

General Form of Integral Solutions to the Ternary Non-Homogeneous Cubic Equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + xy + x - y + 1 = (m^2 + 3n^2)z^3$$

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Abstract:

The purpose of this paper is to obtain a general form of non-zero distinct integral solutions of ternary non-homogeneous cubic diophantine equation $x^2 + y^2 + xy + x - y + 1 = (m^2 + 3n^2)z^3$.

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Notations:

T_n -Triangular number of rank n , Ob_n -Oblong number of rank n

Th_n -Tetrahedral number of rank n , PP_n -Pentagonal Pyramidal number of rank n

J_n -Jacobsthal number of rank n , J_n -Jacobsthal-Lucas number of rank n

I. Introduction:

The theory of Diophantine equations offers a rich variety of fascinating problems. In particular, cubic diophantine equations, homogeneous and non-homogeneous have aroused the interest of numerous mathematicians since antiquity [1-4]. In this context, one may refer [5-24] for various problems on the cubic diophantine equations with three variables, where, in each of the problems, different sets of non-zero integer solutions are obtained. However, often we come across homogeneous and non-homogeneous cubic equations and as such one may require its integral solution in its most general form. It is towards this end, this paper concerns with the problem of determining a general form of non-trivial integral solutions of the non-homogeneous cubic equation with three unknowns given by $x^2 + y^2 + xy + x - y + 1 = (m^2 + 3n^2)z^3$.

Method of Analysis:

The ternary non-homogeneous cubic diophantine equation to be solved for its distinct non-zero integral solution is

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

where m, n are not simultaneously zero.

Introduction of the linear transformations

$$x = u + v - 1, y = u - v + 1 \tag{2}$$

in (1) leads to

$$v^2 + 3u^2 = (m^2 + 3n^2)z^3 \tag{3}$$

Let v_0, u_0, z_0 be any given non-zero integer solution to (3) so that

$$v_0^2 + 3u_0^2 = (m^2 + 3n^2)z_0^3 \tag{4}$$

Now, consider

$$v = Av_0 \pm 3Bu_0, u = Bv_0 \mp Au_0 \tag{5}$$

where A, B are non-zero integers to be determined such that (5) satisfies (3).

Substituting (5) in (3), we have

$$\text{L.H.S. of (3)} = (v_0^2 + 3u_0^2)(A^2 + 3B^2) \tag{6}$$

In view of (4), it is seen that

$$\text{L.H.S. of (1)} = (m^2 + 3n^2)z_0^3(A^2 + 3B^2) \tag{7}$$

On comparing the R.H.S. of (3) and (7), note that we have to choose A and B so that

$$(A^2 + 3B^2) \text{ is a perfect cubical integer. Choosing } A = a(a^2 + 3b^2), B = b(a^2 + 3b^2) \tag{8}$$

it is seen that

$$A^2 + 3B^2 = (a^2 + 3b^2)^3$$

and thus, one obtains

$$z = (a^2 + 3b^2)z_0 \tag{9}$$

Substituting (8) in (5), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= b(a^2 + 3b^2)v_0 \mp a(a^2 + 3b^2)u_0, \\ v &= a(a^2 + 3b^2)v_0 \pm 3b(a^2 + 3b^2)u_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{10}$$

In view of (2), we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= (b + a)(a^2 + 3b^2)v_0 + (a^2 + 3b^2)(\mp a \pm 3b)u_0 - 1, \\ y &= (b - a)(a^2 + 3b^2)v_0 \mp (a^2 + 3b^2)(a + 3b)u_0 + 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{11}$$

Thus, (9) and (11) represent the general form of integral solutions to (1).

Note :

It is worth to mention that

$$A^2 + 3B^2 \text{ is a perfect cubical integer when } A = a(a^2 - 9b^2), B = b(3a^2 - 3b^2)$$

In this case, the general form of integer solution to (1) is given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= [a(a^2 - 9b^2) + b(3a^2 - 3b^2)]v_0 \pm [-a(a^2 - 9b^2) + 3b(3a^2 - 3b^2)]u_0 - 1 \\ y &= [-a(a^2 - 9b^2) + b(3a^2 - 3b^2)]v_0 \mp [a(a^2 - 9b^2) + 3b(3a^2 - 3b^2)]u_0 + 1 \\ z &= (a^2 + 3b^2)z_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{12}$$

A few examples are presented in the following Table:

Table-Examples

m	n	u_0	v_0	z_0	a	b	x	y	z
2	1	1	2	1	1	1	23	-15	4
							7	17	4
							-9	25	4
							-25	9	4
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	-9	9	4
							15	-15	4

To analyze the nature of solutions, one has to go in for particular values of m, n, u_0, v_0, z_0 . Here we present the solutions to (1) and a few properties for $m = 1, n = 0, v_0 = 1, u_0 = 0, z_0 = 1$ from (12). The solutions to (1) under consideration is

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= a^3 - 9ab^2 + 3a^2b - 3b^3 - 1 \\ y &= 3a^2b - 3b^3 - a^3 + 9ab^2 + 1 \\ z &= a^2 + 3b^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (13)$$

We observe the following relations among the solutions.

- 1) $x + y$ is a Nasty number when $a = (2^{4\alpha-2} + 1)q^2, b = 2^{2\alpha} q^2$
- 2) $\frac{3b(x - y + 2)}{2}$ is a Nasty number.
- 3) When $a = 3b, x - y + 2 = 0$ and therefore $x^3 - y^3 + 8 = -6xy$
- 4) When $a = 3b, 2z$ is a Nasty number.
- 5) When $a = 2b, y + bz - x - 2$ and $\frac{3(x + y)}{2}$ are cubical integers.
- 6) When $a = 3b, 36(x + y)$ is a cubical integer and $z - 6b^2(y - x) = 0$
- 7) $\frac{a(x + y)}{6}$ is a Nasty number.
- 8) $a(x + y)$ is 6 times the area of the Pythagorean Triangle $(2ab, a^2 - b^2, a^2 + b^2)$
- 9) $x - y + 6az + 2$ is a cubical integer.
- 10) $(x - y + 2)^2 = 4(z - 3b^2)(z - 12b^2)^2$
- 11) Representing the solutions x, y, z in (13) by the notations $x(a, b), y(a, b), z(a, b)$ respectively, the following relations are observed.
 - a) $x(a, b) + x(-a, -b) = -2$
 - b) If $a > 3b, \frac{3b}{2}[x(a, b) - x(-a, b)]$ is a Nasty number.
 - c) $x(-a, b) + y(a, -b) = 0$
 - d) $\frac{a}{6}[y(a, b) - y(a, -b)]$ is a Nasty number.
 - e) $x(a, -b) + y(a, b) = 0$
 - f) $x(-a, b) + x(a, -b) = -2$
 - g) $y(-a, b) - x(a, b) = 2$
 - h) $y(a, -b) + y(9 - a, b) = 2$
 - i) If $a > b, \frac{a}{6}[y(a, b) + x(a, b)]$ is a Nasty number.
 - j) $x(-a, b) - y(a, b) = -2$
 - k) $x(a, b) + y(a, -b) = 0$
 - l) $a[y(a, 1) - y(a, -1)] = 12(PP_a - T_a)$
 - m) $a[y(a, 1) - y(a, -1)] = 12(PP_a - 6Ob_a)$
 - n) $a[y(a, 1) + x(a, 1)] = 36Th_{(a-1)} = a[y(a, 1) - y(a, -1)]$
 - o) $y(2^n, 1) + x(2^n, 1) = 6(3J_{2^n}) = 6(j_{2^n} - 2)$
 - p) $b[y(1 + 2b, b) + x(1 + 2b, b) + y(1, b) + x(1, b)] = 48(T_b)^2$
 - q) $z(a + 3b, a - b) = 4a^2 + 12b^2 = 4z$
 - r) $z(a + 6b, a - 2b) - 4z(a, b) = (6b)^2$, a perfect square.
 - s) $z(a + 6b, a - 2b) - 16z \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$

t) $z(a + 9b, a - 3b) - 4z$ is a Nasty number.

II. Conclusion:

In this paper, we have made an attempt to find a general form of non-zero distinct integer solutions to the non-homogeneous cubic equation with three unknowns given by $x^2 + y^2 + x y + x - y + 1 = (m^2 + 3n^2)z^3$. To conclude, one may search for other choices of general form of integer solutions to the cubic equation with three unknowns in title.

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