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**ALGEBRAIC PROOF IV FERMAT'S LAST THEOREM**

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**Abstract:-** The special case  $z^4 = x^4 + y^4$  is impossible [1]. In view of this fact, it is only necessary to prove, if  $x, y, z$ , are relatively prime positive integers,  $\pi$  is an odd prime,  $z^\pi \neq x^\pi + y^\pi$  (In this article, the symbol  $\pi$  will represent an odd prime). Also, a new proof is given that  $z^4 = x^4 + y^4$  is impossible.

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**Theorem 1** If  $z^\pi = x^\pi + y^\pi$ , then if  $z \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}(y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi})[x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}]$ ,

1.  $(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}, ((z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}), [(z-y)^\pi - x^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}]$ ;
2.  $(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^3}, ((z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^3}), [(z-y)^\pi - x^\pi \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^3}]$ ;
3.  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}(y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi})[z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}]$ .

Theorem 1 is arrived at through the following three lemmas.

**Lemma 1** If  $z^\pi = x^\pi + y^\pi$ , then  $x+y-z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}(z-x-y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi})$ .

**Proof.** It is obvious that

$$(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, (z-y)^\pi - x^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, (z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$$

$$(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi = (x+y-z+z)^\pi - z^\pi = \sum_0^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(x+y-z)^{\pi-k} z^k;$$

$$(1) (x+y)^\pi - z^\pi - (x+y-z)^\pi = \sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(x+y-z)^{\pi-k} z^k.$$

$$(z-x)^\pi - y^\pi = (z-x-y+y)^\pi - y^\pi = \sum_0^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(z-x-y)^{\pi-k} y^k;$$

$$(2) (z-x)^\pi - y^\pi - (z-x-y)^\pi = \sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(z-x-y)^{\pi-k} y^k.$$

$$(z-y)^\pi - x^\pi = (z-x-y+x)^\pi - x^\pi = \sum_0^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(z-x-y)^{\pi-k} x^k;$$

$$(3) (z-y)^\pi - x^\pi - (z-x-y)^\pi = \sum_1^{\pi-1} C(\pi, k)(z-x-y)^{\pi-k} x^k.$$

**Lemma 2** If  $z^\pi = x^\pi + y^\pi$ , and  $z \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}(y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi})[x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}]$ , then  $(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}((z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2})[(z-y)^\pi - x^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}]$ .

**Proof.** See proof of Lemma 1.

**Lemma 3** If  $z^\pi = x^\pi + y^\pi$ , and

$(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^3}, ((z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^3}), [(z-y)^\pi - x^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^3}]$ , then  $z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}; (y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}); [x \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}]$ , If

$(x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}((z-x)^\pi - y^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}), [(z-y)^\pi - x^\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}]$ , then  $z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}; (y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}); [x \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}]$ ,

**Proof.** The first assertion comes from the equations in Lemma 2 and the Unique Factorization Theorem. For the second assertion, if two of the equivalences  $x+y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, z-x \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, z-y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$  hold the proof is complete by the equivalence  $x+y-z$ . Assume  $x+y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, z-x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+y)^\pi - z^\pi \\ &= (x+y)((x+y)^{\pi-1} - z^\pi(x+y)^{-1}) \\ &\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2} \end{aligned}$$



$$= (x+y)((x+y)^{\pi-1} - z^{\pi-1} + z^{\pi-1} - z^{\pi}(x+y)^{-1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2};$$

$$(x+y)^{\pi-1} - z^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi};$$

because of the equation

$$(x+y)^{\pi-1} - z^{\pi-1} = (x+y-z) \sum_0^{\pi-2} (x+y)^{\pi-1-k} z^k;$$

if

$$(1) (x+y)^{\pi-1} - z^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2},$$

Compare this with

$$(2) (x+y)^{\pi} - z^{\pi} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2},$$

multiplying through (1) by  $x+y$  and subtracting (1) from (2) gives

$$z^{\pi-1}(x+y-z) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2};$$

$$z^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi};$$

thus  $z^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, z \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$ .

If

$$(x+y)^{\pi-1} - z^{\pi-1} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2},$$

then

$$(x+y)\mu\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}, (\mu, \pi) = 1,$$

so

$$x+y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi},$$

a contradiction.

To show that  $y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$ .

$$(z-x)^{\pi} - y^{\pi} = (z-x)^{\pi} - (z-x)y^{\pi}(z-x)^{-1}$$

$$= (z-x)((z-x)^{\pi-1} - y^{\pi-1} + y^{\pi-1} - y^{\pi}(z-x)^{-1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2};$$

because of the equation

$$(z-x)^{\pi-1} - y^{\pi-1} = (z-x-y) \sum_0^{\pi-2} (z-x)^{\pi-1-k} y^k,$$

$$(z-x)^{\pi-1} - y^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi};$$

if  $((z-x)^{\pi-1} - y^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2})$ , this leads to

$$(1) (z-x)^{\pi} - y^{\pi} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2},$$

$$(2) (z-x)^{\pi-1} - y^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2};$$

multiplying through (2) by  $z-x$  and subtracting from (1) gives



$$y^{\pi-1}(z-x-y) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2};$$

$$y^{\pi-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi};$$

thus  $y \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$ .

If

$$(z-x)^{\pi-1} - y^{\pi-1} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\pi},$$

then

$$(x+y)\mu\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^2}, (\mu, \pi) = 1,$$

so

$$z-x \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi},$$

a contradiction.

The paper is finished by producing a new proof of the following theorem.

**Theorem 2** *If  $x, y, z$  are relatively prime positive integers, then  $z^4 \neq x^4 + y^4$ .*

Following the proofs above, several equivalences arise:

**Proof.**

1.  $z^2(x+y-z) \equiv 0 \pmod{4};$

2.  $y^2(z-x-y) \equiv 0 \pmod{4};$

3.  $x+y \equiv 0 \pmod{2};$

4.  $z-x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$

this leads to  $z \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, y \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$

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