

# On the Diophantine equations $x^2 - 47y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - Pz^2 = 49$

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**Abstract.** The integer solution of diophantine equations  $x^2 - D_1y^2 = m, (D_1 \in Z^+, m \in Z)$  and  $y^2 - D_2z^2 = n, (D_2 \in Z^+, n \in Z)$  is a matter of great concern. Researchers study for different  $m, n$  and  $D_1, D_2$ , and obtained 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 integer solution see Ref [3] - [9]. When  $m = 1, n = 16$ , the previous conclusions see Ref [10].

When  $m = 1, n = 49$ , the diophantine equations turns into  $x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - D_2z^2 = 49$ . In this case,  $D_1 = 47, D_2$  can be expressed as  $2^t p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} p_3^{a_3} p_4^{a_4}$  where  $a_i = 0$  or 1 for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , and  $t \in Z^+, p_s (1 \leq s \leq 4)$  are different odd primes. Up to now, there is no relevant result on the integer solution of  $x^2 - 47y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - Pz^2 = 49$ , this paper mainly discusses the integer solution of it.

## 1. Introduction

The integer solution of diophantine equations

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

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  $m = 1, n = 49$ , the diophantine equations turns into:

$$x^2 - D_1y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - D_2z^2 = 49 \quad (5)$$

In this case,  $D_1 = 47, D_2$  can be expressed as  $2^t p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} p_3^{a_3} p_4^{a_4}$  where  $a_i = 0$  or 1 for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , and  $t \in Z^+, p_s (1 \leq s \leq 4)$  are different odd primes. Up to now, there is no relevant result on the



integer solution of  $x^2 - 47y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - Pz^2 = 49$ , this paper mainly discusses the integer solution of it.

## 2. Critical lemma

Lemma 1<sup>[11]</sup> 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<sup>[12]</sup> 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<sup>[13]</sup> 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 Suppose that all the integer solution on Pell equation  $x^2 - 7y^2 = 1$  could be  $(x_n, y_n), n \in Z$ , for the arbitrary  $n \in Z$ , it has the following properties on  $(x_n, y_n)$ :

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

(II)  $\frac{x_n}{48}$  is a square number if and only if  $n = \pm 1$ .

(III)  $\frac{y_n}{7}$  is a square number if and only if  $n = 0$  or  $n = 1$ .

Proof: (I) Let  $x_n = a^2$ , we will get  $a^4 - 47y^2 = 1$ , from Lemma 1 we can get there are only 2 integer solution  $(a, y) = (\pm 1, 0)$  on  $a^4 - 47y^2 = 1$ , so  $x_n = 1, n = 0$ . On the contrary, it also holds.

(II) Let  $\frac{x_n}{48} = a^2$ , we will get  $2304a^4 - 47y^2 = 1$ , from Lemma 2 we can get there are only 4 integer solution  $(a, y) = (\pm 1, \pm 7)$  on  $2304a^4 - 47y^2 = 1$ , so  $x_n = 48, n = \pm 1$ . On the contrary, it also holds.

(III) Let  $\frac{y_n}{7} = b^2$ , we will get  $x^2 - 2303b^4 = 1$ , from Lemma 3 we can get there are only 6 integer solution  $(x, b) = (\pm 1, 0), (\pm 48, \pm 1)$  on  $x^2 - 2303b^4 = 1$ , so  $y_n = 0$  or  $y_n = 7$ .  $n = 0$  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  $x^2 - 47y^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 - Pz^2 = 9$  can be obtained.

### 3.1. Theorem

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

$$x^2 - 47y^2 = 1 \text{ and } y^2 - Pz^2 = 49 \quad (6)$$

(i) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$  and nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 672)$  when  $P = 2 \times 17 \times 271$ .

(ii) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$  and nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 336)$  when  $P = 2^3 \times 17 \times 271$ .

(iii) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$  and nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 168)$  when  $P = 2^5 \times 17 \times 271$ .

(iv) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$  and nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 84)$  when  $P = 2^7 \times 17 \times 271$ .

(v) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$  and nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 42)$  when  $P = 2^9 \times 17 \times 271$ .

(vi) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$  and nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 21)$  when  $P = 2^{11} \times 17 \times 271$ .

(vii) has only nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$  when  $P \neq 2^\alpha \times 17 \times 127 (\alpha = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11)$ .

### 3.2. Proof of main theorem

#### 3.2.1. Primary analysis.

Let  $(x_1, y_1)$  be the basic solution of the Pell equation  $x^2 - 47y^2 = 1$ , then  $(x_1, y_1) = (48, 7)$ . It means that all solution of the Pell equation  $x^2 - 47y^2 = 1$  is:

$$x_n + y_n\sqrt{P} = (48 + 7\sqrt{47})^n, n \in Z.$$

It is easily shown that

- (i)  $y_n^2 - 49 = y_{n+1}y_{n-1}$ ;
- (ii)  $y_{2n} = 2x_ny_n$ ;
- (iii)  $y_{2n+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ;
- (iv)  $x_{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, x_{2n+1} \equiv 48 \pmod{96}$ ;
- (v)  $\gcd(x_n, y_n) = 1, \gcd(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = 1, \gcd(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 1, \gcd(y_n, y_{n+1}) = 7$ ;
- (vi)  $\gcd(x_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) = \gcd(x_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}) = 1, \gcd(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) = \gcd(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) = 48$ .
- (vii)  $y_{2n+2} = 96y_{n+1} - y_n, y_0 = 0, y_1 = 7; x_{n+2} = 96x_{n+1} - x_n, x_0 = 1, x_1 = 48$ .

Suppose that  $(x, y, z) = (x_n, y_n, z_n), n \in Z$  is the integer solution of the diophantine equation (6), from(I), we can get:

$$y_n^2 - 49 = y_{n+1}y_{n-1} \tag{7}$$

from  $y^2 - Pz^2 = 49$  of (6), we can get:

$$Pz^2 = y_{n+1}y_{n-1} \tag{8}$$

As a result the equation (8) will be:

- Case 1  $n$  is an positive odd number.
- Case 2  $n$  is an positive even number.

#### 3.2.2. Discussion on Case 1

Let  $n = 2m - 1, m \in Z$ , (8) is equivalent to:

$$Pz^2 = y_{2(m-1)}y_{2m} \tag{9}$$

from (II),(9) is equivalent to:

$$Pz^2 = 4x_{m-1}y_{m-1}x_my_m \tag{10}$$

1.  $m$  is an positive odd number.

From ( V ), we can get  $\gcd(x_{m-1}, y_{m-1}) = \gcd(x_m, y_m) = 1, \gcd(x_m, x_{m-1}) = 1, \gcd(x_{m-1}, y_m) = 1, \gcd(y_m, y_{m-1}) = 7$ , it means  $\gcd\left(\frac{y_m}{7}, \frac{y_{m-1}}{7}\right) = 1$ . From (VI), we can get  $\gcd(x_m, y_{m-1}) = 48$ , it means  $\gcd\left(\frac{x_m}{48}, \frac{y_{m-1}}{48}\right) = 1$ .

Therefore,  $x_{m-1}, \frac{y_{m-1}}{336}, \frac{x_m}{48}, \frac{y_m}{7}$  are pairwise coprime.

1.1  $k$  is an positive odd number.

Let  $k = 2l - 1$ , (10) is equivalent to:

$$Pz^2 = 8x_{4(l-1)}x_{4l-3}x_{2(l-1)}y_{2(l-1)}y_{4l-3} \tag{11}$$

From (II),(11) is equivalent to:

$$Pz^2 = 16x_{4(l-1)}x_{4l-3}x_{2(l-1)}x_{l-1}y_{l-1}y_{4l-3} \tag{12}$$

From ( V ), we can get  $\gcd(x_{l-1}, y_{l-1}) = 1$ , it means  $x_{4(l-1)}, x_{l-1}, \frac{y_{l-1}}{336}, x_{2(l-1)}, \frac{x_{4l-3}}{48}, \frac{y_{4l-3}}{7}$  are pairwise coprime when  $l$  is an odd number, and  $x_{4(l-1)}, \frac{x_{l-1}}{48}, \frac{y_{l-1}}{7}, x_{2(l-1)}, \frac{x_{4l-3}}{48}, \frac{y_{4l-3}}{7}$  are pairwise coprime when  $l$  is an even number.

From (III), we can get  $y_{4l-3} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , it means  $2 \nmid y_{4l-3}$ , so  $y_{4l-3}$  is an odd number. From (IV), we can get  $x_{4(l-1)}, x_{2(l-1)}, \frac{y_{4l-3}}{48}$  are odd numbers.  $x_{l-1}$  is an odd number when  $l$  is an odd number and  $\frac{x_{l-1}}{48}$  is an odd number when  $l$  is an even number. Therefore,  $x_{4(l-1)}, x_{l-1}, x_{2(l-1)}, \frac{x_{4l-3}}{48}, \frac{y_{4l-3}}{7}$  are odd

numbers when  $l$  is an odd number and  $x_{4(l-1)}, \frac{x_{l-1}}{48}, x_{2(l-1)}, \frac{x_{4l-3}}{48}, \frac{y_{4l-3}}{7}$  are odd numbers when  $l$  is an even number.

From Lemma 4, we can get  $x_{4(l-1)}, x_{2(l-1)}, x_{l-1}, \frac{x_{4l-3}}{48}, \frac{y_{4l-3}}{7}$  are square numbers if and only if  $l = 1, \frac{x_{l-1}}{48}$  is a square number if and only if  $l = 2$  or  $l = 0$ .

So,  $x_{4(l-1)}, x_{2(l-1)}, x_{l-1}, \frac{x_{4l-3}}{48}, \frac{y_{4l-3}}{7}$  are non-square numbers when odd number  $l \neq 1$ , and it has 5 diverse odd primes. Therefore, (12) is impossible, which means (6) have no integer solution.

$x_{4(l-1)}, x_{2(l-1)}, \frac{x_{l-1}}{48}, \frac{x_{4l-3}}{48}, \frac{y_{4l-3}}{7}$  are non-square numbers when even number  $l \neq 0, 2$ , and it has 5 diverse odd primes, which is contradict with  $P = 2^t p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} p_3^{a_3} p_4^{a_4}$ , Therefore, (12) is impossible, which means (6) have no integer solution.

When  $l = 1$ , (11) is equivalent to:  $z^2 = 8x_0^2 x_1 y_0 y_1 = 0$ , so  $z = 0$ , it means that diophantine equation (6) has and only has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$ .

When  $l = 0, 2$ , (12) is equivalent to:  $Pz^2 = 16x_{-4}x_{-3}x_{-2}x_{-1}y_{-1}y_{-3} = 16x_4x_3x_2x_1y_1y_3$ , From (IV), we can get  $x_4, x_2$  are odd numbers, from (III), we can get  $y_1, y_3$  are odd numbers, it means  $Pz^2 = 2^8 \times 3 \times x_4x_3x_2y_1y_3$ , Therefore, the right part of (12) has 5 diverse odd primes at least, which is contradict with  $P = 2^t p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} p_3^{a_3} p_4^{a_4}$ , Therefore, (12) is impossible, which means (6) have no integer solution.

1.2  $k$  is an positive even number.

From (III), we can get  $y_{k-1}, y_{2k-1}$  are odd numbers, it means  $\frac{y_{k-1}}{7}, \frac{y_{2k-1}}{7}$  are odd numbers too, From (IV), we can get  $x_{2k-1}, \frac{x_{k-1}}{48}, \frac{x_{2k-1}}{48}$  are odd numbers.

From Lemma 4, we can get  $x_{2(k-1)}, \frac{y_{2k-1}}{7}$  are square numbers if and only if  $k = 1, \frac{x_{k-1}}{48}$  is a square number if and only if  $k = 0$  or  $k = 2, \frac{x_{2k-1}}{48}$  is a square number if and only if  $k = 0$  or  $k = 1, \frac{y_{k-1}}{7}$  is a square number if and only if  $k = 1$  or  $k = 2$ . So,  $x_{2k-1}, \frac{x_{k-1}}{48}, \frac{x_{2k-1}}{48}, \frac{y_{k-1}}{7}, \frac{y_{2k-1}}{7}$  are non-square numbers when even number  $k \neq 0, 2$ , and it has 5 diverse odd primes. Therefore, (12) is impossible, which means (6) have no integer solution.

When  $k = 0$ , (11) is equivalent to:  $Pz^2 = 8x_2y_1^2x_1^2 = 2^{11} \times 3^2 \times 7^2 \times 17 \times 271$ , so  $z = 21, P = 2^{11} \times 17 \times 271$  or  $z = 42, P = 2^9 \times 17 \times 271$  or  $z = 84, P = 2^7 \times 17 \times 271$  or  $z = 168, P = 2^5 \times 17 \times 271$  or  $z = 336, P = 2^3 \times 17 \times 271$  or  $z = 672, P = 2 \times 17 \times 271$ , From (6), we can get:

(6) has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$  when  $P = 2^\alpha \times 17 \times 127 (\alpha = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11)$  and has nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 672)$  when  $P = 2 \times 17 \times 271$ .  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 336)$  when  $P = 2^3 \times 17 \times 271$ ,  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 168)$  when  $P = 2^5 \times 17 \times 271$ ,  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 84)$  when  $P = 2^7 \times 17 \times 271$ ,  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 42)$  when  $P = 2^9 \times 17 \times 271$ ,  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 442224, \pm 64505, \pm 21)$  when  $P = 2^{11} \times 17 \times 271$ .

When  $k = 2$ , (11) is equivalent to:  $Pz^2 = 8x_2x_1^2y_1y_3y = 2^{11} \times 7^2 \times 53^2 \times 17 \times 19 \times 97 \times 271$ , it has 5 diverse odd primes, which is contradict with  $P = 2^t p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} p_3^{a_3} p_4^{a_4}$ , Therefore, (12) is impossible, which means (6) have no integer solution.

2.  $m$  is an positive even number.

Imitating the previous proof of 1 we can get the diophantine equation (7) only has common solution  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 48, \pm 7, 0)$ .

### 3.2.3. Discussion on Case 2

From (III), we can get  $y_{n-1} \equiv y_{n+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , it means  $y_{n-1}, y_{n+1}$  are odd numbers. Therefore, the left part of (8) is an even number, when it's right is an odd number, it is self-contradiction. Therefore, diophantine equation (6) have no integer solution.

To sum up, the theorem is proved.

#### 4. Conclusion

The integer solution of diophantine equations  $x^2 - D_1y^2 = m$ , ( $D_1 \in Z^+$ ,  $m \in Z$ ) and  $y^2 - D_2z^2 = n$ , ( $D_2 \in Z^+$ ,  $n \in Z$ ) 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  $m = 1$ ,  $n = 49$ ,  $D_1 = 47$ ,  $D_2$  can be expressed as  $2^t p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} p_3^{a_3} p_4^{a_4}$  where  $a_i = 0$  or  $1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , and  $t \in Z^+$ ,  $p_s$  ( $1 \leq s \leq 4$ ) are different odd primes.

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