

Fun with Prime Numbers (4)

Invitation to the Mysterious World of Mathematics

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Examples of ABC triples

- The ABC conjecture concerns $C > N^{1+\varepsilon}$.
- For simplicity, we shall try to find ABC triples (A,B,C) satisfying $C > N$.

Example 1

$$(A,B,C) = (2,3,5)$$

$$N =$$

Examples of ABC triples (2)

Example 2

$$(A,B,C) = (7,9,16)$$

$$N =$$

Examples of ABC triples (3)

- How can we find ABC triples with $C > N$?
- (Idea) In order to make N smaller, the product ABC should be divisible by a high power of a prime number.

Example 3

$$(A, B, C) = (1, 63, 64)$$

$$N =$$

Examples of ABC triples (4)

- There exist infinitely many ABC triples with $C > N$. But, such triples are **very rare**.
- The ABC conjecture claims, if we replace N by $N^{1+\varepsilon} > N$, the inequality

$$C > N^{1+\varepsilon}$$

holds for finitely many ABC triples only.