

# Proof of the Beal conjecture and Fermat- Catalan conjecture (summary)

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## Abstract

*This article includes the theorems [7], [8] and the lemmas, using them to prove the Beal conjecture and the Fermat - Catalan conjecture, through which we learn more about rational and irrational numbers. I think the method of proof will be useful for solving other Math - problems, and they need more research*

## 1 The theorems

**Theorem 1.** For positive integers  $x, y, z, k_i$  and  $A, B$  coprime integers, and  $a_k, a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$  are fixed numbers.

$\sqrt[z]{A^x \pm B^y} = a_k s^k + a_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + a_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{k-1} + a_0 s^k$  for any  $s, t$  coprime integers.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{LCM(x, y, z)} > 1$$

In other worlds, the  $C = \sqrt[z]{A^x \pm B^y}$  ( $A, B, C \neq 1$ , coprime) can not be expressed as  $a_k s^k + a_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + a_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{k-1} + a_0 s^k$  with all fixed coefficients,  $s, t$  coprime integer if

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{LCM(x, y, z)} \leq 1$$

Notes:

$LCM(x, y, z)$ : least common multiples of  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

Except  $A = 3, B = 2, \sqrt[3]{3^2 - 2^3} = 1$

**Theorem 2.** For positive integers  $x, y, z$ , and  $A, B, C \neq \pm 1$ , coprime integers:

The equation  $A^x + B^y = C^z \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{LCM(x, y, z)} > 1$

In other worlds, the equation  $A^x + B^y = C^z$  has no solution ( $A, B, C \neq \pm 1$ , coprime) in integer if

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{LCM(x, y, z)} \leq 1$$

Notes:

$LCM(x, y, z)$ : least common multiples of  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

As above, if  $A, B$  and  $C$  have a common factor, we always find a solution as below:

Let  $a_0^x + b_0^x = c_0$  then  $c_0^x a_0^x + c_0^x b_0^x = c_0^{x+1}$

so  $A^x + B^x = C^{x+1}$  ( $A = c_0 a_0, B = c_0 b_0, C = c_0$ )

Or

Let  $a_0^x + b_0^y = c_0$  then  $c_0^{xy} a_0^x + c_0^{xy} b_0^y = c_0^{xy+1}$

so  $A^x + B^y = C^{xy+1}$ , ( $A = c_0^y a_0, B = c_0^x b_0, C = c_0$ )

## 2 The lemmas

**Lemma 1.** For any integer  $N, s, t$  ( $s, t = 1$ ), there exist integers  $a_k, a_{k-1}, a_{k-2}, \dots, a_0$  such that :

$$N = a_k s^k + a_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + a_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{k-1} + a_0 t^k$$

In others words, any integer  $N$  can be expressed as:

$$N = a_1 s + a_0 t$$

$$N = a_2 s^2 + a_1 s t + a_0 t^2$$

...

$$N = a_k s^k + a_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + a_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{k-1} + a_0 t^k$$

*Proof.* It is known, given any integer  $s, t$  coprime, then exist the integers  $N_1, N_0$ , such that any integer  $N$  can be express as

$$N = N_1 s + N_0 t$$

then, we express for  $N_1$  and  $N_0$ :

$$N_1 = N_{11} s + N_{10} t$$

$$N_0 = N_{01} s + N_{00} t$$

it gives:

$$N = (N_{11} s + N_{10} t) s + (N_{01} s + N_{00} t) t = N_{11} s^2 + (N_{10} + N_{01}) s t + N_{00} t^2$$

Then we express for  $N_{11}, (N_{10} + N_{01}), N_{00}$

$$\text{and so on we obtain the express } N = a_k s^k + a_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + a_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{k-1} + a_0 t^k$$

□

\* Clearly, expression for  $N$  above is also true when  $N$  is not a integer, then all  $a_i$  are also not simultaneously integers.

**Lemma 2.** The equation  $u_k s^k + u_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + u_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + u_1 s t^{k-1} + u_0 t^k = 0$  for any  $s, t$  coprime if the coefficients  $u_i$  satisfy :

1. Each coefficients satisfy :

$$u_k = h_k t$$

$$u_{k-1} = -h_k s + h_{k-1} t$$

$$u_{k-2} = -h_{k-1} s + h_{k-2} t$$

....

$$u_1 = -h_2 s + h_1 t$$

$$u_0 = -h_1 s$$

2. All coefficients ( $u_i$ ) equal to zero ( all  $h_i = 0$ )

Note that the number  $h_k, h_1$  appear once, the remaining  $h_i$  appear twice in two successive  $i^{\text{th}}, (i-1)^{\text{th}}$  equations with opposite signs. Change each other's sign, the result will remain the same.

*Proof.* From the equation  $u_k s^k + u_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + u_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + u_1 s t^{k-1} + u_0 t^k = 0 \Rightarrow u_k = h_k t, u_0 = -h_1 s$ , substitute into this equation, it gives:

$$h_k s^k t + u_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + u_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + u_1 s t^{k-1} - h_1 s t^k = 0$$

$$s t (h_k s^{k-1} + u_{k-1} s^{k-2} + u_{k-2} s^{k-3} t + \dots + u_1 t^{k-2} - h_1 t^{k-1}) = 0$$

$$(h_k s + u_{k-1}) s^{k-2} + u_{k-2} t^{k-3} s + \dots + (u_1 - h_1 t) t^{k-2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h_k s + u_{k-1} = -h_{k-1} t \Rightarrow u_{k-1} = -h_k s + h_{k-1} t$$

$$\text{and } \Rightarrow u_1 - h_1 t = -h_2 s \Rightarrow u_1 = -h_2 s + h_1 t$$

and so on.

□

### 3 Proof of theorem 1 and 2

$$A^x + B^y = C^z$$

1. Case A:  $x = y = z$  (Fermat Last's theorem)

Express A,B, and C as polynomial of the same degree by using lemma 1:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= a_k s^k + a_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + a_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{k-1} + a_0 t^k \\ B &= b_k s^k + b_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + b_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + b_1 s t^{k-1} + b_0 t^k \\ C &= c_k s^k + c_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + c_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + c_1 s t^{k-1} + c_0 t^k \end{aligned}$$

And we obtain the equation below:

$$\begin{aligned} &(a_k s^k + a_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + a_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{k-1} + a_0 t^k)^x \\ &+ (b_k s^k + b_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + b_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + b_1 s t^{k-1} + b_0 t^k)^x \\ &= (c_k s^k + c_{k-1} s^{k-1} t + c_{k-2} s^{k-2} t^2 + \dots + c_1 s t^{k-1} + c_0 t^k)^x \end{aligned}$$

Combine coefficients with common  $s^i t^j$  we obtain the equation:

$$(a_k^x + b_k^x - c_k^x) s^{kx} + x(a_k^{x-1} a_{k-1} + b_k^{x-1} b_{k-1} - c_k^{x-1} c_{k-1}) s^{kx-1} t + \dots + (a_0^x + b_0^x - c_0^x) t^{kx} = 0$$

Using the lemma 2, we get  $kx + 1$  equations below:

$$1^{th} : a_k^x + b_k^x - c_k^x = h_k t$$

$$2^{th} : a_k^{x-1} a_{k-1} + b_k^{x-1} b_{k-1} - c_k^{x-1} c_{k-1} = -h_k s + h_{k-1} t$$

...

$$(kx + 1)^{th} : a_0^x + b_0^x - c_0^x = -h_1 s$$

If all coefficients  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  of A, B and C polynomials are fixed numbers, then:

$$1^{th} : a_k^x + b_k^x - c_k^x = 0$$

$$2^{th} : a_k^{x-1} a_{k-1} + b_k^{x-1} b_{k-1} - c_k^{x-1} c_{k-1} = 0$$

...

$$(kx + 1)^{th} : a_0^x + b_0^x - c_0^x = 0$$

And the number of variables, for  $a_i : k + 1$ , for  $b_i : k + 1$ , for  $c_i : k + 1$

The total of variables is  $3k + 3$ .

The total of equations is  $kx + 1$ .

2. Case B:  $x, y$  and  $z$  are not the same, we need to homogenize the degree:

- Homogenization for degree:

-We denote  $l = \text{LCM}(x,y,z)$  as the least common multiple of  $x,y$  and  $z$ , we convert the equation to the equation with the same degree,( degree=  $kl$ ) by selecting the polynomials below:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= a_{kl/x} s^{kl/x} + a_{(kl/x)-1} s^{(kl/x)-1} t + a_{(kl/x)-2} s^{(kl/x)-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{(kl/x)-1} + a_0 t^{kl/x} \\ B &= b_{kl/y} s^{kl/y} + b_{(kl/y)-1} s^{(kl/y)-1} t + b_{(kl/y)-2} s^{(kl/y)-2} t^2 + \dots + b_1 s t^{(kl/y)-1} + b_0 t^{kl/y} \\ C &= c_{kl/z} s^{kl/z} + c_{(kl/z)-1} s^{(kl/z)-1} t + c_{(kl/z)-2} s^{(kl/z)-2} t^2 + \dots + c_1 s t^{(kl/z)-1} + c_0 t^{kl/z} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $l = \text{LCM}(x,y,z)$ , hence  $x \mid l, y \mid l, z \mid l$ , that means  $kl/x, kl/y, kl/z$  are integers.

And we obtain equation below:

$$\begin{aligned} &(a_{kl/x} s^{kl/x} + a_{(kl/x)-1} s^{(kl/x)-1} t + a_{(kl/x)-2} s^{(kl/x)-2} t^2 + \dots + a_1 s t^{(kl/x)-1} + a_0 t^{kl/x})^x + \\ &(b_{kl/y} s^{kl/y} + b_{(kl/y)-1} s^{(kl/y)-1} t + b_{(kl/y)-2} s^{(kl/y)-2} t^2 + \dots + b_1 s t^{(kl/y)-1} + b_0 t^{kl/y})^y = \\ &(c_{kl/z} s^{kl/z} + c_{(kl/z)-1} s^{(kl/z)-1} t + c_{(kl/z)-2} s^{(kl/z)-2} t^2 + \dots + c_1 s t^{(kl/z)-1} + c_0 t^{kl/z})^z \end{aligned}$$

with degree = kl.

Combine coefficients with common  $s^i t^j$  we obtain the equation:

$$(a_{kl/x}^x + b_{kl/y}^y - c_{kl/z}^z) s^{kl} + (x a_{kl/x}^{x-1} a_{(kl/x)-1} + y b_{kl/y}^{y-1} b_{(kl/y)-1} + z c_{kl/z}^{z-1} c_{(kl/z)-1}) s^{kl-1} t + \dots + (a_0^x + b_0^y - c_0^z) t^{kl} = 0$$

Using the lemma 2, we get kl + 1 equations below:

$$1^{th} : a_{kl/x}^x + b_{kl/y}^y - c_{kl/z}^z = h_k t$$

$$2^{th} : x a_{kl/x}^{x-1} a_{(kl/x)-1} + y b_{kl/y}^{y-1} b_{(kl/y)-1} - z c_{kl/z}^{z-1} c_{(kl/z)-1} = -h_k s + h_{k-1} t$$

...

$$(kl + 1)^{th} : a_0^x + b_0^y - c_0^z = -h_1 s$$

If all coefficients  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  of A, B and C polynomials are fixed numbers, then

$$1^{th} : a_{kl/x}^x + b_{kl/y}^y - c_{kl/z}^z = 0$$

$$2^{th} : x a_{kl/x}^{x-1} a_{(kl/x)-1} + y b_{kl/y}^{y-1} b_{(kl/y)-1} - z c_{kl/z}^{z-1} c_{(kl/z)-1} = 0$$

...

$$(kl + 1)^{th} : a_0^x + b_0^y - c_0^z = 0$$

And the number of variables, for  $a_i : (kl/x) + 1$ , for  $b_i : (kl/y) + 1$ , for  $c_i : (kl/z) + 1$

The total of variables is  $kl/x + kl/y + kl/z + 3$ .

The total of equations is kl + 1

The system of equations is overdetermined if the number of equations is higher than the number of variables  $\Rightarrow kl/x + kl/y + kl/z + 3 < kl + 1 \iff kl/x + kl/y + kl/z + 3 \leqslant kl$

Divide both sides by kl we obtain:

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{kl} \leqslant 1$$

$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{kl}$  is max if  $k = 1$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{l} \leqslant 1$$

\* Special case  $x = y = z = l$

This formula is mentioned in the theorem 1 and 2.

If all coefficients  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  of A, B and C polynomials are not simultaneously fixed number for any k, then at least one of A, B and C is not determined. Thus, for any degree of A, B and C, there must be exist k so that all coefficients are fixed, meaning that for this value k, then all right sides are equal to 0.

If all right sides are equal to 0, then for the case:  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{kl} \leqslant \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{l} \leqslant 1$  the system of equations is overdetermined, and all equations in the system above are independent, hence the system is inconsistent, and have no non-trivial solutions.

Theorem 1 is proven, the theorem 2 is also true [8], the algorithm of the proof for general theorems [7], [8] is similar.

And adding argument in [7] the Beal conjecture and the Fermat - Catalan conjecture are proven.

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