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ON TERNARY QUADRATIC EQUATION $x^2 + y^2 - xy = 7z^2$

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ABSTRACT

The ternary quadratic diophantine equation given by $x^2 + y^2 - xy = 7z^2$ is analyzed for its patterns of non-zero distinct integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special polygonal numbers are exhibited.

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INTRODUCTION

The ternary quadratic diophantine equation offers an unlimited field for research because of their variety [1-3]. For an extensive review of various problems, one may refer [4-13]. This communication concerns with yet another interesting ternary quadratic equation $x^2 + y^2 - xy = 7z^2$ for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral solutions. Also a few interesting relations among the solutions have been presented.

NOTATIONS USED

- $t_{m,n}$ = Polygonal number of rank n with sides m.,
- p_n^5 = Pentagonal pyramidal number of rank n.

- $p_n^3 = \text{Tetrahedral number of rank } n$.

2. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The ternary Quadratic Diophantine Equation to be solved for its non-zero distinct integral solutions is

$$x^2 + y^2 - xy = 7z^2 \quad (1)$$

The substitution of linear transformations

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

in (1) leads to $u^2 + 3v^2 = 7z^2 \quad (3)$

(3) is solved through different approaches and thus different patterns of solutions of (1) are presented below.

2.1 PATTERN-I

Write 7 as $7 = (2 + i\sqrt{3})(2 - i\sqrt{3}) \quad (4)$

Assume $z = a^2 + 3b^2 \quad (5)$

where a,b are non-zero distinct integers.

Using (4) and (5) in (3) and employing the method of factorization, define

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

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

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

$$v = v(a, b) = a^2 - 3b^2 + 4ab$$

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

$$x = x(a, b) = 3a^2 - 9b^2 - 2ab \quad (6)$$

$$y = y(a, b) = a^2 - 3b^2 - 10ab \quad (7)$$

Thus (5), (6) and (7) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

A few interesting properties observed are as follows:

- $x(2, a + 1) + 18t_{3,a} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$
- $y(1, 3b) - 54t_{3,b} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
- $x(2a, 1) + y(1, a) - 18t_{3,a} + 8 \equiv 0 \pmod{23}$

2.2 PATTERN II

Introducing the linear transformations

$$z = X + 3T, v = X + 7T \quad (8)$$

in (3) leads to $X^2 = W^2 + 21T^2 \quad (9)$

which is satisfied by,

$$T = 2rs, X = 21r^2 + s^2, W = 21r^2 - s^2$$

Substituting the above values of T,x,w in (8) & (2), the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solutions are,

$$x = x(r, s) = 63r^2 - s^2 + 14rs$$

$$y = y(r, s) = 21r^2 - 3s^2 - 14rs$$

$$z = z(r, s) = 21r^2 + s^2 + 6rs$$

PROPERTIES

- $x(r,1) - 28t_{3,r} + 1 - t_{106,r}$ is a perfect square
- $y(r+1,1) - 42t_{3,r} + 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{35}$
- $y(r, r+2) - 44t_{3,r} + 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$
- $y(1, s+2) - 4t_{3,s} - 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

Note:

suppose instead of (8), we have

$$z = X - 3T, v = X - 7T$$

Thus, the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1) are given by

$$x = x(r, s) = 63r^2 - s^2 - 14rs$$

$$y = y(r, s) = 21r^2 - 3s^2 + 14rs$$

$$z = z(r, s) = 21r^2 + s^2 - 6rs$$

PROPERTIES

- $x(s+1,8) - 126t_{3,s} + 15 \equiv 0 \pmod{49}$
- $x(r,6) + y(3, r+1) - 120t_{3,r} - 84 \equiv 0 \pmod{108}$
- $2x(s,4) + z(2, s) - 246t_{3,s} - 52 \equiv 0 \pmod{207}$

2.3 PATTERN III

Write (3) in the form of ratio as,

$$\frac{u + 2z}{z + v} = \frac{3(z - v)}{u - 2z} = \frac{A}{B}, B \neq 0 \quad (11)$$

which is equivalent to the system of equations

$$Bu - Av + (2B - A)z = 0$$

$$Au + 3Bv - (2A + 3B)z = 0$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication between the above system of equations, we have

$$u = 2A^2 + 6AB - 6B^2, v = -A^2 + 4AB + 3B^2 \quad (12)$$

$$z = 3B^2 + A^2 \quad (13)$$

Substitute (12) in (2) we have

$$x = x(A, B) = A^2 + 10AB - 3B^2 \quad (14)$$

$$y = y(A, B) = 3A^2 + 2AB - 9B^2$$

Thus (13) and (14) represent non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

PROPERTIES

- $2x(5, a+2) + t_{178,a} - 164t_{3,a}$ is a perfect square.
- $y(2, b) + t_{20,b} \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$
- $x(a,1) + y(2, a) + t_{18,a} - 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

2.4 PATTERN IV

(3) is also written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{u+2z}{3(z+v)} = \frac{(z-v)}{u-2z} = \frac{A}{B}, B \neq 0$$

Following the procedure as in pattern III, the corresponding Integral solutions of (1) as given by

$$x = x(A, B) = -3A^2 - 10AB + B^2$$

$$y = y(A, B) = -9A^2 + 3B^2 - 2AB$$

$$z = z(A, B) = -(B^2 + 3A^2)$$

PROPERTIES

- $y(8, b+1) - 2t_{5,b} + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$
- $x(a+2, 3) + z(a, 5) + 12t_{3,a} - 32 \equiv 0 \pmod{34}$
- $2x(a, 8) + y(2, a) + 6t_{3,a} - 92 \equiv 0 \pmod{161}$

2.5 PATTERN V

Equation (3) is written as

$$7z^2 - 3v^2 = u^2 = u^2 * 1$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{3})}{4} \quad (16)$$

$$\text{Assume } u = 7a^2 - 3b^2 \quad (17)$$

Substituting (16) & (17) in (15) and employing the method of factorization, define

$$\sqrt{7}z + \sqrt{3}v = \frac{1}{2} [7\sqrt{7}a^2 + 3\sqrt{7}b^2 + 14\sqrt{3}ab + 7\sqrt{3}a^2 + 3\sqrt{3}b^2 + 6\sqrt{7}ab]$$

Which is satisfied by

$$z = \frac{1}{2} [7a^2 + 3b^2 + 6ab]$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} [14ab + 7a^2 + 3b^2]$$

using the values of u & v in (2) we have

$$x = \frac{1}{2} [14ab + 21a^2 - 3b^2]$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} [14ab - 7a^2 + 9b^2]$$

As our aim is to find integral solutions. It is possible to choose a and b so that x and y are integers.

Case (i)

Let $a = 2A, b = 2B$

The corresponding integer solutions are

$$x = x(A, B) = 42A^2 - 6B^2 + 28AB$$

$$y = y(A, B) = 14A^2 - 18B^2 - 28AB$$

$$z = z(A, B) = 14A^2 + 6B^2 + 12AB$$

PROPERTIES

- $2x(a, 5) - 168t_{3,a} + 104 \equiv 0 \pmod{196}$
- $3x(3, a) + 2y(1, a) + t_{110,a} - 49 \equiv 0 \pmod{53}$
- $y(a, 8) + 2z(3, a) - t_{54,a} + 11 \equiv 0 \pmod{127}$

Case (ii):

$$\text{Let } a = 3n + 1, b = 3n - 1.$$

The corresponding integer solutions are

$$x = 144n^2 + 72n + 2$$

$$y = -72n^2 + 48n + 6$$

$$z = 72n^2 + 12n + 2$$

3. REMARKABLE OBSERVATIONS

1. If the non-zero integer triple (x_0, y_0, z_0) is any solutions of (1) then the triple (x_n, y_n, z_n)

Where

$$x_n = \frac{2^{n+1} \sqrt{21} z_0 + \sqrt{21} A_n y_0 + 7 B_n z_0}{2 \sqrt{21}}$$

$$y_n = \frac{2^{n+1} \sqrt{21} z_0 - \sqrt{21} A_n y_0 - 7 B_n z_0}{2 \sqrt{21}}$$

$$z_n = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{21}} [3 B_n y_0 + \sqrt{21} A_n z_0]$$

also satisfies (1).

Here

$$A_n = (5 + \sqrt{21})^n + (5 - \sqrt{21})^n,$$

$$B_n = (5 + \sqrt{21})^n - (5 - \sqrt{21})^n$$

2. If the non-zero integer triple (x_0, y_0, z_0) is any solutions of (1) then the triple (x_n, y_n, z_n)

Where also satisfies (1).

$$x_n = \frac{3\sqrt{7} A_n y_0 + 21 B_n z_0 + 6\sqrt{7} y_0}{6\sqrt{7}}$$

$$y_n = \frac{3\sqrt{7} A_n y_0 + 21 B_n z_0 - 6\sqrt{7} y_0}{6\sqrt{7}}$$

$$z_n = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{7}} [3 B_n y_0 + 3\sqrt{7} A_n z_0]$$

Here

$$A_n = (8 + 3\sqrt{7})^n + (8 - 3\sqrt{7})^n,$$

$$B_n = (8 + 3\sqrt{7})^n - (8 - 3\sqrt{7})^n.$$

$$3. \quad 7 \left[\left(\frac{p_x^5}{t_{3,x}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_y^5}{t_{3,y}} \right)^2 - \frac{p_x^5}{t_{3,x}} \cdot \frac{p_y^5}{t_{3,y}} \right] \text{ is a perfect square}$$

$$4. \quad \left(\frac{p_x^5}{t_{3,x}} + \frac{p_y^5}{t_{3,y}} \right)^2 - 3 \frac{p_x^5}{t_{3,x}} \frac{p_y^5}{t_{3,y}} \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$5. \quad \left(\frac{p_x^5}{t_{3,x}} + \frac{p_y^5}{t_{3,y}} \right)^2 - 3 \frac{p_x^5}{t_{3,x}} \frac{p_y^5}{t_{3,y}} = 7 \left(\frac{3p_{z-2}^3}{t_{3,z-2}} \right)^2$$

6. If x, y are taken as the generators of a Pythagorean triangle, then the Hypotenuse is congruent to the product of its generators under module 7.

7. Consider x and y to be the length and breadth of a rectangle R , whose

Area = A

Perimeter = P and

Length of the diagonal = L

Then, it is noted that

$$1. L^2 - A \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$2. 42(L^2 - A)$$

$$3. P^2 - 12A \equiv 0 \pmod{28}$$

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have obtained infinitely many non-zero distinct integral points on the homogeneous cone given by $x^2 + y^2 - xy = 7z^2$

To conclude, one may search for the integral points on other choices of curves, namely, hyperboloid, paraboloid, and hyperbolic paraboloid and so on.

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