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**Title:** An open problem concerning the diophantine equation  $a^x + b^x = c^z$

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Let  $r$  be an odd integer with  $r > 1$ , and let  $m$  be an even integer with  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Let  $a, b, c$  be positive integers satisfying  $(a, b, c) = (|V(r)|, |U(r)|, m^2 + 1)$ , where  $V(r) + U(r)\sqrt{-1} = (m + \sqrt{-1})^r$ . In this paper we prove that if  $c$  is a prime and either  $r \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $m > 2r/\pi$  or  $r \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $m > 41r^{3/2}$ , then the equation  $a^x + b^y = c^z$  has only the positive integer solution  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, r)$ .

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