

Equivalent ABC Conjecture Proved on Two Pages

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Abstract

By applying basic mathematical principles, the author proves an equivalent ABC conjecture. The equivalent ABC conjecture proved in this paper states that for every positive real number ε , there exists only finitely many triples (A, B, C) of coprime positive integers, with $A + B = C$, such that $C < K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon}$, where d is the product of distinct prime factors of $A, B,$ and C , and K_ε is a constant. From the hypothesis, $A + B = C$, it was proved that $C < K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon}$.

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Option 1

Introduction

The equivalent conjecture states that for every positive real number ε , there exists only finitely many triples (A, B, C) of coprime positive integers, with $A + B = C$, such that $C < K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon}$ where d is the product of distinct prime factors of A, B , and C , and K_ε is a constant.

If $A + B - C = 0$, $|A + B - C| = |0| = 0$. For a positive number, δ , $0 < \delta$, one can write $|A + B - C| < \delta$. From above, the hypothesis would be, $|A + B - C| < \delta$, and the conclusion would be $C < K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon}$.

Option 2

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The equivalent ABC conjecture, in this paper, states that for every positive real number ε , there exists only finitely many triples (A, B, C) of coprime positive integers, with $A + B = C$, such that $C < K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon}$, where d is the product of distinct prime factors of A, B, C , and K_ε is a constant.

Given: 1. $A + B = C$, where A, B and C are positive integers. with A, B and C being coprime.
2. $d =$ product of the distinct prime factors of A, B and C .

Required: To prove that $C < K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon}$

Plan: Hypothesis $\boxed{A + B = C,}$
 $A + B - C = 0,$
 and $|A + B - C| = |0| = 0$
 For a positive number, $\delta, 0 < \delta,$
 one can write $|A + B - C| < \delta.$

Conclusion: $\boxed{K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon} > C;}$
 $\log\{K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon}\} > \log C$
 $\log K_\varepsilon + \log\{\text{rad}(d)^{1+\varepsilon}\} > \log C :$
 $\log K_\varepsilon + (1 + \varepsilon) \log(\text{rad}(d)) > \log C :$
 $\log K_\varepsilon + \log(\text{rad}(d)) + \varepsilon \log \text{rad}(d) > \log C :$
 $\varepsilon \log \text{rad}(d) > \log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))$
 $\varepsilon > \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log \text{rad}(d)} \text{ or}$
 $\frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < \varepsilon$ (equivalent conclusion)

The proof would be complete after showing that if $|A + B - C| < \delta$, then

$$\frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < \varepsilon \text{ (equivalent conclusion)}$$

Proof: One will apply the continued inequality method to handle the inequalities involved.

Step 1: $|A + B - C| < \delta$ ($\delta > 0$)(hypothesis) (2)

One applies the absolute value symbol to the equivalent conclusion from above to

$$\text{obtain } \left| \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} \right| < \varepsilon \text{ (3).}$$

(The above absolute value symbol will be removed in the last step)

The hypothesis $|A + B - C| < \delta$ is equivalent to

$$-\delta < A + B - C < \delta \text{ (hypothesis) (4)}$$

The conclusion, $\left| \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} \right| < \varepsilon$ is equivalent to

$$-\varepsilon < \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < \varepsilon \text{ conclusion (5)}$$

Step 2: Make the middle terms of (4) and (5) the same. Then (4) becomes.

$$-\delta + \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < A + B - C + \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} + \delta \text{ (hypoth) (6)}$$

and (5) becomes $\boxed{-\varepsilon + A + B - C < A + B - C + \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < \varepsilon + A + B - C}$ (7)

Since (6) and (7) have the same middle terms, equate the left sides to each other and equate the right sides to each other. Then one obtains

$$-\delta + \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} = -\varepsilon + A + B - C \quad \text{and one solves for } \delta \text{ to obtain}$$

$$\delta = \varepsilon + \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} - A - B + C, \text{ say } \delta_1 \quad \text{followed by solving}$$

$$\frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} + \delta = \varepsilon + A + B - C \quad \text{for } \delta \text{ to}$$

obtain $\delta = \varepsilon - \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} + A + B - C, \text{ say } \delta_2$

$|A + B - C| < \delta$, implies that

$$-\delta < A + B - C < \delta \quad (\text{hypothesis})$$

For $\varepsilon > 0$, choose $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$.

$-\delta < A + B - C < \delta$ (hypothesis) implies that

$$-\delta_1 \leq -\delta < A + B - C < \delta \leq \delta_2 \quad (\text{hypothesis}) \quad (8)$$

Step 3: Replace the left and right sides of (8) by

$$\delta = \varepsilon + \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} - A - B + C, \text{ say } \delta_1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\delta = \varepsilon - \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} + A + B - C, \text{ say } \delta_2, \text{ from above, respectively, to}$$

obtain

$$-\varepsilon - \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} + A + B - C < A + B - C < \varepsilon - \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} + A + B - C \quad (\text{hyp}) \quad (9)$$

Break up inequality (9) into two simple inequalities and solve each one for $-\varepsilon$ and ε , respectively.

$$-\varepsilon - \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} + A + B - C < A + B - C. \text{ solving, } -\varepsilon < \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))}$$

$$A + B - C < \varepsilon - \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} + A + B - C; \text{ solving, } \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < \varepsilon$$

The combination, $-\varepsilon < \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))}$ and $\frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < \varepsilon$, is

$$\text{equivalent to } \left| \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} \right| < \varepsilon$$

Step 4: As was noted in Step 1, one will remove the absolute value symbol (see analogy on next page)

$$\text{to obtain } \frac{\log C - \log K_\varepsilon - \log(\text{rad}(d))}{\log(\text{rad}(d))} < \varepsilon \quad (\text{equivalent conclusion})$$

Therefore, if $|A + B - C| < \delta$ ($\delta > 0$) or $A + B = C$, $C < \{K_\varepsilon \text{rad}(d)\}^{(\varepsilon+1)}$, and the proof of the equivalent conjecture is complete.

Option 3

Discussion

In Step 1, (inequality (3)) the absolute value symbol was applied, and in Step 4, the symbol was removed. For **analogy** in elementary math, consider:

Factoring quadratic trinomials by the substitution method;

Example : Factor $6x^2 + 11x - 10$
Step 1: Multiply the expression by the coefficient of the x^2 -term.
 $6(6x^2) + 6(11x) - 6(10)$
 $(6x)^2 + 11(6x) - 60 \dots\dots\dots(A)$
Step 2: Let $6x = s$
 Then, we obtain $s^2 + 11s - 60$
 $(s - 4)(s + 15) \dots\dots\dots(B)$
Step 3: Replace s by $6x$, and then, expression (B) becomes $(6x - 4)(6x + 15) \dots\dots(C)$

Since one multiplied the original trinomial by 6, one must divide expression (C) by 6 (that is, one must undo the "6" introduced in Step 1).

Step 4: In order to divide (C) by 6, perform common monomial factoring on the two binomial factors (in some cases, this factoring is performed only on one of the binomial factors).
 $(6x - 4)(6x + 15)$
 $2(3x - 2) \cdot 3(2x + 5)$
 $2(3)(3x - 2)(2x + 5)$
 $6(3x - 2)(2x + 5)$
 Now, divide by 6: $\frac{6(3x - 2)(2x + 5)}{6}$
 and then the complete factorization of
 $6x^2 + 11x - 10$ is $(3x - 2)(2x + 5)$

Conclusion

By applying basic mathematical principles, the author proved an equivalent ABC conjecture, The equivalent ABC conjecture proved states that for every positive real number ϵ , there exists only finitely many triples (A, B, C) of coprime positive integers, with $A + B = C$, such that $C < K_\epsilon rad(d)^{(1+\epsilon)}$, where d is the product of distinct prime factors of $A, B,$ and C , and K_ϵ is a constant. From the hypothesis, $A + B = C$, it was proved that $C < K_\epsilon rad(d)^{(1+\epsilon)}$, the conclusion. The continued inequality method (condensed method) was used in handling the inequalities involved in the proof.

- PS:** 1. A proof of the original ABC conjecture by the author is at viXra:2107.0094
 2. For more on epsilon-delta proofs, see Lesson 5C, Calculus 1 & 2 by A. A. Frempong at Apple iBookstore.

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