

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 $n > 2$. »

Abstract of proof :

In the division of $x^n = z^n - y^n$ by $x^{n-1} = az^{n-1} - by^{n-1}$, $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, 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.

The application of the procedure scheme of Euclidian division until remainder equal to $z^n - y^n$, and the evaluation of remainders and partial quotients allow to obtain the unique remainder which can and must be equal to zero.

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

Let us put the division and carry out the operations until obtain the remainder equal to dividend $z^n - y^n$ and then obtain the candidate remainders to be zero.

$x^n = z^n - y^n$	$ x^{n-1} = az^{n-1} - by^{n-1}$

$- z^n + (b/a)zy^{n-1}$	$z/a + y/b - z/a - y/b$

$R_0 = - y^n + (b/a)zy^{n-1}$	$R_0 = 0 \Rightarrow (q)=x= z/a \Rightarrow \mathbf{ax=z} \Rightarrow R_0 \neq 0$
$+ y^n - (a/b)yz^{n-1}$	

$R_1 = (b/a)zy^{n-1} - (a/b)yz^{n-1}$	$R_1=0 \Rightarrow b^2 y^{n-2} - a^2 z^{n-2} = 0 \Rightarrow (q)= x = z/a + y/b$
$(b/a)zy^{n-1} + z^n$	

$R_2 = z^n - (a/b)yz^{n-1}$	$R_2=0 \Rightarrow (q)= x = z/a + y/b - z/a \Rightarrow \mathbf{bx=y} \Rightarrow R_2 \neq 0$
$+ (a/b)yz^{n-1} - y^n$	

$R_3 = z^n - y^n \neq 0,$	end of the operations cycle.

Evaluation of remainders and partial quotients :

If the remainder R_0 is zero then the quotient is $x = z/a$, so $ax = z$, which is impossible since $\gcd(x,z)=1$.

If the remainder R_2 is zero then the quotient is $x = z/a + y/b - z/a = y/b$, so $bx = y$, which is impossible since $\gcd(x,y)=1$.

$$R_3 = z^n - y^n \neq 0, \quad (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{N}^{*3} \text{ and } \gcd(y,z)=1.$$

The application of the procedure scheme of the Euclidean division allowed to obtain the remainders and the remainder which can and must be zero is unique and obtained by deduction : three remainders out of the four obtained cannot be equal to zero.

So the problem of the existence of unique remainder zero does not arise.

Therefore only the remainder R_1 can and 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 , so $\gcd(a,y) > 1$ and $\gcd(b,z) > 1$.

Then, according to the equality $x^{n-1} = az^{n-1} - by^{n-1}$ (2), $\gcd(a,y) > 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(x,y) > 1$ and $\gcd(b,z) > 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(x,z) > 1$, 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 $n > 2$.

Division with integer numbers :

Dividend D_0 is multiplied by a and dividend D_1 is multiplied by b :

$$a * z^n - y^n \quad (D_0) \quad | \quad az^{n-1} - by^{n-1} \quad (d)$$

$$\Rightarrow az^n - ay^n \quad z + ay - bz + bz$$

$$-az^n + bzy^{n-1}$$

as we have multiplied D_0 by a , then D_1 by b ,

we have $z/a + ay/ab - bz/ab + bz/ab$

Evaluation of remainders and partial quotients :

$$b * bzy^{n-1} - ay^n \quad (D_1) \quad R_0 = 0 \Rightarrow (q) = x = z/a \Rightarrow ax = z \Rightarrow R_0 \neq 0$$

$$D_1=R_0 \Rightarrow b^2zy^{n-1} - aby^n$$

$$-a^2yz^{n-1} + aby^n$$

$$\gggg R_1 = b^2zy^{n-1} - a^2yz^{n-1} \quad (D_2) \quad R_1=0 \Rightarrow b^2y^{n-2} - a^2z^{n-2}=0 \Rightarrow (q) = x = z/a + y/b$$

$$-b^2zy^{n-1} + abz^n$$

$$D_3=R_2 = abz^n - a^2yz^{n-1} \quad (D_3) \quad R_2=0 \Rightarrow (q) = x = z/a + y/b - z/a \Rightarrow bx = y \Rightarrow R_2 \neq 0$$

$$-abz^n + b^2zy^{n-1}$$

$$R_1 \lllll b^2zy^{n-1} - a^2yz^{n-1} \quad \text{end of the operations cycle.}$$

Remark :

Let the system :

$$(5) a^x + b^y = c^z, \quad (a, b, c, x, y, z) \in \mathbb{N}^{*6} \text{ and } a, b, c \text{ are coprime integers.}$$

$$(6) a^x = c^z - b^y$$

$$(7) a^{x-1} = uc^{z-1} - vb^{y-1}, \quad (u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$$

In application of the algorithm described above to the division $c^z - b^y : uc^{z-1} - vb^{y-1}$, the remainder which can and must be zero implies the equality :

$$(8) v^2b^{y-2} = u^2c^{z-2},$$

which is impossible for $y > 2$ or $z > 2$ and, by symmetry, for $x > 2$ and $z > 2$.