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ON THE TERNARY QUADRATIC DIOPHANTINE EQUATION

$$3(x^2 + y^2) - 2xy = 4z^2$$

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ABSTRACT:

The ternary homogeneous quadratic equation given by $3(x^2 + y^2) - 2xy = 4z^2$ representing a cone is analyzed for its non-zero distinct integer solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special polygonal and pyramidal numbers are presented. Also, given a solution, formula for generating a sequence of solutions based on the given solution is presented.

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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. Stella octangular number of rank 'n'

$$SO_n = n(2n^2 - 1)$$

3. Pronic number of rank 'n'

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

4. Octahedral number of rank 'n'

$$OH_n = \frac{1}{3}[n(2n^2 + 1)]$$

I. 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 $3(x^2 + y^2) - 2xy = 4z^2$ representing homogeneous quadratic equation with three unknowns for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral points. Also, a few interesting relations among the solution is presented.

II. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Consider the equation

$$3(x^2 + y^2) - 2xy = 4z^2 \tag{1}$$

The substitution of the linear transformations

$$x=u+v; y=u-v \tag{2}$$

in (1) gives $u^2 + 2v^2 = z^2$ (3)

We present below different methods of solving(3) and thus obtain different choices of integer solutions of (1)

METHOD:1

Write (3) in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{2v}{z-u} = \frac{z-u}{v} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \beta \neq 0 \tag{4}$$

This is equivalent to the following two equations,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha u - 2\beta v + \alpha z &= 0 \\ \beta u + \alpha v - \beta z &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, the above system of equations (5) is satisfied by

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 2\beta^2 - \alpha^2, v = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \\ z &= z(\alpha, \beta) = 2\beta^2 + \alpha^2 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(\alpha, \beta) = 2\beta^2 - \alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta \\ y &= y(\alpha, \beta) = 2\beta^2 - \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Thus (6) and (7) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

Properties:

A few interesting properties obtained as follows:

- $x(1, a) - y(1, a) - 4t_{4,a} - 4Pr_a - 4t_{4,a} = 0$
- $x(a, 2a) - y(a, 2a) - 4t_{6,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$
- $x(a, 2a^2 - 1) - y(a, 2a^2 - 1) - 4so_a \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$
- $x(a, 1) - y(a, 1) - z(a, 1) + pr_u \equiv -2 \pmod{5}$
- $x(a, 2a) + y(a, 2a) - 4t_{10,n} - t_{6,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$

Remark:

In addition to (4), (3) may also be expressed in the form of ratios in three different ways that are presented below:

Way 1:
$$\frac{v}{z+u} = \frac{z-u}{2v} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

Way 2:
$$\frac{2v}{z-u} = \frac{z+u}{v} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

Way 3:
$$\frac{v}{z-v} = \frac{z+u}{2v} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

Solving each of the above system of equations by following the procedure presented in Method 1, the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are found to be as given below:

Solution for way 1:

$$\begin{aligned} x(\alpha, \beta) &= \beta^2 - 2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta \\ y(\alpha, \beta) &= \beta^2 - 2\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\ z(\alpha, \beta) &= 2\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution for way 2:

$$\begin{aligned}x(\alpha, \beta) &= -\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\y(\alpha, \beta) &= -\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta \\z(\alpha, \beta) &= -\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2\end{aligned}$$

Solution for way 3:

$$\begin{aligned}x(\alpha, \beta) &= \beta^2 - 2\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\y(\alpha, \beta) &= \beta^2 - 2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta \\z(\alpha, \beta) &= -2\alpha^2 - \beta^2\end{aligned}$$

METHOD 2:

(3) is written as

$$u^2 + 2v^2 = z^2 = z^2 * 1 \tag{8}$$

Assume $z = z(a, b) = a^2 + 2b^2$ (9)

where a, b are non-zero integers, write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(1+i2\sqrt{2})(1-i2\sqrt{2})}{9} \tag{10}$$

Substituting (9) and(10) in (8) , it is written in the factorizable form as

$$(u+i\sqrt{2}v)(u-i\sqrt{2}v) = \frac{(1+i2\sqrt{2})}{3} \frac{(1-i2\sqrt{2})}{3} (a+i\sqrt{2}b)^2 (a-i\sqrt{2}b)^2$$

Equating the positive & negative factors,we get

$$(u+i\sqrt{2}v) = \frac{(1+i2\sqrt{2})}{3} (a+i\sqrt{2}b)^2 \tag{11}$$

$$(u-i\sqrt{2}v) = \frac{(1-i2\sqrt{2})}{3} (a-i\sqrt{2}b)^2 \tag{12}$$

On equating real and imaginary parts in either(11) or (12), we get

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \frac{(a^2 - 2b^2 - 8ab)}{3} \\v &= \frac{(2a^2 - 4b^2 + 2ab)}{3}\end{aligned}$$

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

$$x = x(a, b) = (a^2 - 2b^2 - 2ab) \tag{13}$$

$$y = y(a, b) = \frac{(-a^2 + 2b^2 - 10ab)}{3} \tag{14}$$

As our interest centers on finding integers solutions, it is seen that x and y are integers for suitable choices of a and b .Replacing a by 3a and by 3b, the corresponding non zero distinct integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x &= x(a, b) = 9a^2 - 18b^2 - 18ab \\y &= y(\alpha, \beta) = -3a^2 + 6b^2 - 30ab \\z &= z(a, b) = 9a^2 + 18b^2\end{aligned}$$

Properties:

A few interesting properties obtained as follows:

- $x(2a,3) - y(2a,3) - 12 t_{10,n} \equiv -216 \pmod{108}$

- $2x(1, a) - 2z(1, a) - 12 t_{8,n} \equiv 24 \pmod{36}$
- $2y(a+1, a+1) - z(a+1, a+1) + 56 t_{8,n} \equiv -216 \pmod{81}$
- $y(1, a) - z(1, a) + 3t_{10,n} \equiv -12 \pmod{39}$
- $2y(1, a) + 2z(1, a) - 12t_{10,n} \equiv -12 \pmod{24}$

METHOD:3

In addition to (9), write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(7 + i6\sqrt{2})(7 - i6\sqrt{2})}{121} \tag{15}$$

Substituting (9) and(15) in (8) , it is written in the factorizable form as

$$(u + i\sqrt{2}v)(u - i\sqrt{2}v) = \frac{(7 + i6\sqrt{2})(7 - i6\sqrt{2})}{121} (a + i\sqrt{2}b)^2 (a - i\sqrt{2}b)^2$$

Equating the positive & negative factors ,we get

$$(u + i\sqrt{2}v) = \frac{(7 + i6\sqrt{2})}{11} (a + i\sqrt{2}b)^2 \tag{16}$$

$$(u - i\sqrt{2}v) = \frac{(7 - i6\sqrt{2})}{11} (a - i\sqrt{2}b)^2 \tag{17}$$

On equating real and imaginary parts in either(15) or (16) , we get

$$u = \frac{(7a^2 - 14b^2 - 24ab)}{11}$$

$$v = \frac{6a^2 - 12b^2 + 14ab}{11}$$

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

$$x = x(a, b) = \frac{(13a^2 - 26b^2 - 10ab)}{11} \tag{18}$$

$$y = y(a, b) = \frac{(a^2 - 2b^2 - 38ab)}{11} \tag{19}$$

As our interest centers on finding integers solutions, it is seen that x and y are integers for suitable choices of a and b .Replacing a by 11a and by 11b, the corresponding non zero distinct integer solution to (1) are given by

$$x = x(a, b) = 143a^2 - 286b^2 - 110ab$$

$$y = y(a, b) = 11a^2 - 22b^2 - 418ab$$

$$z = z(a, b) = 121a^2 + 242b^2$$

Properties:

A few interesting properties obtained as follows:

- $x(a,1) - z(a,1) - 11t_{6,n} \equiv -528 \pmod{99}$
- $x(2a, a) + z(2a, a) - 1056t_{4,n} - 22t_{6,n} - 55 t_{10,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{187}$
- $x(a,1) - y(a,1) - 33 t_{10,n} \equiv -264 \pmod{407}$
- $x(2a, a) + y(2a, a) - 308t_{6,n} - 1364t_{4,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{308}$
- $y(1, a) + x(1, a) + 77t_{10,n} \equiv 154 \pmod{759}$

METHOD:4

Write (3) as

$$z^2 - 2v^2 = u^2 = u^2 * 1 \tag{20}$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = (3 + 2\sqrt{2})(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) \tag{21}$$

Assume $u = u(a, b) = a^2 - 2b^2$ (22)

where a, b are non-zero integers, Using (20) and (21) in (22), it is written in the factorizable form as

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

Equating the positive & negative factors, we get

$$(z + \sqrt{2}v) = (3 + 2\sqrt{2})(a + \sqrt{2}b)^2 \tag{23}$$

$$(z - \sqrt{2}v) = (3 - 2\sqrt{2})(a - \sqrt{2}b)^2 \tag{24}$$

On equating rational and irrational parts in either (23) or (24), we get

$$z = 3a^2 + 6b^2 + 8ab$$

$$v = 2a^2 + 4b^2 + 6ab \tag{25}$$

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

$$x = x(a, b) = 3a^2 + 2b^2 + 6ab$$

$$y = y(a, b) = -a^2 - 6b^2 - 6ab \tag{26}$$

Note that (25) and (26) represent the non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1)

Properties:

A few interesting properties obtained as follows:

- $x(a, a) + y(a, a) - t_{6,n} + t_{10,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
- $x(2a, a) - y(2a, a) - 4t_{10,n} - 4t_{6,n} - 24t_{4,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{16}$
- $x(a, a+1) - z(a, a+1) + 2t_{8,n} \equiv -4 \pmod{14}$
- $x(a+1, a) + y(a+1, a) + t_{6,n} \equiv -2 \pmod{3}$
- $z(2a, a) + y(2a, a) + x(2a, a) - 5t_{4,n} - 4t_{6,n} - 4t_{10,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{16}$

III. Remarkable observations

If the non zero integer triple (x_0, y_0, z_0) is any solution of (1), then a general formula for generating a sequence of solutions based on the given solution is illustrated below :

Let (x_0, y_0, z_0) be any given solution of (1) and let the second solution of (1) be,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_0 + h \\ y_1 &= y_0 & h &\neq 0 \\ z_1 &= h - z_0 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Substituting (27S) in (1) & performing a few calculations, we have

$$h = 6x_0 + 8z_0 \text{ and then}$$

$$x_1 = 7x_0 + 8z_0$$

$$z_1 = 6x_0 + 7z_0$$

This is written in the form of matrix as
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{28}$$

where

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 6 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

From the second solution, we get the corresponding third solution (x_2, y_2, z_2) as given below.

$$x_2 = 97x_0 + 112z_0$$

$$y_2 = y_0$$

$$z_2 = 90x_0 + 104z_0$$

Repeating the above process, the general solution (x_n, y_n) to (1) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = M^n \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{29}$$

To find M^n , the Eigen values of M are $\alpha = 7 + 4\sqrt{3}, \beta = 7 - 4\sqrt{3}$.

It is well-known that

$$M^n = \frac{\alpha^n}{\alpha - \beta} (M - \beta I) + \frac{\beta^n}{\beta - \alpha} (M - \alpha I)$$

Using the above formula, we have

$$M^n = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 4\sqrt{3}A^n & 8B^n \\ 6B^n & 4\sqrt{3}A^n \end{bmatrix}$$

Where $A^n = (\alpha^n + \beta^n)$

$$B^n = (\alpha^n - \beta^n)$$

Hence we get the n^{th} solution to be

$$x_n = \frac{1}{2} [4\sqrt{3}A_n x_0 + 8B_n z_0]$$

$$y_n = y_0$$

$$z_n = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{3}} [6B_n x_0 + 4\sqrt{3}A_n z_0]$$

IV. Conclusion

In this paper, we have obtained infinitely many non-zero distinct integer solutions to the ternary quadratic Diophantine equation represented by

$$3(x^2 + y^2) - 2xy = 4z^2$$

As quadratic equations are rich in variety, one may search for their choices of quadratic equation with variables greater than or equal to 3 and determine their properties through special numbers.

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