

Equation with sum of four sixth degree integers equal - -to another four sixth degree integers

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Abstract

There are numerical solutions available on Wolfram world of mathematics website (ref. # 4) for the equation $(p^6 + q^6 + r^6 + s^6) = 2(a^6 + b^6)$. In this paper the author has arrived at numerical solution by algebra. It is common knowledge that arriving at numerical solutions by algebra is difficult for degree four & above. Also on the internet the author has not come across any method for the above mentioned equation.

Consider the below equation:

$$(p^6 + q^6 + r^6 + s^6) = 2(a^6 + b^6) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

We have the Identity:

$$u^6 + v^6 = (x^6 - 3uvx^2(2x^2 - 3ab) - 2(uv)^3) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Where, $x = (u+v)$

In equation (1), we take, $(a+b) = (p+q) = n$ & $5ab = 3pq$

Hence we have:

$$(a^6 + a^6) = (n^6 - 3abn^2(2n^2 - 3ab) - 2(ab)^3) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$(p^6 + q^6) = (n^6 - 3pqn^2(2n^2 - 3pq) - 2(pq)^3) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Since, $3pq = 5ab$, eqn (4) becomes:

$$(p^6 + q^6) = (n^6 - 5abn^2(2x^2 - 5ab) - 2(pq)^3) \dots \dots (5)$$

From eqn (1) we have:

$$(r^6 + s^6) = 2(a^6 + b^6) - (p^6 + q^6) \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

Substituting in the (RHS) of (7) from eqn (3) & (5) we get after some algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} 27(r^6 + s^6) &= 27n^6 - 54abn^4 - 189a^2b^2 + 142a^3b^3 \dots \dots (8) \\ &= (3n^2 - 2ab)(9n^4 - 12abn^2 - 71a^2b^2) \dots \dots (9) \end{aligned}$$

We now take, $x = 3r^2$, $y = 3s^2$

Thus we have: $x^3 + y^3 = (3n^2 - 2ab)(9n^4 - 12abn^2 - 71a^2b^2)$

Hence we take,

$$(x + y) = (3n^2 - 2ab) \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

$$(x^2 + y^2) = (9n^4 - 12abn^2 - 46a^2b^2) \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

Solving for (x,y) in in eqn (10) & (11) we notice that in-order to have integer solution, the determinant “w” for [eqn (10) & (11)] is as below:

$$w^2 = (9n^4 - 12ab - 96a^2b^2) \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

$$\text{eqn (11) has numerical solution, } (a, b, n, w) = (9, 2, 11, 273)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x = \frac{1}{2}(3n^2 - 2ab + w)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}(3n^2 - 2ab - w)$$

Substituting for (a,b,n,w)=(9,2,11,273) in above we get: (x,y)=(300,27)

Since, $x = 3r^2, y = 3s^2$ we get: $(r, s) = (10, 3)$

& since, $3pq=5ab$ & $(a,b)=(9,2)$

We get $(pq)=30$,

And since, $(p + q) = n = 11$ we get, $(p, q) = (6, 5)$

$$\text{Hence } (a, b) = (9, 2) \quad \& \quad (p, q, r, s) = (6, 5, 10, 3)$$

Therefore: We have the below numerical solution:

$$(6^6 + 5^6 + 10^6 + 3^6) = 2(9^6 + 2^6)$$

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