

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. By applying numerical examples, it is shown that one can begin with the sum $A^x + B^y$ and change this sum to a product and then to the single power, C^z . It is concluded 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 $A^x + B^y = C^z$, then A, B and C have a common prime factor.

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

The necessary requirement is that the two powers must have a common power. If this requirement is not satisfied, the sum of the two powers cannot be changed to a product. and to a single power.

Step 1: Change the sum of the two powers to a product. If the two powers do not have a common power. (and consequently, a common prime factor). you cannot proceed. Any product obtained also has the same common prime factor as the sum of the powers

Step 2: Change the product to a single power.

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

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

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $2^3 + 2^3$ $= 2^3(1 + 1) \quad (G) \leftarrow \text{-----}$ $= 2^3(2)$ $= 2^4$ <p>Note that if $2^3 + 2^3$ did not have any common factor, one could not factor, and one will not be able write the sum as a product and subsequently change the product to power form.</p>	<p>This step requires that 2^3 and 2^3 have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the "(1+1)" provided the much needed 2.</p>
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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 2 $7^6 + 7^7 = 98^3$ $A = 7, B = 7, C = 98, x = 6, y = 7, z = 3, A^x + B^y = C^z$

Change the sum $7^6 + 7^7$ to a single power of 98.

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $7^6 + 7^7$ $= 7^6(1 + 7) \quad (G) \leftarrow \text{-----}$ $= 7^6(8)$ $= 7^6(2^3)$ $= (7^2)^3(2^3)$ $= (7^2 \cdot 2)^3$ $= (49 \cdot 2)^3$ $= (98)^3$ $= 98^3$	<p>This step requires that 7^6 and 7^7 have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the "(1 + 7)" provided the much needed 2^3.</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 3: $3^3 + 6^3 = 3^5$ $A = 3, B = 6, C = 3, x = 3, y = 3, z = 5, A^x + B^y = C^z$

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

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

Example 4 $2^9 + 8^3 = 4^5$ $A = 2, B = 8, C = 4, x = 9, y = 3, z = 5, A^x + B^y = C^z$

Change the sum $2^9 + 8^3$ to a single power of 4.

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $2^9 + 8^3$ $= 2^9 + (2^3)^3$ $= 2^9 + 2^9$ $= 2^9(1 + 1) \quad (G) <-----$ $= 2^9 \cdot 2$ $= 2^{10}$ $= (2^2)^5$ $= (4)^5$ $= 4^5$	<p>This step requires that 2^9 and 8^3 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 3^6 was obtained from the sum $3^3 + 6^3$, which has a common prime factor, 3, 3^6 has the same common prime factor, 3,

Example 5 $34^5 + 51^4 = 85^4$ $A = 34, B = 51, C = 85, x = 5, y = 4, z = 4, A^x + B^y = C^z$

Change the sum $34^5 + 51^4$ to a single power of 85.

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $34^5 + 51^4$ $= (17 \cdot 2)^5 + (17 \cdot 3)^4$ $= 17^5 \cdot 2^5 + 17^4 \cdot 3^4$ $= 17^4(17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4) \quad (G) <-----$ $= 17^4(17 \cdot 32 + 81)$ $= 17^4(625)$ $= 17^4(5^4)$ $= (17 \cdot 5)^4$ $= 85^4$	<p>This step requires that 34^5 and 51^4 have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the $\underbrace{17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4}_{\text{magic}}$ provided the much needed $625 = 5^4$</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 6: $3^9 + 54^3 = 3^{11}$ $A = 3, B = 54, C = 3, x = 9, y = 3, z = 11, A^x + B^y = C^z$
 Change the sum $3^9 + 54^3$ to a single power of 3.

Factor out the greatest common factor. $3^9 + 54^3$ $= 3^9 + (9 \cdot 6)^3$ $= 3^9 + (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^9 + (3^3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^9 + 3^9 \cdot 2^3$ $= 3^9(1 + 2^3)$ (G) <----- $= 3^9(1 + 8)$ $= 3^9(9)$ $= 3^9 \cdot 3^2$ $= 3^{11}$	This step requires that 3^9 and 54^3 have a common prime factor It is interesting how the $1 + 2^3$ provided the much needed 9. .
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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 7: $33^5 + 66^5 = 33^6$ $A = 33, B = 66, C = 33, x = 5, y = 5, z = 6, A^x + B^y = C^z$
 Change the sum $33^5 + 66^5$ to a single power of 33..

Factor out the greatest common factor. $33^5 + 66^5$ $= (11 \cdot 3)^5 + (11 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)^5$ $= 11^5 \cdot 3^5 + 11^5 \cdot 2^5 \cdot 3^5$ $= 11^5 \cdot 3^5(1 + 2^5)$ (G) <----- $= (11 \cdot 3)^5(1 + 2^5)$ $= 33^5(33)$ $= 33^6$	This step requires that 33^5 and 66^5 have a common prime factor It is interesting how the $1 + 2^5$ provided the much needed 33
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Similary, as from above, 33^6 has the common prime factors 3 and 11

Proof and Conclusion

Based on the above examples, (Examples 1-7). it can be observed that A and B must have a common factor (a prime factor), otherwise, the sum $A^x + B^y$ cannot be changed to a product such that A, B, C, x, y, z are positive integers and $x, y, z > 2$, and subsequently to a single power of C. Step (G) in each example 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.

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

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