

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: $2^3 + 2^3 = 2^4$

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

Factor out the greatest common factor.

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^3 + 2^3 \\ = & 2^3(1 + 1) \quad (\text{G}) \leftarrow \text{-----} \\ = & 2^3(2) \\ = & 2^4 \end{aligned}$$

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.

This step requires that 2^3 and 2^3 have a common prime factor

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

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 $7^6 + 7^7 = 98^3$

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

Factor out the greatest common factor.

$$\begin{aligned} & 7^6 + 7^7 \\ = & 7^6(1 + 7) \quad (\text{G}) \leftarrow \text{-----} \\ = & 7^6(8) \\ = & 7^6(2^3) \\ = & (7^2)^3(2^3) \\ = & (7^2 \cdot 2)^3 \\ = & (49 \cdot 2)^3 \\ = & (98)^3 \\ = & 98^3 \end{aligned}$$

This step requires that 7^6 and 7^7 have a common prime factor

It is interesting how the "(1 + 7)" provided the much needed 2^3 .

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 7^6 , 7^7 and 98^3 have the common prime factor of 7.

Example 3: $3^3 + 6^3 = 3^5$

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

Factor out the greatest common factor. $3^3 + 6^3$ $= 3^3 + (3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^3 + 3^3 \cdot 2^3$ $= 3^3(1 + 2^3)$ (G) <----- $= 3^3(1 + 8)$ $= 3^3(9)$ $= 3^3 \cdot 3^2$ $= 3^5$	This step requires that 3^3 and 6^3 have a common prime factor It is interesting how the "(1 + 8)" provided the much needed 3^2 .
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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 $2^9 + 8^3 = 4^5$

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

Factor out the greatest common factor. $2^9 + 8^3$ $= 2^9 + (2^3)^3$ $= 2^9 + 2^9$ $= 2^9(1 + 1)^5$ (G) <----- $= 2^9 \cdot 2$ $= 2^{10}$ $= (2^2)^5$ $= (4)^5$ $= 4^5$	This step requires that 2^9 and 8^3 have a common prime factor It is interesting how the "(1 + 1)" provided the much needed 2.
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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 $34^5 + 51^4 = 85^4$

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

Factor out the greatest common factor. $34^5 + 51^4$ $= (17 \cdot 2)^5 + (17 \cdot 3)^4$ $= 17^5 \cdot 2^5 + 17^4 \cdot 3^4$ $= 17^4(17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4)$ (G) <----- $= 17^4(17 \cdot 32 + 81)$ $= 17^4(625)$ $= 17^4(5^4)$ $= (17 \cdot 5)^4$ $= 85^4$	This step requires that 34^5 and 51^4 have a common prime factor It is interesting how the $\underbrace{17 \cdot 2^5 + 3^4}_{\text{magic}}$ provided the much needed $625 = 5^4$
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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: $3^9 + 54^3 = 3^{11}$

Change the sum $3^9 + 54^3$ to a single power of 3.

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $3^9 + 54^3$ $= 3^9 + (9 \cdot 6)^3$ $= 3^9 + (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^9 + (3^3 \cdot 2)^3$ $= 3^9 + 3^9 \cdot 2^3$ $= 3^9(1 + 2^3) \quad \text{(G) } \leftarrow \text{-----}$ $= 3^9(1 + 8)$ $= 3^9(9)$ $= 3^9 \cdot 3^2$ $= 3^{11}$	<p>This step requires that 3^9 and 54^3 have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the $1 + 2^3$ provided the much needed 9.</p> <p>.</p>
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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: $33^5 + 66^5 = 33^6$

Change the sum $33^5 + 66^5$ to a single power of 33..

<p>Factor out the greatest common factor.</p> $33^5 + 66^5$ $= (11 \cdot 3)^5 + (11 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)^5$ $= 11^5 \cdot 3^5 + 11^5 \cdot 2^5 \cdot 3^5$ $= 11^5 \cdot 3^5(1 + 2^5) \quad \text{(G) } \leftarrow \text{-----}$ $= (11 \cdot 3)^5(1 + 2^5)$ $= 33^5(33)$ $= 33^6$	<p>This step requires that 33^5 and 66^5 have a common prime factor</p> <p>It is interesting how the $1 + 2^5$ provided the much needed 33</p>
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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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