

There are many positive integer solutions to the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 = z^2$$

which can be rewritten as

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

For example (3, 4, 5) or (5, 12, 13). Such solutions are called *Pythagorean triples*. However, for higher powers the situation is very different, and we have:- **Theorem: Fermat-Wiles** For all natural numbers $n \neq 2$, there are no integers x, y, z satisfying the equation:

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$