

New Method of Solving a complicated polynomial expression a possible alternative to Lambert W Function

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Abstract

Lambert W function method is always used to solve equations of the form $A^x = Bx$ because series of trial to solve such equations by applying laws of indices failed.

Udeze Chigozie, a PhD student at university of Aberdeen introduced a pattern that can be used to solve equations of such order provided that A and B are integers. We are going to apply both the laws of indices and Udeze's comparison method (new) to generate a way of tackling such equations.

Series of examples of such equations are solved and the exact solution is gotten which made me to introduce this method as a new method in the mathematics world and I hope that Mathematicians all over the World will begin to think of a way of introducing new formulae to solve more complex problems.

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Equation generation/Solution

First, let us introduce the comparison theorem before going into the context of this work.

Given an equation, say $(A + B)^x = (C + D)^y$ (1)

The comparison theorem states that the base in the left-hand side of (1) is equal to the base of the right-hand side of (1), if and only if their powers are equal.

In other words, $A + B = C + D$, iff $x = y$

To solve for the value of x in the equations of the type $A^x = Bx$, we need to use the already existing laws of indices and combine it with comparison theorem to get.

Examples

Find the exact value of x and y in the following problems

1. $4^x = 8x$
2. $9(3y^2) = 27^y$

Solution to Question (1)

$$4^x = 8x$$

Let $x = 2^p$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 4^x = 8x &\Rightarrow 4^{2^p} = 8(2^p) \\ \Rightarrow 2^{2^{p+1}} &= 2^3(2^p) = 2^{p+3} \\ \Rightarrow 2^{p+1} &= p + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both powers by $\frac{1}{p+1}$

$$\therefore 2 = (p + 3)^{\frac{1}{p+1}}(2)$$

Recall that $2 = (1 + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\therefore (2) \Rightarrow (1 + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (p + 3)^{\frac{1}{p+1}}(3)$$

to get the value of p apply comparison theorem which state that the base in the left-hand side of (3) is equal to the base of the right-hand side of (3), if and only if their powers are equal.

In other words, $1 + 3 = p + 3$, iff $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{p+1}$

$$\therefore p = 1, \text{ recall that } x = 2^p = 2^1 = 2$$

Therefore $x = 2$ (proved)

Solutions to question (2)

$$\begin{aligned} 9(3y^2) &= 27^y \\ \therefore 27y^2 &= 27^y \\ \Rightarrow y^2 &= \frac{27^y}{27} = 27^{y-1} \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

Let $y = 3^q$

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \Rightarrow (3^q)^2 &= 27^{3^q-1} = 3^{3(3^q-1)} \\ &\Rightarrow 3^{2q} = 3^{(3^{q+1}-3)} \\ 2q &= 3^{q+1} - 3 \Rightarrow 3^{q+1} = 2q + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both powers by $\frac{1}{q+1}$

$$\therefore 3 = (2q + 3)^{\frac{1}{q+1}} \quad (5)$$

Recall that $3 = (0 + 3)^{\frac{1}{0+1}}$

$$\therefore (5) \Rightarrow (0 + 3)^{\frac{1}{0+1}} = (2q + 3)^{\frac{1}{q+1}} \quad (6)$$

to get the value of p apply comparison theorem which state that the base in the left-hand side of (6) is equal to the base of the right-hand side of (6), if and only if their powers are equal.

In other words, $0 + 3 = 2q + 3$, iff $\frac{1}{0+1} = \frac{1}{q+1}$

$$\therefore q = 0, \text{ recall that } y = 2^q = 2^0 = 1$$

Therefore $y = 1$ (proved)

Conclusion

We have been able to introduce a theorem that enabled us to get the exact value of x in the equation of the type. $A^x = Bx$ if and only if A and B are whole numbers.

Our next target is to investigate Fermat's last Theorem and get a general formula that can solve equations of the type $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ since it is obvious that we cannot get an integer value for all X, Y and Z if n is greater than 2 but if $n = 2$ we obtain a Pythagorean formula.

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