factor)

<p>For the left-hand-side</p> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{Formula} : r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})</math></span> $r = 7, D = 1, x = 6, E = 1, y = 7$ $= 7^6(1^6 + 1^7 \bullet 7^{7-6})$ $= 7^6(1 + 1 \bullet 7)$ $= 7^6(1 + 7)$ $= 7^6(8)$ $= 7^6 \bullet 2^3$ $= (7^2)^3 \bullet 2^3$ $= (7^2 \bullet 2)^3$ $= (49 \bullet 2)^3$ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>= 98^3</math></span>	<p>For the right-hand side</p> $F = 14, t = r = 7, z = 3$ $(Ft)^z = (14 \bullet 7)^3$ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>= 98^3</math></span> <p>Observe above that it has been shown that <math>r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z</math>.</p>
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**Example 2B** confirmed the assumption that it is necessary that the sum  $A^x + B^y$  has a common prime factor before  $C^z$  can be derived. (from the formula  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ ).

**Example 3A:**  $3^3 + 6^3 = 3^5$   $A = 3, B = 6, C = 3, x = 3, y = 3, z = 5, A^x + B^y = C^z$

Change the sum  $3^3 + 6^3$  to a single power of 3..

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $3^3 + 6^3$ $= 3^3 + (3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^3 + 3^3 \cdot 2^3$ $= 3^3 \underbrace{(1 + 2^3)}_{\substack{\text{critical} \\ \text{sum}}} \quad \text{(G)} < \text{-----}$ $= 3^3(1 + 8)$ $= 3^3(9)$ $= 3^3 \cdot 3^2$ $= 3^5$	<p>This step requires that <math>3^3</math> and <math>6^3</math> have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the "(1 + 8)" provided the much needed <math>3^2</math>.</p>
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Since  $3^5$  was obtained from the sum  $3^3 + 6^3$ , which has a common prime factor, 3,  $3^5$  has the same common prime factor, 3,

**Example 3B Using the derived formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$

Let  $r, s$  and  $t$  be prime factors of  $A, B$  and  $C$  respectively, where  $D, E$  and  $F$  are positive integers. Then  $A = Dr, B = Es$ , and  $C = Ft, (Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z$

$$3^3 + 6^3 = 3^5$$

$$(1 \cdot 3)^3 + (2 \cdot 3)^3 = (1 \cdot 3)^5$$

**Conversion Formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ , where  $r = s$  (i.e., A and B have a common prime factor)

<p>For the left-hand-side</p> $\text{Formula : } r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$ $(1 \cdot 3)^3 + (2 \cdot 3)^3 = (1 \cdot 3)^5$ $r = 3, D = 1, x = 3, E = 2, y = 3$ $= 3^3(1^3 + 2^3 \cdot 3^{3-3})$ $= 3^3(1 + 2^3 \cdot 1)$ $= 3^3(1 + 2^3)$ $= 3^3(1 + 8)$ $= 3^3(9)$ $= 3^3(3^2)$ $= 3^5$	<p>For the right-hand side</p> $F = 1, t = r = 3, z = 5$ $(Ft)^z = (1 \cdot 3)^5$ $= 3^5$ <p>Observe above that it has been shown that <math>r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z</math>.</p>
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**Example 3B** confirmed the assumption that it is necessary that the sum  $A^x + B^y$  has a common prime factor before  $C^z$  can be derived (from the formula  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ ).

**Example 4A**  $2^9 + 8^3 = 4^5$       $A = 2, B = 8, C = 4, x = 9, y = 3, z = 5, A^x + B^y = C^z$   
 Change the sum  $2^9 + 8^3$  to a single power of 4.

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $2^9 + 8^3$ $= 2^9 + (2^3)^3$ $= 2^9 + 2^9$ $= 2^9(1+1) \quad \text{(G)} \leftarrow \text{-----}$ <p style="margin-left: 40px;">critical sum</p> $= 2^9 \cdot 2$ $= 2^{10}$ $= (2^2)^5$ $= (4)^5$ $= 4^5$	<p>This step requires that <math>2^9</math> and <math>8^3</math> have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the "(1 + 1)" provided the much needed 2.</p>
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Since  $4^5$  was obtained from the sum  $2^9 + 8^3$ , which has a common prime factor, 2,  $4^5$  has the same common prime factor, 2,

**Example 4B Using the derived formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$

Let  $r, s$  and  $t$  be prime factors of  $A, B$  and  $C$  respectively, where  $D, E$  and  $F$  are positive integers. Then  $A = Dr, B = Es$ , and  $C = Ft, (Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z$

$$2^9 + 8^3 = 4^5$$

$$(1 \cdot 2)^9 + (4 \cdot 2)^3 = (2 \cdot 2)^5$$

**Conversion Formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ , where  $r = s$  (i.e.,  $A$  and  $B$  have a common prime factor)

<p>For the left-hand-side</p> $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$ $(1 \cdot 2)^9 + (4 \cdot 2)^3 = (2 \cdot 2)^5$ $r = 2, D = 1, x = 9, E = 4, y = 3$ $= 2^9(1^9 + 4^3 \cdot 2^{3-9})$ $= 2^9(1 + (2^2)^3 \cdot 2^{-6})$ $= 2^9(1 + 2^6 \cdot 2^{-6})$ $= 2^9(1 + 2^0)$ $= 2^9(1 + 1)$ $= 2^9(2)$ $= 2^{10}$ $= (2^2)^5$ $= 4^5$	<p>For the right-hand side</p> $F = 2, r = 2, z = 5$ $(Ft)^z = (2 \cdot 2)^5$ $= 4^5$ <p>Observe above that it has been shown that <math>r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z</math>.</p>
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**Example 4B** confirmed the assumption that it is necessary that the sum  $A^x + B^y$  has a common prime factor before  $C^z$  can be derived. (from the formula  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ ).

**Example 5A**  $34^5 + 51^4 = 85^4$   $A = 34, B = 51, C = 85, x = 5, y = 4, z = 4, A^x + B^y = C^z$   
 Change the sum  $34^5 + 51^4$  to a single power of 85.

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $34^5 + 51^4$ $= (17 \cdot 2)^5 + (17 \cdot 3)^4$ $= 17^5 \cdot 2^5 + 17^4 \cdot 3^4$ $= 17^4 \underbrace{(17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4)}_{\text{critical sum}} \quad (\text{G}) \leftarrow \text{-----}$ $= 17^4(17 \cdot 32 + 81)$ $= 17^4(625)$ $= 17^4(5^4)$ $= (17 \cdot 5)^4$ $= 85^4$	<p>This step requires that <math>34^5</math> and <math>51^4</math> have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the <math>\underbrace{17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4}_{\text{magic}}</math> provided the much needed <math>625 = 5^4</math></p>
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Since  $85^4$  was obtained from  $34^5$  and  $51^4$  which have the common prime factor, 17,  $85^4$  has the same common factor, 17.

**Example 5B Using the derived formula:**  $\boxed{\text{Formula : } r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})}$

Let  $r, s$  and  $t$  be prime factors of  $A, B$  and  $C$  respectively, where  $D, E$  and  $F$  are positive integers. Then  $A = Dr, B = Es$ , and  $C = Ft, \boxed{(Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z}$

$$34^5 + 51^4 = 85^4$$

$$(2 \cdot 17)^5 + (3 \cdot 17)^4 = (5 \cdot 17)^4$$

**Conversion Formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ , where  $r = s$  (i.e., A and B have a common prime factor)

<p>For the left-hand-side</p> $(2 \cdot 17)^5 + (3 \cdot 17)^4 = (5 \cdot 17)^4$ $\boxed{\text{Formula : } r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})}$ $r = 17, D = 2, x = 5, E = 3, y = 4$ $= 17^5(2^5 + 3^4 \cdot 17^{4-5})$ $= 17^5(2^5 + 3^4 \cdot 17^{-1})$ $= 17^5(2^5 + \frac{3^4}{17})$ $= 17^5(\frac{17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4}{17})$ $= 17^4(17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4)$ $= 17^4(17 \cdot 32 + 81)$ $= 17^4(625)$ $= 17^4(5^4)$ $= (17 \cdot 5)^4$ $\boxed{= 85^4}$	<p>For the right-hand side</p> $F = 5, t = r = 17, z = 4$ $\boxed{F^z t^z = 5^4 17^4}$ $= (5 \cdot 17)^4$ $\boxed{= 85^4}$ <p>Observe above that it has been shown that <math>r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z</math>.</p>
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Example 5B confirmed the assumption that it is necessary that the sum  $A^x + B^y$  has a common prime factor before  $C^z$  can be derived. (from the formula  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ ..)

**Example 6A:**  $3^9 + 54^3 = 3^{11}$      $A = 3, B = 54, C = 3, x = 9, y = 3, z = 11, A^x + B^y = C^z$   
 Change the sum  $3^9 + 54^3$  to a single power of 3.

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $3^9 + 54^3$ $= 3^9 + (9 \cdot 6)^3$ $= 3^9 + (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^9 + (3^3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^9 + 3^9 \cdot 2^3$ $= 3^9 \underbrace{(1 + 2^3)}_{\text{critical sum}} \quad (\text{G}) \leftarrow \text{-----}$ $= 3^9(1 + 8)$ $= 3^9(9)$ $= 3^9 \cdot 3^2$ $= 3^{11}$	<p>This step requires that <math>3^9</math> and <math>54^3</math> have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the <math>1 + 2^3</math> provided the much needed 9.</p> <p>.</p>
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Since  $3^{11}$  was obtained from  $3^9$  and  $54^3$  which have the common prime factor , 3.  $3^{11}$  has the common factor 3.

**Example 6B Using the derived formula:**  $\boxed{\text{Formula : } r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})}$

Let  $r, s$  and  $t$  be prime factors of  $A, B$  and  $C$  respectively, where  $D, E$  and  $F$  are positive integers. Then  $A = Dr, B = Es,$  and  $C = Ft, \boxed{(Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z}$   
 $3^9 + 54^3 = 3^{11}$   
 $(1 \cdot 3)^9 + (3 \cdot 18)^3 = (1 \cdot 3)^{11}$

**Conversion Formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ , where  $r = s$  (i.e., A and B have a common prime factor)

<p>For the left-hand-side</p> $(1 \cdot 3)^9 + (3 \cdot 18)^3 = (1 \cdot 3)^{11}$ $\boxed{\text{Formula : } r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})}$ $(1 \cdot 3)^9 + (18 \cdot 3)^3 = (1 \cdot 3)^{11}$ $r = 3, D = 1, x = 9, E = 18, y = 3$ $= 3^9(1^9 + 18^3 \cdot 3^{3-9})$ $= 3^9(1 + 3^6 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 3^{3-9})$ $= 3^9(1 + 3^6 \cdot 3^{3-9} \cdot 2^3)$ $= 3^9(1 + 2^3)$ $= 3^9(1 + 8)$ $= 3^9(9)$ $= 3^9(3^2)$ $\boxed{= 3^{11}}$	<p>For the right-hand side</p> $F = 1, r = 3, z = 11$ $(Ft)^z = (1 \cdot 3)^{11}$ $\boxed{= 3^{11}}$ <p>Observe above that it has been shown that <math>r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z</math>.</p>
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**Example 6B** confirmed the assumption that it is necessary that the sum  $A^x + B^y$  has a common prime factor before  $C^z$  can be derived. (from the formula  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ ).

**Example 7A:**  $33^5 + 66^5 = 33^6$   $A = 33, B = 66, C = 33, x = 5, y = 5, z = 6, A^x + B^y = C^z$   
 Change the sum  $33^5 + 66^5$  to a single power of 33..

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $33^5 + 66^5$ $= (11 \cdot 3)^5 + (11 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)^5$ $= 11^5 \cdot 3^5 + 11^5 \cdot 2^5 \cdot 3^5$ $= 11^5 \cdot 3^5 \underbrace{(1 + 2^5)}_{\text{critical sum}} \quad \text{(G)} \leftarrow \text{-----}$ $= (11 \cdot 3)^5 (1 + 2^5)$ $= 33^5 (33)$ $= 33^6$	<p>This step requires that <math>33^5</math> and <math>66^5</math> have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the <math>1 + 2^5</math> provided the much needed 33</p>
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Similarly, as from above,  $33^6$  has the common prime factors 3 and 11.

**Example 7B Using the derived formula:**  $\text{Formula : } r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$

Let  $r, s$  and  $t$  be prime factors of  $A, B$  and  $C$  respectively, where  $D, E$  and  $F$  are positive integers. Then  $A = Dr, B = Es$ , and  $C = Ft, (Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z$

$$33^5 + 66^5 = 33^6$$

$$(11 \cdot 3)^5 + (11 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)^5 = (11 \cdot 3)^6$$

**Conversion Formula:**  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ , where  $r = s$  (i.e.,  $A$  and  $B$  have a common prime factor)

For the left-hand-side		For the right-hand side
<p>There are two prime factors 3 and 11. Here one uses the prime factor 3.</p> $\text{Formula : } r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$ $(11 \cdot 3)^5 + (11 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)^5$ $r = 3, D = 11, x = 5, E = 22, y = 5$ $= 3^5(11^5 + 22^5 \cdot 3^{5-5})$ $= 3^5(11^5 + 22^5 \cdot 1)$ $= 3^5(11^5 + 22^5)$ $= 3^5(11^5 + (2^5 \cdot 11^5))$ $= 3^5 \cdot 11^5(1 + 2^5)$ $= (3 \cdot 11)^5(1 + 2^5)$ $= 33^5(1 + 2^5)$ $= 33^5(33)$ $= 33^6$	<p>Here one uses the prime factor ,11</p> $(11 \cdot 3)^5 + (11 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)^5$ $r = 11, D = 3, x = 5, E = 6, y = 5$ $= 11^5(3^5 + 6^5 \cdot 11^{5-5})$ $= 11^5(3^5 + 6^5 \cdot 1)$ $= 11^5(3^5 + 6^5)$ $= 11^5(3^5 + 2^5 \cdot 3^5)$ $= 11^5 \cdot 3^5(1 + 2^5)$ $= (11 \cdot 3)^5(1 + 2^5)$ $= 33^5(1 + 2^5)$ $= 33^5(33)$ $= 33^6$ <p><b>Note:</b> One gets the same result as using 3 as the prime factor.</p>	<p><b>For Prime factor, 3</b></p> $F = 11, t = 3, z = 6$ $(Ft)^z = (11 \cdot 3)^6$ $= 33^6$ <p><b>For Prime factor, 11</b></p> $F = 3, t = 11, z = 6$ $(Ft)^z = (3 \cdot 11)^6$ $= 33^6$ <p>Observe above that it has been shown that</p> $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$

Example 7B confirmed the assumption that it is necessary that the sum  $A^x + B^y$  has a common prime factor before  $C^z$  can be derived. (from the formula  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x}) = F^z t^z$ .)

**Example 8** is to show that the application of the substitution axiom is valid

$$\boxed{33^5 + 66^5 = 33^6}$$

$$33^5 + 66^5$$

$$33^5 \left( 1 + \frac{66^5}{33^5} \right)$$

$$33^5 \left( \frac{33^6}{33^6} + \frac{66^5}{33^5} \right) \leftarrow \frac{33^6}{33^6} = 1, \text{ applying the substitution axiom.}$$

$$= 33^5 \left( \frac{33^6 \bullet 33^5 + 33^6 \bullet 66^5}{33^6 \bullet 33^5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{33^6 \bullet 33^5 + 33^6 \bullet 66^5}{33^6}$$

$$= \frac{33^6(33^5 + 66^5)}{33^6}$$

$$= \frac{33^6(33^5 + 33^5 \bullet 2^5)}{33^6}$$

$$= \frac{33^6 \bullet 33^5(1 + 2^5)}{33^6}$$

$$= 33^5(1 + 2^5)$$

$$= 33^5(33)$$

$$= 33^6$$

**Note** above in Example 1, 2, 3 and 5 , 6 and 7, that the derivation of  $C^z$  from the sum  $A^x + B^y$  is more efficient by factoring than by applying the formula,  $r^x(D^x + E^y r^{y-x})$  .

## Generalized Conversion of $A^x + B^y$ to $C^z$ and Common Prime Factor Conclusion

**Given:**  $A^x + B^y = C^z$ ,  $A, B, C, x, y, z$  are positive integers and  $x, y, z > 2$ .

**Required:** To prove that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a common prime factor.

**Plan:** A necessary condition for  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  to have a common prime factor is that  $A$  and  $B$  must have a common prime factor. The proof would be complete after showing that If  $A$  and  $B$  have a common prime factor,  $C^z$  can be produced from the sum  $A^x + B^y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $r$  be a common prime factor of  $A$  and  $B$ . Then  $A = Dr$ , and  $B = Er$ , where  $D$  and  $E$  are positive integers. Also let  $t$  be a prime factor of  $C$ . Then  $C = Ft$ , where  $F$  is a positive integer. Beginning with  $(Dr)^x + (Er)^y$  one will change this sum to the single power,  $C^z = (Ft)^z$  as was done in the preliminaries.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (Dr)^x + (Er)^y \\
 = & (Dr)^x \left[ 1 + \frac{(Er)^y}{(Dr)^x} \right] && \text{(Factoring out the } (Dr)^x \text{)} \\
 = & (Dr)^x \left[ \frac{(Ft)^z}{(Ft)^z} + \frac{(Er)^y}{(Dr)^x} \right] && \left( \frac{(Ft)^z}{(Ft)^z} = 1, \text{ applying the substitution axiom} \right) \\
 = & (Dr)^x \left[ \frac{(Ft)^z (Dr)^x + (Ft)^z (Er)^y}{(Ft)^z (Dr)^x} \right] && \text{(Adding the terms within the brackets)} \\
 = & \frac{(Ft)^z (Dr)^x + (Ft)^z (Er)^y}{(Ft)^z} && \text{(canceling out the } (Dr)^x \text{)} \\
 = & \frac{(Ft)^z [(Dr)^x + (Er)^y]}{(Ft)^z} && \text{(Factoring out } (Ft)^z \text{)} \\
 = & \frac{(Ft)^z \bullet (Ft)^z}{(Ft)^z} && (Dr)^x + (Er)^y = (Fr)^z \\
 = & (Ft)^z
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $C^z = (Ft)^z$  was obtained from  $A^x = (Dr)^x$  and  $B^y = (Er)^y$  which have the common prime factor  $r$ ,  $C^z$  also has the common prime factor,  $r$ . and one can write  $(Dr)^x + (Er)^y = (Fr)^z$ , where  $t = r$ . Therefore,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a common prime factor.

### Conclusion

The main principle in this paper is that the two powers,  $A^x$  and  $B^y$  of a common prime factor are being added to form a single third power,  $C^z$ . A factorization process and a conversion formula derived from  $A^x + B^y$  tested perfectly in converting  $A^x + B^y$  to  $C^z$  on the numerical sample equations. Thus the conversion formula confirmed the necessity that  $A$  and  $B$  must have a common prime factor, otherwise, the sum  $A^x + B^y$  cannot be converted to a single power of  $C$ . Step (G) in each numerical equation requires that  $A$  and  $B$  have a common power. Since  $C$  is derived from  $A^x + B^y$ ,  $C$  will have the same common factor as  $A^x + B^y$ . Therefore, without  $A^x + B^y$  with a common factor, there would be no  $C$ . Note in the examples that  $C$  is derived solely from the sum  $A^x + B^y$ . Thus, to derive  $C$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  must have a common prime factor, and if  $C$  is derived from  $A^x + B^y$  with a common prime factor,  $C$  will also have the same common prime factor. Therefore if  $A^x + B^y = C^z$ , where  $A, B, C, x, y, z$  are positive integers and  $x, y, z > 2$ , then  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a common prime factor.

**PS:** Other proofs of Beal Conjecture by the author are at viXra:1702.0331; viXra:1609.0383, viXra:1609.0157.

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