

# Formalising Fermat's Last Theorem for Exponent 3 in Lean

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# Introduction

# Chapter 1

## Preliminaries

### 1.1 Notation

Symbol	Description
$\neg$	Logical negation
$\top$	Logical truth / Tautology
$\perp$	Logical falsehood / Contradiction
$\wedge$	Logical conjunction
$\vee$	Logical inclusive disjunction
$:=$	Definition
$\forall$	Universal quantification
$\exists$	Existential quantification
$\exists!$	Unique existential quantification
$\mathbb{N}$	Set of natural numbers
$\mathbb{Z}$	Set of integer numbers
$\mathbb{Z}_n$	Set of integers modulo $n$
$\mathbb{Q}$	Set of rational numbers
$X/Y$	Field extension
$[Y : X]$	Degree of field extension
$\times$	Cartesian product
$[n]$	Equivalence class of $n$
$ $	Divisibility relation
$\nmid$	Negation of divisibility relation
gcd	Greatest common divisor
$\zeta_n$	Primitive $n$ -th root of unity

## 1.2 Definitions

**Definition 1.1** (Monoid).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $\circ : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *monoid* is a pair  $\mathcal{M} := (X, \circ)$  satisfying:

$$(A) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z) = x \circ y \circ z$$

$$(N) \quad \exists e \in X : \forall x \in X, x \circ e = e \circ x = x$$

**Definition 1.2** (Commutative Monoid).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $\circ : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *commutative monoid* is a pair  $\mathcal{M}_c := (X, \circ)$  satisfying:

$$(A) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z) = x \circ y \circ z$$

$$(N) \quad \exists e \in X : \forall x \in X, x \circ e = e \circ x = x$$

$$(C) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x \circ y = y \circ x$$

**Definition 1.3** (GCD Monoid).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $\circ : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *gcd monoid* is a pair  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{gcd}} := (X, \circ)$  satisfying:

$$(A) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z) = x \circ y \circ z$$

$$(N) \quad \exists e \in X : \forall x \in X, x \circ e = e \circ x = x$$

$$(C) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x \circ y = y \circ x$$

$$(G) \quad \forall x, y \in X, \exists d \in X : (d \mid x) \wedge (d \mid y) \wedge (\forall c \in X, c \mid x \wedge c \mid y \Rightarrow c \mid d)$$

**Definition 1.4** (Group).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $\circ : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *group* is a pair  $\mathcal{G} := (X, \circ)$  satisfying:

$$(A) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z) = x \circ y \circ z$$

$$(N) \quad \exists e \in X : \forall x \in X, x \circ e = e \circ x = x$$

$$(I) \quad \forall x \in X, \exists x' \in X : x \circ x' = x' \circ x = e$$

**Definition 1.5** (Commutative Group).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $\circ : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *commutative group* is a pair  $\mathcal{G}_c := (X, \circ)$  satisfying:

$$(A) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z) = x \circ y \circ z$$

$$(N) \quad \exists e \in X : \forall x \in X, x \circ e = e \circ x = x$$

$$(I) \quad \forall x \in X, \exists x' \in X : x \circ x' = x' \circ x = e$$

$$(C) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x \circ y = y \circ x$$

**Definition 1.6** (Semiring).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $+$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *semiring* is a triple  $\mathcal{S} := (X, +, \cdot)$  satisfying:

$$(A1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C1) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x + y = y + x$$

$$(N1) \quad \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(A2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

$$(N2) \quad \exists 1 \in X : \forall x \in X, x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$(D1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$(D2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$

**Definition 1.7** (Commutative Semiring).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $+$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *commutative semiring* is a triple  $\mathcal{S}_c := (X, +, \cdot)$  satisfying:

$$(A1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C1) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x + y = y + x$$

$$(N1) \quad \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(A2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

$$(C2) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

$$(N2) \quad \exists 1 \in X : \forall x \in X, x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$(D1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$(D2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$

**Definition 1.8** (Ring).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $+$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *ring* is a triple  $\mathcal{R} := (X, +, \cdot)$  satisfying:

$$(A1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C1) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x + y = y + x$$

$$(N1) \quad \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(I1) \quad \forall x \in X, \exists (-x) \in X : x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$$

$$(A2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

$$(N2) \quad \exists 1 \in X : \forall x \in X, x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$(D1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$(D2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$

**Definition 1.9** (Commutative Ring).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $+$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *commutative ring* is a triple  $\mathcal{R}_c := (X, +, \cdot)$  satisfying:

$$(A1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C1) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x + y = y + x$$

$$(N1) \quad \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(I1) \quad \forall x \in X, \exists (-x) \in X : x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$$

$$(A2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

$$(C2) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

$$(N2) \exists 1 \in X : \forall x \in X, x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$(D1) \forall x, y, z \in X, x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$(D2) \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$

**Definition 1.10** (Domain).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $+$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *domain* is a triple  $\mathcal{D} := (X, +, \cdot)$  satisfying:

$$(A1) \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C1) \forall x, y \in X, x + y = y + x$$

$$(N1) \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(I1) \forall x \in X, \exists(-x) \in X : x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$$

$$(A2) \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

$$(N2) \exists 1 \in X : \forall x \in X, x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$(D1) \forall x, y, z \in X, x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$(D2) \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$

$$(Z2) \forall x, y \in X, x \cdot y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \vee y = 0$$

**Definition 1.11** (Commutative Domain).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $+$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *commutative* or *integral domain* is a triple  $\mathcal{D}_c := (X, +, \cdot)$  satisfying:

$$(A1) \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C1) \forall x, y \in X, x + y = y + x$$

$$(N1) \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(I1) \forall x \in X, \exists(-x) \in X : x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$$

$$(A2) \forall x, y, z \in X, (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

$$(C2) \forall x, y \in X, x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

$$(N2) \exists 1 \in X : \forall x \in X, x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$



$$(D1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$(D2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad (x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$

$$(Z2) \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad x \cdot y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \vee y = 0$$

**Definition 1.12** (Field).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $+$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *field* is a triple  $\mathbb{F} := (X, +, \cdot)$  satisfying:

$$(A1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C1) \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad x + y = y + x$$

$$(N1) \quad \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, \quad x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(I1) \quad \forall x \in X, \quad \exists(-x) \in X : x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$$

$$(A2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

$$(N2) \quad \exists 1 \in X : \forall x \in X, \quad x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$(I2) \quad \forall x \in X, \quad \exists x^{-1} \in X : x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$$

$$(D1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$(D2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad (x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$

**Definition 1.13** (Commutative Field).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $+$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative internal composition law on  $X$ .

A *commutative field* is a triple  $\mathbb{F}_c := (X, +, \cdot)$  satisfying:

$$(A1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C1) \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad x + y = y + x$$

$$(N1) \quad \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, \quad x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(I1) \quad \forall x \in X, \quad \exists(-x) \in X : x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$$

$$(A2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

$$(C2) \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

$$(N2) \quad \exists 1 \in X : \forall x \in X, \quad x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$(I2) \quad \forall x \in X, \exists x^{-1} \in X : x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$$

$$(D1) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$(D2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$

**Definition 1.14** (Vector Space).

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $(\mathbb{K}, +, \cdot)$  be a field.

Let  $+: X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an additive internal composition law on  $X$ .

Let  $\cdot: \mathbb{K} \times X \rightarrow X$  be a multiplicative external composition law on  $X$ .

A  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space or  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear space is a triple  $\mathcal{V} := (X, +, \cdot)_{\mathbb{K}}$  satisfying:

$$(A) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) = x + y + z$$

$$(C) \quad \forall x, y \in X, x + y = y + x$$

$$(N) \quad \exists 0 \in X : \forall x \in X, x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

$$(I) \quad \forall x \in X, \exists (-x) \in X : x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$$

$$(P) \quad \forall x \in X, \forall k, \ell \in \mathbb{K}, k \cdot_X (\ell \cdot_X x) = (k \cdot_{\mathbb{K}} \ell) \cdot_X x$$

$$(U) \quad \exists 1 \in \mathbb{K} : \forall x \in X, 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$(D1) \quad \forall x, y \in X, \forall k \in \mathbb{K}, k \cdot (x +_X y) = k \cdot x +_X k \cdot y$$

$$(D2) \quad \forall k, \ell \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in X, (k +_{\mathbb{K}} \ell) \cdot x = k \cdot x +_X \ell \cdot x$$

From now on, we shall employ the notation  $X$  in place of the more explicit  $(X, +, \cdot)$  to denote a field, commutative ring, domain, or similar algebraic structures when the context unambiguously implies the operations involved.

**Definition 1.15** (Field Extension).

Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a field.

Let  $(Y, +, \cdot)$  be a field such that  $Y \subseteq X$ .

A *field extension* is the pair  $X/Y$  such that the operations of  $Y$  are those of  $X$  restricted to  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.16** (Degree of Field Extension).

Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a field.

Let  $(Y, +, \cdot)$  be a field such that  $Y \subseteq X$ .

Let  $X/Y$  be a field extension.

The *degree* of  $X/Y$ , denoted as  $[Y : X]$ , is the dimension of  $X$  as a vector space over  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.17** (Algebraic Field Extension).

Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a field.

Let  $(Y, +, \cdot)$  be a field such that  $Y \subseteq X$ .

An *algebraic field extension* is the field extension  $X/Y$  such that its degree  $[Y : X]$  is finite.

**Definition 1.18** (Extension Field).

Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a field.

Let  $(Y, +, \cdot)$  be a field such that  $Y \subseteq X$ .

Let  $X/Y$  be a field extension.

The field  $X$  is said to be an *extension field* of  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.19** (Subfield).

Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a field.

Let  $(Y, +, \cdot)$  be a field such that  $Y \subseteq X$ .

Let  $X/Y$  be a field extension.

The field  $Y$  is said to be a *subfield* of  $X$ .

**Definition 1.20** (Number Field).

Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a field.

Let  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$  be the field of rational numbers such that  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq X$ .

Let  $X/\mathbb{Q}$  be an algebraic field extension.

The extension field  $X$  is said to be a *number field* or an *algebraic number field*.

## 1.3 Results

**Theorem 1.21.**

Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  be prime.

If  $\zeta_p$  is a primitive  $p$ -th root of unity, then  $\zeta_p - 1$  is prime.

*Proof.* This has already been formalised and included in [Mathlib](#). □

**Lemma 1.22.**

Let  $R$  be a commutative semiring, domain and normalised gcd monoid.

Let  $a, b, c \in R$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then, to prove Fermat's Last Theorem for exponent  $n$  in  $R$ , one can assume, without loss of generality, that  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ .

*Proof.* This has already been formalised and included in [Mathlib](#). □

**Lemma 1.23.**

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_9$  be the ring of integers modulo 9.

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  be the ring of integers modulo 3.

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_9$ .

Let  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_9 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$  be the canonical ring homomorphism.

Let  $\phi(n) \neq 0$ .

Then  $n^3 = 1 \vee n^3 = 8$ .

*Proof.* This has already been formalised and included in [Mathlib](#). □

## Chapter 2

# Third Cyclotomic Extensions

### Theorem 2.1.

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $u \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be a unit.

Then  $u \in \{1, -1, \eta, -\eta, \eta^2, -\eta^2\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the fundamental system of  $K$ .

By properties of cyclotomic fields, we know that  $\text{rank}(K) = 0$  (see [this lemma](#), [this lemma](#) and [this lemma](#) which have already been formalised and included in Mathlib).

By the Dirichlet Unit Theorem (see [Mathlib](#)), we know that

$$\exists x \in K \text{ with finite order, such that } u = x \prod_{v \in \mathcal{F}} v,$$

but since  $\text{rank}(K) = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{F} = \emptyset$ , which implies that  $u = x$ .

Since  $u = x$  has finite order, by properties of primitive roots (see [this lemma](#) that has already been formalised and included in Mathlib), we can deduce that

$$\exists r < 3 \text{ such that } u = \eta^r \vee u = -\eta^r.$$

Therefore, we can conclude

$$u \in \{\pm \eta^r \mid r \in \{0, 1, 2\}\} = \{1, -1, \eta, -\eta, \eta^2, -\eta^2\}.$$

□

**Theorem 2.2.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then  $3 \nmid \eta - m$ .

*Proof.* By properties of cyclotomic fields, we know that  $\{1, \eta\}$  is an integral power basis of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  (see [this lemma](#), [this lemma](#) and [this lemma](#) which have already been formalised and included in Mathlib).

For every  $\xi \in \mathcal{O}_K$ , we define  $\pi_1(\xi)$  and  $\pi_2(\xi)$  to be the first and second coordinates of  $\xi$  with respect to the basis  $\{1, \eta\} \in \mathcal{O}_K$ , i.e.

$$\xi = \pi_1(\xi) + \pi_2(\xi)\eta.$$

By contradiction we assume that

$$\exists m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } 3 \mid \eta - m,$$

which implies that

$$\exists x \in \mathcal{O}_K \text{ such that } \eta - m = 3x.$$

By linearity of  $\pi_2$ ,

$$\pi_2(\eta) = \pi_2(3x + m) = 3\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(m).$$

Since  $\pi_2(\eta) = 1$  and  $\pi_2(m) = 0$ , then we have that  $3 \mid 1$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Then  $\lambda^2 = -3\eta$ .

*Proof.* By definition we have that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ , which implies that

$$\lambda^2 = (\eta - 1)^2 = \eta^2 - 2\eta + 1.$$

Since  $\eta$  corresponds to a root of the equation  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ , then  $\eta^2 = -1 - \eta$ . Substituting back, we can conclude that

$$\lambda^2 = (-1 - \eta) - 2\eta + 1 = -3\eta.$$

□

**Theorem 2.4.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $u \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be a unit.

If  $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\lambda^2 \mid u - m$ , then  $u = 1 \vee u = -1$ .

This is a special case of the Kummer's Lemma.

*Proof.* By [Lemma 2.3](#), we have that  $-3\eta = \lambda^2 \mid u - m$ , which implies that  $3 \mid u - m$ .

By [Theorem 2.1](#), we know that  $u \in \{1, -1, \eta, -\eta, \eta^2, -\eta^2\}$ .

We proceed by analysing each case:

- Case  $u = 1 \vee u = -1$ . This finishes the proof.
- Case  $u = \eta$ .  
Since  $3 \mid u - m$ , we have that  $3 \mid \eta - m$ , which contradicts [Theorem 2.2](#) forcing us to conclude that  $u \neq \eta$ .
- Case  $u = -\eta$ .  
Since  $3 \mid u - m$ , we have that  $3 \mid -\eta - m$ , then by properties of divisibility  $3 \mid \eta + m$ , which contradicts [Theorem 2.2](#) forcing us to conclude that  $u \neq -\eta$ .
- Case  $u = \eta^2$ .  
Since  $3 \mid u - m$ , we have that  $3 \mid \eta^2 - m$ , which contradicts [Theorem 2.2](#) since  $\eta^2$  is a third root of unity (see [Mathlib](#)), forcing us to conclude that  $u \neq \eta^2$ .
- Case  $u = -\eta^2$ .  
Since  $3 \mid u - m$ , we have that  $3 \mid -\eta^2 - m$ , then by properties of divisibility  $3 \mid \eta^2 + m$ , which contradicts [Theorem 2.2](#) since  $\eta^2$  is a third root of unity (see [Mathlib](#)), forcing us to conclude that  $u \neq -\eta^2$ .

Therefore,  $u = 1 \vee u = -1$ . □

**Lemma 2.5.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Then the norm of  $\lambda$  is 3.

*Proof.* Since the third cyclotomic polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is irreducible, then the norm of  $\lambda$  is 3 by properties of primitive roots (see [this lemma](#) that has already been formalised and included in Mathlib).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Then the norm of  $\lambda$  is a prime number.

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 2.5](#) since 3 is a prime number.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Then  $\lambda \mid 3$ .

*Proof.* By properties of norms and divisibility, if the norm of an element in the ring of integers divides a number, then the element itself must divide that number. In this case, by [Lemma 2.5](#) we know that the norm of  $\lambda$  is 3, that divides 3, which implies that  $\lambda \mid 3$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.8.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .



Then  $\lambda$  is prime.

*Proof.* Since 3 is prime and  $\zeta_3$  is a primitive third root of unity, then  $\lambda$  is prime by [Theorem 1.21](#).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Then  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 2.8](#) since zero is not prime.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.10.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Then  $\lambda$  is not a unit.

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 2.8](#) since prime numbers are not units.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.11.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $I$  be the ideal generated by  $\lambda$ .

Then  $\mathcal{O}_K/I$  has cardinality 3.

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 2.5](#) by the fundamental properties of ideals.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.12.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $I$  be the ideal generated by  $\lambda$ .  
 Let  $2 \in \mathcal{O}_K/I$ .

Then  $2 \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $2 \in I$ , then, by definition,  $\lambda$  would divide  $2 \in \mathcal{O}_K$ . Recall from [Lemma 2.5](#) that the norm of  $\lambda$  is 3. If  $\lambda$  divided 2, then by properties of divisibility in number fields, the norm of  $\lambda$  would also divide 2. However  $3 \nmid 2$  showing a contradiction. Therefore,  $\lambda \nmid 2$ , then  $2 \notin I$ , which implies that  $2 \in \mathcal{O}_K/I$  is non-zero.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.13.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Then  $\lambda \nmid 2$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid 2$ , that implies that  $2 \in I$  from which it follows that  $2 = 0$  contradicting [Lemma 2.12](#) forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid 2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.14.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $I$  be the ideal generated by  $\lambda$ .

Then  $\mathcal{O}_K/I = \{0, 1, -1\}$ .

*Proof.* By [Lemma 2.11](#), the cardinality of  $\mathcal{O}_K/I$  is 3, so it suffices to prove that  $1, -1$

and 0 are distinct.

We proceed by contradiction analysing each case:

- Case  $1 = -1$ . By basic algebraic properties,  $1 = -1$  implies that  $2 = 0$ , which contradicts [Lemma 2.12](#) forcing us to conclude that  $1 \neq -1$ .
- Case  $1 = 0$ . Trivial contradiction.
- Case  $-1 = 0$ . It implies that  $1 = 0$ , which is a contradiction.

□

**Lemma 2.15.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$ .

Then  $(\lambda \mid x) \vee (\lambda \mid x - 1) \vee (\lambda \mid x + 1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $I$  be the ideal generated by  $\lambda$ . Let  $\pi : \mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K/I$ .

By [Lemma 2.14](#), we have that  $\pi(x) \in \mathcal{O}_K/I = \{0, 1, -1\}$ .

We proceed by analysing each case:

- Case  $\pi(x) = 0$ . By properties of ideals,  $\lambda \mid x$ .
- Case  $\pi(x) = 1$ . Then  $0 = \pi(x) - 1 = \pi(x - 1)$ , which, by properties of ideals, implies that  $\lambda \mid x - 1$ .
- Case  $\pi(x) = -1$ . Then  $0 = \pi(x) + 1 = \pi(x + 1)$ , which, by properties of ideals, implies that  $\lambda \mid x + 1$ .

□

**Lemma 2.16.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Then  $\eta^3 = 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\zeta_3 \in K$  is a primitive third root of unity, then  $\zeta_3^3 = 1$ . Given that  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  is the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ , then  $\eta^3 = 1$  by the extension of the field properties into the ring of integers.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.17.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Then  $\eta$  is a unit.

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 2.16](#).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.18.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Then  $\eta^2 + \eta + 1 = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\eta$  corresponds to a root of the equation  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ , then  $\eta^2 + \eta + 1 = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.19.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$ .

Then  $x^3 - 1 = (x - 1)(x - \eta)(x - \eta^2)$ .

*Proof.* Applying [Lemma 2.16](#) and [Lemma 2.18](#), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (x - 1)(x - \eta)(x - \eta^2) &= x^3 - x^2(\eta^2 + \eta + 1) + x(\eta^2 + \eta + \eta^3) - \eta^3 \\ &= x^3 - x^2(\eta^2 + \eta + 1) + x(\eta^2 + \eta + 1) - 1 \\ &= x^3 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Lemma 2.20.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$ .

Then  $\lambda \mid x(x-1)(x-(\eta+1))$ .

*Proof.* By [Lemma 2.15](#), we have that

$$(\lambda \mid x) \vee (\lambda \mid x-1) \vee (\lambda \mid x+1).$$

We proceed by analysing each case:

- Case  $\lambda \mid x$ .  
By properties of divisibility, we have that  $\lambda \mid x(x-1)(x-(\eta+1))$ .
- Case  $\lambda \mid x-1$ .  
By properties of divisibility, we have that  $\lambda \mid x(x-1)(x-(\eta+1))$ .
- Case  $\lambda \mid x+1$ .  
By properties of divisibility, it suffices to prove that

$$\lambda \mid x - (\eta + 1) = x + 1 - (\eta - 1 + 3).$$

By definition of  $\lambda$ , we have that

$$x + 1 - (\eta - 1 + 3) = x + 1 - (\lambda + 3).$$

By properties of divisibility and [Lemma 2.7](#), we can deduce that  $\lambda \mid \lambda + 3$ .

Therefore, by properties of divisibility, we can conclude that

$$\lambda \mid x(x-1)(x-(\eta+1)).$$

□

**Lemma 2.21.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$ .

If  $\lambda \mid x - 1$ , then  $\lambda^4 \mid x^3 - 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \mid x - 1$ , which is equivalent to say that

$$\exists y \in \mathcal{O}_K \text{ such that } x - 1 = \lambda y.$$

By ring properties and [Lemma 2.19](#), we have that

$$x^3 - 1 = \lambda^3(y(y - 1)(y - (\eta + 1))).$$

By properties of divisibility and [Lemma 2.20](#), we can conclude that

$$\lambda^4 \mid x^3 - 1.$$

□

**Lemma 2.22.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$ .

If  $\lambda \mid x + 1$ , then  $\lambda^4 \mid x^3 + 1$ .

*Proof.* By properties of divisibility, if  $\lambda \mid x + 1$  then

$$\lambda \mid -(x + 1) = (-x) - 1.$$

By [Lemma 2.20](#), we can deduce that

$$\lambda^4 \mid (-x)^3 - 1.$$

By divisibility and ring properties we can conclude that

$$\lambda^4 \mid x^3 + 1.$$

□

**Lemma 2.23.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$ .

If  $\lambda \nmid x$ , then  $(\lambda^4 \mid x^3 - 1) \vee (\lambda^4 \mid x^3 + 1)$ .

*Proof.* By [Lemma 2.15](#), we have that

$$(\lambda \mid x) \vee (\lambda \mid x - 1) \vee (\lambda \mid x + 1).$$

We proceed by analysing each case:

- Case  $\lambda \mid x$ . From trivially contradictory hypotheses we can conclude that

$$(\lambda^4 \mid x^3 - 1) \vee (\lambda^4 \mid x^3 + 1).$$

- Case  $\lambda \mid x - 1$ . By [Lemma 2.21](#), we have that  $\lambda^4 \mid x^3 - 1$ , which implies that

$$(\lambda^4 \mid x^3 - 1) \vee (\lambda^4 \mid x^3 + 1).$$

- Case  $\lambda \mid x + 1$ . By [Lemma 2.22](#), we have that  $\lambda^4 \mid x^3 + 1$ , which implies that

$$(\lambda^4 \mid x^3 - 1) \vee (\lambda^4 \mid x^3 + 1).$$

□

## Chapter 3

# Fermat's Last Theorem for Exponent 3

### 3.1 Case 1

**Lemma 3.1.**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $[n] \in \mathbb{Z}_9$ .

Let  $3 \nmid n$ .

Then  $[n]^3 = 1 \vee [n]^3 = 8$ .

*Proof.* By [Lemma 1.23](#), we can conclude that  $[n]^3 = 1 \vee [n]^3 = 8$ . □

**Theorem 3.2** (Fermat's Last Theorem for 3: Case 1).

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $3 \nmid abc$ .

Then  $a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$ .

*Proof.* By hypothesis we know that  $3 \nmid abc$ , which implies that  $3 \nmid a$ ,  $3 \nmid b$  and  $3 \nmid c$ . By repeatedly applying [Lemma 3.1](#) for each case, we can conclude that

$$a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3.$$

□



## 3.2 Case 2

### Lemma 3.3.

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $3 \mid a$  and  $3 \mid b$ .

Let  $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$ .

Then  $3 \mid \gcd(a, b, c)$ .

*Proof.* By hypothesis we have that  $3 \mid a^3 + b^3 = c^3$ , which implies that  $3 \mid c$ , from which we can conclude that  $3 \mid \gcd(a, b, c)$ .  $\square$

### Lemma 3.4.

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $3 \mid a$  and  $3 \mid c$ .

Let  $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$ .

Then  $3 \mid \gcd(a, b, c)$ .

*Proof.* By hypothesis we have that  $3 \mid c^3 - a^3 = b^3$ , which implies that  $3 \mid b$ , from which we can conclude that  $3 \mid \gcd(a, b, c)$ .  $\square$

### Lemma 3.5.

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $3 \mid b$  and  $3 \mid c$ .

Let  $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$ .

Then  $3 \mid \gcd(a, b, c)$ .

*Proof.* By hypothesis we have that  $3 \mid c^3 - b^3 = a^3$ , which implies that  $3 \mid a$ , from which we can conclude that  $3 \mid \gcd(a, b, c)$ .  $\square$

### Theorem 3.6.

To prove [Theorem 3.66](#), it suffices to prove that

$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $c \neq 0$  and  $3 \nmid a$  and  $3 \nmid b$  and  $3 \mid c$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then  $a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$ .

Equivalently,

$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $c \neq 0$  and  $3 \nmid a$  and  $3 \nmid b$  and  $3 \mid c$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then  $a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$

implies [Theorem 3.66](#).

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that

$$\exists a, b, c \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \text{ such that } a^3 + b^3 = c^3.$$

By [Lemma 1.22](#) we can assume that  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ .

By [Theorem 3.2](#) we can assume that  $3 \mid abc$ , from which it follows that

$$(3 \mid a) \vee (3 \mid b) \vee (3 \mid c).$$

We proceed by analysing each case:

- Case  $3 \mid a$ .  
Let  $a' = -c$ ,  $b' = b$ ,  $c' = -a$ , then  $3 \mid c'$  and

$$(a' \neq 0) \wedge (b' \neq 0) \wedge (c' \neq 0).$$

Then  $3 \nmid a'$  since otherwise by [Lemma 3.4](#) we would have that  $3 \mid \gcd(a, b, c) = 1$  which is absurd.

Analogously, by [Lemma 3.3](#) we have that  $3 \nmid b'$ .

By contradiction we assume that  $\gcd(a', b') \neq 1$  which, by basic divisibility properties, implies that there is a prime  $p$  such that  $p \mid a'$  and  $p \mid b'$ . It follows that  $p \mid b'^3 + a'^3 = b^3 - c^3 = -a^3$ , which implies that  $p \mid a$ .

Therefore  $p \mid \gcd(a, b, c) = 1$  which is absurd.

Moreover, we have that  $a'^3 + b'^3 = -c^3 + b^3 = -a^3 = c'^3$  that contradicts our hypothesis.

- Case  $3 \mid b$ .  
Let  $a' = a$ ,  $b' = -c$ ,  $c' = -b$ .  
The rest of the proof is analogous to the first case using [Lemma 3.3](#) and [Lemma 3.5](#).
- Case  $3 \mid c$ . Let  $a' = a$ ,  $b' = b$ ,  $c' = c$ .  
The rest of the proof is analogous to the first case using [Lemma 3.4](#) and [Lemma 3.5](#).

Therefore, we can conclude that  $a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$ . □

**Definition 3.7** (Solution').

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $c \neq 0$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Let  $\lambda \nmid a$ ,  $\lambda \nmid b$  and  $\lambda \mid c$ .

A *solution'* is a tuple  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  satisfying the equation  $a^3 + b^3 = uc^3$ .

**Definition 3.8** (Solution).

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $c \neq 0$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Let  $\lambda \nmid a$ ,  $\lambda \nmid b$ ,  $\lambda \mid c$  and  $\lambda^2 \mid a + b$ .

A *solution* is a tuple  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  satisfying the equation  $a^3 + b^3 = uc^3$ .

**Definition 3.9** (Multiplicity of Solution').

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'*.

The *multiplicity* of  $S'$  is the largest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\lambda^n \mid c$ .

**Definition 3.10** (Multiplicity of Solution).

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

The *multiplicity* of  $S$  is the largest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\lambda^n \mid c$ .

**Definition 3.11** (Minimal Solution).

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

We say that  $S$  is *minimal* if for all solutions  $S_1 = (a_1, b_1, c_1, u_1)$ , the multiplicity of  $S$  is less than or equal to the *multiplicity* of  $S_1$ .

**Lemma 3.12.**

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'*.

Then the multiplicity of  $S'$  is finite.

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 2.10](#). □

**Lemma 3.13.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then there is a minimal solution  $S_1$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward since  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  is well-ordered. □

**Lemma 3.14.**

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'*.

Then  $\lambda^4 \mid a^3 - 1 \wedge \lambda^4 \mid b^3 + 1$  or  $\lambda^4 \mid a^3 + 1 \wedge \lambda^4 \mid b^3 - 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\lambda \nmid a$ , then  $\lambda^4 \mid a^3 - 1 \vee \lambda^4 \mid a^3 + 1$  by [Lemma 2.23](#). Since  $\lambda \nmid b$ , then  $\lambda^4 \mid b^3 - 1 \vee \lambda^4 \mid b^3 + 1$  by [Lemma 2.23](#). We proceed by analysing each case:

- Case  $\lambda^4 \mid a^3 - 1 \wedge \lambda^4 \mid b^3 - 1$ . Since  $\lambda \mid c$  we have that  $\lambda \mid c^3 - (a^3 - 1) - (b^3 - 1) = 2$ , which is absurd by [Lemma 2.13](#).

- Case  $\lambda^4 \mid a^3 + 1 \wedge \lambda^4 \mid b^3 + 1$ . Since  $\lambda \mid c$  we have that  $\lambda \mid (a^3 - 1) + (b^3 - 1) - c^3 = 2$ , which is absurd by [Lemma 2.13](#).
- Case  $\lambda^4 \mid a^3 - 1 \wedge \lambda^4 \mid b^3 + 1$ . Trivial.
- Case  $\lambda^4 \mid a^3 + 1 \wedge \lambda^4 \mid b^3 - 1$ . Trivial.

□

**Lemma 3.15.**

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'*.

Then  $\lambda^4 \mid c^3$ .

*Proof.* Apply [Lemma 3.14](#) and then compute each case.

□

**Lemma 3.16.**

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'*.

Then  $\lambda^2 \mid c$ .

*Proof.* Apply [Lemma 3.15](#).

□

**Lemma 3.17.**

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $2 \leq n$ .

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 3.16](#).

□

**Lemma 3.18.**

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $2 \leq n$ .

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 3.17](#).

□

**Lemma 3.19.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'*.

Then  $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a + \eta b)(a + \eta^2 b)$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward calculation using [Lemma 2.16](#) and [Lemma 2.18](#).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.20.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'*.

Then  $(\lambda^2 \mid a + b) \vee (\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta b) \vee (\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta^2 b)$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that

$$(\lambda^2 \nmid a + b) \wedge (\lambda^2 \nmid a + \eta b) \wedge (\lambda^2 \nmid a + \eta^2 b).$$

Then, by definition, the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  in  $a + b$ , in  $a + \eta b$  and in  $a + \eta^2 b$  is less than 2. By properties of divisibility, [Lemma 3.16](#) and [Lemma 3.19](#), we have that

$$\lambda^6 \mid uc^3 = a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a + \eta b)(a + \eta^2 b).$$

Then, the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  in  $(a + b)(a + \eta b)(a + \eta^2 b)$  is greater than or equal to 6.

By [Lemma 2.8](#)  $\lambda$  is prime, so we have that the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  in  $(a + b)(a + \eta b)(a + \eta^2 b)$  is the sum of the multiplicities of  $\lambda$  in  $a + b$ , in  $a + \eta b$  and in  $a + \eta^2 b$ , which is less than 6. This is a contradiction that forces us to conclude that

$$(\lambda^2 \mid a + b) \vee (\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta b) \vee (\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta^2 b).$$

$\square$

**Lemma 3.21.**

Let  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution'*.

Then  $\exists a_1, b_1 \in \mathcal{O}_k$  such that  $S_1 = (a_1, b_1, c, u)$  is a *solution*.

*Proof.* By [Lemma 3.20](#), we have that

$$(\lambda^2 \mid a + b) \vee (\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta b) \vee (\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta^2 b).$$

We proceed by analysing each case:

- Case  $\lambda^2 \mid a + b$ . Trivial using  $a_1 = a$  and  $b_1 = b$ .
- Case  $\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta b$ . Let  $a_1 = a$  and  $b_1 = \eta b$ .  
By [Lemma 2.16](#), we have that  $a^3 + (\eta b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 = uc^3$ .  
By properties of coprimes and [Lemma 2.17](#), we have that  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  implies that  $\gcd(a, \eta b) = 1$ .  
Since  $a_1 = a$ , we already know that  $\lambda \nmid a = a_1$ .  
By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid b_1 = \eta b$ , which, by [Lemma 2.16](#), it implies that  $\lambda \mid \eta^2 \eta b = b$  that contradicts our assumption, forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid b_1$ .
- Case  $\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta^2 b$ . Let  $a_1 = a$  and  $b_1 = \eta^2 b$ .  
By [Lemma 2.16](#), we have that  $a^3 + (\eta^2 b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 = uc^3$ .  
By properties of coprimes and [Lemma 2.17](#), we have that  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  implies that  $\gcd(a, \eta^2 b) = 1$ .  
Since  $a_1 = a$ , we already know that  $\lambda \nmid a = a_1$ .  
By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid b_1 = \eta^2 b$ , which, by [Lemma 2.16](#), it implies that  $\lambda \mid \eta \eta^2 b = b$  that contradicts our assumption, forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid b_1$ .

Therefore, we can conclude that  $\exists a_1, b_1 \in \mathcal{O}_k$  such that  $S_1 = (a_1, b_1, c, u)$  is a *solution*.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.22.**

Let  $S'$  be a *solution'* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then there is a *solution*  $S$  with multiplicity  $n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S' = (a', b', c', u')$ . Let  $a, b$  be the units given by [Lemma 3.21](#). Then  $S = (a, b, c', u')$  is a *solution'* with multiplicity  $n$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.23.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Then  $a + \eta b = (a + b) + \lambda b$ .

*Proof.* Trivial calculation.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.24.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \mid a + \eta b$ .

*Proof.* Trivial since  $\lambda \mid a + b$ . □

**Lemma 3.25.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \mid a + \eta^2 b$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\lambda \mid a + b$ , then  $\lambda \mid (a + b) + \lambda^2 b + 2\lambda b = a + \eta^2 b$ . □

**Lemma 3.26.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda^2 \nmid a + \eta b$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta b$ , which implies that  $\lambda^2 \mid a + b + \lambda b$  by [Lemma 3.23](#). Since  $\lambda^2 \mid a + b$ , then  $\lambda^2 \mid \lambda b$ , which implies that  $\lambda \mid b$ , that contradicts [Definition 3.8](#) forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda^2 \nmid a + \eta b$ . □

**Lemma 3.27.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda^2 \nmid a + \eta^2 b$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction using [Lemma 2.18](#), we assume  $\lambda^2 \mid a + \eta^2 b = a + b - b + \eta^2 b$ . Since  $\lambda^2 \mid a + b$ , then  $\lambda^2 \mid b(\eta^2 - 1) = \lambda b(\eta + 1)$ . Since  $\lambda \nmid b$ , then  $\lambda \mid \eta + 1 = \lambda + 2$ , then  $\lambda \mid 2$  which is absurd.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.28.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Then  $(\eta + 1)(-\eta) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Trivial calculation using [Lemma 2.18](#).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.29.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be a prime such that  $p \mid a + b$  and  $p \mid a + \eta b$ .

Then  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ .

*Proof.* We proceed by analysis each case:

- Case  $p \mid \lambda$ . It directly follows from [Lemma 2.8](#).



- Case  $p \nmid \lambda$ .

By hypothesis, we have that  $p \mid a + b$  and  $p \mid a + \eta b$ . Then  $p \mid (a + \eta b) - (a + b) = b(\eta - 1) = b\lambda$ , which implies that  $p \mid b$  and we proceed analogously to show that  $p \mid a$ .

Therefore  $p \mid \gcd(a, b) = 1$  which is absurd.

Therefore, we can conclude that  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ . □

**Lemma 3.30.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be a prime such that  $p \mid a + b$  and  $p \mid a + \eta^2 b$ .

Then  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ .

*Proof.* We proceed by analysis each case:

- Case  $p \mid \lambda$ . It directly follows from [Lemma 2.8](#).

- Case  $p \nmid \lambda$ .

By hypothesis, we have that  $p \mid a + b$  and  $p \mid a + \eta^2 b$ . By [Lemma 2.16](#) and [Lemma 2.17](#), we have that

$$p \mid \eta((a + \eta^2 b) - (a + b)) = -(\eta^3 - \eta)b = \lambda b,$$

which implies that  $p \mid b$  and we proceed analogously to show that  $p \mid a$ .

Therefore  $p \mid \gcd(a, b) = 1$  which is absurd.

Therefore, we can conclude that  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ . □

**Lemma 3.31.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be a prime such that  $p \mid a + \eta b$  and  $p \mid a + \eta^2 b$ .

Then  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ .

*Proof.* We proceed by analysis each case:

- Case  $p \mid \lambda$ . It directly follows from [Lemma 2.8](#).
- Case  $p \nmid \lambda$ .  
By hypothesis, we have that  $p \mid a + \eta b$  and  $p \mid a + \eta^2 b$ . Then  $p \mid (a + \eta^2 b) - (a + \eta b) = \eta b(\eta - 1) = \eta b \lambda$ , which, by [Lemma 2.17](#), implies that  $p \mid b$  and we proceed analogously to show that  $p \mid a$ .  
Therefore  $p \mid \gcd(a, b) = 1$  which is absurd.

Therefore, we can conclude that  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ . □

**Definition 3.32**  $(x, y, z, w)$ .

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

We define  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $a + b = \lambda^{3n-2}x$ .

We define  $y \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $a + \eta b = \lambda y$ .

We define  $z \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $a + \eta^2 b = \lambda z$ .

We define  $w \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $c = \lambda^n w$ .

**Lemma 3.33.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \nmid y$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid y$ , which implies that  $\lambda^2 \mid \lambda y = a + \eta b$ , that contradicts [Lemma 3.26](#) forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid y$ . □

**Lemma 3.34.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \nmid z$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid z$ , which implies that  $\lambda^2 \mid \lambda z = a + \eta^2 b$ , that contradicts [Lemma 3.27](#) forcing us to conclude  $\lambda \nmid z$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.35.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $\lambda^{3n-2} \mid a + b$ .

*Proof.* By [Definition 3.10](#) we have that  $\lambda^n \mid c$ . Since  $u$  is a unit, then by [Lemma 3.19](#) we have that

$$\lambda^{3n} \mid uc^3 = a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a + \eta b)(a + \eta^2 b) = (a + b)(\lambda y)(\lambda z).$$

Then applying [Lemma 3.33](#) and [Lemma 3.34](#), we can conclude that  $\lambda^{3n-2} \mid a + b$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.36.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \nmid w$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid w$ , which implies  $\lambda^{n+1} \mid \lambda^n w = c$  that contradicts [Definition 3.10](#) forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid w$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.37.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \nmid x$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction, if  $\lambda \mid x$ , then  $\lambda^{3n-1} \mid \lambda^{3n-2}x = a + b$ . Using [Lemma 3.24](#) and [Lemma 3.25](#), we have that  $\lambda^{3n+1} \mid (a+b)(a+\eta b)(a+\eta^2 b) = a^3 + b^3 = uc^3 = u\lambda^{3n}w^3$ . Then  $\lambda \mid w^3$  which implies that  $\lambda \mid w$ , that contradicts [Lemma 3.36](#) forcing us to conclude  $\lambda \nmid x$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.38.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $y \neq 0$  by [Lemma 3.33](#), by the properties of PIDs it suffices to prove that  $\forall p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  if  $p$  is prime and  $p \mid x$ , then  $p \nmid y$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be prime and suppose by contradiction that  $p \mid x$  and  $p \mid y$  which implies that  $p \mid \lambda^{3n-2}x = a + b$  and  $p \mid \lambda y = a + \eta b$ . Then by [Lemma 3.29](#) we have that  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ , which implies that  $\lambda \mid x$  that contradicts [Lemma 3.37](#) forcing us to conclude that  $p \nmid y$ , which, as stated above, implies that  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.39.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\gcd(x, z) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $z \neq 0$  by [Lemma 3.34](#), by the properties of PIDs it suffices to prove that  $\forall p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  if  $p$  is prime and  $p \mid x$ , then  $p \nmid z$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be prime and suppose by contradiction that  $p \mid x$  and  $p \mid z$  which implies that  $p \mid \lambda^{3n-2}x = a + b$  and  $p \mid \lambda z = a + \eta^2 b$ . Then by [Lemma 3.30](#) we have that  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ , which implies that  $\lambda \mid x$  that contradicts [Lemma 3.37](#) forcing us to conclude that  $p \nmid z$ , which, as stated above, implies that  $\gcd(x, z) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.40.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\gcd(y, z) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $z \neq 0$  by [Lemma 3.34](#), by the properties of PIDs it suffices to prove that  $\forall p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  if  $p$  is prime and  $p \mid y$ , then  $p \nmid z$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be prime and suppose by contradiction that  $p \mid y$  and  $p \mid z$  which implies that  $p \mid \lambda y = a + \eta b$  and  $p \mid \lambda z = a + \eta^2 b$ . Then by [Lemma 3.31](#) we have that  $p$  is associated with  $\lambda$ , which implies that  $\lambda \mid y$  that contradicts [Lemma 3.33](#) forcing us to conclude that  $p \nmid z$ , which, as stated above, implies that  $\gcd(y, z) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.41.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $3n - 2 + 1 + 1 = 3n$ .

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 3.18](#) and calculations using ring properties.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.42.**

Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution*.

Then  $xyz = uw^3$ .

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Definition 3.32](#), [Lemma 3.19](#), [Lemma 2.9](#), [Lemma 3.18](#) and calculations using ring properties.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.43.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\exists u_1 \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  and  $\exists X \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $x = u_1 X^3$ .

*Proof.* By the properties of PIDs, it suffices to prove that there exists a  $k \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $xk$  is a cube and  $\gcd(x, k) = 1$ . Let  $k = yzu^{-1}$ , then  $xk = xyz u^{-1} = w^3$  by [Lemma 3.42](#). Moreover, since  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$  by [Lemma 3.38](#) and  $\gcd(x, z) = 1$  by [Lemma 3.39](#), then  $\gcd(x, yz) = 1$ , which implies that  $\gcd(x, k) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.44.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\exists u_2 \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  and  $\exists Y \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $y = u_2 Y^3$ .

*Proof.* By the properties of PIDs, it suffices to prove that there exists a  $k \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $yk$  is a cube and  $\gcd(y, k) = 1$ . Let  $k = xzu^{-1}$ , then  $yk = yxz u^{-1} = w^3$  by [Lemma 3.42](#).

Moreover, since  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$  by [Lemma 3.38](#) and  $\gcd(y, z) = 1$  by [Lemma 3.40](#), then  $\gcd(y, xz) = 1$ , which implies that  $\gcd(y, k) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.45.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\exists u_3 \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  and  $\exists Z \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $z = u_3 Z^3$ .

*Proof.* By the properties of PIDs, it suffices to prove that there exists a  $k \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $zk$  is a cube and  $\gcd(z, k) = 1$ . Let  $k = xyu^{-1}$ , then  $zk = zxyu^{-1} = w^3$  by [Lemma 3.42](#). Moreover, since  $\gcd(x, z) = 1$  by [Lemma 3.39](#) and  $\gcd(y, z) = 1$  by [Lemma 3.40](#), then  $\gcd(z, xy) = 1$ , which implies that  $\gcd(z, k) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.46** ( $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, X, Y, Z$ ).

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

We define  $u_1 \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  and  $X \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $x = u_1 X^3$ .

We define  $u_2 \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $y = u_2 Y^3$ .

We define  $u_3 \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  and  $Z \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $z = u_3 Z^3$ .

We define  $u_4 = \eta u_3 u_2^{-1}$ .

We define  $u_5 = -\eta^2 u_1 u_2^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 3.47.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $X \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $X = 0$ , then  $x = 0$  by [Definition 3.46](#). Therefore  $\lambda$  trivially divides  $x$  (as any number divides zero) which contradicts [Lemma 3.37](#) forcing us to conclude that  $X \neq 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.48.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \nmid X$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid X$ , then, by the properties of divisibility,  $\lambda \mid u_1X^3$ , which implies, by [Definition 3.46](#), that  $\lambda \mid x$ . However, this contradicts [Lemma 3.37](#) forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid X$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.49.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \nmid Y$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid Y$ , then, by the properties of divisibility,  $\lambda \mid u_2Y^3$ , which implies, by [Definition 3.46](#), that  $\lambda \mid y$ . However, this contradicts [Lemma 3.33](#) forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid Y$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.50.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda \nmid Z$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid Z$ , then, by the properties of divisibility,  $\lambda \mid u_3Z^3$ , which implies, by [Definition 3.46](#), that  $\lambda \mid z$ . However, this contradicts [Lemma 3.34](#) forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid Z$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.51.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\gcd(Y, Z) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $Z \neq 0$  by [Lemma 3.50](#), by the properties of PIDs it suffices to prove that  $\forall p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  if  $p$  is prime and  $p \mid Y$ , then  $p \nmid Z$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be prime and suppose by contradiction that  $p \mid Y$  and  $p \mid Z$  which implies that  $p \mid u_2Y^3 = y$  and  $p \mid \lambda u_3Z^3 = z$ .

But this contradicts [Lemma 3.40](#) forcing us to conclude that  $p \nmid Z$ , which, as stated above, implies that  $\gcd(Y, Z) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.52.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $u_1 X^3 \lambda^{3n-2} + u_2 \eta Y^3 \lambda + u_3 \eta^2 Z^3 \lambda = 0$ .

*Proof.* Applying [Definition 3.46](#), [Definition 3.32](#), [Lemma 2.16](#) and [Lemma 2.18](#), we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 X^3 \lambda^{3n-2} + u_2 \eta Y^3 \lambda + u_3 \eta^2 Z^3 \lambda &= x \lambda^{3n-2} + \eta y \lambda + \eta^2 z \lambda \\ &= (a + b) + \eta(a + \eta b) + \eta^2(a + \eta^2 b) \\ &= a(1 + \eta + \eta^2) + b(1 + \eta^4 + \eta^2) \\ &= (a + b)(1 + \eta + \eta^2) \\ &= (a + b)0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Lemma 3.53.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $u_4$  is a unit.

*Proof.* By [Definition 3.46](#)  $u_4 = \eta u_3 u_2^{-1}$ , which is a product of units by [Lemma 2.17](#). Since the product of units is a unit (multiplicative closure), it follows that  $u_4$  must also be a unit.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.54.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $u_5$  is a unit.

*Proof.* By [Definition 3.46](#)  $u_5 = -\eta^2 u_1 u_2^{-1}$ , which is a product of units since  $\eta^3 = 1$  by [Lemma 2.16](#) and  $-\eta(-\eta^2) = \eta^3$ . Since the product of units is a unit (multiplicative closure), it follows that  $u_5$  must also be a unit.  $\square$



**Lemma 3.55.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $Y^3 + u_4 Z^3 = u_5(\lambda^{(n-1)} X)^3$ .

*Proof.* Using [Lemma 2.17](#), [Lemma 2.9](#), it suffices to show that

$$\lambda \eta u_2 (Y^3 + u_4 Z^3) = \lambda \eta u_2 u_5 (\lambda^{(n-1)} X)^3$$

which can be proved by simple calculations involving [Lemma 2.16](#), [Lemma 3.18](#) and [Lemma 3.52](#).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.56.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $\lambda^2 \mid \lambda^4$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward application of the definition of divisibility.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.57.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $\lambda^2 \mid u_5(\lambda^{n-1} X)^3$ .

*Proof.* Using [Lemma 3.18](#), we have that  $\lambda^2 \mid \lambda^2 u_5 \lambda^{3n-5} X^3 = u_5(\lambda^{n-1} X)^3$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.58.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution*.

Then  $u_4 \in \{-1, 1\} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be the multiplicity of the solution  $S$ .  
By [Theorem 2.4](#), it suffices to prove that

$$\exists m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } \lambda^2 \mid u_4 - m.$$

By [Lemma 2.23](#) and [Lemma 3.49](#), we have that

$$(\lambda^4 \mid Y^3 - 1) \vee (\lambda^4 \mid Y^3 + 1).$$

By [Lemma 2.23](#) and [Lemma 3.50](#), we have that

$$(\lambda^4 \mid Z^3 - 1) \vee (\lambda^4 \mid Z^3 + 1).$$

We proceed by analysing each case:

- Case  $(\lambda^4 \mid Y^3 - 1) \wedge (\lambda^4 \mid Z^3 - 1)$ .  
Let  $m = -1$  and consider the fact that

$$u_4 - m = Y^3 + u_4 Z^3 - (Y^3 - 1) - u_4(Z^3 - 1).$$

By [Lemma 3.55](#), we have that

$$u_4 - m = u_5(\lambda^{n-1}X)^3 - (Y^3 - 1) - u_4(Z^3 - 1).$$

Since, by [Lemma 3.57](#), we know that

$$\lambda^2 \mid u_5(\lambda^{n-1}X)^3$$

and, by [Lemma 3.56](#) and by assumption, we have that

$$\lambda^2 \mid Y^3 - 1 \wedge \lambda^2 \mid Z^3 - 1,$$

Then, we can conclude that

$$\lambda^2 \mid u_4 - m.$$

- Case  $(\lambda^4 \mid Y^3 - 1) \wedge (\lambda^4 \mid Z^3 + 1)$ .  
Let  $m = 1$  and proceed similarly to the first case.
- Case  $(\lambda^4 \mid Y^3 + 1) \wedge (\lambda^4 \mid Z^3 - 1)$ .  
Let  $m = 1$  and proceed similarly to the first case.
- Case  $(\lambda^4 \mid Y^3 + 1) \wedge (\lambda^4 \mid Z^3 + 1)$ .  
Let  $m = -1$  and proceed similarly to the first case.

□

**Lemma 3.59.**

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $Y^3 + (u_4Z)^3 = u_5(\lambda^{n-1}X)^3$ .

*Proof.* By [Lemma 3.58](#), we have that  $u_4 \in \{-1, 1\}$ , which implies that  $u_4^2 = 1$ .  
 Therefore, by [Lemma 3.55](#), we can conclude that

$$Y^3 + (u_4Z)^3 = u_5(\lambda^{n-1}X)^3.$$

□

**Definition 3.60** (Final Solution').

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .  
 Let  $S = (a, b, c, u)$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .  
 Let  $S'_f = (Y, u_4Z, \lambda^{n-1}X, u_5)$ .

Then  $S'_f$  is a *solution'*.

**Lemma 3.61.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $S'_f$  has multiplicity  $n - 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .  
 Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
 Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.  
 Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .  
 Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $(a', b', c', u') = S'_f$  be the final *solution'*, then  $\lambda^{n-1} \mid \lambda^{n-1}X = c'$ . By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda^n \mid c'$  which implies that  $\lambda \mid X$ , that contradicts [Lemma 3.48](#) forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda^n \nmid c'$ . Then  $S'_f$  has multiplicity  $n - 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.62.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then  $S'_f$  has multiplicity  $m < n$ .

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 3.61](#) since  $m = n - 1 < n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.63.**

Let  $S$  be a *solution* with multiplicity  $n$ .

Then there is a *solution* with multiplicity  $m < n$ .

*Proof.* It directly follows from [Lemma 3.61](#) and [Lemma 3.62](#).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.64** (Generalised Fermat's Last Theorem for Exponent 3).

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  be the third cyclotomic field.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  be the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

Let  $\zeta_3 \in K$  be any primitive third root of unity.

Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be the element corresponding to  $\zeta_3 \in K$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$  be such that  $\lambda = \eta - 1$ .

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{O}_K$  and  $u \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  such that  $c \neq 0$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Let  $\lambda \nmid a$ ,  $\lambda \nmid b$  and  $\lambda \mid c$ .

Then  $a^3 + b^3 \neq uc^3$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction we assume that there are  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{O}_K$  and  $u \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  such that  $c \neq 0$ ,  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ ,  $\lambda \nmid a$ ,  $\lambda \nmid b$ ,  $\lambda \mid c$  and  $a^3 + b^3 = uc^3$ . Then  $S' = (a, b, c, u)$  is a *solution'*, which implies that there is a *solution*  $S$  by [Lemma 3.22](#). Then, by [Lemma 3.13](#), there is a minimal solution  $S_0$  with multiplicity  $n$ . Hence, there is a *solution'*  $S'_1$  with multiplicity  $m < n$  by [Theorem 3.63](#), which implies that there is a *solution*  $S_1$  with multiplicity  $m$  by [Lemma 3.22](#). However, this contradicts the minimality of  $S_0$  forcing us to conclude that  $a^3 + b^3 \neq uc^3$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.65.**

To prove [Theorem 3.66](#), it suffices to prove [Theorem 3.64](#).

Equivalently, [Theorem 3.64](#) implies [Theorem 3.66](#).

*Proof.* Assume that  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathcal{O}_K, \forall u \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  such that  $c \neq 0, \gcd(a, b) = 1, \lambda \nmid a, \lambda \nmid b$  and  $\lambda \mid c$ , it holds that  $a^3 + b^3 \neq uc^3$ . Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$ . By [Theorem 3.6](#), we can assume that  $\gcd(a, b) = 1, 3 \nmid a, 3 \nmid b, 3 \mid c$ . By contradiction we assume that  $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$  and let  $u = 1$ .

- By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid a$ , which implies that the norm of  $\lambda$  divides  $a$  by [Lemma 2.6](#), which implies that  $3 \mid a$  by [Lemma 2.5](#), that contradicts the assumption that  $3 \nmid a$  forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid a$ .
- By contradiction we assume that  $\lambda \mid b$ , which implies that the norm of  $\lambda$  divides  $b$  by [Lemma 2.6](#), which implies that  $3 \mid b$  by [Lemma 2.5](#), that contradicts the assumption that  $3 \nmid b$  forcing us to conclude that  $\lambda \nmid b$ .
- $\lambda \mid 3$  by [Lemma 2.7](#) and  $3 \mid c$ , then  $\lambda \mid c$ .

By our first assumption  $a^3 + b^3 \neq uc^3 = 1c^3 = c^3 = a^3 + b^3$  which is absurd. □

### 3.3 Conclusion

**Theorem 3.66** (Fermat's Last Theorem for Exponent 3).

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$ .

Then  $a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$ .

*Proof.* By [Lemma 3.65](#) and [Theorem 3.64](#), we can conclude that

$$a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3.$$

□

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