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WHAT IS THE *abc* CONJECTURE?

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ABSTRACT

The *abc* conjecture, first posed in the 1980s, is one of the central problems in number theory. Its statement is completely elementary, while at the same time it is closely related to numerous conjectures and deep theorems that were already known. In September Shinichi Mochizuki announced a proof of the *abc* conjecture, so this is a good time to explain to a broader audience than number theorists what the *abc* conjecture says, why it is plausible, and what consequences it would have if it were proved.

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