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On The Diophantine Equation $\sum x_i^2 + a = y^2$ **And**

$$\sum x_i^3 + a = y^3$$

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Abstract:

In this paper, the Diophantine equations $\sum x_i^2 + a = y^2$ and $\sum x_i^3 + a = y^3$ where $x_1 \neq x_2 \neq x_3 \neq \cdots$ and *a* is a positive integer have been discussed for possible positive integral solutions.

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1 Introduction:

Several researchers have discussed the non-linear Diophantine equations. Most famous non-linear Diophantine equations are **Fermat's Last Problem** (1637) and **Beal's Conjecture** (1993). Fermat's Last Problem was solved by **Andrew Wiles** (1995). Beal's Conjecture is still an open unsolved problem. **Gandhi & Sarma** (2013) attempted to disprove the Beal's conjecture. **Gregorio, L.T.D.** (2013) presented a proof for the Beal's conjecture and a new proof for the Fermat's last theorem.

Gola, L.W. (2014) presented a proof of Beal's conjecture. **Ghanouchi, J.** (2014) presented an elementary proof of Fermat-Wiles theorem and generalization to Beal's conjecture. **Thiagrajan, R.C.** (2014) provided computational results and a proof of Beal's conjecture.

In this paper, we have discussed the Diophantine equations $\sum x_i^2 + a = y^2$ and $\sum x_i^3 + a = y^3$ where $x_1 \neq x_2 \neq x_3 \neq \cdots$ and *a* is a positive integer. The physical interpretation of first Diophantine equation is that some squares of different dimensions and a strip of dimension $a \times 1$ is equal to a big square while the physical interpretation of second Diophantine equation is that some cubes of different dimensions and solid strip of dimensions $a \times 1 \times 1$ is equal to a big cube.

2 Analysis: (A) Diophantine equation $\sum x_i^2 + a = y^2$: This Diophantine equation will be discussed for a = 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60.

(a) For a = 10 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^2 + \mathbf{10} = y^2. \tag{1}$$

- (i) If we take $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 9$ and y = 10 then equation (1) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (3,9,10)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 10 = y^2$.
- (ii) If we take $x_1 = 1$, $x_2 = 2$, $x_3 = 3$, $x_4 = 5$ and y = 7 then equation (1) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (1, 2, 3, 5, 7)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + 10 = y^2$.
- (iii) If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 3$, $x_3 = 4$, $x_4 = 5$ and y = 8 then equation (1) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (2,3,4,5,8)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + 10 = y^2$.

(**b**) For a = 20 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^2 + 2\mathbf{0} = y^2. \tag{2}$$

- (i) If we take $x_1 = 7$, $x_2 = 10$ and y = 13 then equation (2) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (7, 10, 13)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 20 = y^2$.
- (ii) If we take $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 8$ and y = 10 then equation (2) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (4,8,10)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 20 = y^2$.
- (iii) If we take $x_1 = 6$, $x_2 = 7$, $x_3 = 8$ and y = 13 then equation (2) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (6,7,8,13)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 20 = y^2$.
- (iv) If we take $x_1 = 6$, $x_2 = 13$ and y = 15 then equation (2) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (6,13,15)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 20 = y^2$.

(c) For a = 30 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^2 + \mathbf{30} = y^2. \tag{3}$$

- (i) If we take $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 5$, $x_3 = 6$ and y = 10 then equation (3) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (3,5,6,10)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 30 = y^2$.
- (ii) If we take $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 7$, $x_3 = 9$ and y = 13 then equation (3) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (3,7,9,13)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 30 = y^2$.
- (iii) If we take $x_1 = 6$, $x_2 = 7$, $x_3 = 9$ and y = 14 then equation (3) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (6,7,9,14)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 30 = y^2$.

(iv) If we take $x_1 = 5$, $x_2 = 7$, $x_3 = 11$ and y = 15 then equation (3) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (5,7,11,15)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 30 = y^2$.

(d) For a = 40 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^2 + 40 = y^2. \qquad \dots (4)$$

- (i) If we take $x_1 = 3$ and y = 7 then equation (4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, y) = (3,7)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (ii) If we take $x_1 = 9$ and y = 11 then equation (8.4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, y) = (9,11)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (iii) If we take $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 5$ and y = 9 then equation (4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (4,5,9)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (iv) If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 10$ and y = 12 then equation (4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (2, 10, 12)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (v) If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 9$, $x_3 = 10$ and y = 15 then equation (4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (2,9,10,15)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (vi) If we take $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 5$, $x_3 = 12$ and y = 15 then equation (4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (4,5,12,15)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (vii) If we take $x_1 = 6$, $x_2 = 7$, $x_3 = 10$ and y = 15 then equation (4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (6,7,10,15)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (viii) If we take $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 13$ and y = 15 then equation (4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (4,13,15)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (ix) If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 4$, $x_3 = 14$ and y = 16 then equation (4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (2,4,14,16)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (x) If we take $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 6$, $x_3 = 8$, $x_4 = 10$ and y = 16 then equation (8.4) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (4,6,8,10,16)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + 40 = y^2$.
- (e) For a = 50 the given Diophantine equation becomes

(i)
$$\sum x_i^2 + 50 = y^2.$$
 ...(5)
If we take $x_1 = 5$, $x_2 = 11$ and $y = 14$ then equation (5) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (5, 11, 14)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 50 = y^2$.

(f) For a = 60 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^2 + 60 = y^2. \tag{6}$$

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- (i) If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 5$, $x_3 = 6$ and y = 15 then equation (8.6) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (2,5,6,15)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 60 = y^2$.
- (ii) If we take $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 6$, $x_3 = 7$, $x_4 = 8$ and y = 15 then equation (6) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (4,6,7,8,15)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + 60 = y^2$.

(B) Diophantine equation $\sum x_i^3 + a = y^3$:

(a) For a = 0 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 = y^3. \tag{7}$$

If we take $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 4$, $x_3 = 5$ and y = 6 then equation (7) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (3,4,5,6)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 = y^3.$$

(b) For a = 1 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 1 = y^3.$$
 ...(8)

If we take $x_1 = 6$, $x_2 = 8$ and y = 9 then equation (8) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (6, 8, 9)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + 1 = y^3$$

(c) For a = 2 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 2 = y^3. \tag{9}$$

If we take $x_1 = 5$, $x_2 = 6$ and y = 7 then equation (9) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, y) = (5,6,7)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + 2 = y^3.$$

(d) For a = 16 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 16 = y^3.$$
 ...(10)

If we take $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 6$ $x_3 = 7$, $x_4 = 9$ and y = 11 then equation (10) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (3,6,7,9,11)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + 16 = y^3$$
.

(e) For a = 17 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 17 = y^3.$$
...(11)

If we take $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 5$, $x_3 = 7$ and y = 8 then equation (11) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (3,5,7,8)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + 17 = y^3.$$

(f) For a = 18 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 18 = y^3.$$
 ...(12)

If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 4$, $x_3 = 8$, $x_4 = 9$ and y = 11 then equation (12) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (2,4,8,9,11)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + 16 = y^3.$$

(g) For a = 20 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 20 = y^3.$$
...(13)

If we take $x_1 = 5$, $x_2 = 7$, $x_3 = 8$ and y = 10 then equation (8.12) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (5,7,8,10)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + 17 = y^3.$$

(h) For a = 20 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 20 = y^3. \tag{14}$$

If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 3$, $x_3 = 6$, $x_4 = 9$ and y = 10 then equation (14) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (2,3,6,9,10)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + 16 = y^3.$$

(i) For a = 30 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 30 = y^3.$$
...(15)

If we take $x_1 = 5$, $x_2 = 6$, $x_3 = 7$ and y = 9 then equation (15) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) = (5, 6, 7, 9)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + 17 = y^3.$$

(j) For a = 50 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + \mathbf{50} = \mathbf{y}^3. \tag{16}$$

If we take $x_1 = 1$, $x_2 = 4$, $x_3 = 6$, $x_4 = 10$ and y = 11 then equation (16) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (1,4,6,10,11)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + 16 = y^3$$
.

(k) For a = 55 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 55 = y^3. \qquad \dots (17)$$

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If we take $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 4$, $x_3 = 5$, $x_4 = 9$ and y = 10 then equation (17) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (3,4,5,9,10)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + 16 = y^3.$$

(I) For a = 55 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 55 = y^3.$$
...(18)

If we take $x_1 = 1$, $x_2 = 3$, $x_3 = 4$, $x_4 = 5$, $x_5 = 6$, $x_6 = 8$ and y = 10 then equation (18) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, y) = (1,3,4,5,6,8,10)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

 $x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + x_5^3 + x_6^3 + 55 = y^3.$

(m) For a = 19 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 19 = y^3.$$
 ...(19)

If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 3$, $x_3 = 7$, $x_4 = 11$ and y = 12 then equation (19) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (2,3,7,11,12)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + 19 = y^3.$$

(n) For a = 19 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 19 = y^3.$$
 ...(20)

If we take $x_1 = 5$, $x_2 = 7$, $x_3 = 8$, $x_4 = 9$ and y = 12 then equation (20) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (5,7,8,9,12)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + 19 = y^3$$
.

(o) For a = 21 the given Diophantine equation becomes

$$\sum x_i^3 + 21 = y^3.$$
 ...(21)

If we take $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 3$, $x_3 = 6$, $x_4 = 10$ and y = 12 then equation (22) is satisfied. Thus $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = (2,3,6,10,12)$ is the solution of the Diophantine equation

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + x_4^3 + 21 = y^3$$

8.3 Concluding Remarks: Here the Diophantine equation $\sum x_i^2 + a = y^2$ has been discussed for a = 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60. Also the Diophantine equation $\sum x_i^3 + a = y^3$ has been discussed for a = 0, 1, 2, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 30, 50 and 55. Possible solutions of these Diophantine equations have been obtained. These Diophantine equations can be discussed for other values of a.

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