



## Possible Solutions of the Diophantine Equation $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$

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### Abstract

This paper is to identify the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  where  $k, x, y$  and  $z$  are integers satisfies; case 1:  $k = 4m + 2$ , has no integer solution if  $y$  is odd, and have integer solutions  $(x, y, z)$  is  $(\pm(ka - b), \pm 2\sqrt{ab}, \pm(ka + b))$  where  $m$  is an integer,  $ab$  is a square number if  $y$  is even, case 2:  $k = 2m + 1$ , have integer solutions  $(x, y, z)$  is  $(\pm \frac{ka - b}{2}, \pm \sqrt{ab}, \pm \frac{ka + b}{2})$  where  $m$  is an integer,  $ab$  is an odd square number if  $y$  is odd, and  $(\pm(ka - b), \pm 2\sqrt{ab}, \pm(ka + b))$  where  $m$  is an integer,  $ab$  is a square number if  $y$  is even, case 3:  $k = 4m$ , have integer solutions  $(x, y, z)$  is  $(\pm(\frac{k}{4}a - b), \pm \sqrt{ab}, \pm(\frac{k}{4}a + b))$  where  $m$  is an integer,  $ab$  is a square number,

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### 1. Introduction

Nowadays, there are many studies in the literature that concern the Diophantine equation. In 1995, Wiles showed that the Diophantine equation  $x^n + y^n = z^n, xyz \neq 0$  has no integer solution when  $n \geq 3$  [1]. In 1999, Bruin studied the

Diophantine equation  $x^2 \pm y^4 = \pm z^6$  and  $x^2 + y^8 = z^3$  [2]. In 2004, Bennett found the solution of the Diophantine equation  $x^{2n} + y^{2n} = z^5$  [3]. In 2014, Abdelalim and Dyani searched the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + 3y^2 = z^2$  have integer solutions  $(x, y, z)$  is

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$$\left( \pm \frac{3y_1^2 - y_2^2}{2}, \pm y_1 y_2, \pm \frac{3y_1^2 + y_2^2}{2} \right) \text{ if } y \text{ is odd,}$$

and have integer solutions  $(x, y, z)$  is  $\left( \pm(3y_1^2 - y_2^2), \pm 2y_1 y_2, \pm(3y_1^2 + y_2^2) \right)$  if  $y$  is even [4]. In 2015, Abdelalim and Diany characterized the solutions of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 2z^2$  [5].

Thus, this paper aims to study the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  where  $k, x, y$  and  $z$  are integers.

## 2. Materials and Experiment

**Proposition 1:** The Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  has no integer solution where  $k = 4m + 2, m, x, y$  and  $z$  are integers with  $y$  is odd.

**Proof:**

Suppose that  $(x, y, z)$  is a solution of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + (4m + 2)y^2 = z^2$  with  $y$  is odd. Since  $y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  then  $(4m + 2)y^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , these consider into 2 cases as follow:

Case 1: If  $x$  is odd then  $z$  is odd.

Thus,  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  then

$x^2 + (4m + 2)y^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . This is a contradiction with  $z^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Case 2: If  $x$  is even then  $z$  is even.

Thus,  $x^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  then

$x^2 + (4m + 2)y^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . This is a contradiction with  $z^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Therefore, by case 1 and 2, the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  has no integer solution

where  $k = 4m + 2, m, x, y$  and  $z$  are integers with  $y$  is odd.

**Proposition 2:** The Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  has the solutions in the form  $(x, y, z) = (\pm(ka - b), \pm 2\sqrt{ab}, \pm(ka + b))$

where  $k = 4m + 2, m, x, y$  and  $z$  are integers with  $y$  is even.

**Proof:**

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be a solution of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  where  $k = 4m + 2$  and  $y$  is even.

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + ky^2 &= z^2 \\ ky^2 &= z^2 - x^2 \\ ky^2 &= (|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $y$  is even, so that  $2 \mid (|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|)$

hence,  $2 \mid (|z| - |x|)$  or  $2 \mid (|z| + |x|)$ , we have

$x, z$  are even or  $x, z$  are odd, then  $|z| - |x|$  and  $|z| + |x|$  are even, we have

$\frac{|z| - |x|}{2}, \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$  are integers. It follows that,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{ky^2}{4} &= \frac{(|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|)}{4} \\ k \left( \frac{y}{2} \right)^2 &= \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $k \left| \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \frac{|z| + |x|}{2} \right|$  then  $k \left| \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \right|$  or

$k \left| \frac{|z| + |x|}{2} \right|$ , these consider into 2 cases as follow:

Case 1: If  $k \left| \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \right|$  so that, there exists an

integer  $a$  such that  $ka = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}$  and let

$b = \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$ . It follows that,

$$k\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = (ka)b$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = ab$$

$$\frac{y}{2} = \pm\sqrt{ab} \text{ where } ab \text{ is a square number.}$$

$$y = \pm 2\sqrt{ab}$$

Since  $ka = \frac{|z|-|x|}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{|z|+|x|}{2}$  then

$$|x| = -(ka-b) \text{ and } |z| = ka+b \text{ that is,}$$

$$x = \pm(ka-b) \text{ and } z = \pm(ka+b).$$

Case 2: If  $k \nmid \frac{|z|+|x|}{2}$  so that, there exists an integer  $a$  such that  $ka = \frac{|z|+|x|}{2}$  and let

$$b = \frac{|z|-|x|}{2}. \text{ It follows that,}$$

$$k\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = b(ka)$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = ab$$

$$\frac{y}{2} = \pm\sqrt{ab} \text{ where } ab \text{ is a square number.}$$

$$y = \pm 2\sqrt{ab}$$

Since  $ka = \frac{|z|+|x|}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{|z|-|x|}{2}$  then

$$|x| = ka-b \text{ and } |z| = ka+b \text{ that is,}$$

$$x = \pm(ka-b) \text{ and } z = \pm(ka+b).$$

Therefore, by case 1 and 2, the solutions of this equation are in the form

$$(x, y, z) = (\pm(ka-b), \pm 2\sqrt{ab}, \pm(ka+b))$$

where  $ab$  is a square number.

### 3. Results and Discussion

**Theorem 3:** The Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  has the solutions in the form

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm \frac{ka-b}{2}, \pm \sqrt{ab}, \pm \frac{ka+b}{2} \right) \text{ where}$$

$k$  is odd,  $x, y$  and  $z$  are integers with  $y$  is odd and  $ab$  is an odd square number.

**Proof:**

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be a solution of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  with  $y$  is odd.

We have,

$$x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$$

$$ky^2 = z^2 - x^2$$

$$ky^2 = (|z|-|x|)(|z|+|x|).$$

Hence,  $k \mid (|z|-|x|)(|z|+|x|)$  then  $k \mid (|z|-|x|)$  or  $k \mid (|z|+|x|)$ , these consider into 2 cases as follow:

Case 1: If  $k \mid (|z|-|x|)$  so that, there exists an integer  $a$  such that  $ka = |z|-|x|$  and let  $b = |z|+|x|$ . It follows that,

$$ky^2 = (ka)b$$

$$y^2 = ab$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{ab} \text{ where } ab \text{ is an odd square number.}$$

Since  $ka = |z|-|x|$  and  $b = |z|+|x|$  then

$$|x| = -\frac{ka-b}{2} \text{ and } |z| = \frac{ka+b}{2} \text{ that is,}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{ka-b}{2} \text{ and } z = \pm \frac{ka+b}{2}.$$

Case 2: If  $k \mid (|z|+|x|)$  so that, there exists an integer  $a$  such that  $ka = |z|+|x|$  and let  $b = |z|-|x|$ . It follows that,

$$ky^2 = b(ka)$$

$$y^2 = ab$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{ab} \text{ where } ab \text{ is an odd square number.}$$

Since  $ka = |z| + |x|$  and  $b = |z| - |x|$  then

$$|x| = \frac{ka - b}{2} \text{ and } |z| = \frac{ka + b}{2} \text{ that is,}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{ka - b}{2} \text{ and } z = \pm \frac{ka + b}{2}.$$

Therefore, by case 1 and 2, the solutions of this equation are in the form

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm \frac{ka - b}{2}, \pm\sqrt{ab}, \pm \frac{ka + b}{2} \right)$$

where  $ab$  is an odd square number.

**Theorem 4:** The Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  has the solutions in the form

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm(ka - b), \pm 2\sqrt{ab}, \pm(ka + b) \right)$$

where  $k$  is odd,  $x, y$  and  $z$  are integers with  $y$  is even and  $ab$  is a square number.

**Proof:**

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be a solution of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  with  $y$  is even and  $ab$  is a square number. We have,

$$x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$$

$$ky^2 = z^2 - x^2$$

$$ky^2 = (|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|).$$

Since  $y$  is even, so that  $2 \mid (|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|)$  hence,  $2 \mid (|z| - |x|)$  or  $2 \mid (|z| + |x|)$ , we have

$$x, z \text{ are even or } x, z \text{ are odd, then } |z| - |x| \text{ and } |z| + |x| \text{ are even, we have } \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}, \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$$

are integers. It follows that,

$$\frac{ky^2}{4} = \frac{(|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|)}{4}$$

$$k \left( \frac{y}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}.$$

$$\text{Hence, } k \left| \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \frac{|z| + |x|}{2} \right| \text{ then } k \left| \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \right| \text{ or}$$

$$k \left| \frac{|z| + |x|}{2} \right|, \text{ these consider into 2 cases as follow:}$$

$$\text{Case 1: If } k \left| \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \right| \text{ so that, there exists an}$$

$$\text{integer } a \text{ such that } ka = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \text{ and let}$$

$$b = \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}. \text{ It follows that,}$$

$$k \left( \frac{y}{2} \right)^2 = (ka)b$$

$$\left( \frac{y}{2} \right)^2 = ab$$

$$\frac{y}{2} = \pm\sqrt{ab} \text{ where } ab \text{ is a square number.}$$

$$y = \pm 2\sqrt{ab}$$

$$\text{Since } ka = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \text{ and } b = \frac{|z| + |x|}{2} \text{ then}$$

$$|x| = -(ka - b) \text{ and } |z| = ka + b \text{ that is,}$$

$$x = \pm(ka - b) \text{ and } z = \pm(ka + b).$$

$$\text{Case 2: If } k \left| \frac{|z| + |x|}{2} \right| \text{ so that, there exists an}$$

$$\text{integer } a \text{ such that } ka = \frac{|z| + |x|}{2} \text{ and let}$$

$$b = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}. \text{ It follows that,}$$

$$k \left( \frac{y}{2} \right)^2 = b(ka)$$

$$\left( \frac{y}{2} \right)^2 = ab$$

$$\frac{y}{2} = \pm\sqrt{ab} \text{ where } ab \text{ is a square number.}$$

$$y = \pm 2\sqrt{ab}$$

Since  $ka = \frac{|z|+|x|}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{|z|-|x|}{2}$  then  
 $|x| = ka - b$  and  $|z| = ka + b$  that is,  
 $x = \pm(ka - b)$  and  $z = \pm(ka + b)$ .

Therefore, by case 1 and 2, the solutions of this equation are in the form

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm \frac{ka - b}{2}, \pm \sqrt{ab}, \pm \frac{ka + b}{2} \right)$$

where  $ab$  is a square number.

**Theorem 5:** The Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  has the solutions in the form

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a - b \right), \pm \sqrt{ab}, \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a + b \right) \right)$$

where  $k = 4m$ ,  $m, x, y$  and  $z$  are integers and  $ab$  is a square number.

**Proof:**

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be a solution of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$ . We have,

$$x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$$

$$ky^2 = z^2 - x^2$$

$$ky^2 = (|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|)$$

$$4my^2 = (|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|).$$

So that  $4 \mid (|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|)$  hence,  
 $4 \mid (|z| - |x|)$  or  $4 \mid (|z| + |x|)$ , we have  $x, z$  are even or  $x, z$  are odd, then  $|z| - |x|$  and  $|z| + |x|$  are even, we have  $\frac{|z| - |x|}{2}, \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$  are

integers. It follows that,

$$\frac{4my^2}{4} = \frac{(|z| - |x|)(|z| + |x|)}{4}$$

$$my^2 = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}.$$

Hence,  $m \mid \frac{|z| - |x|}{2} \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$  then  $m \mid \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}$   
or  $m \mid \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$ , these consider into 2 cases as follow:

Case 1: If  $m \mid \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}$  so that, there exists an

integer  $a$  such that  $ma = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}$  and let

$b = \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$ . It follows that,

$$my^2 = (ma)b$$

$$y^2 = ab$$

$y = \pm \sqrt{ab}$  where  $ab$  is a square number.

Since  $ma = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$  then

$|x| = -(ma - b)$  and  $|z| = ma + b$  that is,

$$x = \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a - b \right) \text{ and } z = \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a + b \right).$$

Case 2: If  $m \mid \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$  so that, there exists an

integer  $a$  such that  $ma = \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$  and let

$b = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}$ . It follows that,

$$my^2 = b(ma)$$

$$y^2 = ab$$

$y = \pm \sqrt{ab}$  where  $ab$  is a square number.

Since  $ma = \frac{|z| + |x|}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{|z| - |x|}{2}$  then

$|x| = ma - b$  and  $|z| = ma + b$  that is,

$$x = \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a - b \right) \text{ and } z = \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a + b \right).$$

Therefore, by case 1 and 2, the solutions of this equation are in the form

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a - b \right), \pm \sqrt{ab}, \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a + b \right) \right)$$

where  $ab$  is a square number.

**Example** find all positive integer solutions of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + 75 = z^2$ .

Consider  $x^2 + 75 = z^2$  then  $x^2 + 3(5)^2 = z^2$

By theorem 3. So that  $y = \sqrt{ab} = 5$  then

$a = 1, b = 25$  so that  $(x, z) = (11, 14)$

or  $a = 5, b = 5$  so that  $(x, z) = (5, 10)$

or  $a = 25, b = 1$  so that  $(x, z) = (37, 38)$

This theorem have three solutions.

By theorem 2.2 [4]. So that  $y = y_1 y_2 = 5$  then

$y_1 = 1, y_2 = 5$  or  $y_1 = 5, y_2 = 1$

This theorem have two solutions. (Incomplete)

#### 4. Conclusions

It can be seen that this paper shown the solution of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  has no integer solution where  $k = 4m + 2, m$  is an integer,  $y$  is odd and have integer solutions

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm(ka - b), \pm 2\sqrt{ab}, \pm(ka + b) \right)$$

where  $k = 4m + 2, 2m + 1$ ,  $ab$  is a square number,  $m, x, y$  and  $z$  are integers with  $y$  is even, we have seen that the solution of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 + ky^2 = z^2$  is

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm \frac{ka - b}{2}, \pm \sqrt{ab}, \pm \frac{ka + b}{2} \right) \text{ where}$$

$k = 2m + 1$ ,  $ab$  is an odd square number,  $m, x, y$

and  $z$  are integers with  $y$  is odd. Also, and

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a - b \right), \pm \sqrt{ab}, \pm \left( \frac{k}{4}a + b \right) \right)$$

where  $k = 4m$ ,  $ab$  is a square number,  $m, x, y$  and  $z$  are integers.

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