

Exercise 1. In this exercise, you will solve

$$x^{2p} + y^{2p} = z^5, \quad x, y, z \text{ coprime, } p \text{ prime, } p \geq 7.$$

- (i) Show z is odd. **Without loss of generality x is even and y is odd.**
(ii) Show that

$$x^p + iy^p = (u + iv)^5$$

for some integers u, v .

- (iii) Deduce that

$$x^p = u(u^4 - 10u^2v^2 + 5v^4), \quad y^p = v(5u^4 - 10u^2v^2 + v^4).$$

- (iv) Show that u, v are coprime, with u even.

- (v) **Case I:** Suppose that $5 \nmid uv$.

- Show that

$$\begin{aligned} u &= A^p, & u^4 - 10u^2v^2 + 5v^4 &= B^p, \\ v &= C^p, & 5u^4 - 10u^2v^2 + v^4 &= D^p. \end{aligned}$$

- Deduce

$$D^p + 20A^{4p} = w^2$$

for an appropriate integer w .

- Use an appropriate Frey curve to deduce a contradiction.

- (vii) **Case II:** Repeat for $5 \mid uv$.