

Non-Homogeneous Bi-Quadratic Equation With Three Unknowns $x^2 + 3xy + y^2 = z^4$

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Abstract: We obtain infinitely many non-zero integer triples (x, y, z) satisfying the non-homogeneous bi-quadratic equation with three unknowns $x^2 + 3xy + y^2 = z^4$. Various interesting properties among the values of x, y, z are presented.

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I. Introduction

The theory of Diophantine equations offers a rich variety of fascinating problems. There is a great interest for mathematicians since antiquity in homogeneous and non-homogeneous bi-quadratic Diophantine equations [1-4]. In this context, one may refer [5-10] for varieties of problems on the bi-quadratic Diophantine equations with three variables. In [11-15], bi-quadratic equation with four unknowns are studied for their integral solutions. This communication concerns with yet another interesting ternary bi-quadratic equation given by $x^2 + 3xy + y^2 = z^4$ and is analysed for its non-zero distinct integer solutions. Also, a few interesting relations between the solutions are presented.

II. Method of analysis

The ternary bi-quadratic Diophantine equation to be solved for its non-zero distinct integral solutions is given by $x^2 + 3xy + y^2 = z^4$ (1)

Introducing the linear transformations

$$x = u + v, \quad y = u - v \quad (2)$$

in (1) leads to

$$5u^2 - v^2 = z^4 \quad (3)$$

We present below different methods of solving (3) and thus obtain different patterns of integral solutions to (1).

PATTERN: 1

One may write (3) as

$$5u^2 = v^2 + (z^2)^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Assume } u = u(a, b) = a^2 + b^2 \quad (5)$$

Write 5 as

$$5 = (2+i)(2-i) \quad (6)$$

Substituting (5) and (6) in (4) and employing the method of factorization, define

$$v + iz^2 = (2+i)(a+ib)^2$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we have

$$v = 2(a^2 - b^2) - 2ab \quad (7)$$

$$z^2 = a^2 - b^2 + 4ab \quad (8)$$

The solution to (8) is

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a &= 5p^2 + q^2 - 4pq \\ b &= 2pq \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

$$z = 5p^2 - q^2 \quad (10)$$

Substituting (9) in (5) and (7), we get

$$u = 25p^4 + q^4 + 30p^2q^2 - 8pq^3 - 40p^3q$$

$$v = 50p^4 + 2q^4 + 60p^2q^2 - 20pq^3 - 100p^3q$$

In view of (2), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 75p^4 + 3q^4 + 90p^2q^2 - 28pq^3 - 140p^3q \\ y &= -25p^4 - q^4 - 30p^2q^2 + 12pq^3 + 60p^3q \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (11)$$

Thus (10) and (11) represents non zero distinct integer solutions to (1).

Properties:

$$1. 3(t_{4,q})^2 - x(1,q) - 14SO_q + 90Pr_q + 75 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$2. x(1,q) + 3y(1,q) - 12OH_q \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$3. x(q,q) + 3y(q,q) - 48(t_{4,q}) = 0$$

PATTERN: 2

Rewrite (8) as

$$(a + 2b)^2 - 5b^2 = z^2$$

$$(a + 2b)^2 = 5b^2 + z^2$$

$$5b^2 + z^2 = (a + 2b)^2 * 1 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Assume } a + 2b = \alpha^2 + 5\beta^2 \quad (13)$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(2 + i\sqrt{5})(2 - i\sqrt{5})}{9} \quad (14)$$

Substituting (13) & (14) in (12) and employing the method of factorization, define

$$z + i\sqrt{5}b = \frac{1}{3}(2 + i\sqrt{5})(\alpha + i\sqrt{5}\beta)^2$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} z &= \frac{1}{3}(2\alpha^2 - 10\beta^2 - 10\alpha\beta) \\ b &= \frac{1}{3}(4\alpha\beta + \alpha^2 - 5\beta^2) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (15)$$

As our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing α by $3P$ and β by $3Q$ in (13) and (15), we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a &= 3P^2 + 75Q^2 - 24PQ \\ b &= 3P^2 - 15Q^2 + 12PQ \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (16)$$

$$z = 6P^2 - 30Q^2 - 30PQ \quad (17)$$

Substituting (16) in (5) and (7), we get

$$u = 18P^4 + 5850Q^4 + 1080P^2Q^2 - 3960PQ^3 - 72P^3Q$$

$$v = -18P^4 + 13050Q^4 + 2160P^2Q^2 - 9000PQ^3 - 360P^3Q$$

In view of (2), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 18900Q^4 + 3240P^2Q^2 - 12960PQ^3 - 432P^3Q \\ y &= 36P^4 - 7200Q^4 - 10800P^2Q^2 + 5040PQ^3 + 288P^3Q \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (18)$$

Thus (17) and (18) represents non zero distinct integer solutions to (1).

Properties:

1. $y(P,1) - 36(t_{4,P})^2 - 144SO_P + 1080Pr_P + 7200 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
2. $z(1,Q) + 30Pr_Q \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
3. $x(P,-P) - 9612(t_{4,P}) = 0$

PATTERN: 3

In addition to (14), one may write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(2 + i3\sqrt{5})(2 - i3\sqrt{5})}{49} \tag{19}$$

Substituting (13) & (19) in (12) and employing the method of factorization define

$$z + i\sqrt{5}b = \frac{1}{7}(2 + i3\sqrt{5})(\alpha + i\sqrt{5}\beta)^2$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} z &= \frac{1}{7}(2\alpha^2 - 10\beta^2 - 30\alpha\beta) \\ b &= \frac{1}{7}(4\alpha\beta + 3\alpha^2 - 15\beta^2) \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{20}$$

As our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing α by $7P$ and β by $7Q$ in (13) and (20), we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a &= 7P^2 + 455Q^2 - 56PQ \\ b &= 21P^2 - 105Q^2 + 28PQ \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{21}$$

$$z = 14P^2 - 70Q^2 - 210PQ \tag{22}$$

Substituting (21) in (5) and (7), we get

$$u = 490P^4 + 218050Q^4 + 5880P^2Q^2 - 56840PQ^3 + 392P^3Q$$

$$v = -1078P^4 + 487550Q^4 + 11760P^2Q^2 - 127400PQ^3 - 1960P^3Q$$

In view of (2), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= -588P^4 + 705600Q^4 + 17640P^2Q^2 - 184240PQ^3 - 1568P^3Q \\ y &= 1568P^4 - 269500Q^4 - 5880P^2Q^2 + 70560PQ^3 + 2352P^3Q \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{23}$$

Thus (22) and (23) represents non zero distinct integer solutions to (1).

Properties:

1. $z(P,1) - t_{30,P} + 70 \equiv 0 \pmod{197}$
2. $y(P,1) - 1568(t_{4,P})^2 - 1176OH_P + 5880Pr_P + 269500 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
3. $x(1,Q) - 705600(t_{4,Q})^2 + 92120SO_Q - 17640Pr_Q + 588 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

NOTE:

It is worth to note that in addition to (14), one may write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(1 + i4\sqrt{5})(1 - i4\sqrt{5})}{81} \tag{24}$$

Following the procedure as presented above, the corresponding non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -1701P^4 + 1998675Q^4 + 7290P^2Q^2 - 199260PQ^3 - 972P^3Q \\ y &= 4455P^4 - 763425Q^4 - 2430P^2Q^2 + 76140PQ^3 + 2268P^3Q \\ z &= 9P^2 - 45Q^2 - 360PQ \end{aligned}$$

Properties:

1. $z(P,1) - t_{20,P} + 45 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
2. $x(P,P) + y(P,P) - 1121040(t_{4,P})^2 = 0$

$$3. x(P,1) + 1701(t_{4,p})^2 + 486SO_p - 7290Pr_p - 1998675 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

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