

# About the non-existence of the Perfect Cuboid.

## 1. Pythagorean triples for relatively prime cathetus.

In a primitive Pythagorean Triple (**pPT**) two of the three numbers, which represent the length of the cathetus of a rectangular triangle, are relatively prime. They share no common divisor. In each such triple the smaller two of the three numbers are the lengths of the cathetus, one of which is even while the other is odd. The largest of the three numbers is the length of the hypotenuse and it is always odd. The smallest **pPT** consists of the three numbers 3, 4, 5.

## 2. Pythagorean triples in general.

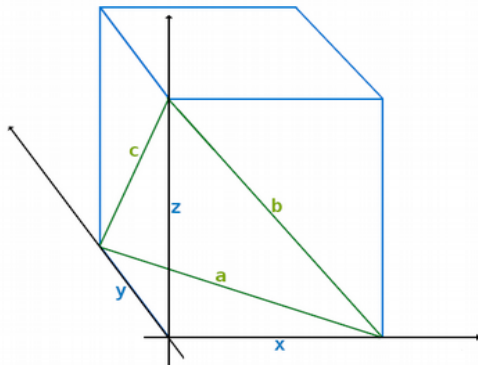
The side lengths of every rectangular triangle are the three numbers which represent a general *Pythagorean Triple* (**PT**).

## 3. Rule for building PT.

Every **PT** is in exactly one way the product of a **pPT** and an integer factor  $f \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## 4. The Cuboid.

A cuboid (Euler brick) is a brick in which the lengths of the sides  $x, y, z$ , and also the lengths of the diagonals  $a, b, c$  of the face rectangular triangles are integer numbers. The three lengths of the face triangles  $\triangle xya$ ,  $\triangle xzb$  and  $\triangle yzc$  are thus **PT** and they are built from their three **pPT**  $\triangle x_a y_a a_a$ ,  $\triangle x_b z_b b_b$  and  $\triangle y_c z_c c_c$ . The subscript indices  $a, b$ , and  $c$  indicate the **pPT**, from which the **PT** is built as a multiple, i.e. by multiplying with one of the respective factors  $f_a, f_b$ , and  $f_c$ .



### N.B.

The smallest Cuboid is  $x=44, y=117, z=240$ .  
Therefore it has  $a=125, b=244, c=267$ .

The **PT** are  $\triangle xya = 44, 117, 125$ ,  $\triangle xzb = 44, 240, 244$  and  $\triangle yzc = 117, 240, 267$ .

Its **pPT** are with  $f_a=1$ ;  $\triangle x_a y_a a_a = 44, 117, 125$ , with  $f_b=4$ ;  $\triangle x_b z_b b_b = 11, 60, 61$ , and with  $f_c=3$ ;  $\triangle y_c z_c c_c = 39, 80, 89$ .

## 5. Possible configurations.

There are exactly two possible *configurations* in which the cathetus of the **pPT** of the face triangles can be connected to each other in the edges of a Cuboid.

### 5.1. All pPT are in *regular* order.

There is always one odd cathetus of one **pPT** connected with the even cathetus of the next **pPT** in each of the three edges of the cuboid. The cathetus of the **pPT** meet in the edges  $x, y, z$  of the cuboid always one's even to the other's odd:  $x_a$  to  $x_b$ ,  $y_a$  to  $y_c$  and  $z_b$  to  $z_c$ .

### 5.2. One of the pPT is flipped.

One of the **pPT** of the face triangles is *flipped*, which means the cathetus of the **pPT** in the edges of the cuboid could for example be like this:

- $x$ : two odd length cathetus:  $x_a$  and  $x_b$
- $y$ : two even length cathetus:  $y_a$  and  $y_c$
- $z$ : one even and one odd cathetus:  $z_b$  and  $z_c$

## 6. The perfect cuboid.

A perfect cuboid is a cuboid (Euler brick), in which also the length of the space diagonal  $g$ , which goes from one corner through the brick to the opposite corner, is an integer number. Until today it is not known whether such a cuboid exists, or if there is a proof for its existence or against it. The length of the space diagonal  $g$  of a cuboid with the edge lengths  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  is defined by the equation:

$$g = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

### 6.1. A perfect cuboid with 5.1?

We assume there is a smallest possible solution for a perfect cuboid. The configuration 5.1 can not be the one of a solution, because all of the edges lengths  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , and the face diagonals,  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , as well as the length of the space diagonal  $g$  would be multiples of even numbers (remember: each edge is, by one pPT, the multiple of an even number). As a consequence the smallest possible solution would be divisible by two, which of course contradicts the assumption.

### 6.2. A perfect cuboid with 5.2?

Because of the commutativity of the three summands in the square root, and because „Pythagoras 3D“ can be calculated by two consecutive applications of the Pythagoras rules, the following three equations are equivalent:

$$g = \sqrt{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}^2 + z^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + z^2}$$

$$g = \sqrt{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2}^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{b^2 + y^2}$$

$$g = \sqrt{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}^2 + x^2} = \sqrt{c^2 + x^2}$$

In these equations each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is the multiple of a hypotenuse  $a_a$ ,  $b_b$ , or  $c_c$  of one of the **pPT** and as such the multiple of an odd number. Because of 3. Rule for building PT the cathetus  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  all must be multiples of even numbers. But in configuration 5.2 exactly one of the edge lengths  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  of the cuboid is the multiple of two of the odd length cathetus of three **pPT** of the face triangles.

In the example give the edge  $x$  is a multiple of  $x_a$  and also  $x_b$ , both of which are odd.

The last of the three equations above does not match the condition of 3. Rule for building PT.

As a consequence the system of the three equations can not have a solution either.