

ON THE DIOPHANTINE EQUATION $\frac{1}{X} + \frac{3}{Y} + \frac{5}{Z} = \frac{3}{4}$

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we show that the Diophantine equation $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{3}{4}$ has finitely many integral solutions in the positive integers x, y and z .

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1950, Erdos & Straus. [1] conjectured that for all integers $n \geq 2$, the rational number $\frac{4}{n}$ can be expressed as sum three unit fractions. Thus the conjecture formally states that for every integer $n \geq 4$, there exists positive integers x, y and z such that $\frac{4}{n} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}$.

In 2011, Hari Kishan et. al. [2] discussed the Diophantine equations of second and higher degree of the form $3xy = n(x + y)$ and $3xyz = n(xy + yz + zx)$ etc.

In 2013 Rabago, J. F.T. & Tagle, R.P. [3] discussed the area and volume of a certain regular solid and the Diophantine equation $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}$. Also in 2013, Sander, J. [4] discussed the Diophantine equation $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}$ has finite number of positive integer solutions.

Recently in 2018, Bai T. [5] find the solutions of the Diophantine equation $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{w} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}$ and generalizations of it. In 2019, Pakapongpun. [6] examined the

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Integral Solutions of the Diophantine Equation $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y} + \frac{3}{z}$ for positive integer x, y and z respectively.

In this paper, we show that integrals solutions of the Diophantine equation $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{3}{4}$.

2. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

In the Diophantine equation $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{3}{4}$, we have $x \geq 2, y \geq 5$ and $z \geq 7$, We are consider Three cases.

Case 1. If $x \leq y \leq z$ or $x \leq z \leq y$, then $\frac{1}{x} < \frac{3}{4}$. This implies that $x \geq 2$. Also $\frac{9}{x} \geq \frac{3}{4}$. We get $x \leq 12$. Thus $x = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12$. We find the following cases:

$$(2.1) \quad x = 2 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(2.2) \quad x = 3 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$(2.3) \quad x = 4 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(2.4) \quad x = 5 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{11}{20}$$

$$(2.5) \quad x = 6 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$(2.6) \quad x = 7 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{17}{28}$$

$$(2.7) \quad x = 8 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$(2.8) \quad x = 9 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{23}{36}$$

$$(2.9) \quad x = 10 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{13}{20}$$

$$(2.10) \quad x = 11 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{29}{44}$$

$$(2.11) \quad x = 12 \implies \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{2}{3}$$

In equations (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and (2.7) we apply following the relations:

$$(2.12) \quad (y - 12)(z - 20) = 240$$

$$(2.13) \quad (5y - 36)(z - 12) = 432$$

$$(2.14) \quad (y - 6)(z - 10) = 60$$

$$(2.15) \quad (5y - 24)(z - 8) = 192.$$

From equation (2.12) the possible cases are:

$$(y - 12) = 1, (z - 20) = 240; (y - 12) = 2, (z - 20) = 120$$

$$(y - 12) = 3, (z - 20) = 80; (y - 12) = 4, (z - 20) = 60$$

$$(y - 12) = 5, (z - 20) = 48; (y - 12) = 6, (z - 20) = 40$$

$$(y - 12) = 8, (z - 20) = 30; (y - 12) = 10, (z - 20) = 24$$

$$(y - 12) = 12, (z - 20) = 20; (y - 12) = 240, (z - 20) = 1$$

$$(y - 12) = 120, (z - 20) = 2; (y - 12) = 80, (z - 20) = 3$$

$$(y - 12) = 60, (z - 20) = 4; (y - 12) = 48, (z - 20) = 5$$

$$(y - 12) = 40, (z - 20) = 6; (y - 12) = 30, (z - 20) = 8$$

$$(y - 12) = 24, (z - 20) = 10; (y - 12) = 20, (z - 20) = 12.$$

thus we get the following solutions:

$$(x, y, z) = (2, 13, 260), (2, 14, 140), (2, 15, 100), (2, 16, 80), (2, 17, 68), (2, 18, 60),$$

$$(2, 20, 50), (2, 22, 44), (2, 24, 40), (2, 252, 21), (2, 132, 22), (2, 92, 23),$$

$$(2, 72, 24), (2, 60, 25), (2, 52, 26), (2, 42, 28), (2, 36, 30), (2, 32, 32).$$

In the Same manner, in (2.13), we get $(x, y, z) = (3, 8, 120), (3, 9, 60), (3, 36, 15), (3, 18, 20)$; in (2.14) we get $(x, y, z) = (4, 7, 70), (4, 8, 40), (4, 9, 40), (4, 10, 25), (4, 11, 22), (4, 12, 20), (4, 16, 16), (4, 18, 15), (4, 66, 11), (4, 36, 12), (4, 26, 13), (4, 21, 12)$; and in (2.15) we get $(x, y, z) = (8, 5, 200), (8, 6, 40), (8, 24, 10), (8, 8, 20)$.

Further, if $x = 5$, then

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{11}{20}.$$

If $y \leq z$, then $\frac{11}{20} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{y}$, that is, $5 \leq y \leq 14$, only $y = 6, 10$ gives positive integer of z . Hence $(x, y, z) = (5, 6, 100), (5, 10, 20)$.

If $z \leq y$, then $\frac{11}{20} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{z}$ that is, $5 \leq z \leq 14$, only $z = 10$ give positive integer of y . Hence $(x, y, z) = (5, 60, 10)$.

If $x = 6$, then

$$(2.17) \quad \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{7}{12}.$$

If $y \leq z$, then $\frac{7}{12} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{y}$, that is, $6 \leq y \leq 13$, only $y = 6, 8, 9, 12$ gives positive integer of z . Hence $(x, y, z) = (6, 6, 60), (6, 8, 24), (6, 9, 20), (6, 12, 15)$.

If $z \leq y$, then $\frac{7}{12} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{z}$ that is, $6 \leq z \leq 13$, only $z = 9, 10, 12$ gives positive integer of y . Hence $(x, y, z) = (6, 108, 9), (6, 36, 10), (6, 18, 12)$.

If $x = 7$, then

$$(2.18) \quad \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{17}{28}.$$

If $y \leq z$, then $\frac{17}{28} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{y}$, that is, $7 \leq y \leq 13$, only $y = 7, 12$ give positive integer of z . Hence $(x, y, z) = (7, 7, 28), (7, 12, 14)$.

If $z \leq y$, then $\frac{17}{28} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{z}$, that is, $7 \leq z \leq 13$, only $z = 10$ give positive integer of y . Hence $(x, y, z) = (7, 28, 10)$.

If $x = 9$, then

$$(2.19) \quad \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{23}{36}.$$

If $y \leq z$, then $\frac{23}{36} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{y}$, that is, $9 \leq y \leq 12$, there is no positive integer of z . We do not solution of (2.19).

If $z \leq y$, then $\frac{23}{36} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{z}$ that is, $9 \leq z \leq 12$, only $z = 9$ give positive integer of y . Hence $(x, y, z) = (9, 36, 9)$.

If $x = 10$, then

$$(2.20) \quad \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{13}{20}.$$

If $y \leq z$, then $\frac{13}{20} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{y}$, that is, $10 \leq y \leq 12$, there is no positive integer of z . We do not solution of (2.20).

If $z \leq y$, then $\frac{13}{20} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{z}$ that is, $10 \leq z \leq 12$, only $z = 10$ give positive integer of y . Hence $(x, y, z) = (10, 20, 10)$.

If $x = 11$, then

$$(2.21) \quad \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{29}{44}.$$

If $y \leq z$, then $\frac{29}{44} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{y}$, that is, $11 \leq y \leq 12$, there is no positive integer of z . We do not solution of (2.21).

If $z \leq y$, then $\frac{29}{44} = \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{8}{z}$, that is, $11 \leq z \leq 12$, there is no positive integer of y . We do not solution of (2.21).

Case 2. If $y \leq x \leq z$ or $y \leq z \leq x$, then $\frac{3}{y} < \frac{3}{4}$. This implies that $y \geq 5$. Also $\frac{9}{y} \geq \frac{3}{4}$. We get $y \leq 12$.

Thus $y = 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12$. We find the following cases:

$$(2.22) \quad y = 5 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{3}{20}$$

$$(2.23) \quad y = 6 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(2.24) \quad y = 7 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{9}{28}$$

$$(2.25) \quad y = 8 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$(2.26) \quad y = 9 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$(2.27) \quad y = 10 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{9}{20}$$

$$(2.28) \quad y = 11 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{21}{44}$$

$$(2.29) \quad y = 12 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

In equations (2.23), (2.26) and (2.29), we following the relations:

$$(2.30) \quad (x - 4)(z - 20) = 80$$

$$(2.31) \quad (5x - 12)(z - 12) = 96$$

$$(2.32) \quad (x - 2)(z - 10) = 20.$$

From equation (2.30) the possible cases are:

$$(x - 4) = 1, (z - 20) = 80; (x - 4) = 2, (z - 20) = 40$$

$$(x - 4) = 4, (z - 20) = 20; (x - 4) = 5, (z - 20) = 16$$

$$(x - 4) = 8, (z - 20) = 10; (x - 4) = 10, (z - 20) = 8$$

$$(x - 4) = 80, (z - 20) = ; (x - 4) = 40, (z - 20) = 2$$

$$(x - 4) = 20, (z - 20) = 4; (x - 4) = 16, (z - 20) = 5.$$

Thus we get the following solutions:

$$(2.33) \quad (x, y, z) = (5, 6, 100), (6, 6, 60), (8, 6, 40), (9, 6, 36), (12, 6, 30), (14, 6, 28),$$

$$(2.34) \quad (84, 6, 21), (44, 6, 22), (24, 6, 24), (20, 6, 25).$$

In the same manner, in (2.31) we get $(x, y, z) = (3, 9, 44), (4, 9, 24), (12, 9, 14)$.
In (2.32) we get $(x, y, z) = (3, 12, 30), (4, 12, 20), (6, 12, 15), (7, 12, 14), (12, 12, 12), (22, 12, 11)$.

If $y = 5$, then

$$(2.35) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{3}{20}.$$

If $x \leq z$, then $\frac{3}{20} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{x}$, that is, $5 \leq x \leq 40$, only $x = 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 40$ gives positive integer of z . Hence $(x, y, z) = (7, 5, 700), (8, 5, 200), (10, 5, 100), (12, 5, 75), (15, 5, 60), (20, 5, 50), (40, 5, 40)$.

If $z \leq x$, then $\frac{3}{20} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{z}$, that is, $5 \leq z \leq 40$, only $z = 34, 35, 36, 40$ gives positive integer of x . Hence $(x, y, z) = (340, 5, 34), (140, 5, 35), (90, 5, 36), (40, 5, 40)$.

If $y = 7$, then

$$(2.36) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{9}{28}.$$

If $x \leq z$, then $\frac{9}{28} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{x}$, that is, $7 \leq x \leq 18$, only $x = 7, 12, 14$ gives positive integer of z . Hence $(x, y, z) = (7, 7, 28), (12, 7, 21), (14, 7, 20)$.

If $z \leq x$, then $\frac{9}{28} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{z}$, that is, $7 \leq z \leq 18$, only $z = 16$ give positive integer of x . Hence $(x, y, z) = (112, 7, 16)$.

If $y = 8$, then

$$(2.37) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{3}{8}.$$

If $x \leq z$, then $\frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{x}$, that is, $8 \leq x \leq 16$, only $x = 8, 16$ gives positive integer of z . Hence $(x, y, z) = (8, 8, 16), (16, 8, 16)$.

If $z \leq x$, then $\frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{z}$, that is, $8 \leq z \leq 16$, only $z = 14, 15, 16$ gives positive integer of x . Hence $(x, y, z) = (56, 8, 14), (24, 8, 15), (16, 8, 16)$.

If $y = 10$, then

$$(2.38) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{9}{20}.$$

If $x \leq z$, then $\frac{9}{20} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{x}$, that is, $10 \leq x \leq 13$, there is no positive integer of z . We do not solution of (2.36).

If $z \leq x$, then $\frac{9}{20} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{z}$, that is, $10 \leq z \leq 13$, only $z = 12$ give positive integer of x . Hence $(x, y, z) = (30, 10, 12)$.

If $y = 11$, then

$$(2.39) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{21}{44}.$$

If $x \leq z$, then $\frac{21}{44} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{x}$, that is, $11 \leq x \leq 12$, there is no positive integer of z . We do not solution of (2.36).

If $z \leq x$, then $\frac{21}{44} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{z} \leq \frac{6}{z}$, that is, $11 \leq z \leq 12$, only $z = 11$ give positive integer of x . Hence $(x, y, z) = (44, 11, 11)$.

Case 3. If $z \leq x \leq z$ or $z \leq y \leq x$, then $\frac{5}{z} < \frac{3}{4}$. This implies that $z \geq 7$. Also $\frac{9}{z} \geq \frac{3}{4}$. We get $z \leq 12$.

Thus $z = 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12$. We find the following cases:

$$(2.40) \quad z = 7 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = \frac{1}{28}$$

$$(2.41) \quad z = 8 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$(2.42) \quad z = 9 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = \frac{7}{36}$$

$$(2.43) \quad z = 10 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(2.44) \quad z = 11 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = \frac{13}{44}$$

$$(2.45) \quad z = 12 \implies \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

In equations (2.38), (2.39), (2.41) and (2.43), we following the relations:

$$(2.46) \quad (x - 28)(y - 84) = 2352$$

$$(2.47) \quad (x - 8)(y - 24) = 192$$

$$(2.48) \quad (x - 4)(y - 12) = 48$$

$$(2.49) \quad (x - 3)(y - 9) = 27.$$

From equation (2.44) the possible cases are:

$$(x - 28) = 1, (y - 84) = 2352; (x - 28) = 2, (y - 84) = 1176$$

$$(x - 28) = 3, (y - 84) = 784; (x - 28) = 4, (y - 84) = 588$$

$$(x - 28) = 6, (y - 84) = 392; (x - 28) = 7, (y - 84) = 336$$

$$(x - 28) = 12, (y - 84) = 196; (x - 28) = 2352, (y - 84) = 1$$

$$(x - 28) = 1176, (y - 84) = 2; (x - 28) = 784, (y - 84) = 3$$

$$(x - 28) = 588, (y - 84) = 4; (x - 28) = 392, (y - 84) = 6$$

$$(x - 28) = 336, (y - 84) = 7; (x - 28) = 196, (y - 84) = 12.$$

Thus we get the following solutions: $(x, y, z) = (29, 2436, 7), (30, 1260, 7), (31, 868, 7), (32, 672, 7), (34, 476, 7), (35, 420, 7), (40, 280, 7), (2380, 85, 7), (1204, 86, 7), (812, 87, 7), (616, 88, 7), (420, 90, 7), (364, 91, 7), (224, 96, 7).$

In the same manner, in (2.45), we get $(x, y, z) = (9, 216, 8), (10, 120, 8), (11, 88, 8), (12, 72, 8), (14, 56, 8), (16, 48, 8), (20, 40, 8), (200, 25, 8), (104, 26, 8), (72, 27, 8), (56, 28, 8), (40, 30, 8), (32, 32, 8), (24, 36, 8).$ In (2.46), we get $(x, y, z) = (5, 60, 10), (6, 36, 10), (7, 28, 10), (8, 24, 10), (10, 20, 10), (12, 18, 10), (16, 16, 10), (52, 13, 10), (28, 14, 10), (20, 15, 10).$ In (2.47), we get $(x, y, z) = (4, 36, 12), (6, 18, 12), (30, 10, 12).$

If $z = 9$, then

$$(2.50) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = \frac{7}{36}.$$

If $x \leq y$, then $\frac{7}{36} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} \leq \frac{4}{x}$, that is, $9 \leq x \leq 20$, only $x = 9, 12$ gives positive integer of y . Hence $(x, y, z) = (9, 36, 9), (12, 27, 9).$

If $y \leq x$, then $\frac{7}{36} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} \leq \frac{4}{y}$, that is, $9 \leq y \leq 20$, only $y = 16, 18$ gives positive integer of x . Hence $(x, y, z) = (144, 16, 9), (36, 18, 9).$

If $z = 11$, then

$$(2.51) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = \frac{13}{44}.$$

If $x \leq y$, then $\frac{13}{44} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} \leq \frac{4}{x}$, that is, $11 \leq x \leq 13$, there is no positive integer of y . We do not solution of (2.49).

If $y \leq x$, then $\frac{13}{44} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} \leq \frac{4}{y}$, that is, $11 \leq y \leq 13$, only $y = 11, 12$ gives positive integer of x . Hence $(x, y, z) = (44, 11, 11), (22, 21, 11)$.

3. CONCLUSION

In this research, has been discussed the Diophantine equations $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = \frac{3}{4}$ for each positive integers x, y and z respectively, We Show that has only finite number of solutions in the above process.

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