

# The Truly Marvellous Proof

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**Abstract-** The elementary proof of the Fermat's Last Theorem.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Problem II.8 of the Diophantus' Arithmetica asks how a given square number is split into two other squares. Diophantus' shows how to solve this sum-of-squares problem for  $k = 4$  and  $u = 2$ , inasmuch as for all  $k, u \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$k^2 = [2ku/(u^2 + 1)]^2 + [k(u^2 - 1)/(u^2 + 1)]^2. \quad (1)$$

Around 1637, Fermat wrote his Last Theorem in the margin of his copy of the Arithmetica next to Diophantus' sum-of-squares problem: it is impossible to separate a cube into two cubes, or a fourth power into two fourth powers, or in general, any power higher than the second, into two like powers. I have discovered a truly marvellous proof of this, which this margin is too narrow to contain.

From (1) it implies that for all relatively prime numbers  $u > v$  such that  $u - v$  is odd:

$$(u^2 + v^2)^2 = u^4 - 2u^2v^2 + v^4 + 4u^2v^2 = (u^2 - v^2)^2 + (2uv)^2.$$

Thus for some  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_1$  we get a primitive Pythagorean triple  $(x, y, z) = (u^2 - v^2, 2uv, u^2 + v^2)$  - the primitive because  $\gcd(x, y, z) = 1$ .

## II. THE FERMAT'S LAST THEOREM

Theorem 1. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_3$  and for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathbb{N}_1$ :

$$X^n + Y^n \neq Z^n.$$

*Proof.* Let for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}_3$  and for some  $X, Y, Z \in \mathbb{N}_1$ , with  $\gcd(X, Y, Z) = 1$ :

$$X^n + Y^n = Z^n. \quad (2)$$

From (2) it follows that

$$X + Y > Z \wedge X^2 + Y^2 > Z^2 \wedge X^{n-1} + Y^{n-1} > Z^{n-1}, \quad (3)$$

Otherwise  $X^n + Y^n < Z^n$ , which is obviously.

From (2) and (3) it implies that only one number out of  $(X, Y, Z)$  is even and the even number  $X + Y - Z > 0$  and if  $n$  is even, then  $Z$  is odd - which is obviously.

We assume that  $X, Z - Y$  are odd and that for some relatively prime numbers  $u > v$  such that  $u - v \in \{3, 5, 7, \dots\}$ :

$$2v(u - v) = X + Y - Z \text{ and } (u - v)^n + 2v(u - v) = X$$

because for  $(u - v)^2 + 2v(u - v) = X$  we get

$$X + Z - X - (u - v)^2 = Y \wedge X^2 + [X + Z - X - (u - v)^2]^2 - (Z - X + X)^2 > 0 \wedge X^2 - 2(u - v)^2X - 2(Z - X)(u - v)^2 + (u - v)^4 > 0 \wedge 2v^2 = Z - X \wedge \sqrt{\Delta} = 4v(u - v)$$

And consequently a false sentences

$$X < X_1 = (u - v)^2 - 2(u - v) \vee (u - v)^2 + 2(u - v) = X_2 < X.$$

Hence, with  $\gcd(u, v, c) = 1$  it must be

$$I < c = u - v \wedge c^n + 2vc = X \wedge c^n = Z - Y \wedge Z - X + 2vc = Y \wedge c^n + Y = Z \wedge (c^n + 2vc)^n = (c^n + Y)^n - Y^n \wedge (Z - X + 2vc)^n = (Z - X + X)^n - X^n.$$

Thus

$$c^{n(n-2)}2vc + (n-1)c^{n(n-3)}(2vc)^2/2 + \dots + (2vc)^{n-1} + (2v)^n/n = Y[c^{n(n-2)} + (n-1)c^{n(n-3)}Y/2 + \dots + Y^{n-2}] \wedge (Z - X)^{n-2}2vc + (n-1)(Z - X)^{n-3}(2vc)^2/2 + \dots + (2vc)^{n-1} + (2vc)^n/(n(Z - X)) = X[(Z - X)^{n-2} + (n-1)(Z - X)^{n-3}X/2 + \dots + X^{n-2}].$$

Therefore for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}_3$  and for some  $v, c \in \{3, 5, 7, \dots\}$ :

$$c^n + 2vc = X \wedge [\text{odd } \gcd(n, Y) > 1 \vee \text{odd } \gcd(n, Z) > 1] \wedge \gcd(n, c) = 1 \wedge Z - X + 2vc = Y \wedge c^n + Z - X + 2vc = Z.$$

Moreover for  $n \in \{3, 5, 7, \dots\}$ :

$$[X + Y + (-Y)]^n + Y^n = [X + Y + (-2vc)]^n \Rightarrow [(X + Y)^{n-2}(-Y) + (n-1)(X + Y)^{n-3}(-Y)^2/2 + \dots + (-Y)^{n-1} = (X + Y)^{n-2}(-2vc) + (n-1)(X + Y)^{n-3}(-2vc)^2/2 + \dots + (-2vc)^{n-1} - (2vc)^n/(n(X + Y)) \wedge (n|Y \vee n|X + Y, Z) \wedge n|v].$$

A. The Proof for Odd  $n, Z - X, Y$

From the above we get - for some  $n, m, c \in \{3, 5, 7, \dots\}$  and for some  $h \in \{1, 3, 5, \dots\}$ , with  $\gcd(n, m, c, h) = 1$ :

$$nmh = v \wedge c^n + 2nmch = X \wedge \{[n|Y \wedge n^{n-1}h^n + 2nmch = Y \wedge 2^n m^n = X + Y = c^n + n^{n-1}h^n + 4nmch \wedge n^{n-1}h^n + X = Z] \vee [n|X + Y, Z \wedge h^n + 2nmch = Y \wedge 2^n n^{n-1}m^n = X + Y = c^n + h^n + 4nmch \wedge h^n + X = Z]\}.$$

Thus for some  $n, m, c \in \{3, 5, 7, \dots\}$

and for some  $h \in \{1, 3, 5, \dots\}$ , with  $\gcd(n, m, c, h) = 1$ :

$$\{[(2m)^n - c^n = n^{n-1}h^n + 4nmch \wedge n|2m - c] \vee [2^n n^{n-1}m^n = c^n + h^n + 4nmch \wedge n|c + h]\} \Rightarrow$$

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$$\{[n^2 \mid (2m)^n - c^n \wedge ((2m)^n - c^n)/n^2 = n^{n-3}h^n + 4mch/n \wedge \gcd(n,m,c,h) = 1] \vee [n^2 \mid c^n + h^n \wedge \gcd(n,m,c,h) = 1 \wedge 2^n n^{n-3}m^n = (c^n + h^n)/n^2 + 4mch/n]\} \Rightarrow$$

$$mch/n \notin \{3,5,7,\dots\}. \quad \clubsuit$$

### B. The Proof for Odd $n$ and Even $Z - X, Y$

From the above we get - for some  $n, m, c \in \{3,5,7,\dots\}$  and for some  $h \in \{1,3,5,\dots\}$ , with  $\gcd(n,m,c,h) = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} nmh &= v \wedge c^n + 2nmch = X \wedge \{[n \mid Y \wedge 2^n n^{n-1}h^n + 2nmch = Y \wedge m^n = X + Y = c^n + 2^n n^{n-1}h^n + 4nmch \wedge 2^n n^{n-1}h^n + X = Z] \vee [n \mid X + Y, Z \wedge 2^n h^n + 2nmch = Y \wedge n^{n-1}m^n = X + Y = c^n + (2h)^n + 4nmch \wedge 2^n h^n + X = Z]\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for some  $n, m, c \in \{3,5,7,\dots\}$  and for some  $h \in \{1,3,5,\dots\}$ , with  $\gcd(n,m,c,h) = 1$ :

$$\{[m^n - c^n = 2^n n^{n-1}h^n + 4nmch \wedge n \mid m - c] \vee [n^{n-1}m^n = c^n + (2h)^n + 4nmch \wedge n \mid c + 2h]\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\{[n^2 \mid m^n - c^n \wedge (m^n - c^n)/n^2 = 2^n n^{n-3}h^n + 4mch/n \wedge \gcd(n,m,c,h) = 1] \vee [n^2 \mid c^n + (2h)^n \wedge \gcd(n,m,c,h) = 1 \wedge n^{n-3}m^n = (c^n + (2h)^n)/n^2 + 4mch/n]\} \Rightarrow$$

$$mch/n \notin \{3,5,7,\dots\}. \quad \clubsuit$$

### C. The Proof for Even $n$

From the above it follows that for some  $a \in \{2,3,4,\dots\}$  and for some  $v, c, X, Z \in \{3,5,7,\dots\}$

And for some  $Y \in \{6,10,14,\dots\}$  and for some relatively prime numbers  $U > V$  such that  $U - V \in \{3,5,7,\dots\}$ , with  $\gcd(a,c) = 1$  and  $\gcd(v,c) = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \{[2a = n \wedge (c^{2a} + 2vc)^{2a} = X^{2a} = Z^{2a} - Y^{2a} \wedge X^a = U^2 - V^2 \wedge Z^a = U^2 + V^2 \wedge Y^a = 2UV \wedge (c^{2a-1} + 2v)^{2a} = Z^a + Y^a = (U + V)^2 \wedge c^{2a} = (U - V)^2 = Z^a - Y^a = Z - Y \equiv 0 \wedge (U + V, U - V) = ((c^{2a-1} + 2v)^a, c^a) \wedge \gcd(U + V, U - V) = \gcd((c^{2a-1} + 2v)^a, c^a) = 1] \equiv 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the proof. ♣

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