

A Ternary Quadratic Diophantine Equation

$$x^2 + y^2 = 10z^2$$

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Abstract – The Quadratic Diophantine equation with three unknowns represented by $x^2 + y^2 = 10z^2$ is analyzed for finding its non-zero distinct integral solutions. Different patterns of solutions of the equation under consideration are obtained. A few interesting properties among the solutions are presented.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Notations

$t_{m,n}$ = Polygonal number of rank n with sides m

p_m^n = Pyramidal number of rank n with sides m

$ct_{m,n}$ = Centered Polygonal number of rank n with sides m

p_n = Pronic number

g_n = Gnomonic number

Tha_n = Thabit-ibn-Kurrah number

$car l_n$ = Carol number

Mer_n = Mersenne number

ky_n = Kynea number

The ternary homogeneous quadratic Diophantine equation offers an unlimited field for research because of their variety [1-2]. For an extensive review of various problems one may refer [3-11]. In this context one may also see [12-23]. This communication concerns with yet another interesting ternary quadratic equation $x^2 + y^2 = 10z^2$ for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral solutions. Also a few interesting properties among the solutions are presented.

2. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The ternary quadratic equation representing homogeneous cone is

$$x^2 + y^2 = 10z^2 \quad (1)$$

We present below different patterns of non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1)

2.1. Pattern:1

The substitution of linear transformations ($u \neq \sigma \neq 0$)

$$x = u + \sigma, y = u - \sigma, z = \alpha \quad (2)$$

in (1) leads to

$$u^2 + \sigma^2 = 5\alpha^2 \quad (3)$$

whose initial solution is

$$\alpha_0 = \sigma \text{ and } u_0 = 2\sigma$$

Let (α_n, u_n) be the general solution of the Pellian

$$u^2 = 5\alpha^2 + 1$$

Where

$$\alpha_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \left[(9 + 4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (9 - 4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right]$$

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2} \left[(9 + 4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} + (9 - 4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right],$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Applying Brahmagupta's lemma between the solutions (α_0, u_0) and (α_n, u_n) the sequence of values of α and u satisfying equation (3) is given by

$$\alpha_{n+1} = \frac{\sigma}{2} \left[(9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} + (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right] + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{5}} \left[(9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right] \quad (4)$$

$$u_{n+1} = \sigma \left[(9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} + (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right] + \frac{\sigma\sqrt{5}}{2} \left[(9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right] \quad (5)$$

Substituting α_{n+1} and u_{n+1} in equation (2), we get the values of x_{n+1} , y_{n+1} and z_{n+1} . The non-zero distinct integrals values of x_{n+1} , y_{n+1} and z_{n+1} satisfying (1) are given by

$$x_{n+1} = \sigma \left(\left((9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} + (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left((9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right) + 1 \right)$$

$$y_{n+1} = \sigma \left(\left((9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} + (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left((9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right) - 1 \right)$$

$$z_{n+1} = \sigma \left(\frac{1}{2} \left((9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} + (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left((9+4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (9-4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} \right) \right)$$

The recurrence relations on x_{n+1} , y_{n+1} and z_{n+1} are found to be

$$x_{n+3} - 18x_{n+2} + x_{n+1} = -16\sigma$$

$$y_{n+3} - 18y_{n+2} + y_{n+1} = 16\sigma$$

$$z_{n+3} - 18z_{n+2} + z_{n+1} = 0$$

2.2. Pattern:2

Write (1) as

$$10z^2 - y^2 = x^2 * 1 \quad (6)$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = (\sqrt{10} + 3)(\sqrt{10} - 3) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Assume } x = 10a^2 - b^2 \quad (8)$$

where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

Using (7) and (8) in (6), we get

$$(\sqrt{10}z + y)(\sqrt{10}z - y) = (\sqrt{10}a + b)^2 (\sqrt{10}a - b)^2 (\sqrt{10} + 3)(\sqrt{10} - 3)$$

On employing the method of factorization and equating the rational and irrational parts, we get

$$z = z(a, b) = 10a^2 + b^2 + 6ab \quad (9)$$

$$y = y(a, b) = 30a^2 + 3b^2 + 20ab$$

Thus (8) and (9) represents non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1).

Properties:

$$x(2^n, 1) + z(2^n, 1) = 18Mer_{2n} + ky_n + car l_n + 2Tha_n + 22$$

$$y(a, 1) - z(a, 1) - t_{42,a} \equiv 2 \pmod{33}$$

2.3. Pattern:3

Instead of (7), write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(\sqrt{10} + 1)(\sqrt{10} - 1)}{9} \quad (10)$$

Using (10) and (8) in (6) and following the procedure as in pattern (2) the non-zero distinct solutions of (1) are given by

$$z = \frac{1}{3} (10a^2 + b^2 + 2ab)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} (10a^2 + b^2 + 20ab)$$

Choosing $a = 3A$, $b = 3B$ the corresponding integral values of x, y and z satisfying the (1) are given by

$$x = x(A, B) = 90A^2 - 9B^2$$

$$y = y(A, B) = 30A^2 + 3B^2 + 60AB$$

$$z = z(A, B) = 30A^2 + 3B^2 + 6AB$$

Properties:

$$1. \quad x(2^n, 2n+1) = 30Tha_{2n} - 36p_n + 21$$

$$2. \quad y(n+1, n+1) - z(n+1, n+1) = 2(t_{56,n} + 40g_n + 67)$$

2.4. Pattern: 4

Write (1) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 9z^2 + z^2 &= x^2 + y^2 \\
 9z^2 - y^2 &= x^2 - z^2 \\
 (3z + y)(3z - y) &= (x + z)(x - z)
 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Write (11) as

$$\frac{3z + y}{x - z} = \frac{x + z}{3z - y} = \frac{A}{B}, \quad B \neq 0$$

This is equivalent to the following two equations

$$-xA + yB + z(A + 3B) = 0$$

$$xB + yA + z(B - 3A) = 0$$

On employing the method of cross multiplication, we get

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

Thus (12) represents non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1).

Properties:

1. $x(A+1,1) + z(A+1,1) + t_{12,A} - t_{8,A} + 6g_A + 14 = 0$
2. $y(2, B^2 + 1) + 3 = ct_{6,B^2} + t_{16,B} + 3g_B$

2.5. Pattern:5

Write 10 as

$$10 = (3+i)(3-i) \quad (13)$$

$$\text{Assume, } z = a^2 + b^2 \quad (14)$$

Using (13) and (14) in (1), we get

$$(x + iy)(x - iy) = (3 + i)(3 - i)(a + ib)^2(a - ib)^2$$

On employing the method of factorization and equating the real and imaginary parts, we get

$$x = x(a, b) = 3(a^2 - b^2) - 2ab \quad (15)$$

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

Thus (14) and (15) represents non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1).

Properties:

1. $z(n, 2n+1) - 3x(n+1, n) + 9g_n + 18 + n = ct_{20,n} + 2t_{3,n}$
2. $y(n+1, n) - ct_{12,n} - 2g_n = 0$

Generation of solution:

Let (x_0, y_0, z_0) be the initial solution of (1). Then, each of the following triple of nonzero distinct integers based on x_0, y_0 and z_0 also satisfies (1)

$$\text{Triple 1: } \begin{pmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \\ z_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{Y_{n+1}+1}{2} & \frac{Y_{n+1}-1}{2} & 10X_{n+1} \\ \frac{Y_{n+1}-1}{2} & \frac{Y_{n+1}+1}{2} & 10X_{n+1} \\ X_{n+1} & X_{n+1} & Y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Where

$$X_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{20}} \left[(9 + 2\sqrt{20})^{n+1} - (9 - 2\sqrt{20})^{n+1} \right]$$

$$Y_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(9 + 2\sqrt{20})^{n+1} + (9 - 2\sqrt{20})^{n+1} \right]$$

3. CONCLUSION

One may search for other patterns of solution and their corresponding properties.

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