

## Junior problems

J277. Is there an integer  $n$  such that  $4^{5^n} + 5^{4^n}$  is a prime?

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The answer is – No because  $4^{5^n} + 5^{4^n}$  can be represented in the form:

$$a^4 + 4b^4 = (a^2 - 2ab + 2b^2)(a^2 + 2ab + 2b^2).$$

Indeed, since  $5^n - 1 = (5 - 1)(5^{n-1} + 5^{n-2} + \dots + 5 + 1) = 4(5^{n-1} + 5^{n-2} + \dots + 5 + 1)$

then  $5^{4^n} + 4^{5^n} = (5^{4^{n-1}})^4 + 4 \cdot (4^{5^{n-1} + 5^{n-2} + \dots + 5 + 1})^4 = a^4 + 4b^4$ , where

$$a := 5^{4^{n-1}} \text{ and } b := 4^{5^{n-1} + 5^{n-2} + \dots + 5 + 1}$$

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