

On the non-homogeneous cubic diophantine equation with five unknowns

$$x y - z w = R^3$$

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Abstract:

This paper illustrates the process of determining non-zero distinct integer solutions to the non-homogeneous cubic equation with five unknowns $x y - z w = R^3$. A few relations between the solutions and special figurate numbers are presented.

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Notations:

$$P_k^3 = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{6}, P_k^5 = \frac{k^2(k+1)}{2}, t_{m,n} = n(1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2}), CP_k^6 = k^3,$$
$$CP_k^8 = \frac{8k^3 - 2k}{6}, CP_k^{18} = 3k^3 - 2k, CP_k^{12} = 2k^3 - k, CP_k^{16} = \frac{8k^3 - 5k}{3},$$

Introduction:

The Diophantine equations are rich in variety and offer an unlimited field for research . In particular refer [1-16] for a few problems on cubic equation with five unknowns. This paper concerns with yet another interesting cubic diophantine equation with five variables given by $xy - zw = R^3$ for determining its infinitely many non-zero distinct integral solutions. A few relations between the solutions and special figurate numbers are presented.

Method of analysis :

The non-homogeneous cubic equation with five unknowns to be solved is

$$x y - z w = R^3 \quad (1)$$

The introduction of the transformations

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

in (1) leads to

$$u^2 - p^2 = R^3 \quad (3)$$

Solving (3) in different ways , the values of u, p, R are obtained. In view of (2) , the corresponding values of x, y, z, w satisfying (1) are determined.

Way 1 :

Employing the well-known identity

$$(a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2 = 4 a b, \quad (*)$$

it is seen that (3) is satisfied by

$$u = \frac{R^3 + 1}{2}, p = \frac{R^3 - 1}{2}$$

As our interest is on finding integer solutions ,observe that the choice

$$R = 2k + 1 \quad (4)$$

gives

$$u = 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 1, p = 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k$$

In view of (2), it is seen that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 1 + v, y = 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 1 - v, \\ z &= 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + v, w = 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k - v \end{aligned} \right) \quad (5)$$

Thus,(4) and (5) represent the integer solutions to (1).

Relations between the solutions and special figurate numbers:

(I). Each of the following expressions is a cubical integer:

$$x + w, y + z, x + y - 1, z + w + 1$$

(II). $x + y - 6P_k^3 - 14P_k^5$ is a square multiple of 2

(III). $z + w - 3CP_k^{16} - t_{26,k} \equiv 0 \pmod{22}$

(IV). $z + w - 6CP_k^8 - t_{26,k} \equiv 0 \pmod{19}$

Note 1:

The other choices of integer solutions to (1) on using (*) are exhibited below:

Choice 1:

$$x = t_{3,k} + v, y = t_{3,k} - v, z = t_{3,k-1} + v, w = t_{3,k-1} - v, R = k$$

Choice 2:

$$x = s^{2\alpha} + 2s^\alpha + v, y = s^{2\alpha} + 2s^\alpha - v, z = s^{2\alpha} - 2s^\alpha + v, w = s^{2\alpha} - 2s^\alpha - v, R = 2s^\alpha$$

Choice 3:

$$x = 2s^{2\alpha} + s^\alpha + v, y = 2s^{2\alpha} + s^\alpha - v, z = 2s^{2\alpha} - s^\alpha + v, w = 2s^{2\alpha} - s^\alpha - v, R = 2s^\alpha$$

Choice 4:

$$x = 2s^{3\alpha} + 1 + v, y = 2s^{3\alpha} + 1 - v, z = 2s^{3\alpha} - 1 + v, w = 2s^{3\alpha} - 1 - v, R = 2s^\alpha$$

Way 2:

Taking

$$R = p$$

in (3), it gives

$$u^2 = p^2(1+p)$$

which is satisfied by

$$p = k^2 + 2k, u = (k^2 + 2k)(k + 1)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (k^2 + 2k)(k + 1) + v, y = (k^2 + 2k)(k + 1) - v, \\ z &= k^2 + 2k + v, w = k^2 + 2k - v, R = k^2 + 2k \end{aligned}$$

Relations between the solutions and special figurate numbers :

(i). $x + y = 12P_k^3$

- (ii). $x + w - 2P_k^5 - t_{8,k} \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$
- (iii). $x + w = CP_k^6 + 8t_{3,k}$
- (iv). $x + w - CP_k^{18} - t_{26,k} \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$
- (v). $z + w - t_{6,k} \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$
- (vi). $x + y = 4P_k^5 + 8t_{3,k}$
- (vii). $x + y - CP_k^{12} - t_{14,k} \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$
- (viii). $x + y - CP_k^{12} - 10t_{3,k}$ is a perfect square

Note 2:

Suppose one assumes

$$R = u$$

in (3), then the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x &= -(k^2 + 2k) + v, y = -(k^2 + 2k) - v, \\z &= -(k^2 + 2k)(k + 1) + v, w = -(k^2 + 2k)(k + 1) - v, R = -(k^2 + 2k)\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion:

An attempt has been made to obtain non-zero distinct integer solutions to the non-homogeneous cubic diophantine equation with five unknowns given by $xy - zw = R^3$. One may search for other sets of integer solutions to the considered equation as well as other choices of the third degree diophantine equations with multi-variables.

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