

## ON THE TERNARY QUADRATIC DIOPHANTINE EQUATION

$$4(x^2 + y^2) - 7xy + x + y + 1 = 31z^2$$

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### ABSTRACT:

The non-homogeneous ternary quadratic Diophantine equation represented by  $4(x^2 + y^2) - 7xy + x + y + 1 = 31z^2$  is studied for finding its non - zero distinct integer solutions.

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### INTRODUCTION:

Ternary quadratic equations are rich in variety [1-4, 17-19]. For an extensive review of sizable literature and various problems, one may refer [5-16]. In this communication, we consider yet another interesting non-homogeneous ternary quadratic equation  $4(x^2 + y^2) - 7xy + x + y + 1 = 31z^2$  and obtain infinitely many non-trivial integral solutions.

### METHOD OF ANALYSIS:

Let  $x, y, z$  be any three non-zero distinct integers such that

$$4(x^2 + y^2) - 7xy + x + y + 1 = 31z^2 \tag{1}$$

Introducing the linear transformations

$$x = u + v - 1, y = u - v - 1 \tag{2}$$

in (1), it leads to

$$u^2 + 15v^2 = 31z^2 \quad (3)$$

We present below different methods of solving (3) and thus, obtain different patterns of integral solutions to (1).

### METHOD-1

(3) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{u+4z}{(z-v)} = \frac{15(z+v)}{u-4z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \quad \beta \neq 0 \quad (4)$$

which is equivalent to the system of equations

$$u\beta + v\alpha + (4\beta - \alpha)z = 0$$

$$15v\beta - u\alpha + (4\alpha + 15\beta)z = 0$$

Solving the above two equations by cross multiplication method, one obtains

$$u = 4\alpha^2 - 60\beta^2 + 30\alpha\beta$$

$$v = \alpha^2 - 15\beta^2 - 8\alpha\beta \quad (5)$$

$$z = \alpha^2 + 15\beta^2$$

Hence, in view of (2) and (5), the non- zero integral solutions of (1) are given by

$$x = 5\alpha^2 - 75\beta^2 + 22\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$y = 3\alpha^2 - 45\beta^2 + 38\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$z = \alpha^2 + 15\beta^2$$

### METHOD-2

In addition to (4), (3) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{u+4z}{15(z-v)} = \frac{(z+v)}{u-4z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \quad \beta \neq 0 \quad (6)$$

which is equivalent to the system of equations

$$u\beta + 15v\alpha + (4\beta - 15\alpha)z = 0$$

$$v\beta - u\alpha + (4\alpha + \beta)z = 0$$

Solving the above two equations by cross multiplication method, one obtains

$$u = 60\alpha^2 - 4\beta^2 + 30\alpha\beta$$

$$v = 15\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - 8\alpha\beta \quad (7)$$

$$z = 15\alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

Hence, in view of (2) and (7), the non- zero integral solutions of (1) are found to be

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 75\alpha^2 - 5\beta^2 + 22\alpha\beta - 1 \\y &= 45\alpha^2 - 3\beta^2 + 38\alpha\beta - 1 \\z &= 15\alpha^2 + \beta^2\end{aligned}$$

### METHOD-3

Also, (3) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{u + 4z}{5(z - v)} = \frac{3(z + v)}{u - 4z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \quad \beta \neq 0 \quad (8)$$

which is equivalent to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}u\beta + 5v\alpha + (4\beta - 5\alpha)z &= 0 \\3v\beta - u\alpha + (4\alpha + 3\beta)z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solving the above two equations by cross multiplication method, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}u &= 20\alpha^2 - 12\beta^2 + 30\alpha\beta \\v &= 5\alpha^2 - 3\beta^2 - 8\alpha\beta \\z &= 5\alpha^2 + 3\beta^2\end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Hence, in view of (2) and (9), the non- zero integral solutions of (1) are

$$\left. \begin{aligned}x &= 25\alpha^2 - 15\beta^2 + 22\alpha\beta - 1 \\y &= 15\alpha^2 - 9\beta^2 + 38\alpha\beta - 1\end{aligned} \right\}$$

### METHOD-4

Further, (3) is written in the form of ratio as,

$$\frac{u + 4z}{3(z - v)} = \frac{5(z + v)}{u - 4z} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \quad \beta \neq 0$$

which is equivalent to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}u\beta + 3v\alpha + (4\beta - 3\alpha)z &= 0 \\5v\beta - u\alpha + (4\alpha + 5\beta)z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solving the above two equations by cross multiplication method, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}u &= 12\alpha^2 - 20\beta^2 + 30\alpha\beta \\v &= 3\alpha^2 - 5\beta^2 - 8\alpha\beta \\z &= 3\alpha^2 + 5\beta^2\end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Hence, in view of (2) and (10), the non- zero integral solutions of (1) are given by

$$x = 15\alpha^2 - 25\beta^2 + 22\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$y = 9\alpha^2 - 15\beta^2 + 38\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$z = 3\alpha^2 + 5\beta^2$$

#### METHOD-5

Introduce the linear transformations

$$u = 4W, z = X + 15T, v = X + 31T \quad (11)$$

Substituting (11) in (3), it reduces to

$$X^2 = 465T^2 + W^2 \quad (12)$$

which is satisfied by

$$X = 465r^2 + s^2$$

$$T = 2rs \quad (13)$$

$$W = 465r^2 + s^2$$

Hence, in view of (2), (11) and (13), the non- zero integral solutions of (1) are given by

$$x = 2325r^2 - 3s^2 + 62rs - 1$$

$$y = 1395r^2 - 5s^2 - 62rs - 1$$

$$z = 465r^2 + s^2 + 30rs$$

#### METHOD-6

Also (3) as  $u^2 + 15v^2 = 31z^2$

Write  $z$  as  $z = \alpha^2 + 15\beta^2$  (14)

Also, 31 is written as  $31 = (4 + i\sqrt{15})(4 - i\sqrt{15})$  (15)

Substituting (14) and (15) in (3) and employing the factorization method, define

$$(u + i\sqrt{15}v) = (4 + i\sqrt{15})(\alpha + i\sqrt{15}\beta)^2$$

On equating the real and imaginary parts, we have

$$u = 4\alpha^2 - 60\beta^2 - 30\alpha\beta \quad (16)$$

$$v = \alpha^2 - 15\beta^2 + 8\alpha\beta$$

Using (16) in (2) we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 5\alpha^2 - 75\beta^2 - 22\alpha\beta - 1 \\ y &= 3\alpha^2 - 45\beta^2 - 38\alpha\beta - 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (17)$$

Thus (17) and (14) represent the non-zero distinct integer solutions to equation (1).

**METHOD-7**

One may write (3) as

$$u^2 + 15v^2 = 31z^2 * 1 \tag{18}$$

Write 1 as  $1 = \frac{(1+i\sqrt{15})(1-i\sqrt{15})}{16}$  (19)

Substituting (15), (19) and (16) in (18) and employing the factorization method, define

$$(u + i\sqrt{15}v) = (4 + i\sqrt{15})(\alpha + i\sqrt{15}\beta)^2 * \frac{(1 + i\sqrt{15})}{4}$$

On equating the real and imaginary parts, we have

$$u = \frac{1}{4}(-11\alpha^2 + 165\beta^2 - 150\alpha\beta) \tag{20}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{4}(5\alpha^2 - 75\beta^2 - 22\alpha\beta)$$

Using (20) in (2), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{4}(-6\alpha^2 + 90\beta^2 - 172\alpha\beta - 4) \\ y &= \frac{1}{4}(-16\alpha^2 + 240\beta^2 - 128\alpha\beta - 4) \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{21}$$

As our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing  $\alpha = 2\alpha$  and  $\beta = 2\beta$  in (21) and (14), we have

$$x = -6\alpha^2 + 90\beta^2 - 172\alpha\beta - 4$$

$$y = -16\alpha^2 + 240\beta^2 - 128\alpha\beta - 4$$

$$z = 4\alpha^2 + 60\beta^2$$

Thus the above values of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  represent the non-zero distinct integer solutions to equation (1).

**NOTE:**

It is worth mentioning here that in addition to (19),

1 may be represented as below:

(i)  $1 = \frac{(7 + i\sqrt{15})(7 - i\sqrt{15})}{64}$

$$(ii) \quad 1 = \frac{(7 + i4\sqrt{15})(7 - i4\sqrt{15})}{289}$$

$$(iii) \quad 1 = \frac{(1 + i8\sqrt{15})(1 - i8\sqrt{15})}{961}$$

$$(iv) \quad 1 = \frac{(7 + i12\sqrt{15})(7 - i12\sqrt{15})}{2209}$$

Following the procedure presented as above, for simplicity and brevity, we present below the integer solutions to (1) for (i) to (iv).

Solutions for (i):

$$x = 12\alpha^2 - 180\beta^2 - 152\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$y = \alpha^2 - 15\beta^2 - 178\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$z = 4\alpha^2 + 60\beta^2$$

Solutions for (iii):

$$x = -2573\alpha^2 + 38595\beta^2 - 37882\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$y = -4619\alpha^2 + 69285\beta^2 - 23498\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$z = 961\alpha^2 + 14415\beta^2$$

Solutions for (ii):

$$x = -153\alpha^2 + 2295\beta^2 - 12818\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$y = -935\alpha^2 + 14025\beta^2 - 10642\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$z = 289\alpha^2 + 4335\beta^2$$

Solutions for (iv):

$$x = -4559\alpha^2 + 68385\beta^2 - 91838\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$y = -9729\alpha^2 + 145935\beta^2 - 63262\alpha\beta - 1$$

$$z = 2209\alpha^2 + 33135\beta^2$$

## METHOD-8

Write (12) as the system of double equations as shown in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: System of double equations**

System	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X+W	465	$T^2$	$5T^2$	$15T^2$	$31T^2$	$155T^2$	465T	93T	31T	155T
X-W	$T^2$	465	93	31	15	3	T	5T	15T	3T

Solving each of the system of equations in Table 1, the corresponding values of X, W and T are obtained. Substituting the values of X, W and T in (11) and (2), the respective values of x, y and z are determined. For simplicity and brevity, the integer solutions to (1) obtained through solving each of the above system of equations are exhibited.

**System :1**

$$x = -6k^2 + 56k + 1191$$

$$y = -10k^2 - 72k + 663$$

$$z = 2k^2 + 32k + 248$$

**System :4**

**System:2**

$$x = 10k^2 + 72k - 665$$

$$y = 6k^2 - 56k - 1193$$

$$z = 2k^2 + 32k + 248$$

**System:5**

**System:3**

$$x = 50k^2 + 112k - 97$$

$$y = 30k^2 - 32k - 257$$

$$z = 10k^2 + 40k + 64$$

**System:6**

$$x = 150k^2 + 212k + 21$$

$$y = 90k^2 + 28k - 87$$

$$z = 30k^2 + 60k + 38$$

**System :7**

$$x = 1192T - 1$$

$$y = 664T - 1$$

$$z = 248T$$

**System :10**

$$x = 414T - 1$$

$$y = 194T - 1$$

$$Z = 94T$$

$$x = 310k^2 + 372k + 85$$

$$y = 186k^2 + 124k - 23$$

$$z = 62k^2 + 92k + 38$$

**System:8**

$$x = 256T - 1$$

$$y = 96T - 1$$

$$z = 64T$$

$$x = 1550k^2 + 1612k + 413$$

$$y = 930k^2 + 868k + 193$$

$$z = 310k^2 + 340k + 94$$

**System:9**

$$x = 86T - 1$$

$$y = -22T - 1$$

$$z = 38T$$

**REMARKABLE OBSERVATION :I**

➤ If the non-zero integer triplet  $(u_0, v_0, z_0)$  is any solution of (3) then each of the following three triplets of integer based on  $u_0, v_0$  and  $z_0$  also satisfies (1).

**Triplet: 1**  $(x_n, y_n, z_n)$

$$x_n = 16^n u_0 + [15(16)^{n-1} + 31(-16)^{n-1}]v_0 - 31[(16)^{n-1} + (-16)^{n-1}]z_0 - 1$$

$$y_n = 16^n u_0 + [15(16)^{n-1} + 31(-16)^{n-1}]v_0 - 31[(16)^{n-1} + (-16)^{n-1}]z_0 - 1,$$

$$z_n = 15[(16)^{n-1} + (-16)^{n-1}]v_0 - [31(16)^{n-1} + 15(-16)^{n-1}]z_0$$

**Triplet: 2**  $(x_n, y_n, z_n)$

$$x_n = [25(3)^n + 31(-3)^n]u_0 - 155[(3)^n - (-3)^n]z_0 + 3^n v_0 - 1$$

$$y_n = [25(3)^n + 31(-3)^n]u_0 - 155[(3)^n - (-3)^n]z_0 - 3^n v_0 - 1$$

$$z_n = 5[(3)^n - (-3)^n]u_0 + [-31(3)^n + 25(-3)^n]z_0$$

**Triplet: 3**  $(x_n, y_n, z_n)$

$$x_n = \frac{1}{43} [(-43)(-29)^n u_0 - 30[(14)^n - (-29)^n]v_0] + [(-4)[(14)^n - (-29)^n]u_0 - 43(14)^n v_0 - 1$$

$$y_n = \frac{1}{43} [(-43)(-29)^n u_0 - 30[(14)^n - (-29)^n]v_0] + [(-4)[(14)^n - (-29)^n]u_0 - 43(14)^n v_0 - 1$$

$$z_n = 16^n z_0$$

**REMARKABLE OBSERVATION : II**

➤ Consider x and y to be the length and breadth of a Rectangle R, whose Area, Perimeter and Length of the diagonal are represented by A, P and L respectively.

Then it is noted that

1.  $8L^2 - 14A + P \equiv -2 \pmod{62}$
2.  $31[8L^2 - 14A + P + 2]$  is a perfect square.
3.  $93\{8L^2 - 14A + P + 2\}$  is a Nasty number.

### CONCLUSION:

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

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