

Lattice Points On The Homogeneous Cubic Equation With Four Unknowns

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 + 3w^2 = 7z^3$$

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ABSTRACT

The homogeneous cubic equation with four unknowns represented by $x^2 - xy + y^2 + 3w^2 = 7z^3$ is analyzed for its patterns of non zero distinct integral solutions. Three different patterns of solutions are presented. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special numbers, namely, polygonal numbers, pyramidal numbers, centered pyramidal numbers, star numbers, nasty numbers, dodecahedral number, rhombic dodecahedral number and prism numbers are exhibited.

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Notations

$t_{m,n}$ = Polygonal number of rank n with sides m.

P_n^m = Three dimensional figurate number of rank n with sides m

cP_n^m = Three dimensional centered figurate number of rank n with sides m

S_n = Star number

$D(n)$ = Dodecahedral number of rank n

$RD(n)$ = Rhombic dodecahedral number of rank n

PCS_n^m = Prism number of rank n with sides m.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Cubic Equation offers an unlimited field for research because of their variety [1,2]. In particular, one may refer [3-13] for cubic equation with four unknowns. This communication concerns with yet another interesting equation $x^2 - xy + y^2 + 3w^2 = 7z^3$ representing a homogeneous cubic with four unknowns for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral solutions. Also a few interesting relations among the solutions have been presented.

II. Method of Analysis

The homogeneous cubic represented by the cubic equation is

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 + 3w^2 = 7z^3 \quad (1)$$

It is observed that (1) is satisfied by infinitely many non-zero distinct integral solutions. For the sake of clear understanding, we present below different patterns of solutions to (1).

2.1 Pattern - 1

Introducing the linear transformations

$$x = u + v; y = u - v; w = v \quad (2)$$

in (1), it is written as

$$u^2 + 6v^2 = 7z^3 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Assume } z = a^2 + 6b^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Write } 7 \text{ as } 7 = (1 + i\sqrt{6})(1 - i\sqrt{6}) \quad (5)$$

Using (4) and (5) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$u + i\sqrt{6}v = (a + i\sqrt{6}b)^3 (1 + i\sqrt{6})$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts, we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= a^3 - 18ab^2 - 18a^2b + 36b^3 \\ v &= a^3 - 18ab^2 + 3a^2b - 6b^3 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

Using (6) in (2), the integral solutions to (1) is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} x(a, b) &= 2a^3 - 36ab^2 - 15a^2b + 30b^3 \\ y(a, b) &= -21a^2b + 42b^3 \\ z(a, b) &= a^2 + 6b^2 \\ w(a, b) &= a^3 - 18ab^2 + 3a^2b - 6b^3 \end{aligned}$$

A few properties of the above solutions are

1. $2x(a(a+1), 1) - 6P_{a(a+1)}^6 + 66t_{3,a(a+1)} + 76t_{3,a} = 60.$
2. $x(1, b) - 6P_b^{20} - 18t_{3,b} + 45t_{4,b} = 2.$
3. $y(1, b) - x(1, b) - 6P_b^{14} - 6t_{3,b} - 30t_{4,b} = -2.$
4. $y(1, b) + z(1, b) - 6P_b^{44} - 6t_{3,b} \equiv 1 \pmod{15}.$
5. $x(1, b) + w(1, b) - 6P_b^{24} - 12t_{3,b} + 60t_{4,b} = 3.$

In addition to (5), 7 can also be written as

$$7 = \frac{(13+i\sqrt{6})(13-i\sqrt{6})}{25} \quad \text{and} \quad 7 = \frac{(29+i\sqrt{6})(29-i\sqrt{6})}{121} \quad (7)$$

Applying the procedure similar to pattern 1, we obtain the corresponding integer solutions to (1) which are given below respectively .

$$\begin{aligned} x(A, B) &= 350A^3 - 6300AB^2 + 525A^2B - 1050B^3 \\ y(A, B) &= 300A^3 - 5400AB^2 - 1425A^2B + 2850B^3 \\ z(A, B) &= 25A^2 + 150B^2 \\ w(A, B) &= 25A^3 - 450AB^2 + 975A^2B - 1950B^3 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x(A, B) &= 3630A^3 - 65340AB^2 + 8349A^2B - 16698B^3 \\ y(A, B) &= 3388A^3 - 60984AB^2 - 12705A^2B + 25410B^3 \\ z(A, B) &= 121A^2 + 726B^2 \\ w(A, B) &= 121A^3 - 2178AB^2 + 10527A^2B - 21054B^3 \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Pattern - 2

Introducing the linear transformations

$$x = u + v; y = u - v; w = u \quad (8)$$

in (1), it is written as

$$4u^2 + 3v^2 = 7z^3 \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Assume } z = 4a^2 + 3b^2 \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Write 7 as } 7 = \frac{(5+i\sqrt{3})(5-i\sqrt{3})}{4} \quad (11)$$

Using (10) and (11) in (9) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$2u + i\sqrt{3}v = (2a + i\sqrt{3}b)^3 \frac{5+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts, we get

$$u = 10a^3 - \frac{45}{2}ab^2 - 9a^2b + \frac{9}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad v = 4a^3 - 9ab^2 + 30a^2b - \frac{15}{2}b^3$$

As our interest centers on finding integer solution we choose suitable values for u and v .

Letting $a = A, b = 2B$, we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= 10A^3 - 90AB^2 - 18A^2B + 18B^3 \\ v &= 4A^3 - 36AB^2 + 60A^2B - 60B^3 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (12)$$

Using (12) in (8), the integral solutions to (1) is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} x(A, B) &= 14A^3 - 126AB^2 + 42A^2B - 42B^3 \\ y(A, B) &= 6A^3 - 54AB^2 - 78A^2B + 78B^3 \\ z(A, B) &= 4A^2 + 12B^2 \\ w(A, B) &= 10A^3 - 90AB^2 - 18A^2B + 18B^3 \end{aligned}$$

Some interesting properties of the above solutions are

1. $2z(1, B) - 8$ is a Nasty Number.
2. $w(1, B) - 6P_B^{20} + 6t_{3,b} + 90t_{4,b} = 10.$

3. $z(A, 1) + w(A, 1) - 6P_A^{12} + 34t_{3,A} - t_{4,3A-1} + 9t_{4,A} = -91$.
4. $w(A(A+1), 1) - 2D(A(A+1)) + 6P_{A(A+1)}^5 + 192t_{3,A} - 19$ is a Rhombic dodecahedral number.
5. $x(A, 1) - y(A, 1) - 3CP_A^{16} - 240t_{3,A} \equiv 67 \pmod{187}$.
6. $y(1, B) - 2PCS_B^{18} + 144t_{3,B} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$.

In addition, by writing 7 as $7 = (2 + i\sqrt{3})(2 - i\sqrt{3})$, we obtain the integer solutions to (1) as below

$$\begin{aligned}x(A, B) &= 16A^3 - 144AB^2 + 12A^2B - 12B^3 \\y(A, B) &= 84B^3 - 84A^2B \\z(A, B) &= 4A^2 + 12B^2 \\w(A, B) &= 8A^3 - 72AB^2 - 36A^2B + 36B^3\end{aligned}$$

III. CONCLUSION

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

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