

Multiple of a Sixth Power is a Sum of Two Cubes

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We arrive at the below mentioned Identity:

$$a^3 + b^3 = w(c)^6$$

Above has parametric solution as:

$$a = (x^3 - 3x^2y + y^3)(x^3 + 3x^2y - 6xy^2 + y^3)$$

$$b = 3xy(x^2 - y^2)(x - 2y)(2x - y)$$

$$c = (x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

$$w = (x^6 + 6x^5y - 30x^4y^2 + 20x^3y^3 + 15x^2y^4 - 12xy^5 + y^6)$$

Method:

$$a^3 + b^3 = w(c)^6 \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$\text{We take } (a + b) = w$$

$$\text{Hence we have, } (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) = w[c]^6$$

$$\text{Hence, } (a^2 - ab + b^2) = [c]^6$$

We take, $(a, b) = (p^2 - q^2), (2pq - q^2)$

Hence, $(a^2 - ab + b^2) = (p^2 - pq + q^2)^2 - - - (2)$

Hence from (2), $(p^2 - pq + q^2) = [c]^3 - - - (3)$

We take $c = (x^2 - xy + y^2)$

We factor, $(x^2 - xy + y^2) = (x + yu)(x + yu^2)$ where $u^3 = 1$

And, $(p^2 - pq + q^2) = (p + qu)(p + qu^2)$ where $u^3 = 1$

Hence from (3) we have:

$$[c]^3 = (x^2 - xy + y^2)^3 = [(x + yu)(x + yu^2)]^3 = (p^2 - pq + q^2)$$

$$\text{Hence, } (p + qu)(p + qu^2) = [(x + yu)(x + yu^2)]^3$$

Equating real & imaginary parts we get:

$$p = x^3 - 3xy^2 + y^3, \quad q = 3x^2y - 3xy^2$$

$$\text{Since, } c = (x^2 - xy + y^2) \quad \& \quad w = (a + b)$$

$$\text{And, } (a, b) = (p^2 - q^2), (2pq - q^2)$$

We substitute values of (p,q) & we get:

$$a = (x^3 - 3x^2y + y^3)(x^3 + 3x^2y - 6xy^2 + y^3)$$

$$b = 3xy(x^2 - y^2)(x - 2y)(2x - y)$$

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$$w = (x^6 + 6x^5y - 30x^4y^2 + 20x^3y^3 + 15x^2y^4 - 12xy^5 + y^6)$$

$$\text{For } (x, y) = (4, 1)$$

$$(1513)^3 + (2520)^3 = (4033)(13)^6$$

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