

### Superstable triangle.(MOG variant)

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6644445407814516736>

Suppose that we have an triangle with sides  $a, b, c$  such that for every positive integer  $n$  there exists a triangle with sides  $a^n, b^n$  and  $c^n$ .

Prove that the triangle must be equilateral.

#### Solution by Arkady Alt, San Jose ,California, USA.

We will prove that for triangle  $ABC$  with side length  $a, b, c$  the numbers  $a^n, b^n$  and  $c^n$  are side lengths of a triangle for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  iff  $ABC$  is isosceles with equal sides lengths, which not less then third one.

For any real  $x, y, z$  let  $\Delta(x, y, z) := 2xy + 2yz + 2zx - x^2 - y^2 - z^2$ . Note that  $\Delta(x^2, y^2, z^2) = (x + y + z)(x + y - z)(x - y + z)(-x + y + z)$  and for positive  $x, y, z$

$$\text{we have equivalency } \Delta(x^2, y^2, z^2) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + y > z \\ y + z > x \\ z + x > y \end{cases} .$$

Thus,  $a^n, b^n$  and  $c^n$  satisfies triangle inequalities iff  $\Delta(a^{2n}, b^{2n}, c^{2n}) > 0$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be any and  $a^n, b^n$  and  $c^n$  be side lengths of a triangle, that is  $\Delta(a^{2n}, b^{2n}, c^{2n}) > 0$ .

Due symmetry and homogeneity of  $\Delta(a^{2n}, b^{2n}, c^{2n}) > 0$  WLOG we assume that  $a \geq b \geq c$  and  $c = 1$ .

$$\text{Then for any } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ we have } \begin{cases} \Delta(a^{2n}, b^{2n}, c^{2n}) > 0 \\ a \geq b \geq c = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^n + 1 > a^n \\ a \geq b \geq 1 \end{cases} .$$

Suppose that  $a > b$ , then by Bernoulli Inequality  $a^n = (b + (a - b))^n = b^n \left(1 + \frac{a - b}{b}\right)^n > b^n \left(1 + \frac{a - b}{b} \cdot n\right) = b^n + n(a - b)b^{n-1} > b^n + n(a - b) > b^n + 1$  for any  $n > \max\left\{\frac{1}{a - b}, 1\right\}$ .

This contradicts the fact that inequality  $b^n + 1 > a^n$  holds for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Thus  $a = b$  and, therefore, triangle should be isosceles with two equal sides, which not less then third one.

Let now  $a = b \geq c$  then  $\Delta(a^{2n}, b^{2n}, c^{2n}) = 2a^n b^n + 2b^n c^n + 2c^n a^n - a^{2n} - b^{2n} - c^{2n} = 4c^n a^n - c^{2n} \geq 3c^n > 0$ .