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## ON THE HOMOGENEOUS CONE $z^2 = 74x^2 + y^2$

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### Abstract:

The homogeneous ternary quadratic equation given by  $z^2 = 74x^2 + y^2$  is analysed for its non-zero distinct integer solutions through different methods. A few interesting properties between the solutions are presented. Also, formulae for generating sequence of integer solutions based on the given solution are presented.

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### Introduction:

It is well known that the quadratic Diophantine equations with three unknowns (homogeneous or non-homogeneous) are rich in variety [1, 2]. In particular, the ternary quadratic Diophantine equations of the form  $z^2 = Dx^2 + y^2$  are analysed for values of  $D=29,41,43,47, 53, 55, 61, 63, 67$  in [3-11]. In this communication, yet another interesting homogeneous ternary quadratic Diophantine equation given by  $z^2 = 74x^2 + y^2$  is analysed for its non-zero distinct integer solutions through different methods. A few interesting properties between the solutions are presented. Also, formulas for generating sequence of integer solutions based on the given solution are presented.

### METHODS OF ANALYSIS

The ternary quadratic equation to be solved for its integer solutions is

$$z^2 = 74x^2 + y^2 \tag{1}$$

We present below different methods of solving (1):

**Method: 1**

(1) Is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{z+y}{74x} = \frac{x}{z-y} = \frac{r}{s}, s \neq 0 \quad (2)$$

which is equivalent to the system of double equations

$$74rx - sy - sz = 0$$

$$sx + ry - rz = 0$$

Applying the method of cross-multiplication to the above system of equations,

$$x = x(r, s) = 2rs$$

$$y = y(r, s) = 74r^2 - s^2$$

$$z = z(r, s) = 74r^2 + s^2$$

which satisfy (1)

**Note: 1**

It is observed that (1) may also be represented in the form of ratio as below:

$$(i) \frac{z+y}{2x} = \frac{37x}{z-y} = \frac{r}{s}, s \neq 0$$

The corresponding solutions to (1) are given as:

$$x = 2rs, y = 2r^2 - 37s^2, z = 2r^2 + 37s^2$$

$$(ii) \frac{z+y}{37x} = \frac{2x}{z-y} = \frac{r}{s}, s \neq 0$$

The corresponding solutions to (1) are given as:

$$x = 2rs, y = 37r^2 - 2s^2, z = 37r^2 + 2s^2$$

**Method: 2**

(1) Is written as the system of double equation in Table 1 as follows:

**Table: 1 System of Double Equations**

System	1	2	3	4
$z+y$	$74x^2$	$37x^2$	$74x$	$37x$
$z-y$	1	2	$x$	$2x$

Solving each of the above system of double equations, the value of  $x, y$  &  $z$  satisfying (1) are obtained. For simplicity and brevity, in what follows, the integer solutions thus obtained are exhibited.

**Solutions for system: I**

No integer Solutions

**Solutions for system: II**

$$x = 2k, y = 74k^2 - 1, z = 74k^2 + 1$$

**Solution for system: III**

$$x = 2k, y = 73k, z = 75k$$

**Solution for system: IV**

$$x = 2k, y = 35k, z = 39k$$

**Method: 3**

(1) Is written as

$$y^2 + 74x^2 = z^2 = z^2 * 1 \quad (3)$$

Assume  $z$  as

$$z = a^2 + 74b^2 \quad (4)$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(74r^2 - s^2 + i2rs\sqrt{74})(74r^2 - s^2 - i2rs\sqrt{74})}{(74r^2 + s^2)^2} \quad (5)$$

Using (4) & (5) in (3) and employing the method of factorization, consider

$$y + i\sqrt{74}x = \frac{(a + ib\sqrt{74})^2 [74r^2 - s^2 + i\sqrt{74}2rs]}{74r^2 + s^2}$$

Equating real & imaginary parts, it is seen that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y &= \frac{(a^2 - 74b^2)(74r^2 - s^2) - 296abrs}{74r^2 + s^2} \\ x &= \frac{(a^2 - 74b^2)2rs + 2ab(74r^2 - s^2)}{74r^2 + s^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

Since our interest is to find the integer solutions, replacing  $a$  by  $(74r^2 + s^2)A$  &  $b$  by  $(74r^2 + s^2)B$  in (6) & (4), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(A, B) = (74r^2 + s^2) \left[ (A^2 - 74B^2)2rs + 2AB(74r^2 - s^2) \right] \\ y &= y(A, B) = (74r^2 + s^2) \left[ (A^2 - 74B^2)(74r^2 - s^2) - 296ABrs \right] \\ z &= z(A, B) = (74r^2 + s^2)^2 (A^2 + 74B^2) \end{aligned}$$

Following the above procedure, one may obtain difference sets of integer solutions to (1).

#### Method: 4

(1) Is written as

$$z^2 - 74x^2 = y^2 = y^2 * 1 \quad (7)$$

Assume  $y$  as

$$y = a^2 - 74b^2 \quad (8)$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(74r^2 + s^2 + \sqrt{74}2rs)(74r^2 + s^2 - \sqrt{74}2rs)}{(74r^2 - s^2)^2} \quad (9)$$

Using (8) & (9) in (7) and employing the method of factorization, consider

$$z + \sqrt{74}x = \frac{(a + \sqrt{74}b)^2 (74r^2 + s^2 + \sqrt{74}2rs)}{74r^2 - s^2}$$

Equating rational and irrational parts, it is seen that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{(a^2 + 74b^2)2rs + 2ab(74r^2 + s^2)}{74r^2 - s^2} \\
 z &= \frac{(a^2 + 74b^2)(74r^2 + s^2) + 296abrs}{74r^2 - s^2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Since our interest to find the integer solution, replacing  $a$  by  $(74r^2 - s^2)A$  &  $b$  by  $(74r^2 - s^2)B$  in (10)& (8), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= x(A, B) = (74r^2 - s^2) \left[ (A^2 + 74B^2)2rs + 2AB(74r^2 + s^2) \right] \\
 y &= y(A, B) = (74r^2 - s^2)^2 [A^2 - 74B^2] \\
 z &= z(A, B) = (74r^2 - s^2) \left[ (A^2 + 74B^2)(74r^2 + s^2) + 296ABrs \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Following the above procedure, one may obtain difference sets of integer solutions to (1).

## GENERATION OF SOLUTIONS

Different formulas for generating sequence of integer solutions based on the given solution are presented below:

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

### Formula: 1

Let  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  given by

$$x_1 = 3x_0, y_1 = 3y_0 + h, z_1 = 3z_0 + 2h \tag{11}$$

be the  $2^{nd}$  solution to (1). Using (11) in (1) and simplifying, one obtains

$$h = 2y_0 - 4z_0$$

In view of (11), the values of  $y_1$  and  $z_1$  are written in the matrix form as

$$(y_1, z_1)^t = M(y_0, z_0)^t$$

where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $t$  is the transpose

The repetition of the above proses leads to the  $n^{th}$  solutions  $y_n, z_n$  given by

$$(y_n, z_n)^t = M^n (y_0, z_0)^t$$

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the distinct eigen values of M, then

$$\alpha = 3, \beta = -3$$

We know that

$$M^n = \frac{\alpha^n}{(\alpha - \beta)} (M - \beta I) + \frac{\beta^n}{(\beta - \alpha)} (M - \alpha I), \quad I = 2 \times 2 \text{ Identity matrix}$$

Thus, the general formulas for integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x_n = 3^n x_0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_n \\ z_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4\alpha^n - \beta^n & -2\alpha^n + 2\beta^n \\ 2\alpha^n - 2\beta^n & -\alpha^n + 4\beta^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Formula: 2

Let  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  given by

$$x_1 = h - 75x_0, \quad y_1 = h - 75y_0, \quad z_1 = 75z_0 \quad (12)$$

be the  $2^{nd}$  solution to (1). Using (12) in (1) and simplifying, one obtains

$$h = 148x_0 + 2y_0$$

In view of (12), the values of  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  are written in the matrix form as

$$(x_1, y_1)^t = M (x_0, y_0)^t$$

$$\text{Where } M = \begin{bmatrix} 73 & 2 \\ 148 & -73 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $t$  is the transpose

The repetition of the above process leads to the  $n^{th}$  solutions  $x_n, y_n$  givenby

$$(x_n, y_n)^t = M^n (x_0, y_0)^t$$

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the distinct eigen values of M, then

$$\alpha = 75, \beta = -75$$

Thus, the general formulas for integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{75} \begin{bmatrix} 74\alpha^n + \beta^n & \alpha^n - \beta^n \\ 74\alpha^n - 74\beta^n & \alpha^n + 74\beta^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_n = 75^n z_0$$

### Formula: 3

Let  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  given by

$$x_1 = 73x_0 + h, \quad y_1 = 73y_0, \quad z_1 = 73z_0 + h \quad (13)$$

be the 2<sup>nd</sup> solution to (1). Using (13) in (1) and simplifying, one obtains

$$h = -148x_0 + 2z_0$$

In view of (13), the values of  $x_1$  and  $z_1$  are written in the matrix form as

$$(x_1, z_1)^t = M(x_0, z_0)^t$$

$$\text{Where } M = \begin{bmatrix} -75 & 2 \\ -148 & 75 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $t$  is the transpose

The repetition of the above process leads to the  $n^{th}$  solutions  $x_n, z_n$  given by

$$(x_n, z_n)^t = M^n(x_0, z_0)^t$$

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the distinct eigen values of  $M$ , then

$$\alpha = 73, \beta = -73$$

Thus, the general formulas for integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$y_n = 73^n y_0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ z_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{73} \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha^n + 74\beta^n & \alpha^n - \beta^n \\ -74\alpha^n + 74\beta^n & 74\alpha^n - \beta^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Formula: 4**

Let  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  given by

$$x_1 = h - x_0, y_1 = 3h - y_0, z_1 = 9h + z_0 \quad (14)$$

be the  $2^{nd}$  solution to (1). Using (14) in (1) and simplifying, one obtains

$$h = 74x_0 + 3y_0 + 9z_0$$

If  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is any given solution to (1), then the triple

$$(73x_0 + 3y_0 + 9z_0, 222x_0 + 8y_0 + 27z_0, 666x_0 + 27y_0 + 82z_0) \text{ also satisfies (1) .}$$

**Conclusion:**

In this paper, an attempt has been made to obtain non-zero distinct integer solutions to the ternary quadratic Diophantine equation  $z^2 = 74x^2 + y^2$  representing homogeneous cone. As there are varieties of cones, the readers may search for other forms of cones to obtain integer solutions for the corresponding cones.

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