Take-Home #3 Due January 8, 1968

20 15 Hou may use Ore, McCoy, your notes, and the computer, but no other sources and no discussion of the exam outside class will libe allowed. 4

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10 1. (10 points) Let r(n) denote the total number of solutions (proper and improper) of the equation $x^2 + y^2 = n$ and let $R(N) = \sum_{n \leq N} r(n)$. Show that R(N) is related to the number of integral lattice points on and within a certain circle and use this fact to prove that

 $\mathcal{T}(N-2\sqrt{2N+2}) < R(N) \le \mathcal{T}(N+2\sqrt{2N+2})$ $\mathcal{T}(N-\sqrt{2})^2 \qquad \mathcal{T}(N+2\sqrt{2N+2})^2$ of denominators of the convergents of x may be defined recursively
by $q_1 = q_1 = 1$ by $q_1 = q_2 = 1$, $q_{n+1} = q_n + q_{n-1}$. Verify that

$$q_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n} - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n} \right].$$

3. (15 points) Use the theory of continued fractions (and the computer) to find a solution of the simultaneous congruences

 $1409x \equiv 661 \pmod{988027}$ $1463x \equiv 870 \pmod{410531}$

(15 points) Find all (if any) integral lattice points on the ellipse $10x^2 - 8xy + 5y^2 = 100$.

(15 points) Given that 2.7182 < e < 2.7183 , show that the first 8 partial quotients of e are 2,1,2,1,1,4,1,1. What reduced rational number with denominator no greater than 50 best approximates e ?

> (20 points) Farmer Jones has 14299853 orange trees which he plans to plant in two square orchards of unequal size. If he desires to minimize the total number of rows in his orchards, how many trees should he plant in each orchard ?

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7. (25 points) If p = hK + 1 is a prime, show that

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Hint: count the lattice points above the parabola $y^2 = px$ in a

suitable rectangle.

- 8. (15 points) Show that 3413 is a prime; show that its smallest primitive root is 2; and find the quadratic residues of 34.
- 9. (50 points) Theorem If $n \mid K^2 + 3$, where n is odd and (3,n) = 1, then there exist integers s and t such that $n = t^2 + 3s^2$. Prove the above theorem by completing the following steps.
- 10. i) Show that there exist integers r,s such that $\left| \frac{K}{n} - \frac{r}{s} \right| \le \frac{1}{(N+1)s}$ $0 < s \le N$
- 10. Left) Show that if t = 1/3s rn, then $t^2 + 3s^2 = 0$ and $t^2 + 3s^2 < \frac{n^2}{n^2} + 3v^2$.
 - (iii) Use differential calculus to find the real number $x_0 > 0$ (iv) which minimizes the function $F(x) = \frac{n^2}{2} + 3x^2$, and show that when $N = [x_0]$ we have $t^2 + 3s^2 < 2\sqrt{3}$ n
 - iv) Conclude from iii) that $t^2 + 3s^2 = n$, 2n, or 3n, and eliminate the undesirable cases to complete the proof of the theorem.
 - Use the theorem to show that there are an infinite number

douthave $r_1=3$, $r_{n+1}=r_n^2=2$. Then the following theorem provides a useful test for the primality of the so-called Mersenne numbers: 3l=4(7)+3

Theorem: If $p = \ln + 3$ is a prime and $M_p = 2^p - 1$, then M_p is a prime if and only if $r_{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{M_p}$.

Assuming the truth of the above theorem, or otherwise, determine whether or not 231 _ 1 is a prime.

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1. (10 points) Decide whether $x^2 \equiv 150 \pmod{1009}$ is solvable

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2. (15 points) Find all solutions of the congruence $x^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{261}$.

$$V^2 = 5 \mod 164 \iff V^2 = 5 \mod 2^2 + X^2 = 5 \mod 41$$
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 41 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

$$X = 1 \quad \text{mod } 4$$

$$M_{1} = 41 \qquad M_{2} = 4 \qquad M_{1}T_{1} \equiv 1 \mod 4$$

$$T_{1} = 1 \qquad T_{2} = -10 \qquad M_{2}T_{2} \equiv 1 \mod 4$$

$$X \equiv 1 \cdot 41 \cdot 1 + (-10)(13 \equiv) \equiv -89 \equiv (75) \pmod{164}$$

$$X \equiv -41 + (-10)(13) \equiv -171 \equiv 157$$

$$X \equiv 41 \cdot 1 + (-10)(-13) \equiv 171 \equiv 7$$

$$X \equiv -41 + (-10)(-13) \equiv 89$$

$$X = -41 + (-10)(13) = -77 = 7$$

 $X = 41 + (-10)(-13) = 171 = 7$

$$X = -41 + (-10)(-13) = 89$$

X = 85 mod 164 are all solutions X = 89 X = 157 leady is one solution

3. (20 points) Show that
$$x^2 \equiv 11 \pmod{p}$$
 has a solution if and only if $p \equiv 1, 5, 7, 9, 19, 25, 35, 37, 39, 13 \pmod{4}$.

$$P = m(1) + r \qquad r \text{ much here odd}$$

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$$P = (1/4) + r = (m(1) + r) = (-1)^{2-1} \left(\frac{4m + r}{11}\right)$$

$$P = (1/3) = (2/3) = -1 \text{ no del}$$

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S-155 Take-Home Exam #4 Due January 22, 1968

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Pythagorean triple must be divisible by 5.

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cannot be a power of an integer.

10 3. (10 points) Prove that if $\alpha = \langle a_0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2a_0 \rangle$, then α^2 is not an integer.

15 (15 points) Show that if a > 1 and a is odd, then $\sqrt{a^2 - 4} = \langle a - 1, 1, \frac{1}{2}(a - 3), 2, \frac{1}{2}(a - 3), 1, 2a - 2 \rangle$

5 (15 points) Prove that there are infinitely many primes whose last (decimal) digits are 3.

20 (e.g. $7^7 = 1509543$) Find all positive integers x such that x^X ends in 3.

7. (20 points) Let $n = \mu^{\ell}(8k + 7)$, where k and ℓ are non-negative integers. Prove that n cannot be represented as the sum of three squares.

8. (20 points) Given that $(366)^2 + (393)^2 = (519)^2 + (138)^2 = 288 105$, express 288105 as a product of prime powers and find all positive integral solutions of $x^2 + y^2 = 288105$.

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Since y is even [(yta)n]2-1

9. (20 points) A certain control room contains n meters numbered 1,2,...,n, each of which may be engaged of disengaged at the discretion of the operator. Each meter is originally engaged and set at zero. The meters measure the effect of a sequence of n operations T_1 , T_2 ,..., T_n whereby with T_k , $1 \le k \le n$, the condition of being engaged or disengaged is reversed and the reading is increased by k units for those meters and only those meters whose number is divisible by k.

Thus, if the m^{th} meter has a reading of A units and is engaged after T_{k-1} and if $k \mid m$, then after operation T_k , it is disengaged and has a reading of A + k units, while if $k \mid m$, it is engaged and still has a reading of A units.

Show that a meter is both engaged and has an odd numerical reading after all n operations have been completed if and only if its number is double a perfect square.

10. (25 points) Prove that the equation $x^y - y^x = 1$ has precisely two solutions in positive integers and find them. $x = 2 \\
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=(3-1)(3+1)

Unlimited time. You may use McCoy and Ore and your notes, but no other sources. Naturally no discussion of the exam outside class shall be allowed.

150 total points

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1. (10 points) Show that there are infinitely many primes of the

(10 points) If a,m, and n are positive integers and $m \neq n$, show that g.c.d. $(a^{2m} + 1, a^{2n} + 1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if a is even} \\ 2 & \text{if a is odd} \end{cases}$

3. (10 points) Let $S = \{1,2,...,n\}$. If 2^k is the integer in S which is the highest power of 2, prove that 2^k is not a divisor of any other member of S.

(10 points) Prove there are infinitely many primes by considering the sequence

2²+1, 2⁴+1,..., 2^{2^k}+1,...

5. (15 points) Let φ denote the Euler function and let n be a fixed positive integer. Show that the equation $\varphi(x) = n$ has only a finite number of solutions. Find all solutions of $\varphi(x) = 2h$, and find the smallest n such that $\varphi(x) = n$ has no solution.

(15 points) Find all solutions of the congruence $x^3 + x \equiv 0 \pmod{918}$

7. (20 points) If n is a positive integer, prove that (n-1) + 1 is a power of n if and only if n = 2,3, or 5.

8. (20 points) If n>1, prove that $\mathbb{Z} +$ is not an integer.

9. (20 points) Prove that there are infinitely many primes of the form \ln+1.

20 10. (20 points) If n is a positive integer, prove that $\frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$ an even integer.

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S-155 Quiz #1 October 6, 1967

Closed book 20 minutes 20 points

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The Whig Party wishes to collect \$1000 at a fund raising banquet and to minimize the cost of the meal. If each man who attends is charged \$19 and each woman, \$13, what is the smallest number of meals that must be prepared? If at least 20 women must be invited to the banquet, then what is the smallest number of meals that the Whigs must whip up?

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$$X = -2000 + 13t$$

 $Y = 3000 - 19t$

is the smallest no of meals with 17 for women 41 for men

is the smallest no of meals with the condition y = 20

1 = 13 - 2(6)

(19,13) = 1

19 = 13 + 6

13 = 2(6)+1

1 = 13-2(19-13)

1 = 3 (13) - 2(19)

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S-155 Part II

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Open book, notes Three hours.

II Intermediate problems.

1. (15 points) Prove that n⁵ ≡ n (mod 30) for every integer n.

(=) N5= n mod 2 N5= n mod 3 N5= n mod 5

true for all n

Since it is true for all these values, the use of Chinese Remarder theorem will give 2.3.5=30 solutions : it is true far all n med 30

2. (15 points) Prove that 19 does not divide any number of the

form $\ln^2 + \mu$, where n is an integer.

IF 19/4n2+4 => 4(n2+1) =0 mod 19

Quadratic residues (19) are \(\delta, 1, 4, 9, 16, 6, 17, 11, 7, 5\) 68

Residues n2+1 and 1,2,5,6,7,10,12,17,18,8} Residues 4(12+1) are \{4,8,1,5,9,2,10,11,15,13\} .. 4(n2+1) 70 mod 19 . cl 19/4(n2+1)

show (-9/19)=-1

3. (15 points) Let $L = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$. Is it true that

2) (a, a, o, a, a, a, a) = I + 1 ? Explain.

not necessary 1 $1 + \overline{a_{n+1}} = a_0 + \overline{a_1} + \overline{a_1$

an why not?

(nounterexample)

4. (15 points) Prove that no four consecutive integers can be powers of positive integers (even with different exponents).

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assume opposite
$$A = W^n$$
 at $1 = x^m$ at $2 = y^n$ at $3 = 3^n$

at $1 - a = x^m - w^n = 1 = 3^n - y^n = a + 3 - (a + 2)$
 $\Rightarrow x^n + y^n = w^n + 3^n$

at too fruitful an approach

5. (15 points) Find all positive integers n such that $\varphi(2n) = \varphi(3n)$.

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$$\phi(2n) = 2n(1-\frac{1}{2})\prod_{p|n}(1-\frac{1}{p}) = \phi(3n) = 3n(1-\frac{1}{8})\prod_{p|n}(1-\frac{1}{p})$$

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6. (15 points) Prove that every positive integer greater than 11 is the sum of two composite numbers. (Hint: choose your representation so that one of the composite numbers is always 6 or 9.

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Let
$$n$$
 be a vinteger greater when 11

if n is even $n = 6 + (n-6)$ since $n-6$ is even and $n = 9 + (n-9)$ since $n = 9$ is even and $n = 9 + (n-9)$ since n

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7. (15 points) If $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$, show that $xyz \equiv 0 \pmod{60}$. From last take home we know 5 divides x, you z If z is odd z2 isodd so both x2 y2 cont be odd so x, ory is even thus 21 x, y or 3. Quadrance residen med + are Eo, 13 of 2°=1 the one of xong=0. Quadrotic residues mod 3 ar 80,13 so if 22=1 > one of x2 or g = 0 thus 31 x, you 3. Quadrolic residues mad 8 ne 80,1, 43 dhus 22 \$ 4 a if z== 1 one of x3y =0 8/x3y == => 4/x,y orz X43=0 mod 60 since 5,4,3 divide xy3

8. (15 points) If p > 3, show that the sum of the quadratic residues of p is divisible by p.

of p is divisible by p.

$$\frac{p-1}{2} (2 - \frac{p-1}{2} + 1)(2(\frac{p-1}{2} + 1))$$
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$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

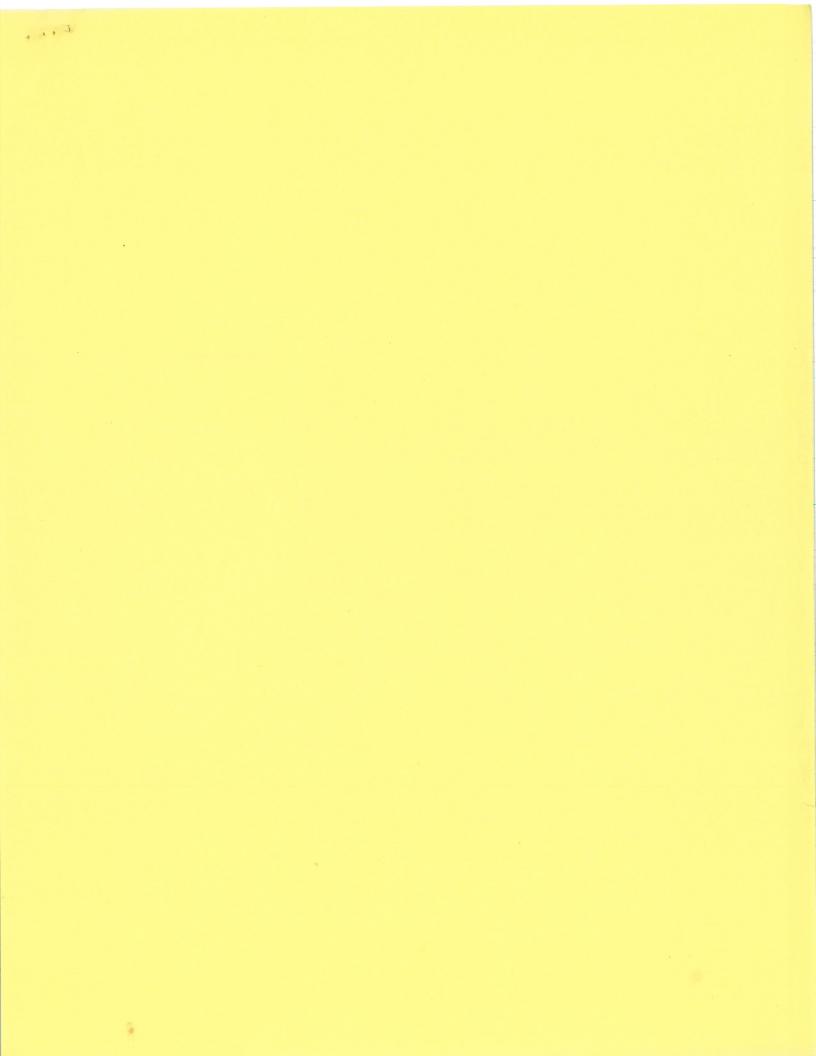
 $\frac{2}{2} = \frac{2i+1}{3} \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

9. (15 points) Show that if p is a prime, the congruence $x^2 \equiv 10 \pmod{p}$ is always solvable. 3 is a primitive root of any prime

Of form 2^n+1 n>1All we must show is $3^2 \not\equiv 1 \mod 2^n+1 (0 \times i \times n-1)$ if undrue $3^2-1 \equiv 0 \mod 2^n+1$ $3^2=9=2^3+1$

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S-155 Take-home Exam #2 Due November 21, 1967

You may use any source you wish, but naturally no discussion of the exam outside class shall be allowed.

/O 1. (10 points) What day of the week was August 20, 1921 ?

(10 points) Prove that the congruence $x^8 \equiv 16 \pmod{p}$ is solvable, where p is a prime.

10 3. (10 points) Solve the congruence $x^3 - 9x^2 + 23x - 15 \equiv 0 \pmod{113}$ (11.13)

15 24. (15 points) Solve the congruence $3x^{14} + 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 4x \equiv 0 \pmod{3352}$ (23.419)

on the line ax+by=c contains at least one integral lattice point.

6. (15 points) Let p be an odd prime. If a,b,c are integers and if
(a,p)=1, show that the parabola ax + bx+c=py passes through
an infinite number of integral lattice points if and only if
b2-lac is either zero or a quadratic residue modulo p.

(20 points) The positive integer N is called a perfect number if it is the sum of all its positive divisors other than itself-e.g. 6 and 8128. It has long been known that all even perfect numbers are of the form 2^{p-1}(2^p-1), where both p and 2^{p-1} are primes (see Ore, pg. 91).

No odd perfect number has ever been found, but if such a number does exist, prove that if must be of the form $D=q^{l,m+1}K^2$, where q is a prime of the form l,k+1 and (K,q)=1. Use this fact to prove that if $D \equiv 3 \pmod{l}$, then D cannot be perfect.

8. (20 points) If (6,8)=1, prove that there are infinitely many primes of the form 8n+2.

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9. (25 points) Let N = 17¹⁹ 1. Show that any odd prime which divides N must be of one of the forms 3kk ± 3; 3kk ± 7; 3kk ± 11; or 3kk ± 5. Using Fermat's technique (Ore, pg. 60) or any other method, attempt to represent N as the product of prime powers.

10. (25 points) Each classroom at Hardly Normal College has the same number of rows of desks as there are desks in each row and is always filled with students. During the annual May Frolic, the English class combined with the calculus class to play several games, and it was found that one, two, and three students, respectively, were left over when the group broke up into teams to play bridge, baseball, and basketball. Finally, to cap off the day's festivities, the cream of the calculus class athletes defeated an English class team in a game of football, even though the English class rooting section was slightly more than four times as large as that of the calculus

class. How many students were there in each class? $C = no \ Col$ $E = no \ E$ $C = no \ Col$ $E = no \ E$ C = 16 C

S-155 Supplementary notes

Theorem The equation 24 + y4 = 24 is not solvable in non-yero rational integer.

Proof: It suffices to show that there is no primitive solution of x4-y4= =2. Suppose x, y, and & form a solution of the latter equation. Without loss of generality we may assume that \$100, 700, 700, and y even. [why must either I or y be even?] Since $(\pi^2)^2 + (\eta^2)^2 = Z^2$, we have $\chi^2 = a^2 - b^2$, $y^2 = 2ab$, $z = a^2 + b^2$ where (a, b) = 1 and exactly one of a and b is odd, If a were even, we would have $1 = \chi^2 = \alpha^2 - \ell^2 = -1 \pmod{4}$. Consequently, b is even. Now we analyze the solutions of 22+12= a2. There exists integers p and q where (p, q)=1, p>0; q>0, and

not both of p and g are odd such that $\pi = p^2 - g^2 \qquad b = 2pg \qquad a = p^2 + g^2$ from y2=2ab we obtain y2=4pf(p2+g2). Since p, g, p+ g are relatively prime in pairs, each of these numbers must be a perfect square - the there exist integers r^{2} , t^{2} It follows that $n^4 + s^4 = t^2$; $\chi = n^4 - s^4$; y=2nst; 2= a2+12= 20+629+28. Therefore, $Z > (r^4 + s^4)^2 = (t^2)^2$, or $t < Z^4$. Thus if one solution of 74+ y 4= 22 were lenoun, another solution 1, 2, t would be found for which R>0, 8>0, t>0 and 0< t < 24, but this would give an infinite decreasing sequence of positive integers, which is clearly impossible, This complete the proof of the

Theorem all solutions of the equation $x^y = y^x$ in rational numbers x, y with y > x > 0 are given by $x = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$, $y = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n+1}$ where n is a positive integer.

Proof: Suppose that χ, η is such a solution and that $y > \chi$. Then $n = \chi/y - \chi$ is a positive rational number and that $y = (1 + \frac{1}{n})\chi$. Thus, we have $\chi'' = \chi''$ and since $\chi'' = \eta^{\chi}$ we also have $\chi'' = \chi''$. This shows that $\chi'' = \eta$ = η = $(1 + \frac{1}{n})\chi$. Hence, $\chi'' = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$, and we obtain $\chi = (1 + \frac{1}{n})\chi$. Hence, $\chi'' = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$, and we obtain

Now, let $r = \frac{n}{m}$, where (m, n) = 1 and $x = \frac{t}{s}$,
where (t, s) = 1, Since $x = (1 + \frac{1}{r})^n$, we have $\left(\frac{m+n}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{m}} = \frac{t}{s} \quad \text{and therefore,} \quad \left(\frac{m+n}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{m}} = \frac{t}{s^m}$

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Note that (m+n,n)=1 since (m,n)=1, Therefore, $(6n+n)^n, n^n)=1$ and since $(t^m, 2^m)=1$ also, we have $(m+n)^n=t^m$ and $n^n=m^n$, Since (m,n)=1, there exist positive integers k and lsuch that $(m+n)=k^m$; $t=k^n$; $n=l^m$; and $s=l^n$. Therefore, $m+l^m=k^m$, which implies that $k \geq l+1$. If m > 1, we would have $k^m > (l+1)^m \geq l^m + m l^{m-1} + 1 > l^m + m = k^m$, which is impossible. Thus, m=1 and n=n.

(1) $x = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \quad y = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}$

where n is a positive integer, as desired.

Conversely, if x and y satisfy (1), then $\chi''' = y^{\chi} \text{ since } n(1+\frac{1}{n})^{n+1} = (n+1)(1+\frac{1}{n})^n.$

note: if we are only seeking integral solutions, it is easy to show that x=2, y=4 is the only such solution for x''=y''=7 $x''=y^{\frac{1}{2}}=y^{\frac{1}{2}}$, but $3\sqrt{3}>\sqrt[3]{2}=\sqrt[3]{4}>\sqrt[3]{5}>\sqrt[3]{5}>\sqrt[3]{5}$.

Theorem The equation x2+16 = y3 has no solution in integers x, y.

Proof: If x were even, then y would also be even - say $x = 2 \times 1$, y = 2 y, . Hence, $x_1^2 + 4 = 2 y_1^3$, and consequently x, would be even. Thus, $x_1 = 2 \times 2$ and we have $2 + 2 \times 2 = y_1^3$. Therefore, $y_1 = 2 y_2$, and $x_2^2 + 1 = 4 y_2^3$ which is impossible.

Therefore, x must be odd, and consequently

of $y^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. This means that $y \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$,

and $y-2 \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$. Since $y-2 \mid y^3-8 = x^2+8$,

the number x^2+8 has a divisor of the form 8t-1. It follows that x^2+8 has a prime divisor p either of the form 8k+5 or of the form 8k+7.

However, $\binom{-8}{p} = \binom{8}{p} = \binom{2}{p} = -1$ if $p \equiv 5$ and $\binom{-8}{p} = -\binom{8}{p} = (-1)(1) = -1$ if $p \equiv 7$.

It follows that no integral solutions exist.

Theorem The problem of solving the equation $(u-v)^5 = u^3 - v^3$ in positive integers u, v with u > v reduces to that of solving the equation $(\alpha + 1)^3 - \chi^3 = \gamma^2$ in positive integers.

Proof: Supepose (x+1)3-x3=y2. Then, putting M=y(x+1) and v=yx, we obtain u-v=y and $u^3 - v^3 = y^3 [(x+1)^3 - x^3] = y^5 = (u-v)^5$. Conversely, if they satisfy the equation (u-v) = u-v and if v < u, then putting y=(u,v), x= = y, t= uy, we have (x,t)=1 and since u >v, it follows that t>x. Therefore, y 5(t-x) = y 3(t3-n3) or $y^{2}(t-x)^{4} = (t^{3}-x^{3})/t-x = (t-x)^{2}+3tx,$ and it follows that $(t-x)^2/3tx$. Here, since $(t, \chi) = 1$, we obtain $t - \chi = 1$, and consequently, t=x+1, u=y(x+1), and y2=(x+1)3-x3

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Dheorem The product of any three consecutive positive numbers cannot be a power with exponent greater than I of a positive integer.

Proof: Superose there exist n, k and s > 1such that $n(n+1)(n+2) = k^s$, Since (n+1, n(n+2)) = 1, it follows that there exist positive integers a, b such that $n+1 = a^s$ and $n(n+2) = b^s$. Consequently, $1 = (n+1)^2 - n(n+2)$ $= (a^2)^3 - b^s$, which is impossible.

Theorem There exists an infinite sequence of positive integers a, , az , ... such that each of the numbers a, + a, + a, + a, , where n = 1, 2, ... is the square of a positive integer.

Proof: We use induction on n. Suppose for n,
numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n exist so that $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2 \text{ is the square of an odd positive}$ or integer >1-lie, $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2 = (2k+1)^2$,

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Then, using the identity $(2k+1)^2 + (2k^2 + 2k)^2 = (2k^2 + 2k + 1)^2$ and putting $a_{n+1} = 2k^2 + 2k$ we obtain $a_1^2 + a_1^2 + 111 + a_{n+1}^2 = (2k^2 + 2k + 1)^2$ which again is the square of an odd positive integer, $for example, \quad 3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2; \quad 3^2 + 4^2 + 12^2 = 13^2;$ $3^2 + 4^2 + 12^2 + 84^2 = 85^2; \quad 3^2 + 4^2 + 12^2 + 84^2 + 3613^2 = 3613^2.$ Several Interesting Results

- 1. There are no three squares which form an arithmetic progression and for which the sommon difference is a square.
 - 2. There are no two positive integers such that the sum and difference of their squares are squares,
 - 3, for every positive integer on there exist or Pythagorean triangler with different hypotenuses and the same area.
 - 4. There are no cuber of three different progression, positive integers which form an arithmetic progression,
 - 5. If n is a positive integer >1, then the number $3+3+\dots$ is not the cube of a positive integer.