

On the Diophantine Equation $8^x + n^y = z^2$

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Abstract: - Let n be an positive integer with $n \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$. In this paper, we prove that $(1, 0, 3)$ is unique non-negative integer solution (x, y, z) of the Diophantine equation $8^x + n^y = z^2$, where x, y and z are non-negative integers.

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1 Introduction

In 2012, Sroysang proved that $(1, 0, 3)$ is unique solution (x, y, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 19^y = z^2$ [1]. In 2014, Sroysang also showed that $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique the solution (x, y, z) for Diophantine equation $8^x + 13^y = z^2$ where x, y and z are non-negative integers. [2]. Moreover, he proved that $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique non-negative integer solution (x, y, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 59^y = z^2$ where x, y and z are non-negative integers [3]. In 2015, Lan Qi and Xiaoxue Li showed that the Diophantine equation $8^x + p^y = z^2$ if $p \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$ has no non-negative solutions (x, y, z) , if $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, is a unique solutions $(p, x, y, z) = (2^q - 1, (1/3)(q + 2), 2, 2^q + 1)$, where q is an odd prime with $q \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$; if $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ and $p \neq 17$, then the equation has at most two positive integer solutions (x, y, z) [4]. In 2017, Asthana have shown that the Diophantine equation $8^x + 113^y = z^2$ has only three non-negative integer solutions where x, y and z are non-negative integers. The solutions (x, y, z) are $(1, 0, 3)$, $(1, 1, 11)$ and $(3, 1, 25)$ [5]. In 2019, Makate N., Srimud K.,

Warong A. and Supjaroen W. showed that the two Diophantine equations $8^x + 61^y = z^2$ and $8^x + 67^y = z^2$ have a unique solution, that is $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 3)$ [6]. In the same year Burshtein established in a very elementary manner that the equation $8^x + 9^y = z^2$ has no solutions when x, y and z are positive integers. These results are achieved in particular by utilizing the last digits of the powers $8^x, 9^y$ [7]. In 2020, A. Elshahed A. and Kamarulhaili H. have shown that the Diophantine equation $(4^n)^x - p^y = z^2$, where p is an odd prime, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and x, y, z are non-negative integers, has been investigated to show that the solutions are given by $\{(x, y, z, p)\} = \{(k, 1, 2nk - 1, 2nk + 1 - 1)\} \cup \{(0, 0, 0, p)\}$ [8]. In this paper we consider some Diophantine equations $8^x + n^y = z^2$ where n be an positive integer with $n \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$, x, y and z are non-negative integers.

2 Preliminaries

Let $n \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$. In this paper we assume that n is a non-negative integer. It is clear that $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

Lemma 1. $(a, b, x, y) = (3, 2, 2, 3)$ is a unique solution of the Diophantine equation $a^x - b^y = 1$ where a, b, x and y are integers with $\min\{a, b, x, y\} > 1$

Proof see Mihailescu [9]

Lemma 2 $(1, 3)$ is a unique solution (x, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 1 = z^2$ where x and z are non-negative integers.

Proof see Sroysang [1]

Let p be an odd prime and a be a positive integer where $\gcd(a, p) = 1$. If the quadratic congruence $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ has a solution, then a is said to be a quadratic residue of p . Otherwise, a is called a quadratic non-residue of p . In 1798 Adrien-Marie Legendre introduced the Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$ which is defined by

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; \text{if } a \text{ is a quadratic residue of } p, \\ -1 & ; \text{if } a \text{ is a quadratic non-residue of } p. \end{cases}$$

In this paper, using following these symbols.

Theorem 3. If p is an odd prime, then [10]

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \text{ or } p \equiv 7 \pmod{8} \\ -1 & ; \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \text{ or } p \equiv 5 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 4. If $p \neq 3$ is an odd prime, then [10]

$$\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; \text{if } p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{12} \\ -1 & ; \text{if } p \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{12} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 5. Let n be an positive integer with $n \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$. The Diophantine equation $1 + n^y = z^2$ has non-negative integer solution y and z are non-negative integers.

Proof Let n be an positive integer with $n \equiv 5 \pmod{20}$, y and z are non-negative integers. Then we consider three cases.

Case 1 if $y = 0$. Then $2 = z^2$, is not possible.

Case 2 if $y = 1$. Then $z^2 - 1 = n$, we get $z^2 - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $z^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ or $z^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

and $z^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$. That is $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = -1$. By Theorem

3. In this case, there is no non-negative integer solution.

Case 3 if $y > 1$. Then $z^2 = 1 + n^y > 11$. This implies $z > 3$. Here $\min\{y, z\} > 1$, by Lemma 1, this equation has no solution.

3 Main theorem

Theorem 6. Let n be an positive integer $n \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$. $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique solution (x, y, z) of the Diophantine equation $8^x + n^y = z^2$, where x, y and z are non-negative

Proof Let n be an positive integer $n \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$, and x, y and z are non-negative integers .

Then there three cases by the following:

Case 1 if $x = 0$. By Lemma 5, there is no non-negative integers solution.

Case 2 if $x \geq 1$ and $y = 0$. By Lemma 2, we have $x = 1$ and $z = 3$.

Case 3 if $x \geq 1$ and $y \geq 1$. Then we consider two cases.

Case 3.1 x is odd, we get $8^x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ or $8^x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$. Therefor $z^2 = 8^x + n^y \equiv 3, 2 \pmod{5}$.

That is $\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = 1$ and $\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = 1$. This is contradiction to

Theorem 3 and Theorem 4, respectively. In this case, there is no non-negative integer solution.

Case 3.2 x is even, we get $8^x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$.

Therefor $z^2 = 8^x + n^y \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ That is $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 1$

This is contradiction to Theorem 3. In this case, there is no non-negative integer solution.

Therefore $(1, 0, 3)$ is unique solution (x, y, z) for the equation $8^x + n^y = z^2$ where x, y and z are non-negative integers.

Example 7 $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique solution (x, y, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 10^y = z^2$, where x, y and z are non-negative integers.

Since $10 \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$, therefor by Theorem 6 $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique solution (x, y, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 10^y = z^2$, where x, y and z are non-negative integers.

Example 8 $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique solution (x, y, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 175^y = z^2$, where x, y and z are non-negative integers.

Since $175 \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$, therefor by Theorem 6 $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique solution (x, y, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 175^y = z^2$, where x, y and z are non-negative integers.

Corollary 9 $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique solution (x, y, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 25^y = k^{4t+6}$, where x, y and z are non-negative integers.

Proof \therefore Let $k^{2t+3} = z$, for k and t are positive integer and $25 \equiv 10 \pmod{15}$ then Diophantine equation becomes $8^x + 25^y = z^2$, therefor by Theorem 6 $(1, 0, 3)$ is a unique solution (x, y, z) for the Diophantine equation $8^x + 25^y = k^{4t+6}$, where x, y and z are non-negative integers.

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