

Equal Sums of Four Even Powers

Abstract

Let u, v, w, z, k, m and I be any integers such that $k = z - w = w - v = v - u$. The study of integer I for which $I = u^{2n} + v^{2n} + w^{2n} + z^{2n} = k^2 + m^2 + r^2$ is not known. This study is therefore, set to partially overcome this challenge by introducing new formula relating sums of four even powers as an exact sum of three squares.

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1 Introduction

The study of integer decomposition into sums of powers is an area that has received much attention since the advent of cryptography . Perhaps, this is because of the fact that integer factorization has direct application in cryptography. Most researchers who attempted the representations of integers as a sum of powers has met their effort with very minimal success. For recent work on polynomial equations on sums of powers see [1,3,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15] and for detailed recap on integer sums of two square studies the reader may refer to [2,4,6,14,16]. In most of this studies, the literature on integer representation as a sum of four powers is still hardly available. Moreover, documented results on the relationship between sums of four powers and and sums of three squares is not known. This study is therefore, set to introduce and develop the formula $I = u^{2n} + v^{2n} + w^{2n} + z^{2n} = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ which has also has geometrical application in field of Geometry.

2 Main Results

Theorem 2.1. $I = u^2 + v^2 + w^2 + z^2 = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ has solution in integers if $v = u + k, w = u + 2k, z = u + 3k$.

Proof. Suppose $v = u + k, w = u + 2k, z = u + 3k$. Then, $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 + z^2 = u^2 + (u + k)^2 + (u + 2k)^2 + (u + 3k)^2 = u^2 + u^2 + 2uk + k^2 + u^2 + 4uk + 4k^2 + u^2 + 6uk + 9k^2 = 4u^2 + 12uk + 14k^2 = k^2 + 4u^2 + 12uk + 9k^2 + 4k^2 = k^2 + (2u + 3k)^2 + (2k)^2 \dots (**)$. Letting $m = 2u + 3k$ and $n = 2k$ we obtain $I = u^2 + v^2 + w^2 + z^2 = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ completing the proof. This clearly shows that sums of four squares can be suppressed as a sum of three squares. \square

Application of theorem 2.1.

Suppose a farmer has four square plots and will wish to share them among his three children so that each child can get a squares plot . How does the farmer go about it?. The answer to this question easily follows from theorem 2.1. This theorem can also be extended to other real life application.

Theorem 2.2. $I = u^4 + v^4 + w^4 + z^4 = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ has solution in integers if $v^2 = u^2 + k, w^2 = u^2 + 2k, z^2 = u^2 + 3k$.

Proof. Suppose $v^2 = u^2 + k, w^2 = u^2 + 2k, z^2 = u^2 + 3k$. Then, $u^4 + v^4 + w^4 + z^4 = u^4 + (u^2 + k)^2 + (u^2 + 2k)^2 + (u^2 + 3k)^2 = 4u^4 + 14k^2 + 12ku^2 = k^2 + (2u^2 + 3k)^2 + 4k^2$. Put $m = 2u^2 + 3k$ and $n = 2k$ we have $I = u^4 + v^4 + w^4 + z^4 = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ concluding the proof. \square

The result on theorem 2.2 shows that sums of four fourth powers can be suppressed as a sum of three squares.

Theorem 2.3. $I = u^6 + v^6 + w^6 + z^6 = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ has solution in integers if $v^2 = u^2 + k, w^2 = u^2 + 2k, z^2 = u^2 + 3k$.

Proof. Suppose $v^2 = u^2 + k, w^2 = u^2 + 2k, z^2 = u^2 + 3k$. Then, $u^6 + v^6 + w^6 + z^6 = u^6 + (u^2 + k)^3 + (u^2 + 2k)^3 + (u^2 + 3k)^3 = 4u^6 + 12ku^3 + 14k^2 = k^2 + (2u^3 + 3k)^2 + 4k^2$. Put $m = (2u^3 + 3k)$ and $n = 2k$ so that $I = u^6 + v^6 + w^6 + z^6 = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ concluding the proof. \square

The result on theorem 2.3 shows that sums of four sixth powers powers can be suppressed as a sum of three squares.

Theorem 2.4. $I = u^8 + v^8 + w^8 + z^8 = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ has solution in integers if $v^2 = (u^4 + k)^2, w^2 = (u^4 + 2k)^2, z^2 = (u^4 + 3k)^2$.

Proof. Suppose $v^2 = u^4 + k, w^2 = u^4 + 2k, z^2 = u^4 + 3k$. Then, $u^8 + v^8 + w^8 + z^8 = u^8 + (u^4 + k)^2 + (u^4 + 2k)^2 + (u^4 + 3k)^2 = 4u^8 + 12ku^4 + 14k^2 = k^2 + (2u^4 + 3k)^2 + 4k^2$. Put $m = (2u^4 + 3k)$ and $n = 2k$ so that $I = u^8 + v^8 + w^8 + z^8 = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ establishing the proof. \square

The result on theorem 2.4 shows that sums of four eighth powers can be suppressed as a sum of three squares.

Theorem 2.5. $I = u^{2n} + v^{2n} + w^{2n} + z^{2m} = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ has solution in integers if $v^2 = u^n + k, w^2 = u^n + 2k, z^2 = u^n + 3k$.

Proof. Suppose $v^2 = u^n + k, w^2 = u^n + 2k, z^2 = u^n + 3k$. Then, $u^{2n} + v^{2n} + w^{2n} + z^{2n} = u^{2n} + (u^n + k)^2 + (u^n + 2k)^2 + (u^n + 3k)^2 = 4u^{2n} + 14k^2 + 12ku^n = k^2 + (2u^n + 3k)^2 + 4k^2$. Put $m = (2u^n + 3k)$ and $n = 2k$ so that $I = u^{2n} + v^{2n} + w^{2n} + z^{2m} = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ establishing the proof. □

The result on theorem 2.3 shows that sums of four even powers powers can be suppressed as a sum of three squares.

2.1 Some Examples

table 1: In this subsection, we provide some examples to argument our results in Theorem 2.1.

u^2	v^2	w^2	z^2	$u^2 + v^2 + w^2 + z^2 = I = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$	k^2	m^2	n^2
1	4	9	16	30	1	25	4
4	9	16	25	54	1	49	4
1	9	25	49	84	4	64	16
4	25	64	121	214	9	169	36
9	49	121	225	404	16	324	64
25	100	225	400	750	25	625	100
4	64	196	400	664	36	484	144
16	121	324	625	1086	49	841	196
49	225	529	961	1764	64	1444	256

table 2 : In this subsection, we provide some examples to argument our results in Theorem 2.2.

u^4	v^4	w^4	z^4	$u^4 + v^4 + w^4 + z^4 = I = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$	k^2	m^2	n^2
1	4	9	16	30	1	25	4
16	25	36	49	126	1	121	4
81	121	169	225	596	4	576	16
256	400	576	784	2018	16	1986	16
625	784	961	1156	3526	9	3481	36
16	49	100	169	334	9	225	36
1	36	121	256	441	25	289	100
81	144	225	324	774	9	729	36
256	324	400	484	1464	4	1444	16

table 3 : In this subsection, we provide some examples to argument our results in Theorem 2.3.

u^6	v^6	w^6	z^6	$u^6 + v^6 + w^6 + z^6 = I = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$	k^2	m^2	n^2
5^6	8^6	7^6	8^6	442074	1	442069	4
6^6	7^6	8^6	9^6	957890	1	957885	4
9^6	11^6	13^6	15^6	18520436	4	18520416	16
14^6	17^6	20^6	23^6	243702994	9	243702949	36
19^6	23^6	27^6	31^6	1470005940	16	1470005860	64
25^6	30^6	35^6	40^6	6907406250	36	6907406070	144
26^6	32^6	38^6	44^6	$1.1649... \cdot 10^{10}$	36	$1.1649... \cdot 10^{10}$	144
32^6	39^6	46^6	53^6	$3.6231... \cdot 10^{10}$	49	$3.6231... \cdot 10^{10}$	196
39^6	47^6	55^6	63^6	$1.0450... \cdot 10^{11}$	64	$1.0450... \cdot 10^{11}$	256

table 4 : In this subsection, we provide some examples to argument our results in Theorem 2.4.

u^8	v^8	w^8	z^8	$u^8 + v^8 + w^8 + z^8 = I = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$	k^2	m^2	n^2
5^8	6^8	7^8	8^8	24612258	1	2461253	4
8^8	9^8	10^8	11^8	374182813	1	374182813	4
17^8	19^8	21^8	23^8	$1.4009... \cdot 10^{11}$	4	$1.4009... \cdot 10^{11}$	16
32^8	36^8	40^8	44^8	$2.4522... \cdot 10^{13}$	16	$2.4522... \cdot 10^{13}$	16
37^8	40^8	43^8	46^8	$3.8293... \cdot 10^{13}$	9	$3.8293... \cdot 10^{13}$	36
16^8	19^8	22^8	25^8	$2.2874... \cdot 10^{11}$	9	$2.2874... \cdot 10^{11}$	36
21^8	26^8	31^8	36^8	$3.9206... \cdot 10^{12}$	25	$3.9206... \cdot 10^{12}$	100
21^8	24^8	27^8	30^8	$1.0864... \cdot 10^{12}$	9	$1.0864... \cdot 10^{12}$	36
24^8	26^8	28^8	30^8	$1.3525... \cdot 10^{12}$	4	$1.3525... \cdot 10^{12}$	16

Conjecture 1. $I = u^{2n} + v^{2n} + w^{2n} + z^{2m} = k^2 + m^2 + n^2$ is impossible if $k \neq z - w \neq w - v \neq v - u$ for some integer k .

3 Conclusion

This research, has contributed to problem of integer representation of sums of four powers as a sum of three squares. However, the problem of integer representation as a sum of powers is still a very long standing problem. We therefore, encourage other researchers to devote there attention in this field of research.

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