

On the Exponential Diophantine Equations

$$x^x y^y = z^z \quad \text{and} \quad x^{x^n} y^{y^m} = z^{z^n}$$

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, two different forms of exponential Diophantine equations namely $x^x y^y = z^z$ and $x^{x^n} y^{y^m} = z^{z^n}$ are considered and analysed for finding positive integer solutions on each of the above two equations. Some numerical examples are presented in each case.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The exponential diophantine equation $a^x + b^y = c^z$ in positive integers x, y, z has been studied by number of authors [1-5]. In [6-12] the existence and the processes of determining some positive integer solutions to a few special cases of an exponential diophantine equation are studied. In this paper, two different representations I and II of the exponential diophantine equations namely $x^x y^y = z^z$ and $x^{x^n} y^{y^m} = z^{z^n}$ are studied with some numerical examples.

II. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Representation I

The exponential diophantine equation with three unknowns to be solved for its non-zero distinct integral solutions is

$$x^x y^y = z^z \tag{1}$$

where n is a natural number

Introducing the transformations

$$x = u z^n, y = v^{\frac{1}{n}} z \tag{2}$$

in (1), it becomes

$$z = u^{\frac{u}{1-nu-v}} v^{\frac{v}{1-nu-v}} \tag{3}$$

Taking

$$\frac{u}{1-nu-v} = -n_1, \quad \frac{v}{n(1-nu-v)} = -n_2 \tag{4}$$

and solving the above two equations, we have

$$u = \frac{n_1}{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}, \quad v = \frac{nn_2}{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1} \tag{5}$$

Substituting (5) in (3) and (2), the corresponding solutions of (1) are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{n_1} \right)^{nn_1 - 1} \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{nn_2} \right)^{nn_2} \\ y &= \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{n_1} \right)^{n_1} \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{nn_2} \right)^{n_2 - \frac{1}{n}} \\ z &= \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{n_1} \right)^{n_1} \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{nn_2} \right)^{n_2} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

The numbers n_1 and n_2 can be chosen such that the solutions (6) be natural numbers.

Now taking

$$n_1 = n^{\alpha n - 1}, \quad \alpha > 0; \quad n_2 = \frac{1}{n}, \quad n > 0 \text{ in (5), the non-zero integral solutions of (2) are found}$$

to be

$$x = n^{n^{\alpha n}} n^{\alpha n - 1}$$

$$y = n^{n^{\alpha n - 1}}$$

$$z = n^{n^{\alpha n - 1}} n^{\alpha}$$

Numerical Examples

(α, n)	x	y	z
(1,2)	32	4	8
(2,3)	3^{734}	3^{243}	3^{245}
(1,3)	3^{29}	3^9	3^{10}
(2,2)	2^{19}	2^8	2^{10}

Representation II

The exponential Diophantine equation with three unknowns to be solved for its non-zero distinct integral solutions is

$$x^{x^n} y^{y^m} = z^{z^n} \tag{7}$$

where m,n are natural numbers

Considering the transformations

$$x = u^n z, \quad y = v^m z^m \tag{8}$$

in (7), it can be written as

$$z = u^{\frac{\frac{u}{n}}{1 - u - \frac{nv}{m}}} v^{\frac{\frac{v}{m}}{1 - u - \frac{nv}{m}}} \tag{9}$$

Assuming

$$\frac{\frac{u}{n}}{1 - u - \frac{nv}{m}} = -n_1, \quad \frac{\frac{v}{m}}{1 - u - \frac{nv}{m}} = -n_2 \tag{10}$$

and solving the above two equations, we have

$$u = \frac{nn_1}{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}, \quad v = \frac{mn_2}{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1} \tag{11}$$

Substituting (11) in(9) and (8),the corresponding solutions of (6) are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{nn_1} \right)^{\frac{nn_1 - 1}{n}} \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{mn_2} \right)^{n_2} \\ y &= \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{n_1} \right)^{\frac{nn_1}{m}} \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{mn_2} \right)^{\frac{nn_2 - 1}{m}} \\ z &= \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{nn_1} \right)^{n_1} \left(\frac{nn_1 + nn_2 - 1}{mn_2} \right)^{n_2} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots(12)$$

The numbers n_1 and n_2 can be chosen such that the solutions (11) be natural numbers.

For illustration, Choosing

$$n = m\beta^m, n_2 = \alpha^{mn}n^{mn-1}, n_1 = \frac{1}{n}, n > 0 \text{ in (11), the non-zero integral solutions of (6)}$$

are represented by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \beta^{m\alpha^{mn}n^{mn-1}} \\ y &= (\alpha n)^n \beta^{(\alpha n)^{mn} - 1} \\ z &= (\alpha n)^m \beta^{m\alpha^{mn}n^{mn-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Numerical examples:

(m,n)	(α, β)	x	y	z
(1,2)	(1,2)	2^2	2^5	2^3
(1,3)	(2,18)	$3^2 \cdot 18^{35}$	$18^{18} 3^{18^{36} - 1}$	$18^2 3^2 \cdot 18^{35}$

III. CONCLUSION

To conclude, one may search for other pattern of integer solutions to the above exponential diophantine equations.

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