

On ternary quadratic Diophantine equation $5(x^2 + y^2) - 6xy = 20z^2$

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Abstract

The ternary homogeneous quadratic equation given by $5(x^2 + y^2) - 6xy = 20z^2$ representing a cone is analysed for its non-zero distinct integer solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special polygonal and pyramidal numbers are presented.

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Introduction

The Diophantine equations offer an unlimited field for due to their variety [1, 3]. In particular, one may refer [4, 16] for quadratic equations with three unknowns. This communication concerns with yet another interesting homogenous quadratic equation with three unknowns $5(x^2 + y^2) - 6xy = 20z^2$ for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral points. Also, a few interesting relations among the solutions are presented.

Method of Analysis

The Diophantine equation representing the ternary quadratic equation to be solved for its non-zero distinct integral solutions is

$$5(x^2 + y^2) - 6xy = 20z^2 \tag{1}$$

The substitution of linear transformations

$$\left. \begin{matrix} x = u + v \\ y = u - v \end{matrix} \right\} , u \neq v \neq 0 \tag{2}$$

in (1) leads to,

$$u^2 + (2v)^2 = 5z^2 \tag{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 + q^2 = 5z^2 \tag{4}$$

Where

$$p=u, q=2v \tag{5}$$

Assume that

$$z = a^2 + b^2, a, b \neq 0 \tag{6}$$

Pattern 1

Write 5 as

$$5 = (2 + i)(2 - i) \tag{7}$$

Substituting (7) and (6) in (4) and using the method of factorization, we get

$$(p + iq)(p - iq) = (2 + i)(2 - i)(a + ib)^2(a - ib)^2$$

equating the positive and negative factors, the resulting equations are

$$p + iq = (2 + i)(a + ib)^2 \tag{8}$$

$$p - iq = (2 - i)(a - ib)^2 \tag{9}$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts in (8)

$$\begin{matrix} p = 2a^2 - 2b^2 - 2ab \\ q = a^2 - b^2 + 4ab \end{matrix} \tag{*}$$

In view of (5),

$$\begin{matrix} u = 2a^2 - 2b^2 - 2ab \\ v = \frac{a^2}{2} - \frac{b^2}{2} + 2ab \end{matrix} \tag{10}$$

Substituting (10) in (2), we get

$$\begin{matrix} x = \frac{5a^2}{2} - \frac{5b^2}{2} \\ y = \frac{3a^2}{2} - \frac{3b^2}{2} - 4ab \end{matrix} \tag{11}$$

As our interest is on finding integer solutions, we choose a and b suitably so that the values of x and y are in integers. Replacing a by 2A and b by 2B in (11) & (6), the integer solutions to (1) are

$$\begin{matrix} x(A, B) = x = 10A^2 - 10B^2 \\ y(A, B) = y = 6A^2 - 6B^2 - 16AB \\ z(A, B) = z = 4A^2 + 4B^2 \end{matrix}$$

Properties

- 1. $6x(n^2, n+1) - 10y(n^2, n+1) = 320p_n^5$
- 2. $6x(n, n+1) - 10y(n, n+1) = 320t_{3,n}$
- 3. $6x(n, n^2) - 10y(n, n^2) = 160cp_{6,n}$
- 4. $6x(n(n+1), n+2) - 10y(n(n+1), n+2) = 960p_n^3$

Pattern 2

Instead of (7), 5 can be written as

$$5 = (1 + 2i)(1 - 2i) \quad (12)$$

Proceeding as in method 1, the non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1) are given by

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

$$y(a, b) = y = -5ab$$

$$z(a, b) = z = a^2 + b^2$$

Properties

- 1) $15[5x(a, b) - 3y(a, b) + 10t_{4,b}]$ is a nasty number
- 2) $2z(n, n+1) - x(n, n+1) - 6t_{3,n}$ is a perfect square
- 3) $6[2z(n, n+1) - x(n, n+1) - 6t_{3,n}]$ is a nasty number
- 4) $[x(a, a) - y(a, a)]$ is a perfect square
- 5) $3[x(a, a) - y(a, a)]$ is a nasty number

In addition to (7) and (12), 5 may also be represented as

Set 1: $5 = (-2 + i)(-2 - i)$

Set 2: $5 = (-1 + 2i)(-1 - 2i)$

Proceeding as in method 1, two more choices of integer solutions to (1) are presented below.

Solutions of Set 1:

$$x(A, B) = y = -6A^2 - 6B^2 - 16AB$$

$$y(A, B) = y = -10A^2 + 10B^2$$

$$z(A, B) = z = 4A^2 + 4B^2$$

Properties

- 1. $6y(n^2, n+1) - 10x(n^2, n+1) = 320p_n^5$
- 2. $6y(n, n+1) - 10x(n, n+1) = 320t_{3,n}$
- 3. $6y(n, n^2) - 10x(n, n^2) = 160cp_{6,n}$
- 4. $6y(n(n+1), n+2) - 10x(n(n+1), n+2) = 960p_n^3$

Solutions of Set 2:

$$x(a, b) = x = -5ab$$

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

$$z(a, b) = z = a^2 + b^2$$

Properties

- 1) $15[3x(a, b) - 5y(a, b) + 10t_{4,a}]$ is a nasty number
- 2) $2z(n, n+1) - x(n, n+1) - 6t_{3,n}$ is a perfect square
- 3) $6[2z(n, n+1) - x(n, n+1) - 6t_{3,n}]$ is a nasty number
- 4) $[y(a, a) + x(a, a)]$ is a perfect square
- 5) $3[y(a, a) + x(a, a)]$ is a nasty number

Generation of integer solutions

Let (x_0, y_0, z_0) be any given solution of (1)

Formula

$$\text{Let } x_1 = h + 8x_0, y_1 = h + 8y_0, z_1 = h - 8z_0$$

Be the second solution of (1), substituting (13) in (1) and simplifying, we get

$$h = 2x_0 + 2y_0 + 2z_0$$

The second solution of (1) expressed in the matrix form is

$$(x_1, y_1, z_1)^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{(1)}, & a_{12}^{(1)}, & a_{13}^{(1)} \\ a_{21}^{(2)}, & a_{22}^{(2)}, & a_{23}^{(2)} \\ a_{31}^{(3)}, & a_{32}^{(3)}, & a_{33}^{(3)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where

$$a_{11}^{(1)} = a_{22}^{(1)} = 10, a_{12}^{(1)} = a_{21}^{(1)} = a_{31}^{(1)} = a_{32}^{(1)} = 2, a_{13}^{(1)} = a_{23}^{(1)} = 20, a_{11}^{(1)} + a_{12}^{(1)} = a_{33}^{(1)}$$

and T is transpose

Repeating the above process, the general formula for obtaining other integer solutions of (1) is given by

$$(x_n, y_n, z_n)^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{(n)}, & a_{12}^{(n)}, & a_{13}^{(n)} \\ a_{21}^{(n)}, & a_{22}^{(n)}, & a_{23}^{(n)} \\ a_{31}^{(n)}, & a_{32}^{(n)}, & a_{33}^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where

$$a_{11}^{(n)} + a_{12}^{(n)} = a_{21}^{(n)} + a_{22}^{(n)} = a_{33}^{(n)}, \frac{a_{13}^{(n)}}{a_{11}^{(n)}} = a_{31}^{(n)} = a_{32}^{(n)}, a_{31}^{(n)} \times a_{11}^{(n)} = a_{13}^{(n)} = a_{23}^{(n)}$$

Conclusion

In this paper, we have obtained infinitely many non-zero distinct integer solutions to the ternary quadratic Diophantine equation represented by $5(x^2 + y^2) - 6xy = 20z^2$. As quadratic equations are rich in variety, one may search for other choices of quadratic equation with variables greater than or equal to 3 and determine their properties through special numbers.

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