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## Proof of Jeśmanowicz Conjecture Based on Gaussian Integer Ring

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**Abstract:** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive integers such that  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2, 2|b, \gcd(a, b) = 1$ . In 1956, Jeśmanowicz conjectured that for any positive integer  $w$ , the only solution of  $(aw)^x + (bw)^y = (cw)^z$  in positive integers is  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ . In this paper, based on Gaussian integer ring, we show that Jeśmanowicz' conjecture is true for any positive integer  $w \geq 1$ .

**Keywords:** Jeśmanowicz conjecture; Diophantine equation; Gaussian integer ring;  $4k + 1$  type prime number

### 1. Notation

$N^+$ : Set of positive integers.  
 $Z[i] = \{z = x + yi : x, y \in N, i = \sqrt{-1}\}$ : Gaussian integer ring.  
 $x + yi$ : Pythagorean Gaussian integer, where  $x, y \in N^+, x > y, 2|xy, \gcd(x, y) = 1$ .  
All circles are centered at the origin of the complex plane.

### 2. Introduction

Let  $a, b, c \in N^+$  satisfy  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , where  $2|b, \gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Such a triplet  $(a, b, c)$  is called a Pythagorean triple. In 1956, Jeśmanowicz conjectured that for any positive integer  $w$ , the only solution of

$$(aw)^x + (bw)^y = (cw)^z, \quad x, y, z \in N^+ \quad (1)$$

in positive integers is  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ . This is an unsolved problem on Pythagorean numbers. In the same year, Sierpiński[2] proved that the equation  $3^x + 4^y = 5^z$  has  $x = y = z = 2$  as its only solution in positive integers. Jeśmanowicz[1] showed that when  $(a, b, c) \in \{(5, 12, 13), (7, 24, 25), (9, 40, 41), (11, 60, 61)\}$ , the equation (1) has only the solution  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ . Ma and Chen[5] proved that if  $4 \nmid mn$ , then the equation

$$(m^2 - n^2)^x + (2mn)^y = (m^2 + n^2)^z, y \geq 2$$

only has the positive integer solution  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ . M. Tang[4] showed that Jeśmanowicz' conjecture is true for Pythagorean triples  $(a, b, c) = (2^{2^k} - 1, 2^{2^{k-1}+1}, 2^{2^k} + 1)$ . It should be emphasized that this is the first paper to prove Jeśmanowicz' conjecture holds on an infinite subset of Pythagorean triples  $(a, b, c)$ .

Research shows that  $c$  in Pythagorean triple  $(a, b, c)$ , each prime factor of which is a prime number modulo 4 with remainder 1, and both  $c$  and its prime factors can be factorized on the Gaussian integer ring. Based on these characteristics, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 1.** If  $\xi = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_k^{e_k} \cdots p_m^{e_m} (m \geq 1, e_k \geq 1)$  and the prime factor  $p_k \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then

(1) On the circumference with a radius equal to  $\sqrt{\xi}$ , there are  $2^{m-1}$  Pythagorean Gaussian integers  $\alpha_k + i\beta_k (1 \leq k \leq 2^{m-1})$ .

(2) On this circumference with a radius equal to  $(\sqrt{\xi})^n (n \geq 2)$ , there are always  $2^{n-1}$  Pythagorean Gaussian integers  $(\alpha_k + i\beta_k)^n$ .

(3) On the circumference with a radius equal to  $(\sqrt{\xi})^n (n \geq 2)$ , the real part and imaginary part of the  $k$ th Pythagorean Gaussian integer are polynomials about  $\alpha_k$  and  $\beta_k$ .

**Lemma 1.** If a positive integer  $\xi$  contains at least one prime factor of type  $4k+3$ , then there is no Pythagorean Gaussian integer on the circumference with a radius of  $(\sqrt{\xi})^n (n \geq 1)$ .

**Theorem 2.** For each Pythagorean triplet  $(a, b, c)$ , the Diophantine equation

$$a^x + b^y = c^z \quad (2)$$

only has the solution  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ .

**Theorem 3.** For each Pythagorean triplet  $(a, b, c)$  and any  $w \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , the Diophantine equation

$$(aw)^x + (bw)^y = (cw)^z \quad (3)$$

only has the solution  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ .

### 3. The Basic Properties of Prime Number

Assuming the prime number  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . On the integer ring, it can be uniquely represented as  $p = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $\gcd(\alpha, \beta) = 1$ ,  $\alpha > \beta$ . However, on  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ ,  $p$  is not a prime number and has four different factorizations.

$$p = (\alpha + \beta i)(\alpha - \beta i) \quad (4)$$

$$p = (-\alpha + \beta i)(-\alpha - \beta i) \quad (5)$$

$$p = (\beta + \alpha i)(\beta - \alpha i) \quad (6)$$

$$p = (-\beta + \alpha i)(-\beta - \alpha i) \quad (7)$$

The formula (4) is called the main decomposition formula, and the other three formulas are called

**Figure 1.** The four conjugate pairs of  $p$

auxiliary decomposition formulas. These complex numbers in the four decomposition formulas are Gaussian integers on the circumference with the radius equal to  $\sqrt{p}$ , as shown in Figure 1. Among these 8 complex numbers, only  $\alpha + \beta i$  is a Pythagorean Gaussian integer, and the other 7 complex numbers are called the images of  $\alpha + \beta i$ . Define a transformation function  $\Theta(z)$  that maps the images to Pythagorean Gaussian integers.

$$\alpha + \beta i = \begin{cases} \Theta(\pm\alpha \pm \beta i) \\ \Theta(\pm\beta \pm \alpha i) \end{cases}$$

### 4. Lemmas

Let  $p$  be a prime number satisfying  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and  $p = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$ , where  $\alpha > \beta$  and  $\gcd(\alpha, \beta) = 1$ . For any positive integer  $n$ , there is only one Pythagorean Gaussian integer on the circumference of a circle with radius  $(\sqrt{p})^n$ .

**Proof.** Proof. On  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , the primary decomposition of  $p$  is

$$(\sqrt{p})^2 = (\alpha + i\beta)(\alpha - i\beta).$$

$n$  power on both sides of the equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [(\sqrt{p})^2]^n &= [(\alpha + i\beta)(\alpha - i\beta)]^n \\ [(\sqrt{p})^n]^2 &= (\alpha + i\beta)^n(\alpha - i\beta)^n \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Due to Both  $(\alpha + i\beta)^n$  and  $(\alpha - i\beta)^n$  have no integer factors, there are only Pythagorean Gaussian integer  $\Theta((\alpha + i\beta)^n)$  on the circumference of radius  $(\sqrt{p})^n (n \geq 1)$ .

This completes the proof of Lemma 4  $\square$

$\square$

According to Lemma 4, we obtain an ordered set

$$\Lambda(\sqrt{p}, \alpha + i\beta) = \{\alpha + i\beta, \Theta((\alpha + i\beta)^2), \dots, \Theta((\alpha + i\beta)^n), \dots\}. \quad (9)$$

It is not difficult to see that the Gaussian integer  $\Theta((\alpha + i\beta)^{2k})$  in the set  $\Lambda(\sqrt{p}, \alpha + i\beta)$ , its real part, imaginary part, and radius  $(\sqrt{p})^{2k}$  of the circle, form a Pythagorean triple.

For example:

$$\Lambda(\sqrt{5}, 2 + i) = \{2 + i, \Theta((2 + i)^2), \dots, \Theta((2 + i)^n), \dots\}$$

$\Theta((2 + i)^2)$  in the set is a Gaussian integer on a circumference with radius equal to  $(\sqrt{5})^2$ , and its real and imaginary parts are

$$\Re[\Theta((2 + i)^2)] = 4, \Im[\Theta((2 + i)^2)] = 3$$

It is evident that  $(3, 4, 5)$  is a Pythagorean triple.

If  $\xi = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_k^{e_k} \cdots p_m^{e_m} (k \geq 1, e_k \geq 1)$  and the prime factor  $p_k \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then there are  $2^{m-1}$  Pythagorean Gaussian integers on the circumference with a radius equal to  $\sqrt{\xi}$ .

**Proof.** Proof. Let

$$p_k = (\alpha_k + i\beta_k)(\alpha_k - i\beta_k)$$

According to Lemma 4,  $\xi$  can be decomposed on  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_i^{e_i} \cdots p_m^{e_m} \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^m [(\alpha_k + i\beta_k)(\alpha_k - i\beta_k)]^{e_k} \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^m [(\alpha_k + i\beta_k)^{e_k} (\alpha_k - i\beta_k)^{e_k}] \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\chi(\xi)$  and  $\overline{\chi(\xi)}$  be the conjugate pair of  $\xi$ . We have

$$(\sqrt{\xi})^2 = \chi(\xi) \overline{\chi(\xi)},$$

where

$$\chi(\xi) = \prod_{k=1}^m g(k), \quad g(k) \in \{(\alpha_k + i\beta_k)^{e_k}, (\alpha_k - i\beta_k)^{e_k}\}.$$

Since there are two choices for  $g(k)$ ,  $\chi(\xi)$  has  $2^{m-1}$  distinct values, denoted as

$$\chi_1(\xi), \chi_2(\xi), \dots, \chi_{2^{m-1}}(\xi).$$

Representing these numbers as an ordered set, we have

$$\text{Circle}(\sqrt{\xi}) = \{u_k + iv_k : 1 \leq k \leq 2^{m-1}, u_k = \Re[\Theta(\chi_k(\xi))], v_k = \Im[\Theta(\chi_k(\xi))]\}. \quad (10)$$

It follows that there are  $2^{m-1}$  Pythagorean Gaussian integers on the circumference with a radius equal to  $\sqrt{\xi}$ .

This completes the proof of Lemma 4  $\square$

$\square$

For example.

$$\xi = 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 = (1 + 2i)(1 - 2i)(3 + 2i)(3 - 2i)(1 + 4i)(1 - 4i).$$

From the above, we get

$$\chi_1(\xi) = \Theta((1 + 2i)(3 + 2i)(1 + 4i)) = 33 + 4i$$

$$\chi_2(\xi) = \Theta((1 + 2i)(3 + 2i)(1 - 4i)) = 31 + 12i$$

$$\chi_3(\xi) = \Theta((1 + 2i)(3 - 2i)(1 + 4i)) = 23 + 24i$$

$$\chi_4(\xi) = \Theta((1 + 2i)(3 - 2i)(1 - 4i)) = 32 + 9i$$

namely

$$\text{Circle}(\sqrt{5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17}) = \{33 + 4i, 32 + 9i, 31 + 12i, 23 + 24i\}$$

If  $\xi = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_k^{e_k} \cdots p_m^{e_m}$  ( $k \geq 1, e_k \geq 1$ ) and  $p_k \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then the number of Pythagorean Gaussian integers on the circumference with a radius equal to  $(\sqrt{\xi})^n$  depends only on the number of prime factors of  $\xi$  and is independent of the exponent  $n$ .

**Proof.** Proof. Let

$$p_k = (\alpha_k + i\beta_k)(\alpha_k - i\beta_k)$$

Based on the conditions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^n &= (p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_i^{e_i} \cdots p_m^{e_m})^n \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^m [(\alpha_k + i\beta_k)(\alpha_k - i\beta_k)]^{ne_k} \end{aligned}$$

$$[(\sqrt{\xi})^n]^2 = \prod_{k=1}^m [(\alpha_k + i\beta_k)^{ne_k} (\alpha_k - i\beta_k)^{ne_k}]$$

Set

$$[(\sqrt{\xi})^n]^2 = \omega(\xi^n) \overline{\omega(\xi^n)}$$

where

$$\omega(\xi^n) = \prod_{k=1}^m h(k), \quad h(k) \in \{(\alpha_k + i\beta_k)^{ne_k}, (\alpha_k - i\beta_k)^{ne_k}\}.$$

Based on the values of  $h(k)$ , we obtain  $2^{m-1}$  distinct values for  $\omega(\xi^n)$ . Using Lemma 4 and the expression for  $\omega_k(\xi^n)$ , we have

$$\omega_k(\xi^n) = \chi_k^n(\xi). \quad (11)$$

By (11) and the ordered set (10), We obtain an ordered set of  $2^{m-1}$  Pythagorean Gaussian integers on the circumference with a radius equal to  $(\sqrt{\xi})^n$

$$\text{Circle}(\sqrt{\xi}^n) = \{\omega_k(\xi^n) = (u_k + iv_k)^n : 1 \leq k \leq 2^{m-1}, u_k = \Re[\Theta(\chi_k(\xi))], v_k = \Im[\Theta(\chi_k(\xi))]\}. \quad (12)$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 4  $\square \square$

Let  $u_k + iv_k \in \text{Circle}(\sqrt{\xi})$ . Based on Lemma 4, we obtain the ordered set

$$\Lambda(\sqrt{\xi}, u_k + iv_k) = \{u_k + iv_k, (u_k + iv_k)^2, \dots, (u_k + iv_k)^n, \dots\}. \quad (13)$$

For example.

$$\xi = 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 = (1 + 2i)(1 - 2i)(3 + 2i)(3 - 2i)(1 + 4i)(1 - 4i)$$

$$\text{Circle}(\sqrt{5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17}) = \{33 + 4i, 31 + 12i, 23 + 24i, 32 + 9i\}$$

$$\text{Circle}(\sqrt{5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17}^n) = \{\Theta(33 + 4i)^n, \Theta(31 + 12i)^n, \Theta(23 + 24i)^n, \Theta(32 + 9i)^n\}$$

Taking  $31 + 12i \in \text{Circle}(\sqrt{5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17})$ , the ordered set generated by it is

$$\Lambda(\sqrt{5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17}, 31 + 12i) = \{31 + 12i, (31 + 12i)^2, \dots, (31 + 12i)^n, \dots\}.$$

## 5. Proof of theorem 1

**Proof.** Proof. Lemma 4 and 4 are the proofs of parts (1) and (2) of Theorem 1, respectively. Here we focus on proving part (3) of Theorem 1. Consider the  $m$ th Gaussian integer  $(u_k + iv_k)^m$  in the ordered set  $\Lambda(\sqrt{\xi}, u_k + iv_k)$ , where its real part and imaginary part satisfy the following relationship with the radius  $(\sqrt{\xi})^m$  of the circle

$$[(\sqrt{\xi})^m]^2 = (\Re(u_k + iv_k)^m)^2 + (\Im(u_k + iv_k)^m)^2.$$

We discuss the properties of the real and imaginary parts of Gaussian integer  $(u_k + iv_k)^m$  when  $m = 2n$  and  $m = 2n + 1$ , respectively.

**(1). The circle with a radius equal to  $(\sqrt{\xi})^{2n}$  ( $n > 1$ )**

Consider the  $2n$ th term in the set (13)

$$(u_n + iv_n)^{2n} = (\alpha_n + i\beta_n)^n$$

where  $\alpha_n = u_n^2 - v_n^2, \beta_n = 2u_nv_n$ . Correspondingly,

$$[(\sqrt{\xi})^{2n}]^2 = (\Re[(\alpha_n + i\beta_n)^n])^2 + (\Im[(\alpha_n + i\beta_n)^n])^2$$

Without loss of generality, set  $\alpha = \alpha_n, \beta = \beta_n, u = u_n, v = v_n$ . Expand  $(\alpha + i\beta)^n$  as a binomial

$$(\alpha + i\beta)^n = \alpha^n + \binom{n}{1}\alpha^{n-1}(i\beta) + \binom{n}{2}\alpha^{n-2}(i\beta)^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}\alpha(i\beta)^{n-1} + (i\beta)^n \quad (14)$$

- When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , by (14), we have

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] = \alpha^n - \binom{n}{2}\alpha^{n-2}\beta^2 + \binom{n}{4}\alpha^{n-4}\beta^4 + \dots \mp \binom{n}{n-2}\alpha^2\beta^{n-2} \pm \beta^n \quad (15)$$

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] = \binom{n}{1}\alpha^{n-1}\beta - \binom{n}{3}\alpha^{n-3}\beta^3 + \dots \mp \binom{n}{n-3}\alpha^3\beta^{n-3} \pm \binom{n}{1}\alpha\beta^{n-1} \quad (16)$$

According to (15) and (16), we obtain

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\alpha},$$

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\beta},$$

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \equiv 0 \pmod{\alpha\beta}.$$

Therefore, both formulas (15) and (16) are polynomials in terms of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , rather than values in the form of  $\alpha^x$  and  $\beta^y$ .

- When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , from (14) we get

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] = \alpha^n - \binom{n}{2}\alpha^{n-2}\beta^2 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-3}\alpha^3\beta^{n-3} \pm \binom{n}{1}\alpha\beta^{n-1} \quad (17)$$

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] = \binom{n}{1}\alpha^{n-1}\beta - \binom{n}{3}\alpha^{n-3}\beta^3 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-2}\alpha^2\beta^{n-2} \pm \beta^n \quad (18)$$

Suppose that  $\beta$  is even. From  $\alpha \not\equiv \beta \pmod{2}$  and equation (18), we have

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \equiv n\alpha^{n-1}\beta \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\beta^2},$$

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \equiv \beta^n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\alpha}.$$

Therefore, the equation (18) is a polynomial about  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

**(2). This circle with a radius of  $(\sqrt{\xi})^{2n+1}$  ( $n \geq 1$ )**

Considering (13), the  $2n + 1$  term in the set

$$(u_n + iv_n)^{2n+1} = (u_n + iv_n)(\alpha_n + i\beta_n)^n$$

where  $\alpha_n = u_n^2 - v_n^2$ ,  $\beta_n = 2u_nv_n$ . Correspondingly,

$$(\sqrt{\xi}^{2n+1})^2 = (\Re[(\alpha_n + i\beta_n)^n(u_n + iv_n)])^2 + (\Im[(\alpha_n + i\beta_n)^n(u_n + iv_n)])^2$$

Set  $\alpha = \alpha_n$ ,  $\beta = \beta_n$ ,  $u = u_n$ ,  $v = v_n$ , we have

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] = \Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \cdot u - \Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \cdot v \quad (19)$$

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] = \Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \cdot v + \Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n] \cdot u \quad (20)$$

- When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , substituting equations (17) and (18) into equations (19) and (20), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] &= u \left[ \alpha^n - \binom{n}{2}\alpha^{n-2}\beta^2 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-3}\alpha^3\beta^{n-3} \pm \binom{n}{1}\alpha\beta^{n-1} \right] \\ &\quad - v \left[ \binom{n}{1}\alpha^{n-1}\beta - \binom{n}{3}\alpha^{n-3}\beta^3 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-2}\alpha^2\beta^{n-2} \pm \beta^n \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] &= v \left[ \alpha^n - \binom{n}{2}\alpha^{n-2}\beta^2 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-3}\alpha^3\beta^{n-3} \pm \binom{n}{1}\alpha\beta^{n-1} \right] \\ &\quad + u \left[ \binom{n}{1}\alpha^{n-1}\beta - \binom{n}{3}\alpha^{n-3}\beta^3 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-2}\alpha^2\beta^{n-2} \pm \beta^n \right] \end{aligned}$$

From the above two equations, we obtain

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\alpha},$$

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\beta},$$



$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] \neq 0 \pmod{\alpha},$$

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] \neq 0 \pmod{\beta}.$$

Therefore, equations (19) and (20) are polynomials in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , not values of the type  $\alpha^x$  and  $\beta^y$ .

- When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , substituting equations (15) and (16) into equations (19) and (20), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] &= u \left[ \alpha^n - \binom{n}{2} \alpha^{n-2} \beta^2 + \binom{n}{4} \alpha^{n-4} \beta^4 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-2} \alpha^2 \beta^{n-2} \pm \beta^n \right] \\ &\quad - v \left[ \binom{n}{1} \alpha^{n-1} \beta - \binom{n}{3} \alpha^{n-3} \beta^3 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-3} \alpha^3 \beta^{n-3} \pm \binom{n}{1} \alpha \beta^{n-1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] &= v \left[ \alpha^n - \binom{n}{2} \alpha^{n-2} \beta^2 + \binom{n}{4} \alpha^{n-4} \beta^4 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-2} \alpha^2 \beta^{n-2} \pm \beta^n \right] \\ &\quad + u \left[ \binom{n}{1} \alpha^{n-1} \beta - \binom{n}{3} \alpha^{n-3} \beta^3 + \cdots \mp \binom{n}{n-3} \alpha^3 \beta^{n-3} \pm \binom{n}{1} \alpha \beta^{n-1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

From the above two equations, we get

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] \neq 0 \pmod{\alpha},$$

$$\Re[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] \neq 0 \pmod{\beta},$$

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] \neq 0 \pmod{\alpha},$$

$$\Im[(\alpha + i\beta)^n(u + vi)] \neq 0 \pmod{\beta}.$$

Therefore, both equations (19) and (20) are polynomials in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

□

## 6. Proof of Theorem 2

**Proof.** Proof. As is well known, all prime numbers in the form of  $4k + 3$  cannot be expressed as the sum of squares of two coprime positive integers. It is not difficult to deduce that any positive integer containing at least one  $4k + 3$  type prime factor also has this property. So,  $c$  in the Pythagorean triplet  $(a, b, c)$  must not contain a  $4k + 3$  type prime factor.

Assume  $c = q_1^{d_1} q_2^{d_2} \cdots q_k^{d_k} \cdots q_s^{d_s}$  ( $s \geq 1$ ) and  $q_k \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . According to Lemma 4, there are  $2^{s-1}$  Pythagorean Gaussian integers on the circumference of a circle with radius  $\sqrt{c}$ . Expressing these integers as an ordered set, we obtain

$$\text{Circle}(\sqrt{c}) = \{\tau_k = u_k + v_k i : 1 \leq k \leq 2^{s-1}, u_k, v_k \in \mathbb{N}^+\} \quad (21)$$

According to Lemma 4, we obtain the Gaussian integer set of the Pythagorean type on the circumference with radius equal to  $(\sqrt{c})^n$

$$\text{Circle}((\sqrt{c})^n) = \{\omega_k(c^n) = (u_k + iv_k)^n : 1 \leq k \leq 2^{n-1}, c^n = \Re(\omega_k(c^n))^2 + \Im(\omega_k(c^n))^2\}. \quad (22)$$

Let  $n = 2$ , from (22) we have

$$\text{Circle}(c) = \{a_k + b_k i : a_k = u_k^2 - v_k^2, b_k = 2u_k v_k, 1 \leq k \leq 2^{s-1}\}. \quad (23)$$

Obviously,  $a + bi \in \text{Circle}(c)$ . Suppose that  $a + bi$  is the  $m$ th number in it, then

$$\Lambda(\sqrt{c}, u_m + iv_m) = \{u_m + iv_m, a + bi, \cdots, \Theta((u_m + iv_m)^n), \cdots\}. \quad (24)$$



It is clear that the set (24) is equivalent to the set (13). According to Theorem 1, for any  $n > 2$ , the real and imaginary parts of each Gaussian integer of the Pythagorean type in this set are polynomials in  $a$  and  $b$ , that is,  $a^x + b^y = c^z$  only when  $x=y=z=2$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 2  $\square$

## 7. Proof of Theorem 3

**Proof.** Proof. The geometric meaning of  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  and  $(aw)^2 + (bw)^2 = (cw)^2$  is two concentric circles with a ratio of their radii equal to  $w$ , as shown in Figure 2. Let's assume that  $c = q_1^{d_1} q_2^{d_2} \cdots q_s^{d_s}$ . According to Lemma 4, we obtain a set of Pythagorean Gaussian integers on the circumference with a radius equal to  $\sqrt{cw}$

$$\text{Circle}(\sqrt{cw}) = \{\tau_k = u_k w + v_k w i : 1 \leq k \leq 2^{s-1}, u_k, v_k \in \mathbb{N}^+\} \quad (25)$$

According to Lemma 4, we obtain the Gaussian integer set of the Pythagorean type on the circumference with radius equal to  $(\sqrt{cw})^n$

$$\text{Circle}((\sqrt{cw})^n) = \{(u_k w + i v_k w)^n : 1 \leq k \leq 2^{n-1}\}. \quad (26)$$

Set  $n = 2$ , by (26), we get

$$\text{Circle}(cw) = \{a_k w + b_k w i : a_k = u_k^2 - v_k^2, b_k = 2u_k v_k, 1 \leq k \leq 2^{s-1}\}. \quad (27)$$

Obviously,  $aw + bwi \in \text{Circle}(cw)$ . Let's assume that  $aw + bwi$  is the  $m$ th number in this set, then

$$\Lambda(\sqrt{cw}, u_m w + i v_m w) = \{u_m w + i v_m w, aw + bwi, \dots, \Theta((u_m w + i v_m w)^n), \dots\}. \quad (28)$$

When we enlarge a circle with radius equal to  $\sqrt{c}^n$  to a circle with radius equal to  $\sqrt{cw}^n$ , the Gaussian integer  $(a + bi)^n$  on the original circumference is correspondingly enlarged to  $(aw + bwi)^n$ , as shown in Figures 3 and 4. According to Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, the real and imaginary parts of each Gaussian integer in the set (28) are polynomials in  $aw$  and  $bw$ , that is,  $(aw)^x + (bw)^y = (cw)^z$  has only one solution for  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ .

**Figure 2.**  $\odot(c)$  is magnified by  $w$  times

**Figure 3.**  $\odot(c^n)$  is magnified by  $w^n$  times

**Figure 4.**  $\odot(c^n \sqrt{c})$  is magnified by  $w^n \sqrt{w}$  times

This completes the proof of Theorem 3  $\square$

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