

# Solution Of the Diophantine Equation $143^x + 85^y = z^2$

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**Abstract:** - In this paper, authors studied the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ , where  $x, y, z$  are non-negative integers. Authors proved that  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of this Diophantine equation.

**Key Words:** Catalan's Conjecture, Equation, Solution.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Various problems of Astronomy, Algebra and Trigonometry can be solved by representing them in terms of Diophantine equations [12]. The Diophantine equation  $223^x + 241^y = z^2$  was studied by Aggarwal et al. [1]. Aggarwal et al. [2] examined the Diophantine equation  $181^x + 199^y = z^2$  and proved that this equation has no solution in non-negative integers. Aggarwal and Sharma [3] analyzed the non-linear Diophantine equation  $379^x + 397^y = z^2$  for non-negative integer solution. The Diophantine equation  $193^x + 211^y = z^2$  was studied by Aggarwal [4]. Aggarwal and Kumar [5] examined the exponential Diophantine equation  $(13^{2m}) + (6r + 1)^n = z^2$ . Aggarwal and Upadhyaya [6] studied the Diophantine equation  $8^a + 67^b = \gamma^2$  and proved that this Diophantine equation has a unique solution in non-negative integers. Gupta et al. [7] examined the Diophantine equation  $M_5^p + M_7^q = r^2$ . Bhatnagar and Aggarwal [8] studied the Diophantine equation  $421^p + 439^q = r^2$  and proved that this equation has no solution in non-negative integers.

Gupta et al. [9] studied the non-linear exponential Diophantine equation  $(x^a + 1)^m + (y^b + 1)^n = z^2$ . Gupta et al. [10] examined non-linear exponential Diophantine equation  $x^a + (1 + my)^b = z^2$ . Hoque and Kalita [11] determined the solution of the Diophantine equation  $(p^q - 1)^x + p^{qy} = z^2$ . Kumar et al. [13] proved that the Diophantine equation  $601^p + 619^q = r^2$  has no solution in the set of non-negative integers. Kumar et al. [14] determined that the Diophantine equation  $(2^{2m+1} - 1) + (6^{r+1} + 1)^n = \omega^2$  has no non-negative integer solution. Kumar et al. [15] proved that the Diophantine equation  $(7^{2m}) + (6r + 1)^n = z^2$  is not solvable in the set of non-negative integers. The Diophantine equation  $211^a + 229^b = \gamma^2$  was studied by Mishra et al. [16]. Sroysang [18-22] examined the Diophantine equations  $323^x + 325^y = z^2$ ,  $3^x + 45^y = z^2$ ,  $143^x + 145^y = z^2$ ,  $3^x + 85^y = z^2$  and  $4^x + 10^y = z^2$  for non-negative integer solution.

The main aim of this paper is to study the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ , where  $x, y, z$  are non-negative integers, for non-negative integer solution.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

**PROPOSITION 2.1** Catalan's Conjecture [17]: The Diophantine equation  $a^x - b^y = 1$ , where  $a, b, x$  and  $y$  are integers such that  $\min\{a, b, x, y\} > 1$ , has a unique solution  $(a, b, x, y) = (3, 2, 2, 3)$ .

**LEMMA 2.2** The Diophantine equation  $143^x + 1 = z^2$ , where  $x, z$  are non-negative integers, has a unique solution  $(x, z) = (1, 12)$ .

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*PROOF:* Suppose that  $x, z$  are non-negative integers such that  $143^x + 1 = z^2$ . If  $x = 0$ , then  $z^2 = 2$  which is impossible. Then  $x \geq 1$ . Now  $z^2 = 143^x + 1 \geq 143^1 + 1 = 144$ . Thus  $z \geq 12$ . Now, we consider the equation  $z^2 - 143^x = 1$ . By Proposition 2.1, we have  $x = 1$ . It follows that  $z^2 = 144$ . Hence,  $z = 12$ .

**LEMMA 2.3** The Diophantine equation  $85^y + 1 = z^2$ , where  $y, z$  are non-negative integers, has no non-negative integer solution.

*PROOF:* Suppose that  $y, z$  are non-negative integers such that  $85^y + 1 = z^2$ . If  $y = 0$ , then  $z^2 = 2$  which is impossible. Then  $y \geq 1$ . Now  $z^2 = 85^y + 1 \geq 85^1 + 1 = 86$ . Thus  $z \geq 10$ . Now, we consider the equation  $z^2 - 85^y = 1$ . By Proposition 2.1, we have  $y = 1$ . It follows that  $z^2 = 86$ . This is a contradiction. Hence, the Diophantine equation  $85^y + 1 = z^2$ , where  $y, z$  are non-negative integers, has no non-negative integer solution.

### III. MAIN RESULTS

**THEOREM 3.1**  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ , where  $x, y, z$  are non-negative integers.

*PROOF:* Let  $x, y, z$  be non-negative integers such that  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ . By Lemma 2.3, we have  $x \geq 1$ . Note that  $z$  is even. Then  $z^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Since  $85^y \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , it follows that  $143^x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . We obtain that  $x$  is odd. Now, we will divide the number  $y$  into two cases.

CASE  $y = 0$ . By Lemma 2.2, we obtain that  $x = 1$  and  $z = 12$ .

CASE  $y \geq 1$ . Then  $85^y \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ . Note that  $143^x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$  or  $143^x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ . Then  $z^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$  or  $z^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ . In fact,  $z^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$  or  $z^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  or  $z^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ . This is a contradiction.

Hence,  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ , where  $x, y, z$  are non-negative integers.

**COROLLARY 3.2** The Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = w^4$ , where  $x, y, w$  are non-negative integers, has no non-negative integer solution.

*PROOF:* Let  $x, y, w$  be non-negative integers such that  $143^x + 85^y = w^4$ . Let  $z = w^2$ . Then the equation  $143^x + 85^y = w^4$  becomes  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ . By Theorem 3.1, we have  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$ . Then  $w^2 = z = 12$ . This is a contradiction. Hence, the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = w^4$ , where  $x, y, w$  are non-negative integers, has no non-negative integer solution.

**COROLLARY 3.3**  $(x, y, s) = (1, 0, 6)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = 4s^2$ , where  $x, y, s$  are non-negative integers.

*PROOF:* Let  $x, y, s$  be non-negative integers such that  $143^x + 85^y = 4s^2$ . Let  $z = 2s$ . Then the equation  $143^x + 85^y = 4s^2$  becomes  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ . By Theorem 3.1, we have  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$ . Then  $2s = z = 12$ . Thus  $s = 6$ . Hence,  $(x, y, s) = (1, 0, 6)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = 4s^2$ , where  $x, y, s$  are non-negative integers.

**COROLLARY 3.4**  $(x, y, u) = (1, 0, 4)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = 9u^2$ , where  $x, y, u$  are non-negative integers.

*PROOF:* Let  $x, y, u$  be non-negative integers such that  $143^x + 85^y = 9u^2$ . Let  $z = 3u$ . Then the equation  $143^x + 85^y = 9u^2$  becomes  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ . By Theorem 3.1, we have  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$ . Then  $3u = z = 12$ . Thus  $u = 4$ . Hence,  $(x, y, u) = (1, 0, 4)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = 9u^2$ , where  $x, y, u$  are non-negative integers.

**COROLLARY 3.5** The Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = 4v^4$ , where  $x, y, v$  are non-negative integers, has no non-negative integer solution.

*PROOF:* Let  $x, y, v$  be non-negative integers such that  $143^x + 85^y = 4v^4$ . Let  $z = 2v^2$ . Then the equation  $143^x + 85^y = 4v^4$  becomes  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ . By Theorem 3.1, we have  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$ . Then  $2v^2 = z = 12$ . Thus  $v^2 = 6$ . This is a contradiction. Hence, the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = 4v^4$ , where  $x, y, v$  are non-negative integers, has no non-negative integer solution.

**COROLLARY 3.6**  $(x, y, t) = (1, 0, 2)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = 9t^4$ , where  $x, y, t$  are non-negative integers.

*PROOF:* Let  $x, y, t$  be non-negative integers such that  $143^x + 85^y = 9t^4$ . Let  $z = 3t^2$ . Then the equation  $143^x + 85^y = 9t^4$  becomes  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ . By Theorem 3.1, we have  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$ . Then  $3t^2 = z = 12$ . Thus  $t = 2$ . Hence,  $(x, y, t) = (1, 0, 2)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = 9t^4$ , where  $x, y, t$  are non-negative integers.

### IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, authors successfully studied the Diophantine equation  $143^x + 85^y = z^2$ , where  $x, y, z$  are non-negative integers, and proved that  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 12)$  is the unique non-negative integer solution of this Diophantine equation with

the help of Catalan's Conjecture. The scheme discussed in this paper can be apply in future to solve other Diophantine equations.

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