

On the Diophantine equations $x^2 - 7y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - Dz^2 = 9$

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Abstract. The integer solution of diophantine equations $x^2 - D_1y^2 = m, (D_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \in \mathbb{Z})$ and $y^2 - D_2z^2 = n, (D_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \in \mathbb{Z})$ is a matter of great concern. Researchers study for different m, n and D_1, D_2 , and obtain some correlation results as follows.

When $m = 1, n = 1$, the diophantine equations turns into $x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - D_2z^2 = 1$. At present, there are only a few conclusions on it, see Ref [1] and [2].

When $m = 1, n = 4$, the diophantine equations turns into $x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - D_2z^2 = 4$. For even numbers D_1, D_2 , the integer solution see Ref [3] - [9].

When $m = 1, n = 16$, the diophantine equations turns into $x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - D_2z^2 = 16$. The previous conclusions see Ref [10].

When $m = 1, n = 9$, the diophantine equations turns into $x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - D_2z^2 = 9$. Up to now, there is no relevant result on the integer solution of (5), this paper mainly discusses the integer solution of (5) when $D_1 = 7, D_2$ is an even number.

1. Introduction

The integer solution of diophantine equations

$$x^2 - D_1y^2 = m, (D_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \in \mathbb{Z}) \text{ and } y^2 - D_2z^2 = n, (D_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \in \mathbb{Z}) \quad (1)$$

is a matter of great concern. Researchers study for different m, n and D_1, D_2 , and obtain some correlation results as follows.

When $m = 1, n = 1$, diophantine equations (1) turns into:

$$x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - D_2z^2 = 1 \quad (2)$$

At present, there are only a few conclusions on (2), see Ref [1] and [2].

When $m = 1, n = 4$, diophantine equations (1) turns into:

$$x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - D_2z^2 = 4 \quad (3)$$

For even numbers D_1, D_2 , the integer solution of (3), see Ref [3] - [9].

When $m = 1, n = 16$, diophantine equations (1) turns into:

$$x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - D_2z^2 = 16 \quad (4)$$

The previous conclusions on (4), see Ref [10].

When $m = 1, n = 9$, diophantine equations (1) turns into:

$$x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - D_2z^2 = 9 \quad (5)$$



Up to now, there is no relevant result on the integer solution of (5), this paper mainly discusses the integer solution of (5) when $D_1 = 7, D_2$ is an even number.

2. Key lemma

Lemma 1^[11] Let p be an odd prime number, there is no integer solution of the diophantine equation $x^4 - py^2 = 1$ except $p = 5, x = 3, y = 4$ and $p = 29, x = 99, y = 1820$.

Lemma 2^[12] There is 1 sets of solutions of the diophantine equation $ax^4 - by^2 = 1$ at most when a is a square number which is greater than 1.

Lemma 3^[13] Let D be a square-free positive integer, then the equation $x^2 - Dy^4 = 1$ has two sets of positive integer solutions (x, y) at most. Furthermore, the necessary and sufficient condition of it is $D = 1785$ or $D = 28560$, or $2x_0$ and y_0 are square numbers where (x_0, y_0) is the basic solution of $x^2 - Dy^4 = 1$.

Lemma 4^[14] Suppose that all the integer solution on Pell equation $x^2 - 7y^2 = 1$ could be $(x_n, y_n), n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, let $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $\gcd(m, k) = d$, then the following conclusions are established:

(I) $\gcd(x_m, y_k) = y_d$.

(II) $\gcd(x_m, x_k) = 1$ if $2 \mid \frac{mk}{d^2}$, or else $\gcd(x_m, x_k) = x_d$ when $2 \nmid \frac{mk}{d^2}$.

(III) $\gcd(x_k, y_m) = 1$ if $2 \nmid \frac{m}{d}$.

Lemma 5 Suppose that all the integer solution on Pell equation $x^2 - 7y^2 = 1$ could be $(x_n, y_n), n \in \mathbb{Z}$, for the arbitrary $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, it has the following properties on (x_n, y_n) :

(I) x_n is a square number if and only if $n = 0$.

(II) $\frac{x_n}{8}$ is a square number if and only if $n = 1$ or $n = -1$.

(III) $\frac{y_n}{3}$ is a square number if and only if $n = 0$ or $n = 1$.

Proof: (I) Let $x_n = a^2$, we will get $a^4 - 7y^2 = 1$, from Lemma 1 we can get there are only 2 integer solution $(a, y) = (\pm 1, 0)$ on $a^4 - 7y^2 = 1$, so $x_n = 1, n = 0$. On the contrary, it also holds.

(II) Let $\frac{x_n}{8} = a^2$, we will get $64a^4 - 7y^2 = 1$, from Lemma 2 we can get there are only 4 integer solution $(a, y) = (\pm 1, \pm 3)$ on $64a^4 - 7y^2 = 1$, so $x_n = 8, n = 1$ or $n = -1$. On the contrary, it also holds.

(III) Let $\frac{y_n}{3} = b^2$, we will get $x^2 - 63b^4 = 1$, from Lemma 3 we can get there are only 6 integer solution $(x, b) = (\pm 1, 0), (\pm 8, \pm 1)$ on $x^2 - 63b^4 = 1$, so $y_n = 0$ or $y_n = 3$. $n = 0$ or $n = 1$. On the contrary, it also holds.

3. Proof of main theorem

By using elementary method such as congruence, the integer solution of the diophantine equations on $x^2 - 7y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - Dz^2 = 9$ can be obtained.

3.1 Theorem

Let $p_s (1 \leq s \leq 4)$ are diverse odd primes, $D = 2^k p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_s^{a_s} (a_i = 0 \text{ or } 1, 1 \leq i \leq 4, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+)$, then the diophantine equations

$$x^2 - 7y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - Dz^2 = 9 \quad (6)$$

(i) has common solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 8, \pm 3, 0)$ and nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 48)$ when $D = 2 \times 127$.

(ii) has common solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 8, \pm 3, 0)$ and nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 24)$ when $D = 2^3 \times 127$.

(iii) has common solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 8, \pm 3, 0)$ and nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 12)$ when $D = 2^5 \times 127$.

(iv) has common solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 8, \pm 3, 0)$ and nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 6)$ when $D = 2^7 \times 127$.

(v) has common solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 8, \pm 3, 0)$ and nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 3)$ when $D = 2^9 \times 127$.

(vi) has only nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 48)$ when $D \neq 2^\alpha \times 127 (\alpha = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)$.

3.2 Proof of main theorem

3.2.1 Primary analysis

It is easily shown that $(x_1, y_1) = (2, 1)$ is the minimal solution of the Pell equation $x^2 - 7y^2 = 1$, therefor all integer solution of it will be $x_n + \sqrt{7}y_n = (8 + 3\sqrt{7})^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. and the following recursive sequence will be established:

$$y_{n+2} = 16y_{n+1} - y_n, y_0 = 0, y_1 = 3 \quad (7)$$

$$x_{n+2} = 16x_{n+1} - x_n, x_0 = 1, x_1 = 8 \quad (8)$$

Using modulo 2 on (7), we will get residue class sequence: 0, 1, 0, 1, ..., and $y_n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ only when $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $y_{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ only when $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. as a result $y_{2n} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and $y_{2n+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$.

Using modulo 2 on (8), we will get residue class sequence: 1, 0, 1, 0, ..., and $x_n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ only when $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $y_{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ only when $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. as a result $x_{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and $x_{2n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$.

Suppose $(x, y, z) = (x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, z), n \in \mathbb{Z}$ is the integer solution of (6), then $y_{n+1}^2 - 9 = y_{n+1}^2 - 9(x_{n+1}^2 - 7y_{n+1}^2) = 64y_{n+1}^2 - 9x_{n+1}^2 = (8y_{n+1} + 3x_{n+1})(8y_{n+1} - 3x_{n+1}) = y_n y_{n+2}$, it is equivalent to:

$$Dz^2 = y_n y_{n+2} \quad (9)$$

Obviously $Dz^2 = 0$ when $n = -2$ or $n = 0$, here we will get the common solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 8, \pm 3, 0)$ on (6).

Because $y_{n+2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $y_n \equiv y_{n+2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ when n is an positive odd number. Therefor $2(y_n y_{n+2}) = 0$, and $2(D) = 1$, we will get $2(Dz^2)$ is an odd number, it is self-contradiction, this shows that n is an nonnegative even number. Let $n = 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, (9) is equivalent to:

$$Dz^2 = 4x_m x_{m+1} y_m y_{m+1} \quad (10)$$

As a result the equation (10) will be:

Case 1 m is an positive even number.

Case 2 m is an positive odd number.

3.2.2 Discussion on Case 1

Let $m = 2^t p (t \in \mathbb{Z}^+, p \text{ is an positive odd number})$, (10) is equivalent to:

$$Dz^2 = 4x_{2^t p} x_{2^t p+1} y_{2^t p} y_{2^t p+1} \quad (11)$$

For $y_{2m} = 2x_m y_m$, (10) is equivalent to:

$$Dz^2 = 2^{2+t} x_{2^t p+1} x_{2^t p} x_{2^{t-1} p} \cdots x_{2p} x_p y_{2^t p+1} y_p \quad (12)$$

From (I) of Lemma 4, we can get $\gcd(y_{2^t p+1}, y_p) = y_1 = 3$. From (II) of Lemma 4, we can get $\gcd(x_{2^t p+1}, x_p) = x_1 = 8$, so (12) is equivalent to:

$$Dz^2 = 2^{8+t} \cdot 3^2 \cdot x_{2^t p} x_{2^{t-1} p} \cdots x_{2p} \cdot \frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3} \cdot \frac{y_p}{3} \cdot \frac{x_p}{8} \cdot \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8} \quad (13)$$

For $\gcd(y_{2^t p+1}, y_p) = 3$, we can get $\left(\frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3}, \frac{y_p}{3}\right) = 1$, for $\gcd(x_{2^t p+1}, x_p) = 8$, we can get $\left(\frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}, \frac{x_p}{8}\right) = 1$. From (II) of Lemma 4, we can get $x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \cdots, x_{2p}, \cdots, x_p$ pairwise coprime. From (III) of Lemma 4, we can get $x_{2^t p+1}, x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \cdots, x_{2p}, \cdots, x_p$ is coprime with $y_{2^t p+1}$ and y_p . So

$\frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}, x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \dots, x_{2p}, \frac{x_p}{8}$ is coprime with $\frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3}$ and $\frac{y_p}{3}$. It means that $x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \dots, x_{2p}, \frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3}, \frac{y_p}{3}, \frac{x_p}{8}, \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}$ pairwise coprime.

Because $x_{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, y_{2n+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, we will get $x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \dots, x_{2p}, y_{2^t p+1}, y_p$ are odd numbers, so $\frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3}, \frac{y_p}{3}$ are odd numbers. And Because $x_{2n+1} \equiv 8 \pmod{16}$, we will get $\frac{x_p}{8}, \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}$ are odd numbers. $2(D) = 1$, so $2(2D^2)$ is odd number, but $D \left(2^{8+t} \cdot x_{2^t p} \cdot x_{2^{t-1} p} \cdots x_{2p} \cdot \frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3} \cdot \frac{y_p}{3} \cdot \frac{x_p}{8} \cdot \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8} \right) = 8 + t$, t must be positive odd number.

From (ii) of Lemma 5, we can get $\frac{x_p}{8}$ is square number only when $p = 1$ or $p = -1$. From (iii) of Lemma 5, we can get $\frac{y_p}{3}$ is square number only when $p = 1$ or $p = 0$. From Lemma 5, we can get $\frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}, x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \dots, x_{2p}, y_{2^t p+1}, \frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3}$ are non-square numbers for the arbitrary positive odd number p , therefor, $x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \dots, x_{2p}, y_{2^t p+1}, y_p, \frac{x_p}{8}, \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}$ are non-square numbers.

When $p > 1$ is an positive odd number, $x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \dots, x_{2p}, \frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3}, \frac{y_p}{3}, \frac{x_p}{8}, \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}$ are $t + 4$ odd numbers which is not equal to 1, so they provide $t + 4$ odd prime divisors at least for D . Further more, t is an positive odd number, $t + 4 \geq 5$, it means that the right half part of (13) provide 5 odd prime divisors at least for D , it is self-contradiction.

When $p = 1, t \neq 1$, $\frac{y_p}{3}$ and $\frac{x_p}{8}$ are square numbers, and $\frac{x_p}{8} = \frac{x_1}{8} = 1, \frac{y_p}{3} = \frac{y_1}{3} = 1$, here (13) is equivalent to:

$$Dz^2 = 2^{8+t} \cdot 3^2 \cdot x_{2^t p} x_{2^{t-1} p} \cdots x_{2p} \cdot \frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3} \cdot \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8} \quad (14)$$

At present, $x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \dots, x_{2p}, \frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3}, \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}$ provide $t + 2$ odd prime divisors at least for D . And $t \neq 1$, t is an positive odd number, so $t \geq 3$, $t + 2 \geq 5$. $x_{2^t p}, x_{2^{t-1} p}, \dots, x_{2p}, \frac{y_{2^t p+1}}{3}, \frac{x_{2^t p+1}}{8}$ provide 5 odd prime divisors at least for D , it is self-contradiction.

When $p = 1, t = 1$, (14) is equivalent to:

$$Dz^2 = 2^9 \cdot 3^2 \cdot x_2 \cdot \frac{y_3}{3} \cdot \frac{x_3}{8} = 2^9 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 11 \times 17 \times 23 \times 127 \quad (15)$$

It shows that the right half part of (14) have 6 different odd prime, it is conflict with topic hypothesis, then (11) is might be wrong, (6) has no integer solution.

3.2.3 Discussion on Case 2

Let $m = 2^t p - 1 (t \in \mathbb{Z}^+, p \text{ is an positive odd number})$, (10) is equivalent to:

$$Dz^2 = 4x_{2^t p} x_{2^{t-1} p} \cdots x_{2p} y_{2^t p-1} \quad (16)$$

It could be proved by imitate 3.2.2 that (16) have nontrivial solution only when $p = 1, t = 1$, here (16) turns into $Dz^2 = 4x_2 x_1 y_2 y_1 = 8x_1^2 x_2^2 y_1^2 = 2^9 \times 3^2 \times 127$, so $D = 2 \times 127, z = 48$, or $D = 2^3 \times 127, z = 24$, or $D = 2^5 \times 127, z = 12$, or $D = 2^7 \times 127, z = 6$, or $D = 2^9 \times 127, z = 3$, therefor equation (6) have nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 48)$ when $D = 2 \times 127$, $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 24)$ when $D = 2^3 \times 127$, $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 12)$ when $D = 2^5 \times 127$, $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 6)$ when $D = 2^7 \times 127$, $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 3)$ when $D = 2^9 \times 127$,

In conclusion, the diophantine equations (6) has common solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 8, \pm 3, 0)$ only when $D = 2^\alpha \times 127 (\alpha = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)$, and nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 48)$ has when $D = 2 \times 127$. $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 24)$ when $D = 2^3 \times 127$. $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 12)$ when $D = 2^5 \times 127$. $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 6)$ when $D = 2^7 \times 127$. $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 3)$ when $D = 2^9 \times 127$. otherwise it has only nontrivial solution $(x, y, z) = (\pm 2024, \pm 765, \pm 48)$ when $D \neq 2^\alpha \times 127 (\alpha = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)$.

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