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## SMALL PRIME SOLUTIONS OF A NONLINEAR EQUATION

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#### Abstract

Let $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{4}$ be non-zero integers and $n$ any integer. Suppose that $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{4}$ and $n$ satisfy some related conditions. In this paper we prove that (i) if $a_{j}$ are not all of the same sign, then the equation $a_{1} p_{1}+a_{2} p_{2}^{2}+a_{3} p_{3}^{2}+$ $a_{4} p_{4}^{2}=n$ has prime solutions satisfying $\max \left\{p_{1}, p_{2}^{2}, p_{3}^{2}, p_{4}^{2}\right\} \ll|n|+\max \left\{\left|a_{j}\right|\right\}^{14+\varepsilon}$; (ii) if all $a_{j}$ are positive and $n \gg \max \left\{\left|a_{j}\right|\right\}^{15+\varepsilon}$, then the equation $a_{1} p_{1}+$ $a_{2} p_{2}^{2}+a_{3} p_{3}^{2}+a_{4} p_{4}^{2}=n$ is soluble in primes $p_{j}$.


## 1. Introduction

Let $n$ be an integer, and let $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{4}$ be non-zero integers. We consider here the nonlinear equation in the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
a_{1} p_{1}+a_{2} p_{2}^{2}+a_{3} p_{3}^{2}+a_{4} p_{4}^{2}=n \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p_{j}$ are prime variables. We shall assume the condition of the congruent solubility for (1.1), that is

$$
\begin{equation*}
N(q) \geq 1 \quad \text { for all } q \geq 1 \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
N(q):=\operatorname{card}\left\{\left(n_{1}, \cdots, n_{4}\right):\right. & 1 \leq n_{j} \leq q,\left(n_{j}, q\right)=1 \\
& a_{1} n_{1}+a_{2} n_{2}^{2}+a_{3} n_{3}^{2}+a_{4} n_{4}^{2} \equiv n(\bmod q\}
\end{aligned}
$$

We also suppose that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(a_{i}, a_{j}\right)=1, \quad 1 \leq i<j \leq 4 \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and write $A=\max \left\{2,\left|a_{1}\right|, \cdots,\left|a_{4}\right|\right\}$. The main results in this paper are the following two parallel theorems.

Theorem 1.1. Suppose (1.2) and (1.3). If $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{4}$ are not all of the same sign, then (1.1) has solutions in primes $p_{j}$ satisfying

$$
\max \left\{p_{1}, p_{2}^{2}, p_{3}^{2}, p_{4}^{2}\right\} \ll|n|+A^{14+\varepsilon}
$$

where the implied constant depends only on $\varepsilon$.
Theorem 1.2. Suppose (1.2) and (1.3). If $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{4}$ are all positive, then (1.1) is soluble whenever

$$
\begin{equation*}
n \gg A^{15+\varepsilon} \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the implied constant depends only on $\varepsilon$.

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