

107. On the necessary conditions for the Fermat's last theorem.

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Concerning the Fermat's last theorem Prof. Vandiver has proved :
if

$$x^p + y^p + z^p = 0, \quad p \nmid xyz,$$

then the following condition

$$\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\left[\frac{p}{3}\right]^2} \equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

is necessary¹⁾.

In the present paper I will give a proof of H. Schwandt's condition²⁾

$$\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]^2} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad (\text{I})$$

and then show that two analogous conditions

$$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\left[\frac{p}{3}\right]} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad (\text{II})$$

and

$$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad (\text{III})$$

are necessary.

§ 1. Proof of (I).

We put

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\left[\frac{p}{3}\right]^2},$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\left[\frac{p}{2}\right]^2},$$

1) Vandiver: *Annals of Math.* **26** (1924).

2) Schwandt: *Jahresber. d.D.M.V.* **43** (1934).