

Diophantine Equation

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Abstract

A set of problems of Diophantine equations.

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1 Wikipedia/Diophantine Equation

Finding all **right triangles with integer side-lengths** is equivalent to solving the Diophantine equation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

“In mathematics, a *Diophantine equation* is a **polynomial equation**, usually involving 2 or more **unknowns**, s.t. the only **solutions** of interest are the **integer** ones. A *linear Diophantine equation* equates to a constant the sum of 2 or more **monomials**, each of **degree 1**. An *exponential Diophantine equation* is one in which unknowns can appear in **exponents**.

Diophantine problems have fewer equations than unknowns & involve finding integers that solve simultaneously all equations. As such **systems of equations** define **algebraic curves**, **algebraic surfaces**, or, more generally, **algebraic sets**, their study is a part of **algebraic geometry** that is called *Diophantine geometry*.

The word *Diophantine* refers to the **Hellenistic mathematician** of the 3rd century, **Diophantus** of **Alexandria**, who made a study of such equations & was 1 of the 1st mathematicians to introduce **symbolism** into **algebra**. The mathematical study of Diophantine problems that Diophantus initiated is now called *Diophantine analysis*.

While individual equations present a kind of puzzle & have been considered throughout history, the formulation of general theories of Diophantine equations (beyond the case of linear & **quadratic** equations) was an achievement of the 20th century.”

– **Wikipedia/Diophantine equation**

1.1 Examples of Diophantine Equation

“In the following Diophantine equations, w, x, y, z are the unknowns & the other letters are given constants: • $ax + by = c$: a linear Diophantine equation. • $w^3 + x^3 = y^3 + z^3$: The smallest nontrivial solution in positive integers is $12^3 + 1^3 = 9^3 + 10^3 = 1729$. It was famously given as an evident property of 1729, a **taxicab number** (also named **Hardy–Ramanujan number**) by **Ramanujan** to **Hardy** while meeting in 1917. There are infinitely many nontrivial solutions. • For $n = 2$, there are infinitely many solutions (x, y, z) : the **Pythagorean triples**. For larger integer values of n , **Fermat’s Last Theorem** (initially claimed in 1637 by Fermat & **proved by Andrew Wiles** in 1995) states there are no positive integer solutions (x, y, z) . • $x^2 - ny^2 = \pm 1$: This is **Pell’s equation**, which is named after the English mathematician **John Pell**. It was studied by **Brahmagupta** in the 7th century, as well as by Fermat in the 17th century. • $\frac{4}{n} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}$: The **Erdős–Strauss conjecture** states that, for every positive integer $n \geq 2$, there exists a solution in x, y, z , all as positive integers. Although not usually stated in polynomial form, this example is equivalent to the polynomial equation $4xyz = yzn + xzn + xyn = n(xy + yz + zx)$. • $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = w^4$:

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Conjectured incorrectly by [Euler](#) to have no nontrivial solutions. Proved by [Elkies](#) to have infinitely many nontrivial solutions, with a computer search by Frye determining the smallest nontrivial solution, $95800^4 + 217519^4 + 414560^4 = 422481^4$.”
– [Wikipedia/Diophantine equation/example](#)

1.2 Linear Diophantine Equations

1.3 Homogeneous Equations

1.4 Diophantine Analysis

1.5 Exponential Diophantine Equations

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