



A Search on Integer Solutions to the Homogeneous Quadratic Equation with Three Unknowns $x^2 + 14y^2 = 23z^2$

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ABSTRACT:

This paper focuses on finding non-zero distinct integer solutions to the Homogeneous Quadratic Diophantine Equation with three unknowns given by $x^2 + 14y^2 = 23z^2$. Various sets of integer solutions are obtained. A few interesting properties among the solutions are given.

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INTRODUCTION:

The Ternary quadratic Diophantine equations offer an unlimited field for research because of their variety [1-3]. For an extensive review of various problems, one may refer [4-19] for quadratic equations with two and three unknowns. This communication concerns with yet another interesting ternary quadratic equation $x^2 + 14y^2 = 23z^2$ representing a cone for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral solutions. Also a few interesting properties among the solutions have been presented.

METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The Ternary Quadratic Diophantine equation representing homogeneous cone under consideration is

$$x^2 + 14y^2 = 23z^2 \quad (1)$$

We present below different methods of solving (1).

METHOD I:

Equation (1) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{x + 3z}{z + y} = \frac{14(z - y)}{x - 3z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \quad \beta \neq 0 \quad (2)$$

which is equivalent to the system of double equations

$$\begin{aligned} \beta x - \alpha y + (3\beta - \alpha)z &= 0 \\ \alpha x + 14\beta y - (14\beta + 3\alpha)z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, the corresponding values of x, y, z satisfying (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x(\alpha, \beta) &= -3\alpha^2 + 14\beta^2 - 28\alpha\beta \\ y(\alpha, \beta) &= \alpha^2 - 14\beta^2 - 6\alpha\beta \\ z(\alpha, \beta) &= -\alpha^2 - 14\beta^2 \end{aligned}$$

Note 1:

Apart from (2), (1) is also written in the form of ratios as presented below

$$(i) \frac{x-3z}{7(z+y)} = \frac{2(z-y)}{x+3z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$(ii) \frac{x-3z}{7(z+y)} = \frac{2(z+y)}{x+3z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$(iii) \frac{x+3z}{2(z+y)} = \frac{7(z-y)}{x-3z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

Following the above procedure, the solutions of (1) for choices (i), (ii), (iii) are presented below

Solutions for choice (i):

$$x(\alpha, \beta) = 21\alpha^2 - 6\beta^2 - 28\alpha\beta$$

$$y(\alpha, \beta) = 7\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2 + 6\alpha\beta$$

$$z(\alpha, \beta) = -7\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2$$

Solutions for choice (ii):

$$x(\alpha, \beta) = 21\alpha^2 + 6\beta^2$$

$$y(\alpha, \beta) = 7\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2$$

$$z(\alpha, \beta) = 7\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2$$

Solutions for choice (iii):

$$x(\alpha, \beta) = 6\alpha^2 - 21\beta^2 + 28\alpha\beta$$

$$y(\alpha, \beta) = -2\alpha^2 + 7\beta^2 + 6\alpha\beta$$

$$z(\alpha, \beta) = 2\alpha^2 + 7\beta^2$$

METHOD II:

Introduction of the linear transformations

$$x = 3P, \quad y = X + 23T, \quad z = X + 14T \quad (3)$$

in (1) leads to

$$X^2 = 322T^2 + P^2 \quad (4)$$

which is satisfied by

In view of (3), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x = 966r^2 - 3s^2$$

$$y = 322r^2 + s^2 + 46rs$$

$$z = 322r^2 + s^2 + 28rs$$

Also, (4) is written as the system of double equations as presented below in Table 1

Table 1: System of double equations

System	1	2	3	4	5	6
$X + P$	T^2	$23T^2$	$23T$	$322T$	$161T^2$	$161T$
$X - P$	322	14	$14T$	T	2	$2T$

Solving each of the above systems, the value of X, P and T are obtained. Substituting these in (3), the corresponding solutions to (1) are found. For simplicity, we present the solutions below

Solutions for system 1:

$$x = 6K^2 - 483$$

$$y = 2K^2 + 46K + 161$$

$$z = 2K^2 + 28K + 161$$

Solutions for system 2:

$$x = 138K^2 - 21$$

$$y = 46K^2 + 46K + 7$$

$$z = 46K^2 + 28K + 7$$

Solutions for system 3:

$$x = 27K$$

$$y = 83K$$

$$z = 65K$$

Solutions for system 4:

$$x = 963K$$

$$y = 369K$$

$$z = 351K$$

Solutions for system 5:

$$x = 966K^2 - 3$$

$$y = 322K^2 + 46K + 1$$

$$z = 322K^2 + 28K + 1$$

Solutions for system 6:

$$x = 477K$$

$$y = 209K$$

$$z = 191K$$

METHOD III:

Assume

$$z(a, b) = a^2 + 14b^2 \quad (5)$$

Case (i):

Write 23 as

$$23 = (3 + i\sqrt{14})(3 - i\sqrt{14}) \quad (6)$$

Using (5) and (6) in (1) and employing the method of factorization, consider

$$x + i\sqrt{14}y = (3 + i\sqrt{14})(a + i\sqrt{14}b)^2$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we have

$$x = 3a^2 - 42b^2 - 28ab$$

$$y = a^2 - 14b^2 - 6ab$$

$$z = a^2 + 14b^2$$

Case(ii):

Write 23 as

$$23 = \frac{(43 + i\sqrt{14})(43 - i\sqrt{14})}{9^2} \quad (7)$$

Using (5) and (7) in (1) and employing the method of factorization, consider

$$x + i\sqrt{14}y = \frac{(43 + i\sqrt{14})}{9}(a + i\sqrt{14}b)^2$$

Equating real and imaginary parts and replacing a by 3A, b by 3B, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(A, B) &= 43A^2 - 602B^2 - 28AB \\ y(A, B) &= A^2 - 14B^2 + 86AB \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (8)$$

and from we have

$$z(A, B) = 9A^2 + 126B^2 \quad (9)$$

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

METHOD IV:

Equation (1) is written as

$$x^2 + 14y^2 = 23z^2 * 1 \quad (10)$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(1 + i4\sqrt{14})(1 - i4\sqrt{14})}{225} \quad (11)$$

Substituting (5), (6) and (11) in (10) and following the procedure as above and replacing a by 15A and b by 15B, the corresponding solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x(A, B) &= -795A^2 + 1113B^2 - 5460AB \\ y(A, B) &= 195A^2 - 2730B^2 - 1590AB \\ z(A, B) &= 225A^2 + 3150B^2 \end{aligned}$$

Note 2:

It is seen that 1 is also represented as follows

$$(iv) \quad 1 = \frac{(14r^2 - s^2 + i\sqrt{14}2rs)(14r^2 - s^2 - i\sqrt{14}2rs)}{(14r^2 + s^2)^2}$$

Following the above procedure, the solutions of (1) are obtained.

METHOD V:

Write (1) as

$$23z^2 - 14y^2 = x^2 * 1 \quad (12)$$

Let

$$x = 23a^2 - 14b^2 \quad (13)$$

Consider 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(\sqrt{23} + \sqrt{14})(\sqrt{23} - \sqrt{14})}{9} \quad (14)$$

Using (13) & (14) in (12) and employing the method of factorization, consider

$$\sqrt{23}z + \sqrt{14}y = \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{23} + \sqrt{14})(\sqrt{23}a + \sqrt{14}b)^2$$

Equating the coefficients of corresponding terms, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} z &= \frac{1}{3}(23a^2 + 14b^2 + 28ab) \\ y &= \frac{1}{3}(23a^2 + 14b^2 + 46ab) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (15)$$

Replacing a by 3A and b by 3B in (13) & (15) the corresponding integer

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 207A^2 - 126B^2 \\ y &= 69A^2 + 42B^2 + 138AB \\ z &= 69A^2 + 42B^2 + 84AB \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (16)$$

Then (16) gives the integer solution to (1).

METHOD VI:

Consider (1) as

$$23z^2 - x^2 = 14y^2 \quad (17)$$

Let

$$y = 23a^2 - b^2 \quad (18)$$

Write 14 as

$$14 = (\sqrt{23} + 3)(\sqrt{23} - 3) \quad (19)$$

Using (18) & (19) in (17) and employing the method of factorization, consider

$$(\sqrt{23}z + x) = (\sqrt{23} + 3)(\sqrt{23}a + b)^2 \quad (20)$$

Equating the coefficients of corresponding terms, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 69a^2 + 3b^2 + 46ab \\ z &= 23a^2 + b^2 + 6ab \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (21)$$

Then, (18) & (21) gives the integer solution of (1).

GENERATION OF INTEGER SOLUTIONS

Let (x_0, y_0, z_0) be any given integer solution to (1). We illustrate below the method of obtaining a general formula for generating sequence of integer solutions based on the given solution.

Case (i)

Let

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -x_0 + 5h \\ y_1 &= y_0 & h &\neq 0 \\ z_1 &= z_0 + h \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

be the second solution of (1). Substituting (22) in (1) & performing a few calculations, we have

$$h = 5x_0 + 23z_0$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 24x_0 + 115z_0 \\ z_1 &= 5x_0 + 24z_0 \end{aligned}$$

This is written in the form of matrix as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

where

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 24 & 115 \\ 5 & 24 \end{pmatrix}$$

Repeating the above process, the general solution (x_n, z_n) to (1) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ z_n \end{pmatrix} = M^n \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find M^n , the eigen values of M are $\alpha = 24 + 5\sqrt{23}$, $\beta = 24 - 5\sqrt{23}$.

$$M^n = \frac{\alpha^n}{(\alpha - \beta)}(M - \beta I) + \frac{\beta^n}{(\beta - \alpha)}(M - \alpha I)$$

We know that

Using the above formula, we have

$$M^n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\alpha^n + \beta^n}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{23}(\alpha^n - \beta^n)}{2} \\ \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{2\sqrt{23}} & \frac{\alpha^n + \beta^n}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the general solution (x_n, y_n, z_n) to (1) is given by

Case (ii)

Let

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 9x_0 \\ y_1 &= h + 9y_0 \\ z_1 &= h - 9z_0, \quad h \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the process as in the case (i) the corresponding general solution (x_n, y_n, z_n) to (1) is given by

Case (iii)

Let

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= h - 15x_0 \\ y_1 &= h - 15y_0 \\ z_1 &= 15z_0, \quad h \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the process as in the case (i) the corresponding general solution (x_n, y_n, z_n) to (1) is given by

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have made an attempt to obtain all integer solutions to (1). As (1) is symmetric in x, y, z it is to be noted that, if (x, y, z) is any positive integer solution to (1), then the triples (-x, y, z), (x, -y, z), (x, y, -z), (x, -y, -z), (-x, y, -z), (-x, -y, z), (-x, -y, -z) also satisfy (1). To conclude, one may search for integer solutions to other choices of homogeneous cones along with suitable properties.

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