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On Non-homogeneous Ternary Cubic Equation

$$x^3 + y^3 + x + y = 2z(2z^2 - \alpha^2 + 1)$$

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ABSTRACT

This paper concerns with the problem of obtaining non-zero distinct integer solutions to the non-homogeneous cubic equation with three unknowns given $x^3 + y^3 + x + y = 2z(2z^2 - \alpha^2 + 1)$. A few interesting relations among the solutions are presented. Also, a formula for generating sequence of integer solutions to the considered cubic equation based on its given solution is exhibited.

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INTRODUCTION

The cubic diophantine equations are rich in variety and offer an unlimited field for research [1,2]. In particular, refer [3-22] for a few problems on cubic equation with 3 unknowns for obtaining non-zero distinct integer solutions. This paper concerns with yet another non-homogeneous ternary cubic diophantine equation given by $x^3 + y^3 + x + y = 2z(2z^2 - \alpha^2 + 1)$ for determining its non-zero non-distinct integral solutions by employing the linear transformations. A few interesting relations

among the solutions are presented. A general formula for generating sequence of integer solutions based on its given solution is exhibited.

Method of analysis

The non-homogeneous ternary cubic equation to be solved is

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

Introduction of the linear transformations

$$x = u + v, y = u - v, z = u, u \neq v \neq 0 \quad (2)$$

in (1) leads to

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

which is the well-known positive Pell equation. The general solution (v_{n+1}, u_{n+1}) to (3)

is given by

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n+1} &= \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{3}} g_n + \frac{\alpha}{2} f_n, \\ u_{n+1} &= \alpha f_n + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \alpha g_n, n = -1, 0, 1, \dots \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f_n = (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1}, g_n = (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} - (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1},$$

In view of (2), the general solution $(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, z_{n+1})$ to (1) is given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= \frac{3}{2} \alpha f_n + \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{6} \alpha g_n, \\ y_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha f_n + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \alpha g_n, \\ z_{n+1} &= \alpha f_n + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \alpha g_n, \end{aligned} \right\} n = -1, 0, 1, \dots \quad (4)$$

A few numerical examples are presented in Table:1 below:

Table :1 Numerical examples

n	x_{n+1}	y_{n+1}	z_{n+1}
-1	3α	α	2α
0	11α	3α	7α
1	41α	11α	26α
2	153α	41α	97α
3	571α	153α	362α

From the above Table:1,the following results are observed:

- (i) The values of x and y are both even or odd according as α is even or odd .
- (ii) The values of z are even when α is even and alternatively even & odd when α is odd
- (iii) $x_{n+1} = y_{n+2}$
- (iv) $x_{n+1} + x_{n+3} = 4y_{n+3}$
- (v) $z_{n+1} + z_{n+2} = 3x_{n+1}$
- (vi) $z_{n+3} + z_{n+2} = 3y_{n+3}$
- (vii) $y_{n+1} + x_{n+2} = 4y_{n+2}$
- (viii) $y_{n+3} + y_{n+2} = 2z_{n+2}$
- (ix) $z_{n+3} + 5z_{n+1} = 3(y_{n+3} + y_{n+1})$
- (x) $x_{n+2} + x_{n+1} = y_{n+3} + y_{n+2}$

Each of the following expressions is a perfect square:

- $\alpha(8z_{2n+2} - 2z_{2n+3} + 2\alpha)$
- $\alpha(10z_{2n+2} - 6x_{2n+2} + 2\alpha)$
- $\alpha(18x_{2n+2} - 2z_{2n+4} + 2\alpha)$
- $\alpha(10z_{2n+2} - 6y_{2n+3} + 2\alpha)$
- $\alpha(5y_{2n+2} - x_{2n+2} + 2\alpha)$

Each of the following expressions is a cubical integer:

- $\alpha^2 [5y_{3n+3} - x_{3n+3} + 3(5y_{n+1} - x_{n+1})]$
- $\alpha^2 [10z_{3n+3} - 6y_{3n+4} + 3(10z_{n+1} - 6y_{n+2})]$
- $\alpha^2 [18x_{3n+3} - 2z_{3n+5} + 3(18x_{n+1} - 2z_{n+3})]$
- $\alpha^2 [10z_{3n+3} - 6x_{3n+3} + 3(10z_{n+1} - 6x_{n+1})]$

$$\bullet \quad \alpha^2 [8z_{3n+3} - 2z_{3n+4} + 3(8z_{n+1} - 2z_{n+2})]$$

Employing the linear combinations between the solutions of (1), one obtains integer solutions to special hyperbolas and parabolas :

Illustration 1:

The pairs of integers

$$(X, Y) = (4z_{n+2} - 14z_{n+1}, 8z_{n+1} - 2z_{n+2}), (12x_{n+1} - 18z_{n+1}, 10z_{n+1} - 6x_{n+1}), \\ (12y_{n+2} - 18z_{n+1}, 10z_{n+1} - 6y_{n+2}), (3x_{n+1} - 9y_{n+1}, 5y_{n+1} - x_{n+1})$$

satisfy the hyperbola $3Y^2 - X^2 = 12\alpha^2$ correspondingly.

Illustration 2:

The pairs of integers

$$(X, Y) = (4z_{n+2} - 14z_{n+1}, 8z_{2n+2} - 2z_{2n+3} + 2\alpha), (12x_{n+1} - 18z_{n+1}, 10z_{2n+2} - 6x_{2n+2} + 2\alpha), \\ (12y_{n+2} - 18z_{n+1}, 10z_{2n+2} - 6y_{2n+3} + 2\alpha), (3x_{n+1} - 9y_{n+1}, 5y_{2n+2} - x_{2n+2} + 2\alpha)$$

satisfy the hyperbola $3\alpha Y - X^2 = 12\alpha^2$ correspondingly.

Generation of Solutions:

The process of obtaining a formula for generating sequence of integer solutions based on the given solution is presented below:

Let (u_0, v_0) be any given solution to (3).

Let (u_1, v_1) given by

$$u_1 = 2h - u_0, \quad v_1 = h + v_0 \tag{5}$$

be the 2^{nd} solution to (3). Using (5) in (3) and simplifying, one obtains

$$h = 4u_0 + 6v_0$$

In view of (5), the values of u_1 and v_1 are written in the matrix form as

$$(u_1, v_1)^t = M(u_0, v_0)^t$$

where

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 12 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } t \text{ is the transpose}$$

The repetition of the above process leads to the n^{th} solutions u_n, v_n given by

$$(u_n, v_n)^t = M^n (u_0, v_0)^t \quad (6)$$

Now, if p, q are the distinct eigen values of M , then

$$p = 7 + 4\sqrt{3}, q = 7 - 4\sqrt{3}$$

We know that

$$M^n = \frac{p^n}{(p-q)}(M - qI) + \frac{q^n}{(q-p)}(M - pI), I = 2 \times 2 \text{ Identity matrix}$$

and in view of (6), one obtains the values of u_n, v_n . Employing (2), the values of

x_n, y_n, z_n satisfying (1) are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_n &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \left[(2\sqrt{3}(\alpha^n + \beta^n) + 4(\alpha^n - \beta^n))x_0 - 2(\alpha^n - \beta^n)y_0 \right] \\ y_n &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \left[(2\sqrt{3}(\alpha^n + \beta^n) - 4(\alpha^n - \beta^n))y_0 + 2(\alpha^n - \beta^n)x_0 \right] \\ z_n &= \frac{1}{4} \left[(\alpha^n + \beta^n + \sqrt{3}(\alpha^n - \beta^n))x_0 + (\alpha^n + \beta^n - \sqrt{3}(\alpha^n - \beta^n))y_0 \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7)$$

In the above system (7), $x_0 = u_0 + v_0, y_0 = u_0 - v_0$

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have made an attempt to determine non-zero distinct integer solutions to the non-homogeneous cubic equation with three unknowns given by $x^3 + y^3 + x + y = 2z(2z^2 - \alpha^2 + 1)$. As the cubic equations are rich in variety, one may search for other forms of cubic equations with multiple variables to obtain their corresponding solutions.

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