

## The Fermat Classes And The Proof Of Beal Conjecture

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**Abstract :** If after 374 years the famous theorem of Fermat-Wiles was demonstrated in 150 pages by A. Wiles [4], The purpose of this article is to give a proofs both for the Fermat last theorem and the Beal conjecture by using the Fermat class concept.

**Résumé :** Si après 374 ans le célèbre théorème de Fermat-Wiles a été démontré en 150 pages par A. Wiles [4], le but de cet article est de donner des démonstrations à la fois du dernier théorème de Fermat et de la conjecture de Beal en utilisant la notion des classes de Fermat.

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### I. Introduction, notations and definitions

Set out by Pierre de Fermat [3], it was not until more than three centuries ago that Fermat's great theorem was published, validated and established by the British mathematician Andrew Wiles [4] in 1995.

In mathematics, and more precisely in number theory, the last theorem of Fermat [3], or Fermat's great theorem, or since his Fermat-Wiles theorem demonstration [4], is as follows: There are no non-zero integers a, b, and c such that :  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  , as soon as n is an integer strictly greater than 2 ".

The Beal conjecture [2] is the following conjecture in number theory : If  $a^x + b^y = c^z$  where a, b, c, x, y and z are positive integers with x, y, z > 2, then a, b, and c have a common prime factor. Equivalently, There are no solutions to the above equation in positive integers a, b, c, x, y, z with a, b and c being pairwise coprime and all of x, y, z being greater than 2.

The purpose of this article is to give a proofs both for the Fermat last theorem and the Beal conjecture by using the **Fermat class concept**.

Let be two equations  $x^a + y^b - z^c = 0$  with  $(x, y, z) \in E^3$  and  $(a, b, c) \in F^3$ , and  $X^A + Y^B - Z^C$  with  $(X, Y, Z) \in E'^3$  and  $(A, B, C) \in F'^3$ . In the following  $F = F' = \mathbb{N}$  and E and E' are subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The two equations  $x^a + y^b - z^c = 0$  with  $(x, y, z) \in E^3$  and  $(a, b, c) \in F^3$ ; and  $X^A + Y^B - Z^C$  with  $(X, Y, Z) \in E'^3$  and  $(A, B, C) \in F'^3$ , are said to be equivalent if the resolution of one is reduced to the resolution of the other.

In the following, an equation  $x^a + y^b - z^c = 0$  with  $(x, y, z) \in E^3$  and  $(a, b, c) \in F^3$  is considered at **close equivalence**, and we say  $x^a + y^b - z^c = 0$  is a **Fermat class**.

**Example:** The equation  $x^{15} + y^{15} - z^{15} = 0$  with  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Q}^3$  is equivalent to the equation  $X^3 + Y^3 - Z^3 = 0$  with  $(X, Y, Z) \in \mathbb{Q}_5^3$  and where  $\mathbb{Q}_5 = \{q^5, q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ .

### II. The proof of Fermat's last theorem

**Theorem 1 :** There are no non-zero a, b, and c three elements of E with  $E \subset \mathbb{Q}$  such that:  $a^n + b^n = c^n$ , with n an integer strictly greater than 2.

**Lemma 1 :** If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a, b and c are a non-zero three elements of  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  then:

$$\int_0^b x^{n-1} - \left(\frac{c-a}{b}x+a\right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} dx=0$$

**Proof :**

$$a^n + b^n = c^n \Leftrightarrow \int_0^a nx^{n-1} dx + \int_0^b nx^{n-1} dx = \int_0^c nx^{n-1} dx$$

But as :

$$\int_0^c nx^{n-1} dx = \int_0^a nx^{n-1} dx + \int_a^c nx^{n-1} dx$$

So :

$$\int_0^b nx^{n-1} dx = \int_a^c nx^{n-1} dx$$

And as by changing variables we have :

$$\int_a^c nx^{n-1} dx = \int_0^b n \left(\frac{c-a}{b}y+a\right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} dy$$

Then :

$$\int_0^b x^{n-1} dx = \int_0^b \left(\frac{c-a}{b}y+a\right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} dy$$

It results:

$$\int_0^b x^{n-1} - \left(\frac{c-a}{b}x+a\right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} dx=0$$

**Corollary 1.** If  $N, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , a, b and c are a non-zero three elements of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  then :

$$\int_0^{\frac{b}{N}} x^{n-1} - \left(\frac{c-a}{b}x + \frac{a}{N}\right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} dx=0$$

**Proof :** It results from **lemma 1** by replacing a, b and c respectively by  $\frac{a}{N}$ ,  $\frac{b}{N}$  and  $\frac{c}{N}$ .

**Lemma 2 :** If  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  is a **Fermat class**, where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a, b and c are a non-zero three elements of  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $n > 2$  and  $0 < a \leq b \leq c$ . Then we can choose a not zero integer N, a, b, c and n in the

class, such that :  $f(x) = x^{n-1} - \left(\frac{c-a}{b}x + \frac{a}{N}\right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{b}{N}\right]$ .

**Proof :**

$$\frac{df}{dx} = (n-1)x^{n-2} - (n-1)\left(\frac{c-a}{b}x + \frac{a}{N}\right)^{n-2} \left(\frac{c-a}{b}\right)^2$$

The function f decreases in the right of 0 in  $[0, \frac{b}{N}]$ .

But :

$$f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{\frac{a}{N} \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}}{1 - \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n-1}}}$$

So :

$$f(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \text{ such that } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\frac{a}{N} \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}}{1 - \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n-1}}}$$

And :

$$f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \text{ such that } x \geq \frac{\frac{a}{N} \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}}{1 - \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n-1}}}$$

Otherwise if  $\mu \in ]0, 1]$  we have :

$$\frac{b(1-\mu)}{N} < \frac{\frac{a}{N} \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}}{1 - \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n-1}}} \Leftrightarrow 1 - \mu \left( 1 - \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n-1}} \right) < \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n-1}} + \frac{a}{b} \left( \frac{c-a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$$

By replacing a, b and c respectively with  $a' = a^{\frac{1}{k}}$ ,  $b' = b^{\frac{1}{k}}$ , and  $c' = c^{\frac{1}{k}}$  with  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , we get another Fermat class :  $a'^{kn} + b'^{kn} = c'^{kn}$

we will show that for this class and for k large enough,

$$1 - \mu \left( 1 - \left( \frac{c'-a'}{b'} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{kn-1}} \right) \leq \left( \frac{c'-a'}{b'} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{kn-1}} + \frac{a'}{b'} \left( \frac{c'-a'}{b'} \right)^{\frac{1}{kn-1}}$$

First we have :  $1 - \mu \left( 1 - \left( \frac{c'-a'}{b'} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{kn-1}} \right) \leq 1 - \mu \left( 1 - \left( \frac{c'-a'}{b'} \right)^2 \right) < 1$

And as :

$$\left( \frac{c'-a'}{b'} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{kn-1}} + \frac{a'}{b'} \left( \frac{c'-a'}{b'} \right)^{\frac{1}{kn-1}} = \frac{c'}{b'} \left( \frac{c'-a'}{b'} \right)^{\frac{1}{kn-1}} \geq \left( \frac{c^{\frac{1}{k}} - a^{\frac{1}{k}}}{b^{\frac{1}{k}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{kn-1}} \geq \left( 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)^{\frac{1}{kn-1}}$$

By using the **logarithm**, we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)^{\frac{1}{kn-1}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)^{\frac{1}{kn}} = 1$  because :

$$\left( 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} = e^{\frac{1}{k} \ln \left( 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)}, \text{ by posing : } 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} = e^{-l}, \text{ we will have : } \frac{1}{k} = \frac{\ln(1 - e^{-l})}{\ln \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)} \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} = \lim_{l \rightarrow +\infty} e^{\left( \frac{\ln(1 - e^{-l})}{\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)} \right)^{-l}} = 1 \quad \text{which shows the result.}$$

So, for k large enough, we deduce that there exists a class  $a'^{kn} + b'^{kn} = c'^{kn}$  such that :

$$f(x) = x^{kn-1} - \left( \frac{c' - a'}{b'} x + \frac{a'}{N} \right)^{kn-1} \frac{c' - a'}{b'} < 0 \quad \forall x \in \left[ 0, \frac{b'(1-\mu)}{N} \right] \quad \text{independently of N.}$$

Let's fix an N and put  $S = \sup \left\{ f(x), x \in \left[ 0, \frac{b'(1-\mu)}{N} \right] \right\}$  By replacing  $a'$ ,  $b'$  and  $c'$  respectively

with  $a'(1-\mu) = a''$ ,  $b'(1-\mu) = b''$ , and  $c'(1-\mu) = c''$ , we get another **Fermat class** :  
 $a''^{kn} + b''^{kn} = c''^{kn}$  And we will have for M large enough :

$$f(x) = x^{kn-1} - \left( \frac{c'' - a''}{b''} x + \frac{a''}{M} \right)^{kn-1} \frac{c'' - a''}{b''} < 0 \quad \forall x \in \left[ 0, \frac{b''}{M} \right] \quad \text{Because}$$

$$f(x) \leq S + \sup \left\{ \frac{P(x, \mu)}{M}, x \in \left[ 0, \frac{b'(1-\mu)}{N} \right] \right\} \quad \text{where P is a polynomial, and as for M large enough}$$

$$\left| \sup \left\{ \frac{P(x, \mu)}{M}, x \in \left[ 0, \frac{b'(1-\mu)}{N} \right] \right\} \right| < |S| \quad \text{and } S < 0, \text{ the result is deduced.}$$

### Proof of Theorem:

If  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  is a **Fermat class**, where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a, b and c are a non-zero three elements of  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $n > 2$  and  $0 < a \leq b \leq c$ . Then, by the **lemma 2**, for **well chosen** N, and a, b, c, and n in the class, we will have :

$$f(x) = x^{n-1} - \left( \frac{c-a}{b} x + \frac{a}{N} \right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in \left[ 0, \frac{b}{N} \right]$$

And by using the **corollary 1**, we have :  $\int_0^{\frac{b}{N}} x^{n-1} - \left( \frac{c-a}{b} x + \frac{a}{N} \right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} dx = 0$

$$\text{So: } x^{n-1} - \left( \frac{c-a}{b} x + \frac{a}{N} \right)^{n-1} \frac{c-a}{b} = 0 \quad \forall x \in \left[ 0, \frac{b}{N} \right]$$

And therefore  $\frac{c-a}{b} = 1$  because f(x) is a null polynomial as it have more than n zeros. So  $c = a + b$  and  $a^n + b^n \neq c^n$  which is absurd .

### III. The proof of Beal conjecture

**Corollaire 2** [Beal conjecture] : If  $a^x + b^y = c^z$  where a, b, c, x, y and z are positive integers with x, y, z > 2, then a, b, and c have a common prime factor.

Equivalently, there are no solutions to the above equation in positive integers a, b, c, x, y, z with a, b and c being pairwise coprime and all of x, y, z being greater than 2.

**Proof:**

Let  $a^x + b^y = c^z$ . If a, b and c are not pairwise coprime, then by posing  $a = ka'$ ,  $b = kb'$ , and  $c = kc'$ . Let  $a' = u'^{yz}$ ,  $b' = v'^{xz}$ ,  $c' = w'^{xy}$  and  $k = u^{yz}$ ,  $k = v^{xz}$ ,  $k = w^{xy}$ .

As  $a^x + b^y = c^z$ , we deduce that  $(uu')^{xyz} + (vv')^{xyz} = (ww')^{xyz}$ .

So :

$$k^x u'^{xyz} + k^y v'^{xyz} = k^z w'^{xyz}$$

This equation does not look like the one studied in the first theorem.

But if a, b and c are pairwise coprime, we have  $k = 1$  and  $u = v = w = 1$  and we will have to solve the equation :

$$u'^{xyz} + v'^{xyz} = w'^{xyz}$$

The equation  $u'^{xyz} + v'^{xyz} = w'^{xyz}$  have a solution if and only if at least one of the equations :

$$(u'^{xy})^z + (v'^{xy})^z = (w'^{xy})^z, (u'^{xz})^y + (v'^{xz})^y = (w'^{xz})^y, (u'^{yz})^x + (v'^{yz})^x = (w'^{yz})^x$$

So by the proof given in the proof of the first Theorem we must have :  $z \leq 2$  or  $y \leq 2$ , or  $x \leq 2$ .

We therefore conclude that if  $a^x + b^y = c^z$  where a, b, c, x, y, and z are positive integers with x, y, z > 2, then a, b, and c have a common prime factor.

**IV. Important notes**

1- If a, b, and c are not pairwise coprime, someone, by applying the proof given in the corollary like this :

$a = u^{yz}, b = v^{xz}, c = w^{xy}$  we will have  $u^{xyz} + v^{xyz} = w^{xyz}$ , and could say that all the x, y and z are always smaller than 2. What is false:  $7^3 + 7^4 = 14^3$

The reason is simple: it is the common factor k which could increase the power, for example if  $k = c'^r$  in the proof, then  $c^z = (kc')^z = c'^{(r+1)z}$ . You can take the example :  $2^r + 2^r = 2^{r+1}$  where  $k = 2^r$ .

2- These techniques do not say that the equation  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  where  $a, b, c \in ]0, +\infty[$  has no solution since in the proof the Fermat class  $X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2$  can have a solution ( We take  $a = X^{\frac{2}{n}}$ ,  $b = Y^{\frac{2}{n}}$  and  $C = Z^{\frac{2}{n}}$  ).

3- In [1] I proved the abc conjecture which implies only that the equation  $a^x + b^y = c^z$  has only a finite number of solutions with a, b, c, x, y, z a positive integers and a, b and c being pairwise coprime and all of x, y, z being greater than 2.

**V. Conclusion**

The Fermat class used in this article have allowed to prove both the Fermat' last theorem and the Beal' conjecture and have shown that the Beal conjecture is only a corollary of the Fermat' last theorem.

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