

1. Show that the equation $x^2 + y^2 = z^3$ has infinitely many solutions for x, y, z positive integers.

Let $x = n(n^2 - 3)$ and $y = 3n^2 - 1$ for $n \geq 2$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 &= n^6 - 6n^4 + 9n^2 + 9n^4 - 6n^2 + 1 \\&= n^6 + 3n^4 + 3n^2 + 1 \\&= (n^2 + 1)^3 \\&= z^3 \text{ for } z := n^2 + 1.\end{aligned}$$

2. Prove that nonnegative integer solutions of the equation $x^2 + 2y^2 = z^2$ with $\gcd(x, y, z) = 1$ are given by:

$$x = \pm(2s^2 - t^2), \quad y = 2st, \quad z = 2s^2 + t^2, \quad s, t \geq 0.$$

$$x^2 + 2y^2 = 4s^4 - 4s^2t^2 + t^4 + 8s^2t^2 = 4s^4 + 4s^2t^2 + t^4 = (2s^2 + t^2)^2 = z^2.$$

3. In a Pythagorean triple $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$, prove that x and y cannot both be perfect squares.

Pf (contradiction): Suppose $x = k^2 \neq y = j^2$ for $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

By Fermat's Last Theorem, $z^2 = (k^2)^2 + (j^2)^2$ has no solution's. Conclude that x, y cannot be perfect squares.

11. Prove that nonnegative integer solutions to $\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} = \frac{1}{z^2}$ are given by:
 $x = 2st(s^2 + t^2)$, $y = s^4 - t^4$, $z = 2st(s^2 - t^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} &= \frac{1}{[4s^2t^2(s^2 + t^2)^2]} + \frac{1}{[s^4 - t^4]^2} \\ &= \frac{(s^2 - t^2)^2 + 4s^2t^2}{4s^2t^2(s^2 + t^2)^2(s^2 - t^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{s^4 - 2s^2t^2 + t^4 + 4s^2t^2}{4s^2t^2(s^2 + t^2)^2(s^2 - t^2)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(s^2 + t^2)^2}{4s^2t^2(s^2 + t^2)^2(s^2 - t^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{[2st(s^2 - t^2)]^2}$$

$$= 1/z^2. \quad \checkmark$$