

General integer solution of the equation

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + \cdots + a_nx_n = c$$

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ABSTRACT. It is well known that the equation $ax + by = c$ where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ has general integer solution if g.c.d of a and b i.e $g.c.d(a, b)$ divides c . Here we extend the result for n variables i.e we have find the integral solution of the equation $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + \cdots + a_nx_n = c$, where $c, a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$.

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1.INTRODUCTION

By Bezout identity [1,2] we get the general integer solution of the equation $ax + by = c$ where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ if g.c.d(a, b) divides c . Similarly $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + \cdots + a_nx_n = c$, where $c, a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ has integer solution if $g.c.d(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$ divides c . It is the generalization of Bezout identity[1,2]. Here we first find the general integer solutions for $n=2,3,4,5,6,7$ etc. From these solution we try to find a general format for n variables. Then using induction we prove the required result.

2.PRELIMINARIES

When n increases from 2,3,... etc the solutions x_i where $1 \leq i \leq n$ have big structure compare to previous. To compact or reduce the sizes we introduce some notation which are given below. We write

- (1) $g.c.d(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) = g_n$ therefore $g.c.d(g_n, a_{n+1}) = g_{n+1}$. Also $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$ means g.c.d of $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$. e.g $(a_1, a_2) = g_2$; $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = g_3$ etc.
- (2) $L_n^m = l^m l^{m-1} \dots l^n (m \geq n)$; $l^i \in \mathbb{Z} \forall i$. e.g $L_2^5 = l^5 l^4 l^3 l^2$, $L_{r-2}^{n-3} = l^{n-3} l^{n-2} \dots l^{r-2}$, $L_m^m = l^m, l^{m+1} L_n^m = L_n^{m+1}$ etc.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We 1st find the solution for $n = 2,3,4,5,6,7$. Here $c, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$. And $g.c.d(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) | c$ or $g_n | c$. Now we find the solutions.

$$(1) a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 = c$$

The equation has integer solution if $g_2 | c$. Again by Bezout's lemma[1] if $g.c.d(a_1, a_2) = g_2 | c$ then there exist $x_1^0, x_2^0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a_1x_1^0 + a_2x_2^0 = g_2$.

Now $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 = c/g_2$ where $c = c'/g_2, c' \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 &= c'/g_2 \Rightarrow a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 = c'(a_1x_1^0 + a_2x_2^0) \Rightarrow a_1(x_1 - c'/x_1^0) \\
&= a_2(c'/x_2^0 - x_2) \\
\Rightarrow x_1 - c'/x_1^0 &= k_1a_2; c'/x_2^0 - x_2 = k_1a_1 \Rightarrow x_1 = c'/x_1^0 + k_1a_2; x_2 = c'/x_2^0 - k_1a_1 \\
\text{Hence} \\
\Rightarrow x_1 &= \frac{c}{g_2}x_1^0 + k_1a_2 \\
x_2 &= \frac{c}{g_2}x_2^0 - k_1a_1 \text{ where } k_1 \in Z \text{ is arbitrary and } a_1x_1^0 + a_2x_2^0 = g_2.
\end{aligned}$$

(2) $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 = c$

Clearly as above it has integer solution if $g_3|c$. Now $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 = c - a_3x_3$. So $g_2|c - a_3x_3$. Therefore $c - a_3x_3 = g_2l$ for some $l \in Z$. Now $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 = (a_1x_1^0 + a_2x_2^0)l \Rightarrow a_1(x_1 - lx_1^0) + a_2(x_2 - lx_2^0) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 = 0$ where $X_1 = x_1 - lx_1^0, X_2 = x_2 - lx_2^0$.

Now from (1.) as $g_2|0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
X_1 &= \frac{0}{g_2}x_1^0 + k_1a_2 = k_1a_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = lx_1^0 + k_1a_2, \\
X_2 &= \frac{0}{g_2}x_2^0 - k_1a_1 = -k_1a_1 \Rightarrow x_2 = lx_2^0 - k_1a_1
\end{aligned}$$

Again $g_2l + a_3x_3 = c$. As we want integer solution so $g.c.d(g_2, a_3) = g_3|c$. So again using (1) we have

$$l = \frac{c}{g_3}l^0 + k_2a_3, x_3 = \frac{c}{g_3}x_3^0 - k_2g_2$$

where $g_2l^0 + a_3x_3^0 = g_3$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= \left(\frac{c}{g_3}l^0 + k_2a_3\right)x_1^0 + k_1a_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_3}L_0^0 + k_2a_3\right)x_1^0 + k_1a_2 \\
x_2 &= \left(\frac{c}{g_3}l^0 + k_2a_3\right)x_2^0 - k_1a_1 = \left(\frac{c}{g_3}L_0^0 + k_2a_3\right)x_2^0 - k_1a_1 \\
x_3 &= \frac{c}{g_3}x_3^0 - k_2g_2
\end{aligned}$$

Where $k_i \in Z, 1 \leq i \leq 2$ arbitrary and

$$a_1x_1^0 + a_2x_2^0 = g_2$$

$$g_2l^0 + a_3x_3^0 = g_3 \Rightarrow a_1(x_1^0l^0) + a_2(x_2^0l^0) + a_3x_3^0 = g_3 \Rightarrow a_1(L_0^0x_1^0) + a_2(L_0^0x_2^0) + a_3x_3^0 = g_3$$

(3) $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + a_4x_4 = c$

Clearly $g_4|c$. Now $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 = c - a_4x_4$. So $g_3|c - a_4x_4$. Therefore $c - a_4x_4 = g_3l$ for some $l \in Z$. Now

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 = c - a_4x_4 = g_3l = \{a_1(L_0^0x_1^0) + a_2(L_0^0x_2^0) + a_3x_3^0\}l$$

$$a_1(x_1 - lL_0^0x_1^0) + a_2(x_2 - lL_0^0x_2^0) + a_3(x_3 - lx_3^0) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + a_3X_3 = 0$$

where $X_1 = x_1 - lL_0^0x_1^0$; $X_2 = x_2 - lL_0^0x_2^0$; $X_3 = x_3 - lx_3^0$

So by using (3) as $g_3|0$ we have

$$X_1 = k_2a_3x_1^0 + k_1a_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = (lL_0^0 + k_2a_3)x_1^0 + k_1a_2$$

$$X_2 = k_2a_3x_2^0 - k_1a_1 \Rightarrow x_2 = (lL_0^0 + k_2a_3)x_2^0 - k_1a_1$$

$$X_3 = k_2g_2 \Rightarrow x_3 = lx_3^0 - k_2g_2$$

Again $g_3l + a_4x_4 = c$. As we want integer solution so $g.c.d(g_3, a_4) = g_4|c$. So again using (1) we have $l = \frac{c}{g_4}l^1 + k_3a_4$; $x_4 = \frac{c}{g_4}x_4^0 - k_3g_3$ where $g_3l^1 + a_4x_4^0 = g_4$.

Therefore

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{c}{g_4}l^1L_0^0 + l^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_1^0 + k_1a_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_4}L_0^1 + L_0^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_1^0 + k_1a_2$$

$$x_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_4}l^1L_0^0 + l^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_2^0 - k_1a_1 = \left(\frac{c}{g_4}L_0^1 + L_0^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_2^0 - k_1a_1$$

$$x_3 = \left(\frac{c}{g_4}l^1 + k_3a_4\right)x_3^0 - k_2g_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_4}L_1^1 + k_3a_4\right)x_3^0 - k_2g_2$$

$$x_4 = \frac{c}{g_4}x_4^0 - k_3g_3$$

Where $k_i \in Z, 1 \leq i \leq 3$ arbitrary and

$$g_3l^1 + a_4x_4^0 = g_4$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1(L_0^1x_1^0) + a_2(L_0^1x_2^0) + a_3(L_1^1x_3^0) + a_4x_4^0 = g_4.$$

$$(4) \quad \mathbf{a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + a_4x_4 + a_5x_5 = c}$$

Using the same technique as above we get the general integer solution where

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{c}{g_4}L_0^2 + L_0^1k_4a_5 + L_0^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_1^0 + k_1a_2$$

$$x_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_4}L_0^2 + L_0^1k_4a_5 + L_0^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_2^0 - k_1a_1$$

$$x_3 = \left(\frac{c}{g_5}L_1^2 + \frac{c}{g_4}L_1^1 + k_3a_4\right)x_3^0 - k_2g_2$$

$$x_4 = \left(\frac{c}{g_5}L_2^2 + k_4a_5\right)x_4^0 - k_3g_3$$

$$x_5 = \frac{c}{g_5}x_5^0 - k_4g_4$$

Where $k_i \in Z, 1 \leq i \leq 4$ arbitrary and

$$g_4l^2 + a_5x_5^0 = g_5$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1(L_0^2x_1^0) + a_2(L_0^2x_2^0) + a_3(L_2^2x_3^0) + a_4(L_2^2x_4^0) + a_5x_5^0 = g_5.$$

$$(6) \mathbf{a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + a_4x_4 + a_5x_5 = c}$$

Using the same technique as above we get the general integer solution where

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{c}{g_6} L_0^3 + L_0^2 k_5 a_6 + L_0^1 k_4 a_5 + L_0^0 k_3 a_4 + k_2 a_3 \right) x_1^0 + k_1 a_2$$

$$x_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_6} L_0^3 + L_0^2 k_5 a_6 + L_0^1 k_4 a_5 + L_0^0 k_3 a_4 + k_2 a_3 \right) x_2^0 - k_1 a_1$$

$$x_3 = \left(\frac{c}{g_6} L_1^3 + L_1^2 k_5 a_6 + L_1^1 k_4 a_5 + k_3 a_4 \right) x_3^0 - k_2 g_2$$

$$x_4 = \left(\frac{c}{g_6} L_2^3 + L_2^2 k_5 a_6 + k_4 a_5 \right) x_4^0 - k_3 g_3$$

$$x_5 = \left(\frac{c}{g_6} L_3^3 + k_5 a_6 \right) x_5^0 - k_4 g_4$$

$$x_6 = \frac{c}{g_6} x_6^0 - k_5 a_5$$

Where $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $1 \leq i \leq 5$ arbitrary and

$$g_5 l^3 + a_6 x_6^0 = g_6$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1(L_0^3x_1^0) + a_2(L_0^3x_2^0) + a_3(L_1^3x_3^0) + a_4(L_2^3x_4^0) + a_5(L_3^3x_5^0) + a_6x_6^0 = g_6$$

Using the pattern for the solutions $\{x_i | i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ for $n = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ let the solution for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

i.e. for $\mathbf{a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + a_4x_4 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1} + a_nx_n = c}$ be

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{c}{g_n} L_0^{n-3} + L_0^{n-4} k_{n-1} a_n + L_0^{n-5} k_{n-2} a_{n-1} + \dots + L_0^1 k_4 a_5 + L_0^0 k_3 a_4 + k_2 a_3 \right) x_1^0 + k_1 a_2$$

$$x_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_n} L_0^{n-3} + L_0^{n-4} k_{n-1} a_n + L_0^{n-5} k_{n-2} a_{n-1} + \dots + L_0^1 k_4 a_5 + L_0^0 k_3 a_4 + k_2 a_3 \right) x_2^0 - k_1 a_1$$

$$x_3 = \left(\frac{c}{g_n} L_1^{n-3} + L_1^{n-4} k_{n-1} a_n + L_1^{n-5} k_{n-2} a_{n-1} + \dots + L_1^2 k_5 a_6 + L_1^1 k_4 a_5 + k_3 a_4 \right) x_3^0 - k_2 g_2$$

$$x_4 = \left(\frac{c}{g_n} L_2^{n-3} + L_2^{n-4} k_{n-1} a_n + L_2^{n-5} k_{n-2} a_{n-1} + \dots + L_2^2 k_5 a_6 + k_4 a_5 \right) x_4^0 - k_3 g_3$$

$$x_5 = \left(\frac{c}{g_n} L_3^{n-3} + L_3^{n-4} k_{n-1} a_n + L_3^{n-5} k_{n-2} a_{n-1} + \cdots + L_3^3 k_6 a_7 + k_5 a_6 \right) x_5^0 - k_4 g_4$$

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$$x_r = \left(\frac{c}{g_n} L_{r-2}^{n-3} + L_{r-2}^{n-4} k_{n-1} a_n + L_{r-2}^{n-5} k_{n-2} a_{n-1} + \cdots + L_{r-2}^{r-2} k_{r+1} a_{r+2} + k_r a_{r+1} \right) x_r^0 - k_{r-1} g_{r-1}$$

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$$x_{n-2} = \left(\frac{c}{g_n} L_{n-4}^{n-3} + L_{n-4}^{n-4} k_{n-1} a_n + k_{n-2} a_{n-1} \right) x_{n-2}^0 - k_{n-3} g_{n-3}$$

$$x_{n-1} = \left(\frac{c}{g_n} L_{n-3}^{n-3} + k_{n-1} a_n \right) x_{n-1}^0 - k_{n-2} g_{n-2}$$

$$x_n = \frac{c}{g_n} x_n^0 - k_{n-1} g_{n-1}$$

Where $3 \leq r \leq n-1$; $k_i \in Z$, $1 \leq i \leq n-1$; arbitrary and

$$a_1 x_1^0 + a_2 x_2^0 = g_2.$$

$$g_i l^{i-2} + a_{i+1} x_{i+1}^0 = g_{i+1} (2 \leq i \leq n-1)$$

$$g_{n-1} l^{n-3} + a_n x_n^0 = g_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 (L_0^{n-3} x_1^0) + a_2 (L_0^{n-3} x_2^0) + a_3 (L_1^{n-3} x_3^0) + a_4 (L_2^{n-3} x_4^0) + \cdots + a_{n-2} (L_{n-4}^{n-3} x_{n-2}^0) + a_{n-1} (L_{n-3}^{n-3} x_{n-1}^0) + a_n x_n^0 = g_n$$

Now we prove the result by induction i.e for $(n+1)$ variables. We now find the integer solution of the equation

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3 + a_4 x_4 + \cdots + a_{n-1} x_{n-1} + a_n x_n + a_{n+1} x_{n+1} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3 + a_4 x_4 + \cdots + a_{n-1} x_{n-1} + a_n x_n = c - a_{n+1} x_{n+1}$$

As $g_n | c - a_{n+1} x_{n+1}$ so there exist $l \in Z$ such that $c - a_{n+1} x_{n+1} = g_n l \Rightarrow g_n l + a_{n+1} x_{n+1} = c$. Clearly $g.c.d(g_n, a_{n+1}) = g_{n+1} | c$. So $g_n l + a_{n+1} x_{n+1} = c$ has general integer solution

$$l = \frac{c}{g_{n+1}} l^{n-2} + k_n a_{n+1}; \quad x_{n+1} = \frac{c}{g_{n+1}} x_{n+1}^0 - k_n g_n$$

where $g_n l^{n-2} + a_{n+1} x_{n+1}^0 = g_{n+1}$ and $k_n \in Z$ is arbitrary.

Now $a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3 + a_4 x_4 + \cdots + a_{n-1} x_{n-1} + a_n x_n$

$$= (a_1 (L_0^{n-3} x_1^0) + a_2 (L_0^{n-3} x_2^0) + a_3 (L_1^{n-3} x_3^0) + a_4 (L_2^{n-3} x_4^0) + \cdots + a_{n-2} (L_{n-4}^{n-3} x_{n-2}^0) + a_{n-1} (L_{n-3}^{n-3} x_{n-1}^0) + a_n x_n^0) l$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1(x_1 - lL_0^{n-3}x_1^0) + a_2(x_2 - lL_0^{n-3}x_2^0) + a_3(x_3 - lL_1^{n-3}x_3^0) + \dots + a_r(x_1 - lL_{r-2}^{n-3}x_r^0) + \dots + a_{n-1}(x_{n-1} - lL_{n-3}^{n-3}x_2^0) + a_n(x_n - lx_n^0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + a_3X_3 + \dots + a_rX_r + \dots + a_{n-1}X_{n-1} + a_nX_n = 0$$

where $X_1 = x_1 - lL_0^{n-3}x_1^0 = x_1 - \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}l^{n-2} + k_na_{n+1}\right)L_0^{n-3}x_1^0 = x_1 - \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_0^{n-2} + L_0^{n-3}k_na_{n+1}\right)x_1^0$; $X_2 = x_2 - \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_0^{n-2} + k_na_{n+1}\right)x_2^0$; ...; $X_r = x_r - lL_{r-2}^{n-3}x_1^0 = x_r - \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_{r-2}^{n-2} + L_{r-2}^{n-3}k_na_{n+1}\right)x_r^0$, ..., $X_{n-1} = x_{n-1} - \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_{n-3}^{n-2} + L_{n-3}^{n-3}k_na_{n+1}\right)x_{n-1}^0$;

$X_n = x_n - lx_n^0 = x_n - \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_{n-2}^{n-2} + k_na_{n+1}\right)x_n^0$.

From the result for n variables as we assume as $g_n|0$, we have

$$X_1 = \left(\frac{0}{g_n}L_0^{n-3} + L_0^{n-4}k_{n-1}a_n + L_0^{n-5}k_{n-2}a_{n-1} + \dots + L_0^1k_4a_5 + L_0^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_1^0 + k_1a_2.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_0^{n-2} + L_0^{n-3}k_na_{n+1} + L_0^{n-4}k_{n-2}a_{n-1} + \dots + L_0^1k_4a_5 + L_0^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_1^0 + k_1a_2.$$

$$X_2 = \left(\frac{0}{g_n}L_0^{n-3} + L_0^{n-4}k_{n-1}a_n + L_1^{n-5}k_{n-2}a_{n-1} + \dots + L_0^1k_4a_5 + L_0^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_2^0 - k_1a_1.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_0^{n-2} + L_0^{n-3}k_na_{n+1} + L_0^{n-4}k_{n-2}a_{n-1} + \dots + L_0^1k_4a_5 + L_0^0k_3a_4 + k_2a_3\right)x_2^0 - k_1a_1.$$

$$X_3 = \left(\frac{0}{g_n}L_1^{n-3} + L_1^{n-4}k_{n-1}a_n + L_1^{n-5}k_{n-2}a_{n-1} + \dots + L_1^2k_5a_6 + L_1^1k_4a_5 + k_3a_4\right)x_3^0 - k_2g_2.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_3 = \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_1^{n-2} + L_1^{n-3}k_na_{n+1} + L_1^{n-4}k_{n-1}a_n + \dots + L_1^1k_4a_5 + k_3a_4\right)x_3^0 - k_2g_2.$$

$$X_4 = \left(\frac{0}{g_n}L_2^{n-3} + L_2^{n-4}k_{n-1}a_n + L_2^{n-5}k_{n-2}a_{n-1} + \dots + L_2^2k_5a_6 + k_4a_5\right)x_4^0 - k_3g_3.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_4 = \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}}L_2^{n-2} + L_2^{n-4}k_{n-1}a_n + L_2^{n-5}k_{n-2}a_{n-1} + \dots + L_2^2k_5a_6 + k_4a_5\right)x_4^0 - k_3g_3.$$

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$$X_r = \left(\frac{0}{g_n}L_{r-2}^{n-3} + L_{r-2}^{n-4}k_{n-1}a_n + L_{r-2}^{n-5}k_{n-2}a_{n-1} + \dots + L_{r-2}^{r-2}k_{r+1}a_{r+2} + k_ra_{r+1}\right)x_r^0 - k_{r-1}g_{r-1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_r = \left(\frac{c}{g_n}L_{r-2}^{n-2} + L_{r-2}^{n-3}k_na_{n+1} + L_{r-2}^{n-4}k_{n-1}a_n + \dots + L_{r-2}^{r-2}k_{r+1}a_{r+2} + k_ra_{r+1}\right)x_r^0 - k_{r-1}g_{r-1}.$$

$$X_{n-1} = \left(\frac{0}{g_n} L_{n-3}^{n-3} + k_{n-1} a_n \right) x_{n-1}^0 - k_{n-1} g_{n-1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n-1} = \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}} L_{n-3}^{n-2} + L_{n-3}^{n-3} k_n a_{n+1} \right) x_{n-1}^0 - k_{n-1} g_{n-1}.$$

$$X_n = \frac{0}{g_n} x_n^0 - k_n g_n.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_n = \left(\frac{c}{g_{n+1}} L_{n-2}^{n-2} + k_n a_{n+1} \right) x_n^0 - k_n g_n.$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{c}{g_{n+1}} x_{n+1}^0 - k_n g_n.$$

where $3 \leq r \leq n$; $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$; arbitrary and

$$a_1 x_1^0 + a_2 x_2^0 = g_2.$$

$$g_i l^{i-2} + a_{i+1} x_{i+1}^0 = g_{i+1} \quad (2 \leq i \leq n-1).$$

$$g_{n-1} l^{n-3} + a_n x_n^0 = g_n.$$

$$g_n l^{n-2} + a_{n+1} x_{n+1}^0 = g_{n+1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \{a_1(L_0^{n-3} x_1^0) + a_2(L_0^{n-3} x_2^0) + a_3(L_1^{n-3} x_3^0) + a_4(L_2^{n-3} x_4^0) + \dots + a_{n-2}(L_{n-4}^{n-3} x_{n-2}^0) + a_{n-1}(L_{n-3}^{n-3} x_{n-1}^0) + a_n x_n^0\} l^{n-2} + a_{n+1} x_{n+1}^0 = g_{n+1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1(L_0^{n-2} x_1^0) + a_2(L_0^{n-2} x_2^0) + a_3(L_1^{n-2} x_3^0) + a_4(L_2^{n-2} x_4^0) + \dots + a_{n-2}(L_{n-4}^{n-2} x_{n-2}^0) + a_{n-1}(L_{n-3}^{n-2} x_{n-1}^0) + a_n(L_{n-2}^{n-2} x_n^0) + a_{n+1} x_{n+1}^0 = g_{n+1}.$$

So the result is true for $n+1$ also. So by induction the result is true for all natural number.

Example: Find the general integral solutions of the following equation

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 5x_3 + 10x_4 + 12x_5 + 7x_6 + 9x_7 = 18$$

Solution. Here $a_1 = 2$, $a_2 = 4$, $a_3 = 5$, $a_4 = 10$, $a_5 = 12$, $a_6 = 7$, $a_7 = 9$, $c = 18$.

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 = g_2 \Rightarrow 2x_1 + 4x_2 = 2; g_2 = 2; x_1^0 = -1; x_2^0 = 1.$$

$$g_2 l + a_3 x_3 = g_3 \Rightarrow 2l + 5x_3 = 1; g_3 = 2; l^0 = -2; x_3^0 = 1.$$

$$g_3 l + a_4 x_4 = g_4 \Rightarrow l + 10x_4 = 1; g_4 = 1; l^1 = -9; x_4^0 = 1.$$

$$g_4 l + a_5 x_5 = g_5 \Rightarrow l + 12x_5 = 1; g_5 = 1; l^2 = -11; x_5^0 = 1.$$

$$g_5 l + a_6 x_6 = g_6 \Rightarrow l + 7x_6 = 1; g_6 = 1; l^3 = -6; x_6^0 = 1.$$

$$g_6 l + a_7 x_7 = g_7 \Rightarrow l + 9x_7 = 1; g_7 = 1; l^4 = -8; x_7^0 = 1.$$

Here $n = 7$; $n - 3 = 4$; $c = 18$. Therefore using the method of general solutions we have

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{c}{g_7} L_0^4 + L_0^3 k_6 a_7 + L_0^2 k_5 a_6 + L_0^1 k_4 a_5 + L_0^0 k_3 a_4 + k_2 a_3 \right) x_1^0 + k_1 a_2.$$

$$x_2 = \left(\frac{c}{g_7} L_0^4 + L_0^3 k_6 a_7 + L_0^2 k_5 a_6 + L_0^1 k_4 a_5 + L_0^0 k_3 a_4 + k_2 a_3 \right) x_2^0 - k_1 a_1.$$

$$x_3 = \left(\frac{c}{g_7} L_1^4 + L_1^3 k_6 a_7 + L_1^2 k_5 a_6 + L_1^1 k_4 a_5 + k_3 a_4 \right) x_3^0 - k_2 g_2.$$

$$x_4 = \left(\frac{c}{g_7} L_2^4 + L_2^3 k_6 a_7 + L_2^2 k_5 a_6 + k_4 a_5 \right) x_4^0 - k_3 g_3.$$

$$x_5 = \left(\frac{c}{g_7} L_3^4 + L_3^3 k_6 a_7 + k_5 a_6 \right) x_5^0 - k_4 g_4.$$

$$x_6 = \left(\frac{c}{g_7} L_4^4 + k_6 a_7 \right) x_6^0 - k_5 g_5.$$

$$x_7 = \frac{c}{g_7} x_7^0 - k_6 g_6.$$

After putting the values of a_i , L_j^i , g_i , x_i^0 for i we get

$$x_1 = 171072 - 10692k_6 + 2376k_5 - 216k_4 + 20k_3 - 5k_2 + 4k_1.$$

$$x_2 = -171072 + 10692k_6 - 2376k_5 + 216k_4 - 20k_3 + 5k_2 - 2k_1.$$

$$x_3 = 85536 - 5346k_6 + 693k_5 - 108k_4 + 10k_3 - 2k_2.$$

$$x_4 = -9504 + 594k_6 - 77k_5 + 12k_4 - k_3.$$

$$x_5 = 864 - 54k_6 + 7k_5 - k_4.$$

$$x_6 = -144 + 9k_6 - k_5.$$

$$x_7 = 18 - k_6.$$

Where k_1 , k_2 , k_3 , k_4 , k_5 , k_6 are arbitrary integers.

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