

(1). Lagrange's problem.

$z = (y+1)$, $z^p = y^p + x^p$, where x, y, z rel prime, p prime > 2 , x, y, z positive.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } x^p &= z^p - y^p = (z-y)(z^{p-1} + z^{p-2}y + \dots + y^{p-1}) \\ &= z^{p-1} + z^{p-2}y + \dots + zy^{p-2} + y^{p-1} \\ &= (y+1)^{p-1} + (y+1)^{p-2}y + \dots + (y+1)y^{p-2} + y^{p-1} \\ &= py^{p-1} + \{ \binom{p-1}{1} + \binom{p-2}{1} + \dots + \binom{1}{1} \} y^{p-2} \\ &\quad + \{ \binom{p-1}{2} + \binom{p-2}{2} + \dots + \binom{2}{2} \} y^{p-3} \\ &\quad + \dots + 1. \\ &= py^{p-1} + \frac{(p-1)p}{2} y^{p-2} + \binom{p}{3} y^{p-3} + \dots + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Try again! = OK. Nothing new!

Mod y , $x^p \equiv z^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{y}$.

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If this is so, $x^p \equiv 1 \pmod{yz}$.

So $x^p \equiv (z^{p-1} + y^{p-1}) \pmod{yz}$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv (z(y+1)^{p-2} + y(z-1)^{p-2}) \pmod{yz} \\ &\equiv (z-y) \pmod{yz} \equiv 1 \pmod{yz}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, $x^p \equiv (z^p - y^p) \pmod{yz}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv [z(y+1)^{p-1} - y(z-1)^{p-1}] \pmod{yz} \\ &\equiv (z-y) \pmod{yz} \equiv 1 \pmod{yz} \end{aligned}$$

Use n in place of p , n composite. Then $x^p \equiv a \pmod{yz}$ if $(n-1)$ is even, if n even. Impossible.

(2)

$$x^n = z^n - y^n \text{ for } n \text{ odd } \geq 2, z = (y+1).$$

$$x^{2n} = z^{2n} - 2z^n y^n + y^{2n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mod } yz, \quad x^{2n} &\equiv (z^{2n} + y^{2n}) \pmod{yz} \\ &\equiv (z(y+1)^{2n-1} + y(z-1)^{2n-1}) \pmod{yz} \\ &\equiv (z-y) \equiv 1 \pmod{yz}. \text{ So?} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mod } y^n z^n, \quad x^{2n} &\equiv (z^{2n} + y^{2n}) \pmod{y^n z^n} \\ &\equiv (z^{2n} + 2y^n z^n + y^{2n}) \pmod{y^n z^n} \\ &\equiv (z^n + y^n)^2 \pmod{y^n z^n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\pm x^n \equiv (z^n + y^n) \pmod{y^n z^n}.$$

But $x, y, z > 1$. So, bec x, y, z rel prime,
 $\text{Max}(y, z) \geq 3$. So $y^n z^n > (z^n + y^n) > 0$.
 Also $y^n z^n > x^n > 0$.

$$\text{So } (z^n + y^n) = \pm x^n$$

$$\text{So } z^n + y^n = x^n$$

$$\text{But } z^n - y^n = x^n$$

So $2y^n = 0$. So $y = 0$. Contradiction.