

L-series of building blocks

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 - Modularity of Frey curves can be used to solve diophantine equations of Fermat-type.

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 - Ribet studied their $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ -decomposition and characterized their $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ -simple factors: they are a kind of varieties called building blocks.

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