



ON THE NON-HOMOGENEOUS TERNARY CUBIC EQUATION

$$(x + y)^2 - 3xy = 12z^3$$

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Abstract

The non-homogeneous cubic equation with three unknowns represented by $(x + y)^2 - 3xy = 12z^3$ is analysed for its patterns of non-zero distinct integer solutions. A few interesting relations among the solutions are presented.

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Notations:

1. $t_{m,n} = n \left(1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2} \right)$ - Polygonal number of rank n with size m
2. $CP_{3,n} = \frac{n^3 + n}{2}$ - Centered triangular pyramidal number of rank n
3. $CP_{6,n} = n^3$ - Centered hexagonal pyramidal number of rank n
4. $P_n^5 = \frac{n^2(n+1)}{2}$ - Pentagonal pyramidal number of rank n
5. $PR_n = n(n+1)$ - Pronic number of rank n

INTRODUCTION

It is well known that the Diophantine equations are rich in variety [1-3]. In particular, one may refer [4-12] for cubic with three unknowns. In this paper yet another cubic equation with three unknowns is given by $(x + y)^2 - 3xy = 12z^3$ is considered for determining its infinitely many non-zero integer solutions. Also, A few interesting relations among the solutions are exhibited.

Method of analysis:

The non-homogeneous cubic equation to be solved is

$$(x + y)^2 - 3xy = 12z^3 \quad (1)$$

Introducing the linear transformations

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

in (1), it gives

$$u^2 + 3v^2 = 12z^3 \quad (3)$$

Assume

$$z = z(a, b) = a^2 + 3b^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Also, } 12 = (3 + i\sqrt{3})(3 - i\sqrt{3}) \quad (5)$$

Substituting (4), (5) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, we have

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

Equating the positive and negative terms in the above equation, we have

$$(u + i\sqrt{3}v) = (3 + i\sqrt{3})(a + i\sqrt{3}b)^3 \quad (6)$$

$$(u - i\sqrt{3}v) = (3 - i\sqrt{3})(a - i\sqrt{3}b)^3 \quad (7)$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts in either (6) or (7), we have

$$u = 3a^3 - 27ab^2 - 9a^2b + 9b^3$$

$$v = 9a^2b - 9b^3 + a^3 - 9ab^2$$

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

$$x = x(a, b) = 4a^3 - 3ab^2 \quad (8)$$

$$y = y(a, b) = 2a^3 - 18ab^2 - 18a^2b + 18b^3 \quad (9)$$

Thus, (4), (8) and (9) represent the integer solutions to (1)

Properties:

1. $z(a, a+1) - t_{10, a} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
2. $6[4 - x(1, b)]$ is a nasty number.

$$3. x(1,b) + z(1,b) + 33t_{4,b} = 5$$

$$4. y(a,1) - 2CP_{6,a} - 18PR_a = 18$$

Note: It is worth to mention that , in addition to (5) , 12 may also be written in the following

ways :

$$\text{way 1: } 12 = (-3 + i\sqrt{3})(-3 - i\sqrt{3}) \quad (10)$$

$$\text{way 2: } 12 = (i2\sqrt{3})(-i2\sqrt{3}) \quad (11)$$

Following the procedure as above , the corresponding integer solutions to (10) and (11) are presented below:

Solution for (10):

$$x = -2a^3 + 18ab^2 + 18b^3 - 18a^2b$$

$$y = -4a^3 + 36ab^2$$

$$z = a^2 + 3b^2$$

Solution for (11):

$$x = 18b^3 - 18a^2b + 2a^3 - 18ab^2$$

$$y = 18b^3 - 18a^2b - 2a^3 + 18ab^2$$

$$z = a^2 + 3b^2$$

However, we have other choices of integer solutions to (1) that are illustrated below:

$$u^2 + 3v^2 = 12z^3 \times 1 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Assume } 1 = \frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})(1-i\sqrt{3})}{4} \quad (13)$$

Substituting (4), (5) and (13) in (12) and employing the method of factorization, define

$$(u + i\sqrt{3}v) = \frac{1}{2}(3 + i\sqrt{3})(1 + i\sqrt{3})(a + i\sqrt{3}b)^3 \quad (14)$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts in (14), we have

$$u = -18a^2b + 18b^3$$

$$v = 2a^3 - 18ab^2$$

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

$$x = x(a,b) = -18a^2b + 18b^3 + 2a^3 - 18ab^2 \quad (15)$$

$$y = y(a,b) = -18a^2b + 18b^3 - 2a^3 + 18ab^2 \quad (16)$$

Thus, (4), (15) and (16) represent the integer solution to (1)

Properties:

$$1. z(b+1,b) - t_{10,a} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$2. x(1,b) - 18CP_{6,b} + 18PR_b = 2$$

3. $6z(a, a^2)$ is a nasty number when

$$a = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left[(2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} - (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right], n = -1, 0, 1, \dots$$

$$4. y(a,1) - x(a,1) + 8CP_{3,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$5. 6[y(a,1) - x(a,1) + 8P_a^5 + 81] \text{ is a nasty number.}$$

Note: It is to be noted that, in addition to (13) , 1 may also be represented as

$$1 = \frac{(1+i4\sqrt{3})(1-i4\sqrt{3})}{49} \quad (17)$$

For this choice, the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x = x(A,B) = 49[4A^3 + 144B^3 - 36AB^2 - 144A^2B]$$

$$y = y(A,B) = 49[-22A^3 + 90B^3 + 198AB^2 - 90A^2B]$$

$$z = z(A,B) = 49[A^2 + 3B^2]$$

Further, considering (10) with (13) , the integer solution to (1) are given by

$$x = -4a^3 + 36ab^2$$

$$y = -2a^3 + 18ab^2 + 18a^2b - 18b^3$$

$$z = a^2 + 3b^2$$

Considering (10) with (17) , the integer solution to (1) are found to be

$$x = x(A,B) = 49[-90A^2B + 198AB^2 - 22A^3 - 54B^3]$$

$$y = y(A,B) = 49[54A^2B + 234AB^2 - 26A^3 - 54B^3]$$

$$z = z(A,B) = 49[A^2 + 3B^2]$$

Considering (11) with (13), the integer solutions are represented as

$$x = -2a^3 + 18b^3 + 18ab^2 - 18a^2b$$

$$y = -4a^3 + 36ab^2$$

$$z = a^2 + 3b^2$$

Considering (11) with (17) the integer solutions are obtained as

$$x = x(A,B) = 49[54A^2B + 234AB^2 - 26A^3 - 54B^3]$$

$$y = y(A,B) = 49[144A^2B + 36AB^2 - 4A^3 - 144B^3]$$

$$z = z(A,B) = 49[A^2 + 3B^2]$$

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