

Integral Solutions of the Homogeneous Cubic Equation

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ABSTRACT:

The cubic equation $x^3 + y^3 + xy(x + y) - z^3 - w^3 - zw(z + w) = (x + y + z + w)X^2$ is analysed for its non-zero integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special numbers are exhibited.

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NOTATIONS:

Special Number	Notations	Definitions
Gnomonic number	G_n	$2n - 1$
Pronic number	P_n	$n(n + 1)$
Star number	S_n	$6n(n - 1) + 1$
Octahedral number	OH_n	$\frac{n(2n^2 + 1)}{3}$

I. INTRODUCTION

Integral solutions for the homogeneous or non-homogeneous Diophantine cubic equations is an interesting concept as it can be seen from[1-2]. In [3-13] a few special cases of cubic Diophantine equations with 4 unknowns are studied. In [14-15], the cubic equation with five unknowns is studied for its non-zero integral solutions. This communication concerns with a another interesting cubic equation with five unknowns given by $x^3 + y^3 + xy(x + y) - z^3 - w^3 - zw(z + w) = (x + y + z + w)X^2$ for determining its integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions are presented.

II. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The cubic Diophantine equation with five unknowns to be solved for getting non-zero integral solutions is

$$x^3 + y^3 + xy(x + y) - z^3 - w^3 - zw(z + w) = (x + y + z + w)X^2 \quad (1)$$

On substituting the linear transformations

$$x = u + v, y = u - v, z = u + p, w = u - p \quad (2)$$

in (1) leads to

$$v^2 - p^2 = X^2 \quad (3)$$

2.1Pattern 1:

Equation (3) can be written as,

$$v^2 = p^2 + X^2 \quad (4)$$

which is satisfied by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v &= m^2 + n^2, p = 2mn, X = m^2 - n^2 \\ v &= m^2 + n^2, p = m^2 - n^2, X = 2mn \end{aligned} \right\} m > n > 0 \quad (5)$$

Substituting (5) in (2), the two sets of solutions satisfying (1) are obtained as follows:

SET 1:

$$\begin{aligned} x(u, m, n) &= u + m^2 + n^2 \\ y(u, m, n) &= u - m^2 - n^2 \\ z(u, m, n) &= u + 2mn \\ w(u, m, n) &= u - 2mn \\ X(m, n) &= m^2 - n^2 \end{aligned}$$

SET 2:

$$\begin{aligned} x(u, m, n) &= u + m^2 + n^2 \\ y(u, m, n) &= u - m^2 - n^2 \\ z(u, m, n) &= u + m^2 - n^2 \\ w(u, m, n) &= u - m^2 + n^2 \\ X(m, n) &= 2mn \end{aligned}$$

2.2Pattern 2:

Equation (3) can be written as

$$p^2 + X^2 = v^2 * 1 \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Assume } v = a^2 + b^2 \quad (7)$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(1+i)^{2n} (1-i)^{2n}}{2^{2n}} \quad (8)$$

Substituting (7) and (8) in (6) and using the method of factorization, define

$$p + iX = (a + ib)^2 \frac{(1+i)^{2n}}{2^n} \quad (9)$$

Equating real and imaginary parts of (9), we have

$$p = (a^2 - b^2) \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - 2ab \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$X = (a^2 - b^2) \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + 2ab \cos \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

The corresponding integral values of x, y, z, w and X satisfying (1) are obtained as,

$$\begin{aligned} x(u, a, b) &= u + a^2 + b^2 \\ y(u, a, b) &= u - a^2 - b^2 \\ z(u, a, b) &= u + (a^2 - b^2) \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - 2ab \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \\ w(u, a, b) &= u - (a^2 - b^2) \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + 2ab \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \\ X(a, b) &= (a^2 - b^2) \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + 2ab \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Properties:

1. Each of the following expression is a nasty number

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i. } & 3[x(u, a, b) - y(u, a, b)]^2 + (-1)^n [12x(u, a, b)^2 - 3(z(u, a, b) - w(u, a, b))^2] \\ \text{ii. } & 6[x(u, a, b) \times y(u, a, b) + (a^2 + b^2)^2] \end{aligned}$$

2. $(2x(u, a, b), z(u, a, b) - w(u, a, b), x(u, a, b) - y(u, a, b))$ forms a Pythagorean triple.

3. If a, b are taken as the generators of the Pythagorean triangle (α, β, γ) whose sides are $\alpha = a^2 - b^2; \beta = 2ab; \gamma = a^2 + b^2$ then

the product

$$\left[X(a, b) \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \left(\frac{z(u, a, b) - w(u, a, b)}{2} \right) \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right] \left[X(a, b) \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \left(\frac{z(u, a, b) - w(u, a, b)}{2} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]$$

represents two times its area.

4. $x(u, a, b)y(u, a, b) - z(u, a, b)w(u, a, b) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

5. $x(u, a, b) \pm y(u, a, b) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

2.3 Pattern 3:

In (6) 1 can be written as

$$1 = \frac{(p^2 + q^2 + i2pq)(p^2 - q^2 - i2pq)}{(p^2 + q^2)^2}; \quad p > q > 0$$

Proceeding as in Pattern II

$$p + iX = (a + ib)^2 \frac{(p^2 + q^2 + i2pq)(p^2 - q^2 - i2pq)}{(p^2 + q^2)^2} \tag{10}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts,

$$p = (a^2 - b^2) \frac{(p^2 - q^2)}{(p^2 + q^2)} - 4ab \frac{pq}{(p^2 + q^2)} \tag{11}$$

$$X = (a^2 - b^2) \frac{2pq}{(p^2 + q^2)} + 2ab \frac{(p^2 - q^2)}{(p^2 + q^2)} \tag{12}$$

Since our aim is to find the integral solutions, substituting $a = (p^2 + q^2)A, b = (p^2 + q^2)B$ in (7),(11) and (12)

$$v = (p^2 + q^2)^2(A^2 + B^2) \tag{13}$$

$$p = (p^2 + q^2)[(A^2 - B^2)(p^2 - q^2) - 4ABpq] \tag{14}$$

$$X = 2pq(p^2 + q^2)(A^2 - B^2) + 2(p^2 + q^2)AB(p^2 - q^2) \tag{15}$$

Substituting (13), and (14) in (2) and using (15) we have the integral solutions of (1) as,

$$x(u, A, B) = u + (p^2 + q^2)^2(A^2 + B^2)$$

$$y(u, A, B) = u - (p^2 + q^2)^2(A^2 + B^2)$$

$$z(u, A, B) = u + (p^2 + q^2)(A^2 - B^2)(p^2 - q^2) - (p^2 + q^2)4ABpq$$

$$w(u, A, B) = u - (p^2 + q^2)(A^2 - B^2)(p^2 - q^2) + (p^2 + q^2)4ABpq$$

$$X(A, B) = 2pq(p^2 + q^2)(A^2 - B^2) + 2(p^2 + q^2)AB(p^2 - q^2)$$

Properties:

$$1. 4pq[z(u, p, q) - w(u, p, q)] - 2(p^2 + q^2)x(u, p, q) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$2. 2G_p(p^4 - q^4) + w(u, p, p-1) - z(u, p, p-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$3. pq[z(u, p, p-1) - w(u, p, p-1)] - (p^2 - q^2)x(u, p, p-1) + 2(p^2 + q^2)^3 P_{p-1} = 0$$

$$4. 2(p^2 + q^2)^2 S_p + 3[y(u, p, p-1) - x(u, p, p-1)] \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$5. 3OH_{pq} + z(u, p, p) - w(u, p, p) - pq \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$6. w(u, p, q) - z(u, p, q) + x(u, p, q) + 10(p^2 + q^2)q^2 \text{ is a perfect square.}$$

7. Each of the following expression is a nasty number

$$i. 6u[x(u, A, B) + y(u, A, B) + z(u, A, B) + w(u, A, B)]$$

$$ii. 6[x(u, A, A) - y(u, A, A)]$$

III. CONCLUSION

To conclude one may search for other patterns of solutions and their corresponding properties.

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