

## Beal Conjecture Original Proved

"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

Using a direct construction approach, the author proved 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. The proof would be complete after showing that if  $A$  and  $B$  have a common prime factor, and  $C^z$  can be produced from  $A^x + B^y$ . In the proof, one begins with  $A^x + B^y$  and change this sum to the single power,  $C^z$  as was done in the preliminaries. It was determined that if  $A^x + B^y = C^z$ , then  $A, B$  and  $C$  have a common prime factor. The proof is very simple, and occupies a single page.

## Preliminaries

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

$$A = Dr, B = Es, \text{ and } C = Ft$$

$$(Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z.$$

Note that  $r, s$  and  $t$  are prime numbers

**Case 1:** 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  $C = Ft$ ,

$$\text{If } D = 1, E = 1, F = 1$$

Then,  $r^x + s^y = t^z$  Also  $A = r, B = s$ , and  $C = t$

If  $A, B$  and  $C$  have a common prime factor, then it is necessary that  $A$  and  $B$  have a common prime factor.

**Example 1:**  $2^3 + 2^3 = 2^4 = (1 \cdot 2)^3 + (1 \cdot 2)^3 = (1 \cdot 2)^4$

One will show that another name for  $2^3 + 2^3$  is  $2^4$ .

We will write the sum on the left-hand side as a single power.

If the sum  $2^3 + 2^3$  has a common prime factor, 2, then  $2^4$  has the common prime factor, 2.

**Step 1:** We will work on the two terms on the left, and change their sum to the term on the right. The two terms  $2^3$  and  $2^3$  have the common prime factor 2. Now, if by operating on  $2^3$  and  $2^3$  together, if we obtain  $2^4$ , then surely  $2^4$  has a common prime factor as the sum of  $2^3$  and  $2^3$  since  $2^4$  was obtained from the sum  $2^3$  and  $2^3$ ,

Factor out the greatest common factor. $2^3 + 2^3$ $= 2^3(1 + 1)$ $= 2^3(2)$ $= 2^4$	It is interesting how the "(1+1)" provided the much needed 2.
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**Step 2:** Since it has been shown above that  $2^3 + 2^3 = 2^3(1 + 1) = 2^3(2) = 2^4$

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, and  $A, B$  and  $C$  have a 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.

**Case 2:** 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  $C = Ft$ ,

If  $D = 1, E = 1, F \neq 1$

Then,  $\boxed{r^x + s^y = (Ft)^z}$  Also  $A = r, B = s$ , and  $C = Ft$

**Example 2**  $7^6 + 7^7 = 98^3 = (1 \cdot 7)^6 + (1 \cdot 7)^7 = (14 \cdot 7)^3$

**Step 1 :** We will work on the two terms on the left, and change their sum to the term on the right. Inspection shows that the two terms  $7^6$  and  $7^7$  have the common prime factor 7.. Now, if by operating on the sum  $7^6 + 7^7$ , we obtain  $98^3$ , then we can conclude that all the three terms  $7^6$ ,  $7^7$  and  $98^3$  have a common prime factor, since  $98^3$  was obtained from the sum  $7^6 + 7^7$ .

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $  \begin{aligned}  &7^6 + 7^7 \\  &= 7^6(1 + 7) \\  &= 7^6(8) \\  &= 7^6(2^3) \\  &= (7^2)^3(2^3) \\  &= (7^2 \cdot 2)^3 \\  &= (49 \cdot 2)^3 \\  &= (98)^3 \\  &= 98^3  \end{aligned}  $	<p>It is interesting how the "(1+ 7)" provided the much needed <math>2^3</math>.</p>
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**Step 2:** It has been shown that

$$7^6 + 7^7 = 7^6(1 + 7) = 7^6(8) = 7^6(2^3) = (7^2)^3(2^3) = (7^2 \cdot 2)^3 = (49 \cdot 2)^3 = (98)^3,$$

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  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a common 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.

**Case 3:** 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  $C = Ft$ ,

$$\text{If } D = 1, E \neq 1, F = 1$$

Then,  $r^x + (Es)^y = t^z$  Also  $A = r$ ,  $B = Es$ , and  $C = t$

**Example 3:**  $3^3 + 6^3 = 3^5 = (1 \cdot 3)^3 + (2 \cdot 3)^3 = (1 \cdot 3)^5$

**Step 1:** We will work on the two terms on the left, and change their sum to the term on the right. Inspection shows that the two terms  $3^3$  and  $6^3$  have the common prime factor 3. Now, if by operating on the sum  $3^3 + 6^3$  together, we obtain  $3^5$ , we can conclude that all the three terms  $3^3$ ,  $6^3$  and  $3^5$  have the common prime factor, 3 since the term on the right was produced from the two terms which have the common factor, 3

Write the sum on the left-hand side as a single power

Step 1:

Factor out the greatest common factor. $3^3 + 6^3$ $= 3^3 + (3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^3 + 3^3 \cdot 2^3$ $= 3^3(1 + 2^3)$ $= 3^3(1 + 8)$ $= 3^3(9)$ $= 3^3 \cdot 3^2$ $= 3^5$	It is interesting how the "(1+ 8)" provided the much needed $3^2$ .
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Step 2: It has been shown that

$$3^3 + 6^3 = 3^3 + (3 \cdot 2)^3 = 3^3 + 3^3 \cdot 2^3 = 3^3(1 + 2^3) = 3^3(1 + 8) = 3^3(9) = 3^3 \cdot 3^2 = 3^5,$$

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

From above, the common factor is 3, and  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a common 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.

**Case 4:** 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  $C = Ft$ ,

If  $D = 1, E \neq 1, F \neq 1$

Then,  $r^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z$  Also  $A = r, B = Es$ , and  $C = Ft$

**Example 4**  $2^9 + 8^3 = 4^5 = (1 \cdot 2)^9 + (4 \cdot 2)^3 = (2 \cdot 2)^5$

Show that  $2^9 + 8^3$  equals  $4^5$ . Write the sum on the left-hand side as a single power

Step 1: We will work on the two terms on the left, and change their sum to the term on the right. Inspection shows that the two terms  $2^9$  and  $8^3$  have the common prime factor 2. Now, if by operating on the sum  $2^9 + 8^3$  together, we obtain  $4^5$ , we can conclude that all the three terms  $2^9$ ,  $8^3$  and  $4^5$  have a common prime factor, since the term on the right was produced from the two terms on the left; and the two terms have a common prime factor.

Factor out the greatest common factor.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2^9 + 8^3 \\
 &= 2^9 + (2^3)^3 \\
 &= 2^9 + 2^9 \\
 &= 2^9(1 + 1) \\
 &= 2^9 \cdot 2 \\
 &= 2^{10} \\
 &= (2^2)^5 \\
 &= (4)^5 \\
 &= 4^5
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Step 2: It has been shown that

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^9 + 8^3 &= 2^9 + (2^3)^3 = 2^9 + 2^9 = 2^9(1 + 1) = 2^9 \cdot 2 = 2^{10} = (2^2)^5 = (4)^5 = 4^5, \\
 2^9 + 8^3 &= 4^5
 \end{aligned}$$

From above, the common factor is 2, and  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a common 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.

**Case 5:** 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  $C = Ft$ ,

If  $D \neq 1, E \neq 1, F \neq 1$

Then,  $(Dr)^x + (Es)^y = (Ft)^z$  Also  $A = Dr, B = Es$ , and  $C = Ft$

**Example 5**  $34^5 + 51^4 = 85^4 = (2 \cdot 17)^5 + (3 \cdot 17)^4 = (5 \cdot 17)^4$

Write the sum  $34^5 + 51^4$  as a single power.

Step 1: We will work on the two terms on the left, and change their sum to the term on the right. Inspection shows that the two terms  $34^5$  and  $51^4$  have the common prime factor, 17.. Now, if by operating on  $34^5$  and  $51^4$  together, we obtain  $85^4$ , we can conclude that all the three terms  $34^5, 51^4$  and  $85^4$  have a common prime factor, since the term on the right was produced from the two terms on the left with the common factor, 17. Write the sum  $34^5 + 51^4$  as a single power

$$\begin{aligned} &(17 \cdot 2)^5 + (17 \cdot 3)^4 \\ &(17^5 \cdot 2^5 + 17^4 \cdot 3^4) \\ &17^4(17 \cdot 2^5 + 1 \cdot 3^4) \\ &17^4(17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4) \\ &= 17^4(17 \cdot 32 + 81) \\ &= 17^4(625) \\ &= 17^4(5^4) \\ &= (17 \cdot 5)^4 \\ &= 85^4 \end{aligned}$$

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

It is interesting how the  $\underbrace{17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4}_{\text{magic}}$  provided the much needed  $625 = 5^4$ .

Step 2: Since it has been shown that

$$\begin{aligned} 34^5 + 51^4 &= (17 \cdot 2)^5 + (17 \cdot 3)^4 \\ &= 17^4(17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4) = 17^4(17 \cdot 32 + 81) = 17^4(625) = 17^4(5^4) = (17 \cdot 5)^4 = 85^4 \end{aligned}$$

$34^5 + 51^4 = 85^4$ ,  $85^4$  was obtained from  $34^5$  and  $51^4$  which have the common prime factor, 17,  $A, B$  and  $C$  have a common 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.

**Example 6:** Given  $3^9 + 54^3 = 3^{11}$

Write the sum  $3^9 + 54^3$  as a single power.

**Step 1:** We will operate on the two terms on the left, and change their sum to the term on the right.

Inspection shows that the two terms  $3^9$  and  $54^3$  have the common prime factor 3.. Now, if by operating on  $3^9$  and  $54^3$  together , we obtain  $3^{11}$  ,we can conclude that all the three terms  $3^9$ ,  $54^3$  and  $3^{11}$  have a common prime factor, since the term on the right was produced from the two terms on the left.

Write the sum  $3^9 + 54^3$  as a single power

$  \begin{aligned}  &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(1 + 2^3) \\  &= 3^9(1 + 8) \\  &= 3^9(9) \\  &= 3^9 \cdot 3^2 \\  &= 3^{11}  \end{aligned}  $	<p>It is interesting how the <math>1 + 2^3</math> provided the much needed 9 .</p>
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Step 2: Since it has been shown that

$3^9 + 54^3 = 3^9 + (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2)^3 = 3^9 + 3^9 \cdot 2^3 = 3^9(1 + 2^3) = 3^9(1 + 8) = 3^9(9) = 3^9 \cdot 3^2 = 3^{11}$  ,  
 $3^9 + 54^3 = 3^{11}$  , and  $3^{11}$  was obtained from  $3^9$  and  $54^3$  which have the common prime factor , 3,  
 $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a common prime factor..

From above, the common factor is 3, and  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a common 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.

**Example 7:**  $33^5 + 66^5 = 33^6$

Write  $33^5 + 66^5$  as the single power of 33.

We will work on the two terms on the left, and change their sum to a single power

Inspection shows that the two terms  $33^5$  and  $66^5$  have the common prime factor 3. Now, if by operating on  $33^5$  and  $66^5$  together, we obtain  $33^6$  we can conclude that all the three terms  $33^5$ ,  $66^5$  and  $33^6$  have a common prime factor, since the term on the right was produced from the two terms on the left

Step 1: Factor the sum on the left-hand side

$\begin{aligned} 33^5 + 66^5 &= (11 \cdot 3)^5 + (11 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)^5 \\ &= 11^5 \cdot 3^5 + 11^5 \cdot 2^5 \cdot 3^5 \\ &= 11^5 \cdot 3^5(1 + 2^5) \\ &= (11 \cdot 3)^5(1 + 2^5) \\ &= 33^5(33) \\ &= 33^6 \end{aligned}$	<p>It is interesting how the <math>1 + 2^5</math> provided the much needed 33</p>
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Step 2: It has been shown that

$$33^5 + 66^5 = 33^5 + (33 \cdot 2)^5 = 33^5 + 33^5 \cdot 2^5 = 33^5(1 + 2^5) = 33^5(33) = 33^6,$$

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

From above, there are two common prime factors, 3 and 11. and therefore,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have a 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.

## General Proof

### Coming soon

**PS**

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

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