



ON FINDING INTEGER SOLUTIONS TO QUATERNARY QUADRATIC DIOPHANTINE EQUATION

$$xy + 12zw = 3(x + y)(z + w)$$

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ABSTRACT

This paper aims at finding patterns of solutions in integers to quaternary quadratic diophantine equation given by $xy + 12zw = 3(x + y)(z + w)$. Substitution technique and factorization method are utilized to obtain varieties of integer solutions. It is worth to observe that the introduction of the transformations reduce the quadratic equation with four unknowns to solvable ternary quadratic equation of the form $z^2 = Dx^2 + y^2$, $D > 0$ and square free.

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Notations

$$t_{3,n} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$p_n^3 = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6}$$

$$p_n^5 = \frac{n^2(n+1)}{2}$$

INTRODUCTION

It is quite obvious that Diophantine equations, one of the areas of number theory, are rich in variety. In particular, quadratic Diophantine equations have a wealth of historical significance. In this context, one may refer [1-21] for second degree diophantine equations with many unknowns. This paper aims at finding patterns of solutions in integers to quaternary quadratic diophantine equation given by $xy + 12zw = 3(x + y)(z + w)$. Substitution technique and factorization method are utilized to obtain varieties of integer solutions. It is worth to observe that the introduction of the transformations reduce the quadratic equation with four unknowns to solvable ternary quadratic equation of the form $z^2 = Dx^2 + y^2$, $D > 0$ and square free.

Method of analysis

The polynomial equation of second degree with four unknowns to be solved is

$$.xy + 12zw = 3(x + y)(z + w) \quad (1)$$

The substitution of the linear transformations



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

in (1) leads to the ternary quadratic equation

$$u^2 = p^2 + 12 q^2 \quad (3)$$

which is satisfied by

$$q = 2rs, p = 12r^2 - s^2, u = 12r^2 + s^2$$

From (2), the integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x = 24r^2, y = 2s^2, z = 12r^2 + s^2 + 2rs, w = 12r^2 + s^2 - 2rs \quad (4)$$

Note 1

It is seen that ,by expressing (3) as the system of double equations ,the following seven patterns of integer solutions to (1) are obtained:

Pattern 1

$$x = 8s, y = 6s, z = 9s, w = 5s$$

Pattern 2

$$x = 24s, y = 2s, z = 15s, w = 11s$$

Pattern 3

$$x = 4s^2, y = 12, z = 2s^2 + 2s + 6, w = 2s^2 - 2s + 6.$$

Pattern 4

$$x = 2q^2, y = 6, z = q^2 + q + 3, w = q^2 - q + 3.$$

Pattern 5

$$x = 12s^2, y = 4, z = 6s^2 + 2s + 2, w = 6s^2 - 2s + 2$$

Pattern 6

$$x = 6q^2, y = 2, z = 3q^2 + q + 1, w = 3q^2 - q + 1.$$

Pattern 7

$$x = 6s, y = 2, z = 4s + 1, w = 2s + 1$$

The procedure to obtain other patterns of integer solutions to (1) through solving (3) is as below:

Procedure 1



Consider (3) as

$$u^2 - 12q^2 = p^2 * 1 \quad (5)$$

Assume

$$p = a^2 - 6b^2 \quad (6)$$

The integer 1 in (5) is written as

$$1 = (7 + 2\sqrt{12})(7 - 2\sqrt{12}) \quad (7)$$

Substituting (6) & (7) in (5) and using factorization, we have

$$u + \sqrt{12}q = (7 + 2\sqrt{12})(a + \sqrt{12}b)^2$$

from which, we get

$$u = 7(a^2 + 12b^2) + 48ab,$$

$$q = 2(a^2 + 12b^2) + 14ab.$$

In view of (2), the integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x = 8a^2 + 72b^2 + 48ab$$

$$y = 6a^2 + 96b^2 + 48ab$$

$$z = 9(a^2 + 12b^2) + 62ab$$

$$w = 5(a^2 + 12b^2) + 34ab \quad (8)$$

A few numerical examples from (8) are given in Table-1 below:

Table-1 Numerical Examples

a	B	X	y	z	W
1	1	128	150	179	99
2	1	200	216	268	148
1	2	392	486	565	313
4	2	800	864	1072	592

Observations

- Each of the following expressions is a perfect square when $a=b$

$$5z - 9w$$

$$7(z - w) - 2(x + y)$$

$$9(z - w) - 4z$$

$$5(x + y) - 14w$$

$$14z - 9(x + y) \quad (9)$$



2. When $a=b+1$, each of the expressions in (9) = $8t_{3,b}$
3. When $a=2b$, each of the expressions in (9) is a square multiple of 8
4. When $a=(b+1)(b+2)$, each of the expressions in (9) = $24P_b^3$
5. When $a=b(b+1)$, each of the expressions in (9) = $8P_b^5$
6. When $b=1$, $3(x-y+24)$ is a nasty number

Note 2

Apart from (7), the integer 1 in (5) is written as

$$1 = \frac{(4 + \sqrt{12})(4 - \sqrt{12})}{4}$$

$$1 = \frac{(12r^2 + s^2 + 2rs\sqrt{12})(12r^2 + s^2 - 2rs\sqrt{12})}{(12r^2 - s^2)^2}$$

Following the above procedure, two more sets of integer solutions to (1) are obtained.

Procedure 2

Rewrite (3) as

$$p^2 + 12q^2 = u^2 \quad (10)$$

Assume

$$u = (4s^2 + 3)(a^2 + 12b^2) \quad (11)$$

Express the integer 1 in (10) as

$$1 = \frac{(4s^2 - 3 + i2s\sqrt{12})(4s^2 - 3 - i2s\sqrt{12})}{(4s^2 + 3)^2} \quad (12)$$

Substituting (11) & (12) in (10) and using factorization, we have

$$p + i\sqrt{12}q = (4s^2 + 3)(4s^2 - 3 + i2s\sqrt{12})(a + i\sqrt{12}b)^2$$

from which we get

$$p = (4s^2 + 3)[(4s^2 - 3)(a^2 - 12b^2) - 48sab]$$

$$q = (4s^2 + 3)[2s(a^2 - 12b^2) + 2ab(4s^2 - 3)] \quad (13)$$

Substituting (11) & (13) in (2), the required integer solutions to (1) are obtained.

Note 3

It is to be noted that the integer 1 in (10) may be considered as



$$1 = \frac{(12r^2 - s^2 + i2rs\sqrt{12})(12r^2 - s^2 - i2rs\sqrt{12})}{(12r^2 + s^2)^2}$$

$$1 = \frac{(4s^2 - 4s - 2 + i(2s-1)\sqrt{12})(4s^2 - 4s - 2 - i(2s-1)\sqrt{12})}{(4s^2 - 4s + 4)^2}$$

Repeating the above process and taking different values to r& s, one obtains different sets of integer solutions to (1).

Procedure 3

Introduction of the transformations

$$x = .3y, z = p + q, w = p - q, p \neq \pm q \quad (14)$$

in (1) leads to the equation

$$y^2 - .8py + 4(p^2 - q^2) = 0$$

Treating the above equation as a quadratic equation in y and solving for the same ,we have

$$y = 4p \pm 2\sqrt{q^2 + 3p^2} \quad (15)$$

The square-root on the R.H.S. of (15) is removed when

$$p = 2rs, q = 3r^2 - s^2 \quad (16)$$

Substituting (16) in (15) & (14) , we have the integer solutions to (1) given by

$$y = .2[4rs \pm (3r^2 + s^2)]$$

$$x = .6[4rs \pm (3sr^2 + s^2)]$$

$$z = 2rs + 3r^2 - s^2$$

$$w = 2rs - 3r^2 + s^2$$

Note 4

The square-root on the R.H.S. of (15) is also removed when

$$(i) \quad p = 2t + 1, q = 2t^2 + 2t - 1$$

$$(ii) \quad p = 2t + 1, q = 6t^2 + 6t + 1$$

we, after some algebra, obtain the respective integer solutions to (1) to be

$$y = 4(2t+1) \pm 2(2t^2 + 2t + 2), x = .3[4(2t+1) \pm 2(2t^2 + 2t + 2)], z = 2t^2 + 4t, w = -2t^2 + 2$$

$$y = 4(2t+1) \pm 2(6t^2 + 6t + 2), x = .3[4(2t+1) \pm 2(6t^2 + 6t + 2)], z = 6t^2 + 8t + 2, w = -6t^2 - 4t$$

Conclusion

Varieties of solutions in integers are presented in this paper for the quaternary homogeneous quadratic equation given by $xy + 12zw = 3(x+y)(z+w)$ through employing substitution technique and factorization method. As quadratic equations (homogeneous or non-homogeneous) are plenty, one may search for patterns of integer solutions to other choices of multivariable quadratic equations.



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