

组合数丢番图方程 $\binom{x}{2} = \binom{y}{4}$ 的正解

The Solution of Binomial Diophantine Equation $\binom{x}{2} = \binom{y}{4}$

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摘要: 运用递推序列法, 给出组合数丢番图方程 $\binom{x}{2} = \binom{y}{4}$ 的一个初等解法.

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Abstract: An elementary proof of the Diophantine equation $\binom{x}{2} = \binom{y}{4}$ is given by using recursion sequence method.

Key words: Diophantine equation, recursion sequence method, elementary proof

易知组合数丢番图方程

$$\binom{x}{2} = \binom{y}{4} \quad (1)$$

有解 $\binom{21}{2} = \binom{10}{4} = 210$, 以及平凡解 $\binom{2}{2} = \binom{4}{4} = 1$

和 $\binom{6}{2} = \binom{6}{4} = 15$,

R. K. Guy^[1] 要求证明这是仅有的解. 令 $u = 2x - 1, v = 2y - 3$. 则易知方程(1)可化成以下方程

$$48u^2 = v^4 - 10v^2 + 57, \quad (2)$$

它代表一个椭圆曲线. 在有理数域上有 $\text{rank} = 2$, 1995年 B. M. M. Weger^[2] 已经用 Baker 有效方法证明了:

定理 1 方程(2)仅有的正整数解是 $(u, v) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 5), (11, 9)$ 和 $(41, 17)$.

由定理 1 可以获得

定理 2 设 $x > 1, y > 3$ 是正整数, 则仅有的正整数解是 $(x, y) = (2, 4), (6, 6), (21, 10)$.

证明需要大量的计算. 用 Baker 有效方法给出了方程(1)的解满足 $y < 10^{2 \times 10^{17}}, x < 10^{4 \times 10^{17}}$, 然后用计算机并结合丢番图逼近技巧给出满足方程(1)

的 x, y .

本文给出定理 2 从而也是定理 1 的初等解法的证明.

定理 2 的证明

方程(2)可化成以下方程

$$((v^2 - 5)/4)^2 - 3u^2 = -2, \quad (3)$$

这是一个 Pell 方程, 熟知(3)式的解由下列式子给出^[3]:

$$\frac{v^2 - 5}{4} + u\sqrt{3} = (1 + \sqrt{3})(2 + \sqrt{3})^n,$$

(对某些整数 n) (4)

今证明(4)式仅当 $n = -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ 时有解.

$$\text{令 } x_n + y_n\sqrt{3} = (2 + \sqrt{3})^n, \quad (5)$$

则(4)式给出

$$v^2 = 4x_n + 12y_n + 5. \quad (6)$$

容易验证下列关系式:

$$x_{m+n} = x_m x_n + 3y_m y_n, y_{m+n} = x_m y_n + x_n y_m, \quad (7)$$

$$x_{-n} = x_n, y_{-n} = -y_n, \quad (8)$$

$$x_{2n} = x_n^2 + 3y_n^2 = 2x_n^2 - 1 = 6y_n^2 + 1, y_n = 2x_n y_n, \quad (9)$$

$$x_{n+2kr} \equiv (-1)^k x_n \pmod{x_r}, y_{n+2kr} \equiv$$

$$(-1)^k y_n \pmod{x_r}, \quad (10)$$

$$x_{n+2kr} \equiv x_n \pmod{y_r}, y_{n+2kr} \equiv y_n \pmod{y_r}, (11)$$

$$x_{n+2} = 4x_{n+1} - x_n, x_0 = 1, x_1 = 2, (12)$$

$$y_{n+2} = 4y_{n+1} - y_n, y_0 = 0, y_1 = 1, (13)$$

设 $4x_n + 12y_n = u_n$, 则 $u_{n+2} = 4 \times u_{n+1} - u_n, u_0 = 4, u_1 = 20$.

熟知, 对 $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, u_n \pmod{p}$ 将形成 1 个周期序列: $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1}; u_0, u_1, \dots, \pmod{p}$, 周期为 k .

取 $p = 7, 13, 31, 37, 61, 73, 79, 97, 181, 193, 223, 337, 397, 421, 661, 673, 757, 1201, 1321, 1567, 2521, 3697, 6337, 489061, 549649, 1166617$.

我们计算 $(u_n + 5) \pmod{p}$, 及其周期 k , 并计算当 $0 \leq n < k$, 且其相应的 Jacobi 符号 $((u_n + 5)/p) = -1$ 的那些 n 值.

$$1: n \equiv 5, 6 \pmod{8},$$

$$u_n \equiv 6, 6 \pmod{7}.$$

$$2: n \equiv 7, 8, 9, 10 \pmod{12},$$

$$u_n \equiv 11, 7, 7, 11 \pmod{13}.$$

$$3: n \equiv 4, 9, 10, 11, 18, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27 \pmod{32},$$

$$u_n \equiv 11, 13, 24, 11, 22, 30, 23, 23, 17, 30 \pmod{31}.$$

$$4: n \equiv 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27, 28, 23, 30 \pmod{36},$$

$$u_n \equiv 29, 39, 6, 6, 39, 29, 35, 15, 15, 35, 8, 8 \pmod{37}.$$

$$5: n \equiv 4, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 25, 39, 40, 49, 50 \pmod{60},$$

$$u_n \equiv 28, 7, 30, 37, 37, 30, 7, 28, 63, 59, 59, 63 \pmod{61}.$$

$$6: n \equiv 24, 29 \pmod{36},$$

$$u_n \equiv 60, 60 \pmod{73}.$$

$$7: n \equiv 9, 12, 19, 25, 33, 47, 48, 51, 56, 57, 60, 63, 67, 71, 72, 73, 76 \pmod{80},$$

$$u_n \equiv 43, 15, 35, 71, 75, 47, 6, 63, 39, 70, 54, 39, 74, 6, 47, 14, 37 \pmod{79}.$$

$$8: n \equiv 9 \pmod{16},$$

$$u_n \equiv 82 \pmod{97}.$$

$$9: n \equiv 4, 5, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 \pmod{20},$$

$$u_n \equiv 160, 160, 110, 31, 31, 83, 110 \pmod{181}.$$

$$10: n \equiv 16, 17, 18 \pmod{24},$$

$$u_n \equiv 103, 102, 102 \pmod{193}.$$

$$11: n \equiv 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 19, 28, 31, 34, 39, 40,$$

$$44, 47, 48, 51, 60, 63, 64, 65, 67, 71, 72, 80, 81, 83, 92, 95, 96, 97, 103, 104, 113, 115, 124, 129, 136, 144, 159, 163, 172, 176, 191, 194, 199, 209, 211, 220 \pmod{224},$$

$$u_n \equiv 24, 35, 117, 195, 207, 45, 118, 186, 161, 158, 157, 13, 189, 67, 48, 48, 67, 189, 10, 13, 157, 158, 186, 150, 118, 45, 195, 117, 40, 35, 24, 208, 167, 151, 26, 70, 95, 44, 185, 185, 44, 95, 52, 70, 193, 151, 167 \pmod{223}.$$

$$12: n \equiv 7, 12, 15, 19, 20, 31, 32, 33, 36, 42, 49, 50, 52 \pmod{56},$$

$$u_n \equiv 174, 291, 291, 71, 174, 58, 293, 93, 276, 22, 69, 93, 58 \pmod{337}.$$

$$13: n \equiv 14, 15, 16, 36, 37, 39, 52, 74, 88, 107, 109, 123, 144, 145, 158, 160, 181, 182, 183, 216, 217, 218, 219, 232, 251, 252, 254, 255, 267, 290, 291, 302, 303, 323, 326, 338, 339, 359, 360, 361, 374, 375, 376 \pmod{396},$$

$$u_n \equiv 302, 380, 17, 166, 356, 259, 214, 198, 242, 263, 242, 198, 345, 214, 259, 356, 17, 380, 302, 134, 194, 235, 339, 185, 62, 45, 377, 199, 245, 203, 18, 18, 203, 161, 245, 199, 377, 241, 109, 185, 339, 235, 194 \pmod{397}.$$

$$14: n \equiv 27, 28, 86, 107, 121, 122, 123, 168, 179, 242, 268, 303, 326, 359, 361, 387 \pmod{420},$$

$$u_n \equiv 206, 209, 224, 306, 111, 402, 224, 168, 156, 200, 73, 298, 298, 264, 73, 200 \pmod{421}.$$

$$15: n \equiv 47 \pmod{60},$$

$$u_n \equiv 353 \pmod{661}.$$

$$16: n \equiv 48, 99, 242, 279 \pmod{336},$$

$$u_n \equiv 316, 211, 558, 328 \pmod{673}.$$

$$17: n \equiv 27, 72 \pmod{84},$$

$$u_n \equiv 242, 486 \pmod{757}.$$

$$18: n \equiv 26, 98, 111 \pmod{120},$$

$$u_n \equiv 974, 314, 941 \pmod{1201}.$$

$$19: n \equiv 22, 43, 61, 79, 99, 102, 122, 142, 143, 180, 199, 200, 201, 203 \pmod{220},$$

$$u_n \equiv 584, 342, 466, 252, 217, 944, 560, 1133, 664, 208, 283, 862, 513, 234 \pmod{1321}.$$

$$20: n \equiv 35, 167, 168, 192, 208 \pmod{224},$$

$$u_n \equiv 325, 1155, 1155, 903, 1206 \pmod{1567}.$$

$$21: n \equiv 7 \pmod{28},$$

$$u_n \equiv 2164 \pmod{2521}.$$

- 22: $n \equiv 27, 28, 29, 31, 83, 86, 196, 199, 223,$
 227, 283(mod 308),
 $u_n \equiv 1544, 3088, 3404, 1688, 2126, 2750, 874,$
 724, 2214, 3368, 733(mod 3697).
 23: $n \equiv 33, 194, 226, 323$ (mod 352),
 $u_n \equiv 5004, 4733, 5045, 4558$ (mod 6337).
 24: $n \equiv 38$ (mod 44),
 $u_n \equiv 485110$ (mod 489061).
 25: $n \equiv 192$ (mod 264),
 $u_n \equiv 323782$ (mod 549649).
 26: $n \equiv 266$ (mod 396),
 $u_n \equiv 904805$ (mod 1166617).

综上所述, 如果(4)式有解, 则必有 $n \equiv 0, 1, 2,$
 3, 55439, 55440, 110879(mod 110880) 或 $n \equiv 0, 1,$
 2, 3, -1 (mod 55440);

27: 设 $n = 2 + 2^a(2h + 1), s \geq 2,$

$$v^2 = 4x_n + 12y_n + 5 \equiv (-1)^{2h+1}x_2 + (-1)^{2h+1}y_2 + 5 = -4 \times 26 - 12 \times 15 + 5 \pmod{x_{a-2^s}},$$

即, $v^2 \equiv -71 \pmod{x_{a-2^s}},$

$$1 = \left(\frac{v^2}{x_{a-2^s}}\right) = \left(\frac{-71}{x_{a-2^s}}\right) = \left(\frac{x_{a-2^s}}{71}\right).$$

取 $a = 1, 3, 5, 9, 15.$ 从表 1 可知上式不成立.

28: 设 $n = a2^{s+1}(4h \pm 1) + 3 \neq 3, n = 2k + 3,$
 $k = a \cdot 2^s(4h \pm 1),$

$$v^2 = 4(x_{2k}x_3 + 3y_{2k}y_3) + 12(x_{2k}y_3 + x_3y_{2k}) + 5 = 4(26x_{2k} + 45y_{2k}) + 12(15x_{2k} + 26y_{2k}) + 5 = 284x_{2k} + 492y_{2k} + 5 = 284(x_k^2 + 3y_k^2) + 2 \times 492x_ky_k + 5(x_k^2 - 3y_k^2) \equiv 289x_k^2 + 2 \times 492x_ky_k + 837y_k^2,$$

表 2 Jacobi 符号

s	9	15	21	35	45	63	105	315
0:	201733*	20167*	50365	40906	118819	145537	232585*	71551*
1:	182756*	78551*	181229	162404	60317	141041*	4271	73697*
2:	94208*	223442	179318	216005	16460	216164	225530*	162773
3:	128390*	216263*	176522	212288*	75893*	93263*	36002	220328*
...
524:	94208*	223442	179318	216005	16460	216164	225530*	162773
525:	128390*	216263*	176522	212288*	75893*	93263*	36002	220328*

* 表示 Jacobi 符号 $(a/p) = -1,$ 其中省略部分: 对每一个 $s = 6, \dots, 519$ 至少有一列带有 * 号.

表 3 Jacobi 符号

s	7	9	15	21	35	45	63	105	315
0:	45832*	16249	84889	48196	109717*	88360*	2275*	185194	195808*
1:	71048*	12077*	225509*	40136*	46202	61742*	89735	175919*	12998
2:	94649	52865*	54950*	221570*	165122*	191459*	134357*	20117	85049
3:	116300	103403*	112625*	239750	186497*	219503*	199445*	197522*	137057*
...
524:	94649	52865*	54950*	221570*	165122*	191459*	134357*	20117	85049
525:	116300	103403*	112625*	239750	186497*	219503*	199445*	197522*	137057*

* 表示 Jacobi 符号 $(a/p) = -1.$

$$v^2 \equiv 289x_{a-2^s}^2 \pm 2 \times 492x_{a-2^s}y_{a-2^s} + 837y_{a-2^s}^2 \pmod{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2},$$

$$v^2 \equiv 10x_{a-2^s}^2 \pm 2 \times 492x_{a-2^s}y_{a-2^s} \equiv 2x_{a-2^s}(5x_{a-2^s} \pm 492y_{a-2^s}) \pmod{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2},$$

$$1 = \left(\frac{v^2}{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2}\right) = \left(\frac{2x_{a-2^s}}{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2}\right) \left(\frac{5x_{a-2^s} \pm 492y_{a-2^s}}{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2}\right) = \left(\frac{x_{a-2^s}}{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2}\right) \left(\frac{5x_{a-2^s} \pm 492y_{a-2^s}}{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2}\right) = \left(\frac{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2}{x_{a-2^s}^2}\right) \left(\frac{x_{a-2^s}^2 + 3y_{a-2^s}^2}{5x_{a-2^s} \pm 492y_{a-2^s}}\right) \left(\frac{x_{a-2^s}}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{492^2 + 3 \times 5^2}{5x_{a-2^s} \pm 492y_{a-2^s}}\right) = \left(\frac{242139}{5x_{a-2^s} \pm 492y_{a-2^s}}\right) = \left(\frac{5x_{a-2^s} \pm 492y_{a-2^s}}{242139}\right) = \left(\frac{5x_{a-2^s} \pm 492y_{a-2^s}}{80713}\right)$$

当“+”号时取 $a = 9, 15, 21, 35, 45, 63, 105,$
 315. 从表 2 可知上式不成立.

当“-”号时取 $a = 7, 9, 15, 21, 35, 45, 63, 105,$
 315. 从表 3 可知上式不成立.

表 1 Jacobi 符号

s	1	3	5	9	15	
0:	2	26*	7*	7*	2	-1
1:	7*	2	26*	26*	7*	-3
2:	26*	7*	2	2	26*	-1
3:	2	26*	7*	7*	2	-1
4:	7*	2	26*	26*	7*	-3
5:	26*	7*	2	2	26*	-1
6:	2	26*	7*	7*	2	-1

* 表示 Jacobi 符号 $(a/p) = -1.$

29: 设 $n = a2^{s+1}(4h \pm 1) + 1 \neq 1, n = 2k + 1, k = a \cdot 2^s(4h \pm 1),$

$$v^2 = 4(x_{2k}x_1 + 3y_{2k}y_1) + 12(x_{2k}y_1 + x_1y_{2k}) + 5 = 4(2x_{2k} + 3y_{2k}) + 12(x_{2k} + 2y_{2k}) + 5 = 20x_{2k} + 36y_{2k} + 5 = 20(x_k^2 + 3y_k^2) + 2 \times 36x_ky_k + 5(x_k^2 - 3y_k^2) = 25x_k^2 + 2 \times 36x_ky_k + 45y_k^2,$$

$$v^2 \equiv 25x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \pm 2 \times 36x_{a \cdot 2^s}y_{a \cdot 2^s} + 45y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \equiv 10x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \pm 2 \times 36x_{a \cdot 2^s}y_{a \cdot 2^s} \pmod{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2},$$

$$v^2 \equiv 2x_{a \cdot 2^s}(5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 36y_{a \cdot 2^s}) \pmod{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2},$$

表4 Jacobi 符号

s	1	3	15	35	45	1	3	15	35	45
0:	46*	670*	631	1033	469	1345*	961	499	772*	1147
1:	539	236	1148	245	941*	902*	935*	587*	125	86
2:	920*	749*	347*	746*	1052	50*	386	1190	575	395
3:	536*	503	149	398	1175*	1178	755	965*	92	1067*
...
20:	920*	749*	347*	746*	1052	50*	386	1190	575	395
21:	536*	503	149	398	1175*	1178	755	965*	92	1067*

* 表示 Jacobi 符号 $(a/p) = -1.$

$$v^2 = 4(x_{2k}x_{-1} + 3y_{2k}y_{-1}) + 12(x_{2k}y_{-1}) + 12(x_{2k}y_{-1} + x_{-1}y_{2k}) + 5 = 4(2x_{2k} - 3y_{2k}) + 12(-x_{2k} + 2y_{2k}) + 5 = -4x_{2k} + 12y_{2k} + 5 = -4(x_k^2 + 3y_k^2) + 2 \times 12x_ky_k + 5(x_k^2 - 3y_k^2) = x_k^2 + 2 \times 12x_ky_k - 27y_k^2,$$

$$v^2 \equiv x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \pm 2 \times 12x_{a \cdot 2^s}y_{a \cdot 2^s} - 27y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \equiv 10x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \pm 2 \times 12x_{a \cdot 2^s}y_{a \cdot 2^s} \pmod{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2},$$

表5 Jacobi 符号

s	1	3	15	35	45	1	3	15	35	45
0:	22*	91	196	217	214*	217	169	55	22*	151*
1:	203*	146	146	86	5	86	5	5	203*	131
2:	8*	146	146	86	98*	86	68	68	8*	131
3:	146	68	68	122*	191	122*	146	146	146	38*
...
20:	8*	146	146	86	98*	86	68	68	8*	131
21:	146	68	68	122*	191	122*	146	146	146	38*

* 表示 Jacobi 符号 $(a/p) = -1.$

31: 设 $n = a \cdot 2^{s+1}(4h \pm 1) \neq 0, n = 2k, k = a \cdot 2^s(4h \pm 1), s \geq 2,$

$$v^2 = 4(x_k^2 + 3y_k^2) + 2 \times 12x_ky_k + 5(x_k^2 - 3y_k^2) = 9x_k^2 + 2 \times 12x_ky_k - 3y_k^2,$$

$$v^2 \equiv 9x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \pm 2 \times 12x_{a \cdot 2^s}y_{a \cdot 2^s} - 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \equiv 10x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 \pm 2 \times 12x_{a \cdot 2^s}y_{a \cdot 2^s} \pmod{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2},$$

$$v^2 \equiv 2x_{a \cdot 2^s}(5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 12y_{a \cdot 2^s}) \pmod{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2},$$

$$1 = \left(\frac{v^2}{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2} \right) = \left(\frac{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 12y_{a \cdot 2^s}}{219} \right),$$

从表5可知上式不成立.

$$1 = \left(\frac{v^2}{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2} \right) = \left(\frac{2x_{a \cdot 2^s}(5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 36y_{a \cdot 2^s})}{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2} \right) =$$

$$\left(\frac{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 36y_{a \cdot 2^s}}{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2} \right) = \left(\frac{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2}{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 36y_{a \cdot 2^s}} \right) =$$

$$\left(\frac{(36^2 + 3 \cdot 5^2)y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2}{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 36y_{a \cdot 2^s}} \right) = \left(\frac{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 36y_{a \cdot 2^s}}{1371} \right),$$

取 $a = 1, 3, 15, 35, 45.$ 从表4可知上式不成立.

30: 设 $n = a2^{s+1}(4h \pm 1) - 1 \neq 1, n = 2k - 1, k = a \cdot 2^s(4h \pm 1),$

$$v^2 \equiv 2x_{a \cdot 2^s}(5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 12y_{a \cdot 2^s}) \pmod{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2},$$

$$1 = \left(\frac{v^2}{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2} \right) = \left(\frac{2x_{a \cdot 2^s}(5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 12y_{a \cdot 2^s})}{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2} \right) =$$

$$\left(\frac{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 12y_{a \cdot 2^s}}{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2} \right) = \left(\frac{x_{a \cdot 2^s}^2 + 3y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2}{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 12y_{a \cdot 2^s}} \right) =$$

$$\left(\frac{(12^2 + 3 \cdot 5^2)y_{a \cdot 2^s}^2}{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 12y_{a \cdot 2^s}} \right) = \left(\frac{5x_{a \cdot 2^s} \pm 12y_{a \cdot 2^s}}{219} \right),$$

取 $a = 1, 3, 15, 35, 45.$ 从表5可知上式不成立.

综上所述, 如果 $n \neq -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ 则(6)式无解, 而当 $n = -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ 时正好给出定理1的解.

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