

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 $x^2 - D_1y^2 = m$, ($D_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$) 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 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 $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, 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

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

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 $m = 1, n = 49$, 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 $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, 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^[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 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) $\frac{x_n}{48}$ 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, $P = 2^k p_1^{a_1} \dots p_s^{a_s} (a_i = 0 \text{ or } 1, 1 \leq i \leq 4, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+)$, 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:

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

It is easily shown that

$$(i) y_n^2 - 49 = y_{n+1}y_{n-1};$$

$$(ii) y_{2n} = 2x_n y_n;$$

$$(iii) y_{2n+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2};$$

$$(iv) x_{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, x_{2n+1} \equiv 48 \pmod{96};$$

$$(v) \gcd(x_n, y_n) = 1, \gcd(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = 1, \gcd(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 1, \gcd(y_n, y_{n+1}) = 7;$$

$$(vi) \gcd(x_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) = \gcd(x_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}) = 1, \gcd(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) = \gcd(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) = 48.$$

$$(vii) y_{2n+2} = 96y_{n+1} - y_n, y_0 = 0, y_1 = 7; x_{n+2} = 96x_{n+1} - x_n, x_0 = 1, x_1 = 48.$$

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

$$y_n^2 - 49 = y_{n+1}y_{n-1} \quad (7)$$

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

$$Pz^2 = y_{n+1}y_{n-1} \quad (8)$$

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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 $x^2 - D_1y^2 = m$, ($D_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$) 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 $m = 1$, $n = 49$, $D_1 = 47$, 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 $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, p_s ($1 \leq s \leq 4$) are different odd primes.

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