

# On the Diophantine equations $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - 2^p z^2 = 25$

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**Abstract.** In recent years, scholars have paid much attention to the problem of solving the diophantine equations  $x^2 - D_1 y^2 = m, (D_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \in \mathbb{Z})$  and  $y^2 - D_2 z^2 = n, (D_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \in \mathbb{Z})$ .

At present, there are only a few conclusions on  $x^2 - D_1 y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - D_2 z^2 = 1$ , and the conclusions mainly concentrated in the number of solutions and the range of it, see Ref [1] and [3].

For odd numbers  $D_2$ , the integer solution of  $x^2 - D_1 y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - D_2 z^2 = 4$ , see Ref [4] - [6]. For even numbers  $D_2$ , the integer solution of (2), see Ref [7] - [11].

Up to now, there is no relevant result on the integer solution of  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - 2^p z^2 = 49$ , this paper mainly discusses the integer solution of it.

## 1. Introduction

In recent years, scholars have paid much attention to the problem of solving the diophantine equations  $x^2 - D_1 y^2 = m, (D_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \in \mathbb{Z})$  and  $y^2 - D_2 z^2 = n, (D_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \in \mathbb{Z})$ . When  $m = 1, n = 1$ , the equations turns into:

$$x^2 - D_1 y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - D_2 z^2 = 1 \quad (1)$$

At present, there are only a few conclusions on (1), and the conclusions mainly concentrated in the number of solutions and the range of it, see Ref [1] and [3].

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

$$x^2 - D_1 y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - D_2 z^2 = 4 \quad (2)$$

For odd numbers  $D_2$ , the integer solution of (2), see Ref [4] - [6]. For even numbers  $D_2$ , the integer solution of (2), see Ref [7] - [11].

When  $m = 1, n = 25$ , the diophantine equations (1) turns into:  $x^2 - D_1 y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - D_2 z^2 = 25$ .

In this case,  $D_1 = 27, D_2$  can be expressed as  $2^p$ . Up to now, there is no relevant result on the integer solution of  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - 2^p z^2 = 49$ , this paper mainly discusses the integer solution of it.

## 2. Critical lemma

Lemma 1<sup>[12]</sup> When  $D = 1785, 4 \times 1785, 16 \times 1785$ , In addition to 2 sets of integer solution  $(x, y) = (13, 4), (239, 1352)$   $(x, y) = (13, 2), (239, 676)$ ;  $(x, y) = (13, 1), (239, 338)$ . the



indeterminate equations has 1 set of positive integer solution  $(x_1, y_1)$ , where  $x_1^2 = x_0$  or  $x_1^2 = 2x_0^2 - 1$ , and  $\varepsilon = x_0 + y_0\sqrt{D}$  is the basic solution of the Pell equations  $x^2 - Dy^2 = 1$ .

Lemma 2<sup>[12]</sup> Diophantine equations  $x^4 - 27y^2 = 1$  only has common solution  $(x, y) = (\pm 1, 0)$ .

Proof: For  $D = 27$ , from Lemma 1 we can get the equation  $x^4 - 27y^2 = 1$  has 1 set of positive integer solution at most.  $(x_0, y_0) = (26, 3)$  is the basic solution of  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$ , then  $x_0 = 26$  is a non square number,  $2x_0^2 - 1 = 1351$  is a non square number, therefore Diophantine equations  $x^4 - 27y^2 = 1$  only has common solution  $(x, y) = (\pm 1, 0)$ .

Lemma 3<sup>[13]</sup> Let  $(x_n, y_n), n \in \mathbb{Z}$  be all of the solutions on  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$ , then  $x_n$  is a square number if and only if  $n = 0$  for any  $x_n$ .

Proof: Replacing  $x_n = a^2$  into the original equation, we can get  $x^4 - 27y^2 = 1$ . From Lemma 2 we can get Diophantine equations  $x^4 - 27y^2 = 1$  only has common solution  $(x, y) = (\pm 1, 0)$ , then  $x_n = 1$ , therefore  $n = 0$ .

### 3. Theorem and proof

By using elementary method such as congruence, the integer solution of the diophantine equations on  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - 2^p z^2 = 25$  can be obtained.

#### 3.1. Theorem

Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then the diophantine equations

$$x^2 - 27y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - 2^p z^2 = 25 \quad (3)$$

has one and only one common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 26, \pm 5, 0)$ .

#### 3.2. Proof of main theorem

##### 3.2.1. Primary analysis.

Because  $(x_1, y_1) = (26, 5)$  is the basic solution of the Pell equation  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$ , then all solution of the Pell equation  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$  can be expressed as:

$$x_n + y_n\sqrt{D} = (26 + 5\sqrt{27})^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

It is easily shown that

$$(I) y_m^2 - 25 = y_{m+1}y_{m-1};$$

$$(II) y_{2m} = 2x_my_m;$$

$$(III) \gcd(x_{2m+1}, y_{2m}) = \gcd(x_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2}) = 26,$$

$$\gcd(x_{2m}, y_{2m+1}) = \gcd(x_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2}) = 1.$$

$$(IV) \gcd(x_m, y_m) = 1, \gcd(x_{m+1}, y_{m+1}) = 1, \gcd(x_m, x_{m+1}) = 1, \gcd(y_m, y_{m+1}) = 5;$$

$$(V) x_{2m} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}; y_{2m+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

Suppose that  $(x, y, z) = (x_m, y_m, z), m \in \mathbb{Z}$  is the positive integer solution of the diophantine equation (3), from (I), we can get:  $2^p z^2 = y_m^2 - 25 = y_{m+1}y_{m-1}$ , it is

$$2^p z^2 = y_{m+1}y_{m-1} \quad (4)$$

As a result the equation (4) will be:

Case 1  $p$  is an positive odd number.

Case 2  $p$  is an positive even number.

##### 3.2.2. Discussion on Case 1

Let  $p = 2l - 1, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , (4) is equivalent to:

$$2^{2l-1} z^2 = y_{m+1}y_{m-1} \quad (5)$$

1.  $m$  is an odd number.

Let  $m = 2k - 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , (5) is equivalent to:

$$2^{2l-1}z^2 = y_{2(k-1)}y_{2k} \quad (6)$$

From (II), (6) is equivalent to:

$$2^{2l-1}z^2 = 4x_{k-1}y_{k-1}x_ky_k \quad (7)$$

1.1  $k$  is an odd number.

From (III) and (IV), we can get  $\gcd(x_{k-1}, y_{k-1}) = \gcd(x_k, y_k) = 1$ ,  $\gcd(x_k, x_{k-1}) = 1$ ,  $\gcd(x_k, y_{k-1}) = 26$ ,  $\gcd(y_k, y_{k-1}) = 5$ , it means  $\gcd\left(\frac{y_k}{5}, \frac{y_{k-1}}{5}\right) = 1$ ,  $\gcd\left(\frac{x_k}{26}, \frac{y_{k-1}}{26}\right) = 1$ .  $x_{k-1}$ ,  $\frac{y_{k-1}}{52}$ ,  $\frac{x_k}{26}$ ,  $\frac{y_k}{5}$  are pairwise coprime.

When  $k \neq 1$ , from (V), we can get  $x_{k-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , from Lemma 3, we can get  $x_{k-1}$  is a square number if and only if  $k = 1$ . When  $k = 1$ ,  $x_{k-1} = x_0 = 1$ ,  $\frac{x_k}{26} = \frac{x_1}{26} = 1$ ,  $\frac{y_k}{5} = \frac{y_1}{5} = 1$ , and  $\frac{y_{k-1}}{52} \neq 1$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So  $x_{k-1}$ ,  $\frac{y_{k-1}}{52}$ ,  $\frac{x_k}{26}$ ,  $\frac{y_k}{5}$  can not be 2 times of any square number when  $k \neq 1$ . It means  $4x_{k-1}y_{k-1}x_ky_k = 20^2 \times \frac{x_k}{26} \times \frac{y_k}{5} \times x_{k-1} \times \frac{y_{k-1}}{52}$  can not be 2 times of any square number. Therefore, (5) has no integer solution, the diophantine equation (1) has no integer solution.

When  $k = 1$ , (7) is equivalent to:  $2^{2l-1}z^2 = 4x_0y_0x_1y_1 = 4 \times 26 \times 5 \times 1 \times 0 = 0$ , then  $z = 0$ , Therefore, the diophantine equation (3) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 26, \pm 5, 0)$ .

1.2  $k$  is an even number.

From (III), we can get  $\gcd(x_{k-1}, y_k) = 26$ , then  $\gcd\left(\frac{x_{k-1}}{26}, \frac{y_k}{26}\right) = 1$ . From (IV), we can get  $\gcd(x_k, y_k) = 1$ , and  $\gcd(x_k, x_{k-1}) = 1$ ,  $\gcd(y_k, y_{k-1}) = 5$ . Then  $\gcd\left(\frac{y_k}{5}, \frac{y_{k-1}}{5}\right) = 1$ , so when  $k$  is an even number,  $x_k$ ,  $\frac{y_k}{52}$ ,  $\frac{x_{k-1}}{26}$ ,  $\frac{y_{k-1}}{5}$  are pairwise coprime.

When  $k = 0$ ,  $x_{k-1} = x_0 = 1$ . When  $k = 2$ ,  $\frac{x_{k-1}}{26} = \frac{x_1}{26} = 1$ , and  $\frac{y_{k-1}}{5} = \frac{y_1}{5} = 1$ .  $\frac{y_k}{52} \neq 1$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . So when even number  $k \neq 0$ ,  $x_k$ ,  $\frac{y_k}{52}$ ,  $\frac{x_{k-1}}{26}$ ,  $\frac{y_{k-1}}{5}$  can not equal to 1.

From Lemma 3, we can get  $x_k$  is a square number if and only if  $k = 0$ . From (V), we can get  $x_k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , So  $x_k$ ,  $\frac{y_k}{52}$ ,  $\frac{x_{k-1}}{26}$ ,  $\frac{y_{k-1}}{5}$  can not be 2 times of any square number when  $k \neq 0$ . It means  $4x_{k-1}y_{k-1}x_ky_k = 20^2 \times \frac{y_k}{52} \times \frac{x_{k-1}}{26} \times x_k \times \frac{y_{k-1}}{5}$  can not be 2 times of any square number. Therefore, (5) has no integer solution, the diophantine equation (1) has no integer solution.

When  $k = 0$ , (5) is equivalent to:  $2^{2l-1}z^2 = 4x_0y_0x_{-1}y_{-1} = 0$ , then  $z = 0$ , Therefore, the diophantine equation (1) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 26, \pm 5, 0)$ .

2.  $m$  is an even number.

Let  $m = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , (2) is equivalent to:

$$2^{2l-1}z^2 = y_{2k-1}y_{2k+1} \quad (8)$$

From (V), we can get  $y_{2k-1} \equiv y_{2k+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , the power of 2 on the right of (8) should be 0, it is even-power. At the same time, the power of 2 on the left of (8) should be odd-power. Which is contradict with each other. Therefore, (8) has no integer solution when  $m$  is an even number, and the Diophantine equation (1) has no integer solution.

### 3.2.3. Discussion on Case 2

Let  $p = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $D = 2^{2k}$ , from  $y^2 - 2^p z^2 = 25$ , we can get  $y^2 - 2^{2k} z^2 = 25$ , it is equivalent to:

$$(y + 2^k z)(y - 2^k z) = 25 \quad (9)$$

Solve (9), we can get  $y_1 = \pm 5, z_1 = 0, y_2 = \pm 13, z_2 = \pm 3, k = 2$ . When  $y_2 = \pm 13$ , from  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$  we can get  $x^2 = 4564$ , Obviously it has no integer solution. Therefore, the Diophantine equation (3) has one and only one common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 26, \pm 5, 0)$ .

To sum up, the theorem is proved.

## 4. Conclusion

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.

By using elementary number theory methods, we solved the common solution and nontrivial solution on the diophantine equation when  $m = 1, n = 25, D_1 = 27, D_2$  can be expressed as  $2^t$ , it is the diophantine equations  $x^2 - 27y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - 2^t z^2 = 25$  has one and only one common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 26, \pm 5, 0)$ .

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