

A Short and Plain Proof of Fermat's Last Theorem

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Abstract

Fermat's Last Theorem asserts that there do not exist none-zero integers, X , Y and Z such that $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$, where $n > 2$. The Theorem was first stated by Fermat in the early 1600s. He claimed that he had found a short proof, but left no evidence of what it was. Finding a proof became the most famous unsolved problem in the mathematics until Andrew Wiles, in the late 1990s, found one. The original version of his proof was about 200 pages long, and so the question remains if a much shorter proof exists. This paper briefly presents all Pythagorean triples and a very short and plain FLT proof. Let $A = Z - Y$ and $B = Z - X$ in the Diophantine equation, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$. Then $X - A = Y - B = Z - A - B = X + Y - Z$.

Key Words and Phrases

$X^{n/2} = (2ab)^{1/2} + a$, $Y^{n/2} = (2ab)^{1/2} + b$ and $Z^{n/2} = (2ab)^{1/2} + a + b$. $X = 2cd + c^2$, $Y = 2cd + 2d^2$ and $Z = 2cd + c^2 + 2d^2$. Pythagorean triples cannot be the m th power numbers like x^m , y^m and z^m .

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1 Preface

The Pythagorean triples are the positive integer solutions to the Pythagorean Theorem, $X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2$.

The Fermat's Last Theorem states that $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ has no non-zero integer solutions for X, Y and Z , when $n > 2$. This theorem means that $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions. Because we can get $W^n + U^n = V^n$ from $(-U^n) + V^n = W^n$ in the odd number, n .

Without loss of generality we assume that X, Y and Z are relatively prime, i.e., that $(X, Y) = 1$ and $(Y, Z) = (X, Z) = 1$. Because we can get $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ from $U^n + V^n = W^n$, $U = QX$, $V = QY$, $(QX)^n + (QY)^n = W^n$ and $W/Q = Z$ in relatively prime, X, Y and Z .

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We found these from the Diophantine equations, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} X^n &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})]^2, \\ Y^n &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$Z^n = [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2}) + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2.$$

When X, Y and Z are relatively prime and the positive integers in the odd number, n , at least one factor of $X^{n/2}$, $Y^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$ cannot be the integer. [ex.; $\{(x^{2r+1})^{2k+1}, (y^{2s})^{2k+1}, (z^{2t})^{2k+1}\}$].

Here, X^n, Y^n and Z^n are the positive integers, but $[\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})]^2$, $[\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2$ and $[\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2}) + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2$ cannot be the integers in the odd number, n .

It is an apparent contradiction because of relatively prime, X, Y and Z in the odd number, n . So, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions in the odd number, n . I.e., the contradiction appears in the odd number, n , but the contradiction does not appear in the even number, n .

Therefore, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions in the odd number, $n > 2$.

But $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ may have some positive integer solutions in the even number, $n > 2$.

Meanwhile, the Pythagorean triples, X, Y and Z cannot be the m th power numbers like x^m, y^m and z^m . So, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions in the even number, $n > 2$.

Therefore, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions.

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Let $a = Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2}$ and $b = Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2}$ in $(X^{n/2})^2 + (Y^{n/2})^2 = (Z^{n/2})^2$ from $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$. Then $X^{n/2} - a = Y^{n/2} - b = Z^{n/2} - a - b = X^{n/2} + Y^{n/2} - Z^{n/2}$.

We define that

$$\begin{aligned} G &= (X^{n/2} - a)/(ab)^{1/2} = (Y^{n/2} - b)/(ab)^{1/2} \\ &= (Z^{n/2} - a - b)/(ab)^{1/2} = (X^{n/2} + Y^{n/2} - Z^{n/2})/(ab)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$X^{n/2} = G(ab)^{1/2} + a, Y^{n/2} = G(ab)^{1/2} + b, Z^{n/2} = G(ab)^{1/2} + a + b$$

and

$$X^{n/2} + Y^{n/2} - Z^{n/2} = G(ab)^{1/2}.$$

Let $\{G(ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 + \{G(ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 = \{G(ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2$.

Then $G = 2^{1/2} > 0$. Where, $X^{n/2} + Y^{n/2} - Z^{n/2} = G(ab)^{1/2} > 0$. Because $(X^{n/2} + Y^{n/2})^2 > (Z^{n/2})^2$ in the positive real numbers, $X^{n/2}$, $Y^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$. So,

$$X^{n/2} = (2ab)^{1/2} + a, Y^{n/2} = (2ab)^{1/2} + b \text{ and } Z^{n/2} = (2ab)^{1/2} + a + b.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} X^n &= \{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 = [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})]^2, \\ Y^n &= \{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 = [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Z^n &= \{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2 = [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2}) \\ &\quad + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2. \end{aligned}$$

When X , Y and Z are relatively prime and the positive integers in the odd number, n , one or two factors of $X^{n/2}$, $Y^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$ can be the positive integers, but at least one factor of $X^{n/2}$, $Y^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$ cannot be the integer i.e., if all three factors of $X^{n/2}$, $Y^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$ can be the positive integers, it means that n is the even number. So, at least one factor of $X^{n/2}$, $Y^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$ cannot be the integer when X , Y and Z are relatively prime in the odd number, n . [ex.; $\{(x^{2r+1})^{2k+1}, (y^{2s})^{2k+1}, (z^{2t})^{2k+1}\}$].

Now, when X , Y and Z are relatively prime in the odd number, n , X^n , Y^n and Z^n are the positive integers, but $\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2$, $\{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2$ and $\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2$ cannot be the integers.

(1). When $X^{n/2}$, $Y^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$ are not the integers,

$$\begin{aligned} \{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})]^2, \\ \{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2 = [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2}) + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2$$

cannot be the integers.

(2). When $X^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$ are not the integers but $Y^{n/2} = y$ is the positive integer,

$$\begin{aligned} \{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - y)(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - y)]^2, \\ \{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - y)(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2 = [\{2(Z^{n/2} - y)(Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - y) + (Z^{n/2} - X^{n/2})]^2$$

cannot be the integers.

(3). When $Y^{n/2}$ and $Z^{n/2}$ are not the integers but $X^{n/2} = x$ is the positive integer,

$$\begin{aligned}\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - x)\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})]^2, \\ \{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - x)\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - x)]^2\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2 = [\{2(Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2})(Z^{n/2} - x)\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - Y^{n/2}) + (Z^{n/2} - x)]^2$$

cannot be the integers.

(4). When $X^{n/2}$ and $Y^{n/2}$ are not the integers but $Z^{n/2} = z$ is the positive integer,

$$\begin{aligned}\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 &= [\{2(z - Y^{n/2})(z - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (z - Y^{n/2})]^2, \\ \{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 &= [\{2(z - Y^{n/2})(z - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (z - X^{n/2})]^2\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2 = [\{2(z - Y^{n/2})(z - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (z - Y^{n/2}) + (z - X^{n/2})]^2$$

cannot be the integers.

(5). When $X^{n/2}$ is not the integer but $Y^{n/2} = y$ and $Z^{n/2} = z$ are the positive integers,

$$\begin{aligned}\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 &= [\{2(z - y)(z - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (z - y)]^2, \\ \{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 &= [\{2(z - y)(z - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (z - X^{n/2})]^2\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2 = [\{2(z - y)(z - X^{n/2})\}^{1/2} + (z - y) + (z - X^{n/2})]^2$$

cannot be the integers.

(6). When $Y^{n/2}$ is not the integer but $X^{n/2} = x$ and $Z^{n/2} = z$ are the positive integers,

$$\begin{aligned}\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 &= [\{2(z - Y^{n/2})(z - x)\}^{1/2} + (z - Y^{n/2})]^2, \\ \{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 &= [\{2(z - Y^{n/2})(z - x)\}^{1/2} + (z - x)]^2\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2 = [\{2(z - Y^{n/2})(z - x)\}^{1/2} + (z - Y^{n/2}) + (z - x)]^2$$

cannot be the integers.

(7). When $Z^{n/2}$ is not the integer but $X^{n/2} = x$ and $Y^{n/2} = y$ are the positive integers,

$$\begin{aligned}\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a\}^2 &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - y)(Z^{n/2} - x)\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - y)]^2, \\ \{(2ab)^{1/2} + b\}^2 &= [\{2(Z^{n/2} - y)(Z^{n/2} - x)\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - x)]^2\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\{(2ab)^{1/2} + a + b\}^2 = [\{2(Z^{n/2} - y)(Z^{n/2} - x)\}^{1/2} + (Z^{n/2} - y) + (Z^{n/2} - x)]^2$$

cannot be the integers.

It is an apparent contradiction because of relatively prime, X , Y and Z in the odd number, n . So, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions in the odd number, n . I.e., the contradiction appears in the odd number, n , but the contradiction does not appear in the even number, n .

Therefore, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions in the odd number, $n > 2$.

But $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ may have some positive integer solutions in the even number, $n > 2$.

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4-1. The Pythagorean triples, X , Y and Z in the positive integers, A and B .

Let $A = Z - Y$ and $B = Z - X$ in the Pythagorean Theorem, $X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2$.

Then $X - A = Y - B = Z - A - B = X + Y - Z$.

We define that

$$\begin{aligned} G &= (X - A)/(AB)^{1/2} = (Y - B)/(AB)^{1/2} \\ &= (Z - A - B)/(AB)^{1/2} = (X + Y - Z)/(AB)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$X = G(AB)^{1/2} + A, \quad Y = G(AB)^{1/2} + B, \quad Z = G(AB)^{1/2} + A + B$$

and

$$X + Y - Z = G(AB)^{1/2}.$$

Let $\{G(AB)^{1/2} + A\}^2 + \{G(AB)^{1/2} + B\}^2 = \{G(AB)^{1/2} + A + B\}^2$.

Then $G = 2^{1/2} > 0$. Where, $X + Y - Z = G(AB)^{1/2} > 0$. Because $(X + Y)^2 > Z^2$ in the positive real numbers, X , Y and Z .

So, $X = (2AB)^{1/2} + A$, $Y = (2AB)^{1/2} + B$ and $Z = (2AB)^{1/2} + A + B$.

We have got $X = (2AB)^{1/2} + A$, $Y = (2AB)^{1/2} + B$ and $Z = (2AB)^{1/2} + A + B$, when $A = Z - Y$ and $B = Z - X$ in the Pythagorean Theorem, $X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2$.

When X , Y and Z are the positive integers, A and B are always the positive integers. So, the positive integers, X , Y and Z are all Pythagorean triples in the positive integers, A and B .

Let $c^2 = A = Z - Y$ and $2d^2 = B = Z - X$ in $X = (2AB)^{1/2} + A$, $Y = (2AB)^{1/2} + B$ and $Z = (2AB)^{1/2} + A + B$.

Then $X = 2cd + c^2$, $Y = 2cd + 2d^2$ and $Z = 2cd + c^2 + 2d^2$.

And let $c + d = r$.

Then $X = r^2 - d^2$, $Y = 2rd$ and $Z = r^2 + d^2$.

Therefore, X and Z are always the odd numbers and Y is always the even number in relatively prime, X , Y and Z .

4-2. The Pythagorean triples, X , Y and Z cannot be the m th power numbers like x^m , y^m and z^m .

We have got the Pythagorean triples, $X = 2cd + c^2$, $Y = 2cd + 2d^2$ and $Z = 2cd + c^2 + 2d^2$ when $c^2 = Z - Y$ and $2d^2 = Z - X$ in the Pythagorean Theorem, $X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2$.

If someone suppose that some Pythagorean triples, X , Y and Z can be the m th power numbers like these, $X = (et)^m = x^m$, $Y = (2fs)^m = y^m$ and $XY = 2cd(c + d)(c + 2d) = (2efst)^m = (xy)^m$ when $c = e^m$, $d = 2^{(m-1)}f^m$, $c + d = e^m + 2^{(m-1)}f = s^m$ and $c + 2d = e^m + (2f)^m = t^m$ in relatively prime, e , $2f$ and t , he is wrong when $m > 1$.

Let $g^2 = t^{m/2} - (2f)^{m/2}$ and $2h^2 = t^{m/2} - e^{m/2}$ in $(e^{m/2})^2 + \{(2f)^{m/2}\}^2 = (t^{m/2})^2$ from $e^m + (2f)^m = t^m$.

Then

$$e^{m/2} - g^2 = (2f)^{m/2} - 2h^2 = t^{m/2} - g^2 - 2h^2 = e^{m/2} + (2f)^{m/2} - t^{m/2}.$$

We define that

$$\begin{aligned} G &= (e^{m/2} - g^2)/2gh = \{(2f)^{m/2} - 2h^2\}/2gh \\ &= (t^{m/2} - g^2 - 2h^2)/2gh = \{e^{m/2} + (2f)^{m/2} - t^{m/2}\}/2gh. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$e^{m/2} = 2ghG + g^2, \quad (2f)^{m/2} = 2ghG + 2h^2, \quad t^{m/2} = 2ghG + g^2 + 2h^2$$

and

$$e^{m/2} + (2f)^{m/2} - t^{m/2} = 2ghG.$$

Let $\{2ghG + g^2\}^2 + \{2ghG + 2h^2\}^2 = \{2ghG + g^2 + 2h^2\}^2$.

Then $G = 1 > 0$. Where, $e^{m/2} + (2f)^{m/2} - t^{m/2} = 2ghG > 0$. Because $\{e^{m/2} + (2f)^{m/2}\}^2 > (t^{m/2})^2$ in the positive real numbers, $e^{m/2}$, $(2f)^{m/2}$ and $t^{m/2}$.

So, $e^{m/2} = 2gh + g^2$, $(2f)^{m/2} = 2gh + 2h^2$ and $t^{m/2} = 2gh + g^2 + 2h^2$.

Here, e^m , $(2f)^m$ and t^m are supposed to be the positive integers by someone. Therefore, g , h , $e^{m/2}$, $(2f)^{m/2}$ and $t^{m/2}$ are all needed to be the positive integers in $e^m = \{2gh + g^2\}^2$, $(2f)^m = \{2gh + 2h^2\}^2$ and $t^m = \{2gh + g^2 + 2h^2\}^2$ from $e^{m/2} = 2gh + g^2$, $(2f)^{m/2} = 2gh + 2h^2$ and $t^{m/2} = 2gh + g^2 + 2h^2$.

So, $e^{1/2}$, $(2f)^{1/2}$ and $t^{1/2}$ are also needed to be the positive integers in $e^{1/2} = \{2gh + g^2\}^{1/m}$, $(2f)^{1/2} = \{2gh + 2h^2\}^{1/m}$ and $t^{1/2} = \{2gh + g^2 + 2h^2\}^{1/m}$ from $e^{m/2} = 2gh + g^2$, $(2f)^{m/2} = 2gh + 2h^2$ and $t^{m/2} = 2gh + g^2 + 2h^2$.

So, $(e^{1/2})^m$, $\{(2f)^{1/2}\}^m$ and $(t^{1/2})^m$ are also needed to be the m th power Pythagorean triples in the Pythagorean Theorem, $(e^{m/2})^2 + \{(2f)^{m/2}\}^2 = (t^{m/2})^2$.

It means that the smaller m th power Pythagorean triples must be needed like $(e^{1/2})^m$, $\{(2f)^{1/2}\}^m$ and $(t^{1/2})^m$ when the Pythagorean triples, X , Y and Z can be the m th power numbers like x^m , y^m and z^m in the Pythagorean Theorem, $X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2$.

It is an illogical assumption, when $m > 1$.

So, $m = 1$.

4-3. Therefore, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions in the even number, $n > 2$.

5 Conclusion

We have got $X = (2AB)^{1/2} + A$, $Y = (2AB)^{1/2} + B$ and $Z = (2AB)^{1/2} + A + B$, where $A = Z - Y$ and $B = Z - X$ in the Pythagorean Theorem, $X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2$. And all Pythagorean triples, X , Y and Z cannot be the m th power numbers like x^m , y^m and z^m .

When $n > 2$, $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ cannot have the positive integer solutions. It means that $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ has no non-zero integer solutions.

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