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ON THE TERNARY QUADRATIC DIOPHANTINE EQUATION

$$(x^2 + y^2) - xy + x + y + 1 = 16z^2$$

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ABSTRACT

The ternary homogeneous quadratic equation given by $(x^2 + y^2) - xy + x + y + 1 = 16z^2$ representing a cone is analyzed for its non-zero distinct integer solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special polygonal and pyramided numbers are presented.

INTRODUCTION

The Diophantine equations offer an unlimited field for research due to their variety [1-3]. In particular, one may refer [4-24] for quadratic equations with three unknowns. This communication concerns with yet another interesting equation $(x^2 + y^2) - xy + x + y + 1 = 16z^2$ representing homogeneous quadratic equation with three unknowns for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral points. Also, a few interesting relations among the solutions are presented.

NOTATIONS USED

1. Polygonal number of rank 'n' with sides m

$$t_{m,n} = n \left(1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2} \right)$$

2. Pronic number of rank 'n'

$$Pr_n = n(n+1)$$

METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The ternary quadratic diophantine equation under consideration is

$$(x^2 + y^2) - xy + x + y + 1 = 16z^2 \quad (1)$$

The substitution of the linear transformations

$$x = u+v \quad ; \quad y = u-v \quad (u \neq 0, v \neq 0) \quad (2)$$

in (1) gives

$$(u+1)^2 + 3v^2 = 16z^2 \quad (3)$$

Taking $u+1=U$

in (3), it gives

$$U^2 + 3v^2 = 16z^2 \quad (4)$$

Now, (4) is solved through different methods and thus, different patterns of solutions to (1) are obtained.

Method: 1

Write (4) as

$$U^2 - 16z^2 = -3v^2$$

$$\text{i.e) } (U + 4z)(U - 4z) = -3v^2 \quad (5)$$

Choice (i)

Write (5) in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{-3v}{(U-4z)} = \frac{(U+4z)}{v} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \beta \neq 0 \quad (6)$$

This is equivalent to the following two equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -\alpha U - 3\beta v + 4\alpha z &= 0 \\ U\beta - \alpha v + 4\beta z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7)$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, the above system of equations is satisfied by

$$\begin{aligned} U &= u + 1 = 4\alpha^2 - 12\beta^2 \\ v &= 8\alpha\beta \\ z &= \alpha^2 + 3\beta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 4\alpha^2 - 12\beta^2 - 1 + 8\alpha\beta \\ y &= 4\alpha^2 - 12\beta^2 - 1 - 8\alpha\beta \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Thus (8) and (9) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

Properties:-

A few interesting properties are as follows:-

- (1) $x(a, a) - y(a, a) - 16t_{4,a} = 0$
- (2) $x(2a, a) + y(2a, a) - 8t_{4,a} + 2 = 0$
- (3) $z(5b, 5b)$ is a perfect square.
- (4) $z(b, 4b)$ is a perfect square.
- (5) $x(1, a) + y(1, a) + z(1, a) + 21t_{4,a} - 7 = 0$

Choice (ii)

(5) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{-3v}{(U+4z)} = \frac{(U-4z)}{v} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \beta \neq 0 \quad (10)$$

This is equivalent to the following two equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -\alpha U - 3\beta v - 4\alpha z &= 0 \\ \beta U - \alpha v - 4\beta z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (11)$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, the above system of equations is satisfied by

$$\begin{aligned} U &= u + 1 = -4\alpha^2 + 12\beta^2 \\ v &= -8\alpha\beta \\ z &= \alpha^2 + 3\beta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -4\alpha^2 + 12\beta^2 - 1 - 8\alpha\beta \\ y &= -4\alpha^2 + 12\beta^2 - 1 + 8\alpha\beta \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Thus (12) and (13) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

Properties:-

A few interesting properties are as follows:-

- (1) $x(2, a) + y(2, a) + z(2, a) - 27t_{4,a} + 30 = 0$
- (2) $x(b, 1) + y(b, 1) + 8t_{4,b} - 22 = 0$
- (3) $z(4b, 4b)$ is a perfect square.

$$(4) \quad y(b,2) - z(b,2) + 21t_{4,b} - 16pr_b - 35 = 0.$$

$$(5) \quad x(1,a) - z(1,a) - 17t_{4,a} + 8pr_b + 6 = 0$$

Choice (iii)

Also, (5) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{U + 4z}{-3v} = \frac{v}{U - 4z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \beta \neq 0 \quad (14)$$

This is equivalent to the following two equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} U\beta + 3\alpha v + 4\beta z &= 0 \\ -U\alpha + \beta v + 4\alpha z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (15)$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, the above system of equations is satisfied by

$$U = u + 1 = 12\alpha^2 - 4\beta^2$$

$$v = -8\alpha\beta$$

$$z = 3\alpha^2 + \beta^2 \quad (16)$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2), we get

$$x = 12\alpha^2 - 4\beta^2 - 1 - 8\alpha\beta$$

$$y = 12\alpha^2 - 4\beta^2 - 1 + 8\alpha\beta \quad (17)$$

Thus (16) and (17) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

Properties:-

A few interesting properties are as follows:-

$$(1) \quad x(1,-a) - y(1,-a) - z(1,-a) + 17t_{4,a} - 16pr_a + 3 = 0$$

$$(2) \quad x(2,b) + y(2,b) + z(2,b) + 7t_{4,b} - 106 = 0$$

$$(3) \quad x(2,-b) - z(2,-b) + 21t_{4,b} - 16pr_b - 35 = 0$$

$$(4) \quad x(a,a) + y(a,a) + z(a,a) - 20t_{4,a} + 2 = 0$$

$$(5) \quad x(-a,-a) - y(-a,-a) - z(-a,-a) + 20t_{4,a} = 0$$

Choice (iv)

Again (5) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{U - 4z}{-3v} = \frac{v}{U + 4z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \beta \neq 0 \quad (18)$$

This is equivalent to the following two equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} U\beta + 3\alpha v - 4\beta z &= 0 \\ -U\alpha + \beta v - 4\alpha z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (19)$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, the above system of equations is satisfied by

$$U = u + 1 = -12\alpha^2 + 4\beta^2$$

$$v = 8\alpha\beta$$

$$z = 3\alpha^2 + \beta^2 \quad (20)$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2), we get

$$x = -12\alpha^2 + 4\beta^2 - 1 + 8\alpha\beta$$

$$y = -12\alpha^2 + 4\beta^2 - 1 - 8\alpha\beta \quad (21)$$

Thus (20) and (21) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

Properties:-

A few interesting properties are as follows:-

$$(1) \quad x(a,3) + y(a,3) + 24t_{4,a} - 70 = 0$$

- (2) $x(-a, -a) - z(-a, -a) + 4t_{4,a} + 1 = 0$
 (3) $x(a, a) + y(a, a) + 16t_{4,a} + 2 = 0$
 (4) $x(1, -b) + y(1, -b) + z(1, -b) - 9t_{4,b} + 23 = 0$
 (5) $x(3, a) + y(3, a) + z(3, a) - 9t_{4,a} + 191 = 0$

Method: 2

Assume $z = z(a, b) = a^2 + 3b^2$ (22)

where a, b are non-zero integers,

Write 16 as $16 = (2 + i2\sqrt{3})(2 - i2\sqrt{3})$ (23)

Substituting (22) and (23) in (4) and employing the method of factorization, we've

$$(2U + i2\sqrt{3}v)(2U - i2\sqrt{3}v) = (2 + i2\sqrt{3})(2 - i2\sqrt{3})(a + i\sqrt{3}b)^2 (a - i\sqrt{3}b)^2$$

The above equation is equivalent to the system of equation

$$(2U + i2\sqrt{3}v) = (2 + i2\sqrt{3})(a + i\sqrt{3}b)^2 \quad (24)$$

$$(2U - i2\sqrt{3}v) = (2 - i2\sqrt{3})(a - i\sqrt{3}b)^2 \quad (25)$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts in (24)

$$U = u + 1 = u(a, b) = 2a^2 - 6b^2 - 12ab$$

$$v = v(a, b) = 2a^2 - 6b^2 + 4ab$$

Substituting the values of the u and v in (2), we've

$$x = x(a, b) = 4a^2 - 12b^2 - 8ab - 1 \quad (26)$$

$$y = y(a, b) = -16ab - 1 \quad (27)$$

Thus (26) (27) and (25) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

Properties:-

- (1) $x(-a, 2) - y(-a, 2) - 20t_{4,a} + 16pr_a + 48 = 0$
 (2) $y(a, 1) + z(a, 1) - 17t_{4,a} + 16pr_a - 2 = 0$
 (3) $(8b, 8b)$ is a perfect square.
 (4) $(12b, 12b)$ is a perfect square.
 (5) $-x(1, a) + y(1, a) + z(1, a) - 23t_{4,a} + 8pr_a + 3 = 0$

Case(ii)

Write 16 as

$$16 = (-2 + i2\sqrt{3})(-2 - i2\sqrt{3}) \quad (28)$$

Substituting (22) (28) in (4) and employing the method of factorization, we've

$$(-2U + i2\sqrt{3}v)(-2U - i2\sqrt{3}v) = (-2 + i2\sqrt{3})(-2 - i2\sqrt{3})(a + i\sqrt{3}b)^2 (a - i\sqrt{3}b)^2$$

The above equation is equivalent to the system of equation

$$(-2U + i2\sqrt{3}v) = (-2 + i2\sqrt{3})(a + i\sqrt{3}b)^2 \quad (29)$$

$$(-2U - i2\sqrt{3}v) = (-2 - i2\sqrt{3})(a - i\sqrt{3}b)^2 \quad (30)$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts in (29)

$$U = u + 1 = u(a, b) = -2a^2 + 6b^2 - 12ab$$

$$v = v(a, b) = 2a^2 - 6b^2 - 4ab$$

Substituting the values of the u and v in (2), we've

$$x = x(a, b) = -16ab - 1 \quad (31)$$

$$y = y(a, b) = -4a^2 + 12b^2 - 8ab - 1 \quad (32)$$

Thus (31) (32) and (4) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

Properties:-

- (1) $x(-a, -a) + y(-a, -a) + 16t_{4,a} + 2 = 0$
- (2) $x(1, a) + z(1, a) - 19t_{4,a} + 16pr_a = 0$
- (3) $(32b, 32b)$ is a perfect square.
- (4) $(24b, 24b)$ is a perfect square.
- (5) $x(1, a) + y(1, a) + z(1, a) + 39t_{4,a} + 24pr_a + 5 = 0$

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have obtained infinitely many non-zero distinct integer solutions to the ternary quadratic diophantine equation represented by $(x^2 + y^2) - xy + x + y + 1 = 16z^2$. As quadratic equations are rich in variety, one may search for other choices of quadratic equation with variables greater than or equal to 3 and determine their properties through special numbers.

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