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Some results and a bit of analysis convince this author to frame the following conjecture that relates to the powers of integers. For any positive integer n , the n -th power of an arbitrary positive integer can be expressed in infinite number of ways as the sum or difference of $(n + 1)$ number of other n -th powers of positive integers. When n equals 1, the conjecture is obvious. We will produce the proof of the conjecture with formulae to establish the cases for n taking values 2, 3 and 4. The structure of these results would tempt us to discover other formulae relating to higher values of n greater than 4. Possibly, the complete proof of this conjecture would open up our vision to add a new dimension to the understanding of the Diophantine problems and the related fields, known and unknown. (Received February 05, 2008)