

A Numerical Experiment on Fermat's Theorem
(not intended as formal proof or disproof)

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Fermat's "Last Theorem" asserts that if $n > 2$, the equation $x^n + y^n = z^n$ cannot be solved in integers x, y, z , with $xyz \neq 0$:
<http://www.fortunecity.com/emachines/e11/86/mathex5.html>.

Theorem:

For any triplets of numbers (a,b,c) obeying Pythagorean theorem we have $a^2+b^2=c^2$.

It perhaps could be shown (numerically) that :

$$a^n+b^n=c^n,$$

or:

$$(a^n+b^n)/c^n=k=1 \quad (\text{Fermat's Surface})$$

holds true if and only if $n=2$. (Generalized Fermat's Last Theorem)

First try: 3, 4, 5 (3² + 4² = 5²)

Second try: 5,12,13 (5²+12²=13²)

Third try: 6, 8,10 (6² + 8² = 10²)

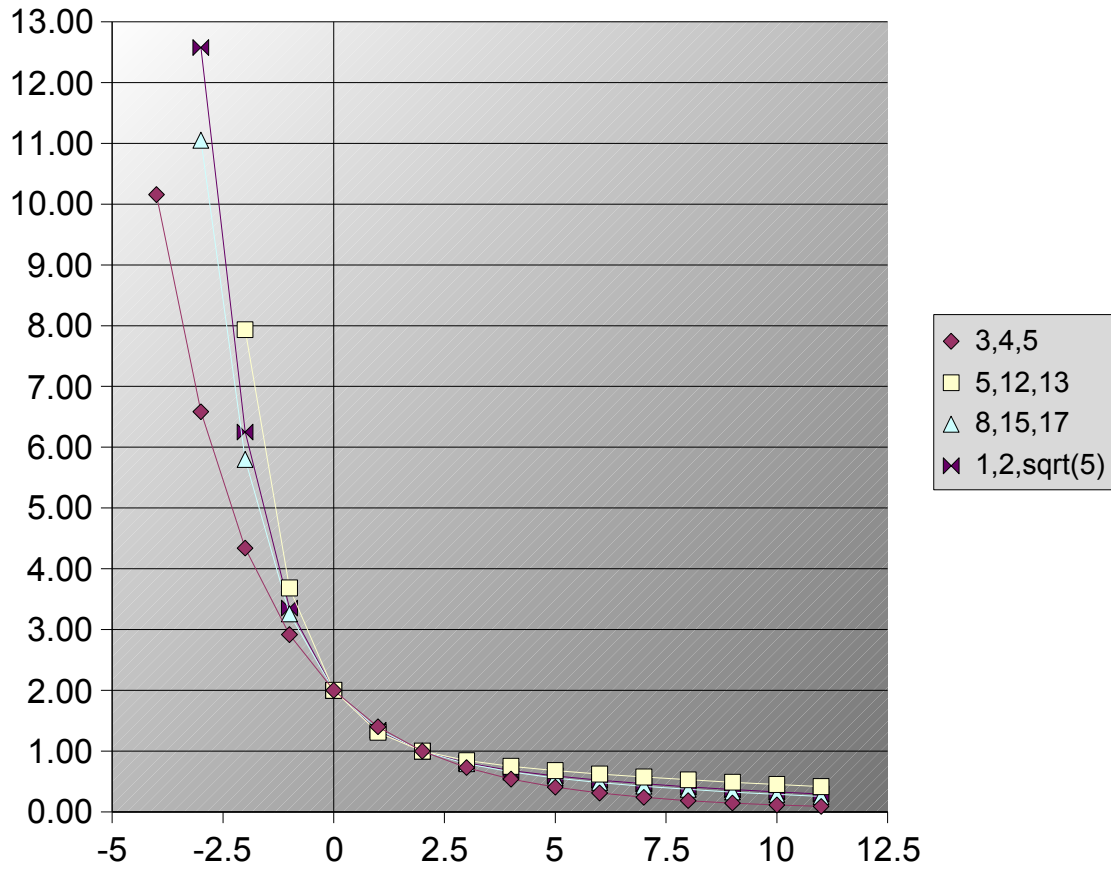
Fourth try: 1, 2, sqrt(1² + 2² = 2.236²)

N	K First try	K Second try	K Third try	K Fourth try
	3,4,5	5,12,13	8,15,17	1,2,sqrt(5)
-5				
-4	10.16			
-3	6.58		11.05	12.58
-2	4.34	7.93	5.80	6.25
-1	2.92	3.68	3.26	3.35
0	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
1	1.40	1.31	1.35	1.34
2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
3	0.73	0.84	0.79	0.81
4	0.54	0.75	0.66	0.68
5	0.41	0.68	0.56	0.59
6	0.31	0.62	0.48	0.52
7	0.24	0.57	0.42	0.46
8	0.18	0.53	0.37	0.41
9	0.14	0.49	0.33	0.37
10	0.11	0.45	0.29	0.33
11	0.09	0.41	0.25	0.29

Conclusions:

- (i) It is clear from the diagram that for the triplets (3,4,5) and (5,12,13) $k=1$ only at $n=2$.
- (ii) For other triplets of numbers it perhaps does not obey the same formula.
- (iii) But generally speaking, from the Chart given below it appears that:
 - => For $n < 2$ --> k tends > 1 ;
 - => For $n > 2$ --> k tends < 1 .
- (iv) For triplets of numbers (a,b,c), which do not follow the Pythagorean Triangle (> 180 degrees or < 180 degrees), i.e. when the triangle is on curved-surface, then Fermat theorem could be broken.
- (v) We can make an 'associated condition': for the same triplets of (a,b,c) following Pythagorean theorem $a^2+b^2=c^2$, it follows that for $n=0$ then $(a^n+b^n)/c^n=k$ will yield $k=2$ (of course).

Numerical Test on Fermat's Theorem



References (for similar simplified proof of Fermat's Theorem):

- [1] <http://www.fortunecity.com/emachines/e11/86/mathex5.html>
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- [5] <http://www.itsoc.org/review/05pl1.pdf>
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- [7] <http://www.blackdouglas.com.au/webpapr/workmath/workmath.htm>

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