

Lecture 1
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solutions to Pythagorean triples:

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= st \\ b &= \frac{s^2 - t^2}{2} \\ c &= \frac{s^2 + t^2}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \text{where } s, t \text{ are odd integers.}$$

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what about $a^n + b^n = c^n$, $n \geq 3$ integer solutions? ∞
Fermat's last theorem
A. Wiles solved this. (with Elliptic curves)

Primes: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, ...

Primes of the form $3x+1$. x int.

Which primes are sum of two squares? $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$$5 = 1^2 + 2^2$$

twin prime conjecture: (3, 5), (11, 13), (17, 19), ... ∞ (still unsolved)

Primes of the form $n^2 + 1$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ (unsolved)

In 1903:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{67} - 1 &= 147573952589676412927 \\ &= 193707721 \times 761838257287 \end{aligned}$$

primes

"factoring"
idea of RSA

$$\text{prime \# thm: (approx) } \pi(x) = \frac{x}{\log x} \quad \pi(x) = \sum_{p \leq x} 1$$

(# of primes less than x)

$$\text{and } Li(x) = \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\log t} \quad (\text{best approx to } \pi(x) \text{ so far})$$

Chapter 2.

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ integer solutions

if with common factor, $(da')^2 + (db')^2 = (dc')^2$
 $a'^2 + b'^2 = c'^2$

so we can assume a, b, c have no common factors

we call such (a, b, c) primitive Pythagorean triples.

If a, b are both even, c is even. \Rightarrow have common factor 2 \Rightarrow impossible

If a, b are both odd, $a = 2x+1$, $b = 2y+1$, $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a^2 + b^2 = 4x^2 + 4y^2 + 4x + 4y + 2 \text{ is even}$$

$$c^2 \text{ even} \Rightarrow c \text{ even}$$

$$\text{so we write } c = 2z = 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2x + 2y + 1 \text{ which is odd } (\Rightarrow \Leftarrow)$$

So we can assume a is odd, b is even, $\Rightarrow c$ is odd

$$a^2 = c^2 - b^2 = (c+b)(c-b)$$

claim $c+b, c-b$ have no common factors ($c+b, c-b$ are relatively prime/coprime)

Proof by contradiction.

Suppose d divides both $c+b$ & $c-b$

d divides $c+b+c-b=2c$ and $c+b-(c-b)=2b$

$d \mid a^2 \Rightarrow d$ is odd

(a, b, c) have no common factor
 $\Rightarrow d=1$

Unique factorization of integer \rightarrow to be learned in § 7

$$a^2 = (c+b)(c-b) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c+b = s^2 \\ c-b = t^2 \end{cases} \quad (s > t \geq 1, s \text{ and } t \text{ are both odd, with no common factor})$$

$$\text{so } c = \frac{s^2+t^2}{2}, b = \frac{s^2-t^2}{2}, a = st$$

