

# Elementary proof of Fermat-Wiles' Theorem

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Fermat-Wiles' Theorem :

(1) « the equality  $x^n + y^n = z^n$ , with  $n, x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , is impossible for  $n > 2$ . »

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Abstract :

In the Euclidean division of  $x^n = z^n - y^n$  by  $x^{n-1} = az^{n-1} - by^{n-1}$  with  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , remainder must be zero implying the equality  $b^2 y^{n-2} = a^2 z^{n-2}$  which is impossible for  $n > 2$  since  $x^{n-1} = az^{n-1} - by^{n-1}$  and  $x, y, z$  are coprime numbers.

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We suppose  $x, y$  and  $z$  are coprime numbers.

Given  $\gcd(y,z)=1$  and the corollary of the Bachet's theorem (1624), it exists two relative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that :

(2)  $x^{n-1} = az^{n-1} - by^{n-1}$

In the Euclidean division  $(z^n - y^n) : (az^{n-1} - by^{n-1})$  ( $= x^n : x^{n-1} = x$ ) remainder must be zero.

Let us put the Euclidean division :

$$\begin{array}{r}
 z^n - y^n \qquad \qquad \qquad | \quad az^{n-1} - by^{n-1} \\
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 - z^n + (b/a)zy^{n-1} \qquad \qquad x = \quad z/a + y/b \\
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 - y^n + (b/a)zy^{n-1} \qquad \qquad \quad - z/a - y/b \\
 + y^n - (a/b)yz^{n-1} \\
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 R_1 = \quad (b/a)zy^{n-1} - (a/b)yz^{n-1} \\
 \quad - (b/a)zy^{n-1} + z^n \\
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 R_2 = \quad z^n - (a/b)yz^{n-1} \\
 \quad \quad + (a/b)yz^{n-1} - y^n \\
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 R_3 = \quad z^n - y^n \neq 0, \qquad \qquad x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}^+ \text{ and } \gcd(y,z)=1
 \end{array}$$

If the remainder  $R_2$  is zero then the quotient  $x = z/a + y/b - z/a = y/b$ , so  $bx = y$ , which is impossible since  $\gcd(x,y)=1$ . Therefore only the remainder  $R_1$  must be equal to zero :

(3)  $R_1 = (b/a)zy^{n-1} - (a/b)yz^{n-1} = ((b/a)y^{n-2} - (a/b)z^{n-2})yz = 0$

So  $(b/a)y^{n-2} - (a/b)z^{n-2} = 0$  which implies the equality :

(4)  $b^2 y^{n-2} = a^2 z^{n-2}$

where, for  $n > 2$ , as  $\gcd(y,z)=1$ ,  $y$  divides  $a^2$  and  $z$  divides  $b^2$ , and then, according to the equality  $x^{n-1} = az^{n-1} - by^{n-1}$ ,  $\gcd(x,y) > 1$  and  $\gcd(x,z) > 1$ , but  $\gcd(x,y) = \gcd(x,z) = 1$  (hypothesis). Therefore, the equalities  $b^2 y^{n-2} - a^2 z^{n-2} = 0$  (R),  $x^{n-1} = az^{n-1} - by^{n-1}$  (d),  $x^n = z^n - y^n$  (D) are impossible for  $n > 2$ .