

1) Let $C = \{ c : 4a^3 + 2b^3 = c^3 \text{ for some positive integers } a, b \}$

By well ordering principle;

C must have a least element.

Let the least element of C be c_1 .

$$\Rightarrow 4a^3 + 2b^3 = c_1^3$$

Since LHS is divisible by 2. RHS must be divisible by 2.

$$\Rightarrow 2 \mid c_1^3$$

If possible, let c_1 be odd.

$$c_1 = 2k+1$$

$$c_1^3 = 8k^3 + 1 + 6k(2k+1)$$

$$= 2(4k^3 + 3k(2k+1)) + 1$$

$$= \text{odd.}$$

Contradiction

$\therefore c_1$ is even.

Let $c_1 = 2n$ for some $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\text{Consider } 4a^3 + 2b^3 = c_1^3$$

Cases on (a, b)

Case 1) $a \rightarrow \text{odd}, b \rightarrow \text{even}$

$$\underbrace{4a^3}_{\text{not divisible by 8}} + 2 \underbrace{(2k_2)^3}_{\text{divisible by 8}} = \underbrace{c_1^3}_{\text{divisible by 8}} \quad \text{let } b = 2k_2$$

\Rightarrow Contradiction.

Case 2) $a \rightarrow \text{even}, b \rightarrow \text{odd}$.

$$\text{let } a = 2k_1$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 4(2k_1)^3 + 2(b)^3 = c^3 \\
 \underbrace{4(2k_1)^3}_{\text{divisible by } 8} + \underbrace{2(b)^3}_{\text{not divisible by } 8} = \underbrace{(2n)^3}_{\text{divisible by } 8}
 \end{array}$$

RHS is divisible by 8 but LHS is not.
 \Rightarrow Contradiction.

Case 3) $a \rightarrow \text{odd}$ $b \rightarrow \text{odd}$

$$\text{Let } a = 2k_1 + 1 \quad b = 2k_2 + 1$$

$$4(2k_1 + 1)^3 + 2(2k_2 + 1)^3 = 8n^3$$

$$4(2k_1 + 1)^3 + 2(8k_2^3 + 1 + 6k_2(2k_2 + 1)) = 8n^3$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 4(2k_1 + 1)^3 + 2(20k_2 + 1) = 8n^3 \\
 \underbrace{4(2k_1 + 1)^3}_{\text{divisible by } 4} + \underbrace{2(20k_2 + 1)}_{\text{not divisible by } 4} = \underbrace{8n^3}_{\text{divisible by } 4}
 \end{array}$$

RHS is divisible by 4 but LHS is not.
 \Rightarrow Contradiction.

Case 4)

$a \rightarrow \text{even}$ $b \rightarrow \text{even}$

$$\text{Let } a = 2k_1, \quad b = 2k_2, \quad c = 2n$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 4(2k_1)^3 + 2(2k_2)^3 = (2n)^3 \\
 \boxed{4k_1^3 + 2k_2^3 = n^3}
 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \exists n = \frac{c}{2} : 4a^3 + 2b^3 = n^3$$

for some $a = k_1$
 $b = k_2$

But $c \in \mathbb{C} \therefore n \in \mathbb{C}$

But c was the smallest element of \mathbb{C} ~~and~~ Here $n < c$.

\therefore Contradiction.

\Rightarrow There does not exist any set of positive integers a, b, c s.t. $4a^3 + 2b^3 = c^3$