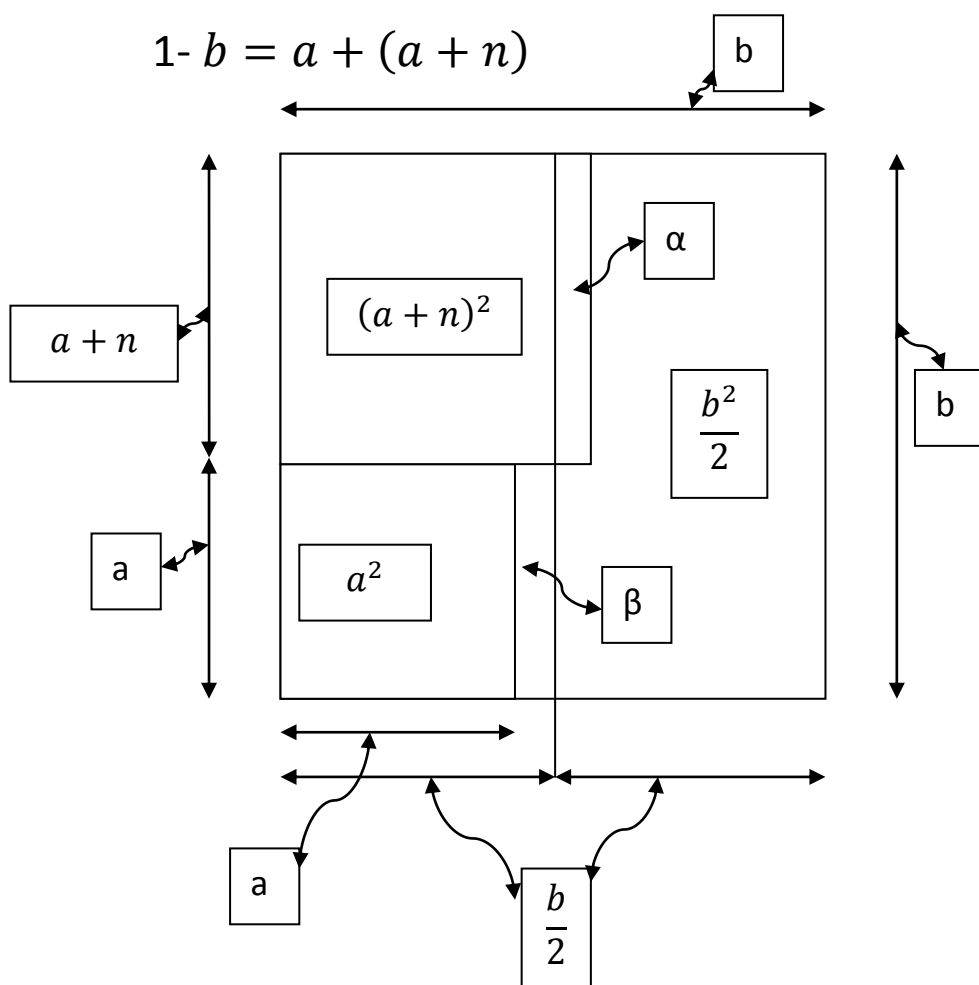


$$1- b = a + (a + n)$$



$$2- b^2 = a^2 + (a + n)^2 + \beta - \alpha + \frac{b^2}{2}$$

$$3- \beta = a \left(\frac{b}{2} - a \right)$$

$$4- \alpha = (a + n) \left(a + n - \frac{b}{2} \right)$$

$$5- b^2 = a^2 + (a + n)^2 + \frac{b^2}{2} - \left((a + n) \left(a + n - \frac{b}{2} \right) - a \left(\frac{b}{2} - a \right) \right)$$

6- We multiply each side by: b^{k-2}

$$7- b^k = a^2 b^{k-2} + (a + n)^2 b^{k-2} + \frac{b^k}{2} - b^{k-2} \left((a + n) \left(a + n - \frac{b}{2} \right) - a \left(\frac{b}{2} - a \right) \right)$$

8- From 7 we deduce: $b^k = x^k + y^k$

$$9- x^k = \frac{b^k}{2}$$

$$10- y^k = a^2 b^{k-2} + (a + n)^2 b^{k-2} - b^{k-2} \left((a + n) \left(a + n - \frac{b}{2} \right) - a \left(\frac{b}{2} - a \right) \right)$$

11- b is odd $\xrightarrow{\text{yields}}$ b^k is odd $\xrightarrow{\text{yields}}$ $\frac{b^k}{2}$ is not an integer

12- From 11 we deduce that x^k is not an integer and so is x

13- If $b = a + (a + n)$ and b is odd then $b^k = x^k + y^k$ does not have integer solutions.

14- If b is even then $n = 0$

15- From 14: $b^k = 2a^2 b^{k-2} + \frac{b^k}{2}$ and $a = \frac{b}{2}$

16- From 15: b^k can only be the sum of its halves.

