



Integral solutions of Ternary Cubic Diophantine equation $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 4z^3$

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ABSTRACT

The ternary cubic Diophantine equation given by $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 4z^3$ is analyzed for its patterns of non-zero distinct integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special polygonal numbers are exhibited.

KEYWORDS

Ternary cubic, integral solutions, polygonal numbers.

Introduction

Ternary quadratic equations are rich in variety [1-3]. For an extensive review of sizable literature and various problems, one may refer [4-18]. In this communication, we consider yet another interesting ternary cubic equation $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 4z^3$ and obtain infinitely many non-trivial integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special polygonal numbers are presented.

Notations Used

- $t_{m,n}$ - Polygonal number of rank ‘n’ with size ‘m’
- $CP_{m,n}$ - Centered Pyramidal number of rank ‘n’ with size ‘m’
- Pr_n - Pronic number of rank ‘n’
- P_n^m - Pyramidal number of rank ‘n’ with size ‘m’
- $F_{m,n}$ – Figurative number of rank ‘n’ with size ‘m’
- G_n – Gnomonic number of rank ‘n’

Method of Analysis

The Cubic Diophantine equation with three unknowns to be solved for its non zero distinct integral solutions is

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

We illustrate methods of obtaining non Zero distinct integer solutions to (1)

Pattern I

On substituting the linear transformations

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

in (1), leads to

$$u^2 + 3v^2 = 4z^3 \tag{3}$$

Assume

$$z = z(a, b) = a^2 + 3b^2; \quad a, b > 0 \tag{4}$$

Write 4 as

$$4 = \frac{(2 \cdot 2^n + i \cdot 2^n \cdot 2\sqrt{3})(2 \cdot 2^n - i \cdot 2^n \cdot 2\sqrt{3})}{2^{n+1}} \tag{5}$$

Equation (3) can be written as

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

Which is equivalent to the system of equations

$$(u + i\sqrt{3}v) = \frac{(2 \cdot 2^n + i \cdot 2^n \cdot 2\sqrt{3})[(a + i\sqrt{3}b)]^3}{2^{n+1}} \tag{6}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts in (6) we get

$$u = \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} (2a^3 + 18b^3 - 18a^2b - 18ab^2)$$

$$v = \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} (2a^3 - 6b^3 + 6a^2b - 18ab^2)$$

Substituting the values of u and v into the values of x and y are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(a, b) = 2a^3 + 6b^3 - 6a^2b - 18ab^2 \\ y &= y(a, b) = 12b^3 - 12a^2b \\ z &= z(a, b) = a^2 + 3b^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{7}$$

Properties

1. $2x(a, 0) - y(a, 0) - 4CP_a^6 \equiv 0$
2. $2x(a, 1) - y(a, 1) - 2SO_4 \equiv 0 \pmod{34}$

3. $2x(1, b) - y(1, b) + 36 t_{4,b} - 4 \equiv 0$
4. $x(1, b) + y(1, b) - 18SO_4 + 18CP_b^6 + 18t_{4,b} - 2 \equiv 0$
5. $x(a, 1) - y(a, 1) - SO_a - 6Pr_a \equiv 6(mod 23)$
6. $y(1, b) + z(1, b) - 6 P_b^5 - SO_b - 7CP_a^6 + Gno \equiv 0(mod 9)$
7. Each of the following expression represents a cube integer
 - a. $y(1,4) + x(0,1) + z(0,1)$
 - b. $z(0,1) - x(4,4) - x(4,2)$
 - c. $x(1,0) + x(2,3)$
 - d. $z(4,4)$
 - e. $y(1,2) - x(3,3)$
8. Each of the following expression represents a perfect square numbers
 - a. $x(0,1) - x(3,3) + z(0,1)$
 - b. $x(1,0) - x(1,2)$
 - c. $z(0,1) - x(3,2)$
 - d. $y(1,4) + z(4,4)$
9. Each of the following expression represents a nasty number
 - a. $x(0,1) - x(3,1)$
 - b. $z(3,3) - y(1,3)$
 - c. $y(3,2) - z(3,1)$
 - d. $x(3,2) - y(4,3)$
 - e. $\frac{1}{6} y(1,4)$
10. Each of the following expression represents a perfect number
 - a. $z(1,3)$
 - b. $y(1,3) + z(1,1)$
 - c. $508 z(2,2)$
 - d. $y(1,4) + x(2,3) - \frac{1}{2} z(3,1)$
 - e. $\frac{1}{2} x(4,4) - z(2,2)$
 - f. $\frac{1}{2} x(4,4) + x(1,1)$

Pattern II

On substituting the linear transformation

$$x = 2u + v; \quad y = 2u - v; \quad z = u \quad (8)$$

in (1) leads to

$$v^2 = \frac{4u^2(u - 1)}{3} \quad (9)$$

Take $\alpha^2 = \frac{u-1}{3}$

which implies the values

$$u = 3\alpha^2 + 1 \text{ and } v = 2(3\alpha^2 + 1)\alpha \quad (10)$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (8) the values of x and y are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(\alpha) = 6\alpha^3 + 6\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 12 \\ y &= y(\alpha) = 6\alpha^2 - 6\alpha^3 - 2\alpha + 2 \\ z &= z(\alpha) = 3\alpha^2 + 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (11)$$

Properties

1. $x(\alpha) + y(\alpha) - 12 t_{4,\alpha} - 14 \equiv 0$
2. $x(\alpha) - y(\alpha) - 12 CP_\alpha^6 - 2 Gno - 12 \equiv 0$
3. $x(\alpha) - y(\alpha) - 6SO_\alpha - Gno - 15 \equiv 0$
4. $y(\alpha) - 2z(\alpha) + 6CP_\alpha^6 - Gno + 1 \equiv 0$
5. $y(\alpha) - 2z(\alpha) + 3SO_\alpha + 5\alpha \equiv 0$
6. $y(\alpha) + 2z(\alpha) + CP_\alpha^6 - 12 t_{4,\alpha} + Gno - 3 \equiv 0$
7. $y(\alpha) - 2z(\alpha) - 12P_\alpha^5 - 10 \equiv 0$
8. $x(\alpha) - 2z(\alpha) - 6 CP_\alpha^6 - 6 t_{4,\alpha} - 10 \equiv 0$
9. $x(\alpha) - 2z(\alpha) - 6 CP_\alpha^6 - 6Pr_\alpha + 3Gno - 7 \equiv 0$
10. $x(\alpha) + 2z(\alpha) - 12Pa_\alpha^5 - 2Pr_\alpha - 4 t_{4,\alpha} - 14 \equiv 0$
11. $x(\alpha) + 2z(\alpha) - 6CP_\alpha^6 - 2Pr_\alpha - 10 t_{4,\alpha} - 14 \equiv 0$
12. $x(\alpha) + y(\alpha) + z(\alpha) - 15 t_{4,\alpha} - 15 \equiv 0$
13. $x(\alpha) - y(\alpha) + z(\alpha) - 24 Pa_\alpha^5 + 9Pr_\alpha \equiv 11(mod 13)$
14. $x(\alpha) - y(\alpha) + z(\alpha) - 12 CP_\alpha^6 - 3 t_{4,\alpha} \equiv 1(mod 4)$
15. $x(\alpha) - y(\alpha) + z(\alpha) - 12 CP_\alpha^6 - 3Pr_\alpha - \alpha - 11 \equiv 0$
16. Each of the following expression represents a perfect number
 - a. $x(1) + y(0)$
 - b. $y(-4) + z(1) + y(0)$
 - c. $x(-3) - x(-5)$
 - d. $y(3) - y(5)$
 - e. $x(4) - z(1)$
 - f. $y(-3) - x(-4) - x(0)$
 - g. $16[y(-4) + y(-1) + y(0)]$
17. Each of the following expression represents a nasty number
 - a. $z(-3) + y(0)$
 - b. $y(-2) + z(-3)$
 - c. $x(1) + z(1)$
 - d. $z(-2) - x(-2) + z(0)$
 - e. $-y(3) + 2z(1)$
 - f. $\frac{1}{2} [y(-3) + z(-5)]$
 - g. $y(-2) - y(3)$
 - h. $z(-3) - z(1)$
 - i. $x(2) - z(-3)$
18. Each of the following expression represents a cube number
 - a. $x(4) + x(0)$
 - b. $x(4) + y(-3) + z(-1) + z(0)$

- c. $x(4) + y(-4) + x(-1)$
- d. $y(-3) - x(-4) + z(1)$
- e. $x(5)-y(5)+y(-5)-y(4)+2z(1)$

19. Each of the following expression represents a perfect square

- a. $y(-3) + z(0)$
- b. $x(4) + z(-3) + z(0)$
- c. $y(-5) - x(0)$
- d. $y(-5) - z(4)$
- e. $y(-5) - y(3)$
- f. $y(-2) - y(5)$
- g. $x(4) + y(-4) - x(-5) + x(0)]$

Pattern III

Consider the another linear transformation

$$x = u + 2v; \quad y = u - 2v; \quad z = v \quad (12)$$

On substituting these values in (1) leads to $u^2 = 4v^2 (v - 3)$ (13)

Take $\beta^2 = v - 3$ which implies the values

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 2\beta^2 + 6\beta \\ v &= \beta^2 + 3 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (12), the values of x and y are obtained. we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(\beta) = 2\beta^3 + 2\beta^2 + 6\beta + 6 \\ y &= y(\beta) = 2\beta^3 - 2\beta^2 + 6\beta - 6 \\ z &= z(\beta) = \beta^2 + 3 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (15)$$

Properties

1. $x(\beta) + y(\beta) - 4CP_\beta^6 \equiv 0(mod 12)$
2. $x(\beta) + y(\beta) - 2SO_\beta \equiv 0(mod 14)$
3. $x(\beta) - y(\beta) - 4Pr_\beta - 8 \equiv 0$
4. $x(\beta) - y(\beta) - 4t_{4,\beta} - 12 \equiv 0$
5. $x(\beta) + 2z(\beta) - 2CP_\beta^6 - 4t_{4,\beta} \equiv 12(mod 6)$
6. $x(\beta) + 2z(\beta) - SO_\beta - 4Pr_\beta \equiv 12(mod 3)$
7. $x(\beta) + 2z(\beta) - 4P_\beta^5 - 2Pr_\beta - 2Gno - 14 \equiv 0$
8. $x(\beta) - 2z(\beta) - SO_\beta \equiv 0(mod 7)$
9. $x(\beta) - 2z(\beta) - 2CP_\beta^6 \equiv 0(mod 6)$
10. $y(\beta) - 2z(\beta) - SO_\beta + 4Pr_\beta \equiv -12(mod 11)$
11. $y(\beta) - 2z(\beta) - 2CP_\beta^6 + 4t_{4,\beta} - 3Gno + 9 \equiv 0$
12. $y(\beta) - 2z(\beta) - 4P_\beta^5 + 6Pr_\beta - 6Gno + 6 \equiv 0$
13. $x(\beta) + y(\beta) + 2z(\beta) - 2SO_\beta - 2Pr_\beta \equiv 6(mod 12)$
14. $x(\beta) + y(\beta) - 2z(\beta) - 2SO_\beta + 2Pr_\beta - 8Gno - 2 \equiv 0$
15. $x(\beta) + y(\beta) - 2z(\beta) - 4P_\alpha^5 + 6Pr_\beta - 9Gno - 3 \equiv 0$
16. $x(\beta) + y(\beta) - 2z(\beta) - 4CP_\beta^6 + 2t_{4,\beta} \equiv -6(mod 12)$
17. $x(\beta) + y(\beta) + 2z(\beta) - 6t_{4,\beta} - 18 \equiv 0$

18. Each of the following expression represents a perfect number

- a. $x(5) + y(5) - z(1)$
- b. $x(4) - y(-4) + y(4) + \frac{1}{2}z(1)$
- c. $32y(5) + 96[z(-2) + z(0)]$

19. Each of the following expression represents a nasty number

- a. $y(3) + x(0)$
- b. $y(4) + x(0)$
- c. $\frac{1}{2}y(3)$
- d. $x(4) - x(0) - z(1)$
- e. $2y(3) + x(2) + z(-3)$

20. Each of the following expression represents a cube number

- a. $z(3) - z(-1)$
- b. $y(5) - 2z(-1)$
- c. $x(5) + z(-2)$
- d. $x(5) + y(5) - y(3)$
- e. $2[x(5)+y(5)+x(4)+y(4)]$

21. Each of the following expression represents a perfect square

- a. $x(3) + z(1)$
- b. $x(2) + z(2)$
- c. $x(1) + y(2)$
- d. $x(2) + y(0)$
- e. $x(4) + x(0)$
- f. $x(5) + y(5) + x(1)$
- g. $x(5) + y(5) + x(4) + y(4) + 3z(-3)$
- h. $y(4) + x(3) + x(2) + z(-1)$
- i. $2x(5) + z(1)$
- j. $2y(5) + 3z(3)$

Conclusion

In this paper, we have presented three different patterns of non- zero distinct integer solutions of ternary cubic Diophantine equation $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 4z^3$ and relations between solutions and special numbers are also obtained. To conclude, one may search for other patterns of solutions and their corresponding properties.

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