

On the Homogeneous Ternary Quadratic Diophantine Equation

$$3(x + y)^2 - 2xy = 12z^2$$

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Abstract - The ternary quadratic equation given by $3(x + y)^2 - 2xy = 12z^2$ is considered and searched for its many different integer solutions. Eight different choices of integer solutions of the above equations are presented. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special polygonal numbers are presented.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The diophantine equations offer an unlimited field for research due to their variety [1-3]. In particular, one may refer [4-15] for quadratic equations with three unknowns.

This communication concerns with yet another interesting equation $3(x + y)^2 - 2xy = 12z^2$ representing homogeneous quadratic equation with three unknowns for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral points. Also, few interesting relations among the solutions are presented.

2. Notations

- $t_{m,n} = n^{\text{th}}$ term of a regular polygon with m sides.

$$= n \left(1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2} \right)$$

- Triangular number of rank n, $T_{3,n} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

3. Method of Analysis:

The ternary quadratic diophantine equation to be solved for its non-zero distinct integral solution is

$$3(x + y)^2 - 2xy = 12z^2 \quad (1)$$

Note that (1) is satisfied by the following non-zero integer solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} & (-12ab, 2a^2 - 10b^2 + 8ab, a^2 + 5b^2), \\ & \left(-18A^2 + 90B^2 - 72AB, \right. \\ & \left. 24A^2 - 120B^2 - 12AB, 9A^2 + 45B^2 \right), \\ & \left(-112A^2 + 560B^2 - 308AB, \right. \\ & \left. 126A^2 - 630B^2 - 168AB, 49A^2 + 245B^2 \right), \\ & (2a^2 - 10b^2 - 8ab, 12ab, a^2 + 5b^2), \\ & \left(-216A^2 + 1080B^2 + 108AB, \right. \\ & \left. 126A^2 - 630B^2 - 792AB, 81A^2 + 405B^2 \right), \\ & \left(-1134A^2 + 5670B^2 + 1512AB, \right. \\ & \left. 504A^2 - 2520B^2 - 4788AB, 441A^2 + 2205B^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

However, we have solutions for (1), which are illustrated below:

Introduction of the linear transformations ($u \neq v \neq 0$)

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

in (1) leads to

$$5u^2 + v^2 = 6z^2 \quad (3)$$

Different patterns of solutions of (1) are presented below.

3.1. PATTERN-1

Write '6' as

$$6 = (1 + i\sqrt{5})(1 - i\sqrt{5}) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Assume } z = a^2 + 5b^2 \quad (5)$$

where a and b are non-zero distinct integers.

Using (4) and (5) in (3), we get

$$5u^2 + v^2 = (1 + i\sqrt{5})(1 - i\sqrt{5})(a^2 + 5b^2)^2$$

Equating the positive and negative factors, the resulting equations are

$$v + i\sqrt{5}u = (1 + i\sqrt{5})(a + i\sqrt{5}b)^2 \quad (6)$$

$$v - i\sqrt{5}u = (1 - i\sqrt{5})(a - i\sqrt{5}b)^2 \quad (7)$$

Equating real and imaginary parts in (6), we get

$$u = a^2 - 5b^2 + 2ab$$

$$v = a^2 - 5b^2 - 10ab$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2) we get,

$$x = x(a, b) = 2a^2 - 10b^2 - 8ab \quad (8)$$

$$y = y(a, b) = 12ab \quad (9)$$

Thus (8), (9) and (5) represent the distinct non-zero integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

PROPERTIES:

- ❖ $x(a, 1) + y(a, 1) - 4t_{3,a} - 2Pr_a + 2t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
- ❖ $x(a, 1) - y(a, 1) - z(a, 1) - 4t_{3,a} + 23Pr_a - 23t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
- ❖ $z(a, a+1) + 4t_{4,a} - 10Pr_a \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

3.2. PATTERN-2

Write '6' as

$$6 = \frac{(7 + i\sqrt{5})(7 - i\sqrt{5})}{9} \quad (10)$$

Using (5) and (10) in (3), we get

$$5u^2 + v^2 = \frac{(7 + i\sqrt{5})(7 - i\sqrt{5})}{9}(a^2 + 5b^2)^2$$

Equating the positive and negative factors, the resulting equations are

$$v + i\sqrt{5}u = \frac{(7 + i\sqrt{5})}{3}(a + i\sqrt{5}b)^2 \quad (11)$$

$$v - i\sqrt{5}u = \frac{(7 - i\sqrt{5})}{3}(a - i\sqrt{5}b)^2 \quad (12)$$

Equating real and imaginary parts in (11), we get

$$u = \frac{1}{3}[a^2 - 5b^2 + 14ab]$$

$$v = \frac{1}{3}[7a^2 - 35b^2 - 10ab]$$

Replacing a and b by $3A$ and $3B$ respectively, we get

$$u = \frac{1}{3}[9A^2 - 45B^2 + 126AB]$$

$$v = \frac{1}{3}[63A^2 - 315B^2 - 90AB]$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2) we get,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(A, B) = 24A^2 - 120B^2 + 12AB \\ y &= y(A, B) = -18A^2 + 90B^2 + 72AB \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{and from (5) } z = z(A, B) = 9(A^2 + 5B^2) \quad (14)$$

Thus (13) and (14) represent the distinct non-zero integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

PROPERTIES:

- ❖ $x(1, a) + z(1, a) + 75Pr_a - 174t_{3,a} + 87t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
- ❖ $x(a+1, 1) + y(a+1, 1) - 12t_{3,a} - 90Pr_a + 90t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
- ❖ $z(1, a) - y(1, a) + 90t_{3,a} + 27Pr_a - 27t_{4,a} = 27$ is a cubical integer.

3.3. PATTERN-3

Write '6' as

$$6 = \frac{(17 + i\sqrt{5})(17 - i\sqrt{5})}{49} \quad (15)$$

Using (5) and (15) in (3), we get

$$5u^2 + v^2 = \frac{(17 + i\sqrt{5})(17 - i\sqrt{5})}{49}(a^2 + 5b^2)^2$$

Equating the positive and negative factors, the resulting equations are

$$v + i\sqrt{5}u = \frac{(17 + i\sqrt{5})}{7}(a + i\sqrt{5}b)^2 \quad (16)$$

$$v - i\sqrt{5}u = \frac{(17 - i\sqrt{5})}{7}(a - i\sqrt{5}b)^2 \quad (17)$$

Equating real and imaginary parts in (16), we get

$$u = \frac{1}{7} [17a^2 - 85b^2 - 10ab]$$

$$v = \frac{1}{7} [a^2 - 5b^2 + 34ab]$$

Replacing a and b by $7A$ and $7B$ respectively, we get

$$u = \frac{1}{7} [833A^2 - 4165B^2 - 490AB]$$

$$v = \frac{1}{7} [49A^2 - 245B^2 + 1666AB]$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2) we get,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(A, B) = 126A^2 - 630B^2 + 168AB \\ y &= y(A, B) = -112A^2 + 560B^2 + 308AB \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (18)$$

$$\text{and from } z = z(A, B) = 49(A^2 + 5B^2) \quad (19)$$

Thus (18), and (19) represent the distinct non-zero integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

PROPERTIES:

- ❖ $y(a, a+1) - z(a, a+1) - 1918Pr_a + 917t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$
- ❖ $x(1, a) + z(1, a) + 770t_{3,a} - 217Pr_a + 217t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
- ❖ $10(x(a, 1) - y(a, 1) - 378t_{4,a} + 140Pr_a) \equiv 0 \pmod{119}$
is a cubical number.

3.4. PATTERN-4

One may write (3) as

$$5u^2 + v^2 = 6z^2 * 1 \quad (20)$$

Write '1' as

$$1 = \frac{(2+i\sqrt{5})(2-i\sqrt{5})}{9} \quad (21)$$

Using (4), (5) and (21) in (20), we get

$$5u^2 + v^2 = \frac{(17+i\sqrt{5})(17-i\sqrt{5})(2+i\sqrt{5})(2-i\sqrt{5})}{9} (a^2 + 5b^2)^2$$

Equating the positive and negative factors, the resulting equations are

$$v + i\sqrt{5}u = \frac{(17+i\sqrt{5})(2+i\sqrt{5})}{7 \cdot 3} (a+i\sqrt{5}b)^2 \quad (22)$$

$$v - i\sqrt{5}u = \frac{(17-i\sqrt{5})(2-i\sqrt{5})}{7 \cdot 3} (a-i\sqrt{5}b)^2 \quad (23)$$

Equating real and imaginary parts in (22), we get

$$u = \frac{1}{21} [19a^2 - 95b^2 + 58ab]$$

$$v = \frac{1}{21} [29a^2 - 145b^2 - 190ab]$$

Replacing a and b by $21A$ and $21B$ respectively, we get

$$u = \frac{1}{21} [8379A^2 - 41895B^2 + 22578AB]$$

$$v = \frac{1}{21} [12789A^2 - 63945B^2 - 83790AB]$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2) we get,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(A, B) = 1008A^2 - 5040B^2 - 2772AB \\ y &= y(A, B) = -210A^2 + 1050B^2 + 520AB \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (24)$$

$$\text{and from } z = z(A, B) = 441(A^2 + 5B^2) \quad (25)$$

Thus (24), and (25) represent the distinct non-zero integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

PROPERTIES:

- ❖ $x(1, a) - y(1, a) - z(1, a) + 315t_{4,a} + 15960t_{3,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$
- ❖ $x(a, a+1) - z(a, a+1) - 8694t_{4,a} + 17703Pr_a \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
- ❖ $y(a, 1) + z(a, 1) - 462t_{3,a} - 4977Pr_a + 4977t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

3.5. PATTERN-5

$$5u^2 + v^2 = 6z^2$$

$$(z^2 - v^2) = 5(u^2 - z^2)$$

$$(z + v)(z - v) = 5(u + z)(u - z) \quad (26)$$

Equation (26) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{z+v}{5(u-z)} = \frac{u+z}{z-v} = \frac{p}{q}, q \neq 0 \quad (27)$$

From the First and third factors of (27), we have

$$\frac{z+v}{5(u-z)} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$(z+v)q - 5(u-v)p = 0 \quad (28)$$

From the second and third factors of (28), we have

$$\frac{u+z}{(z-v)} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$(u+z)q - (z-v)p = 0 \quad (29)$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication for solving (28) and (29),

$$u = -5p^2 + q^2 - 2pq$$

$$v = -5p^2 + q^2 + 10pq$$

$$z = -5p^2 - q^2$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2) we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(p, q) = -10p^2 + 2q^2 + 8pq \\ y &= y(p, q) = -12pq \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (30)$$

Thus (30) along with the value of z represent the integer solutions to (1)

PROPERTIES:

- ❖ $x(1, a) - z(1, a) - 5Pr_a - 6t_{3,a} + 5t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$
- ❖ $x(a, 1+a) + y(a, 1+a) + z(a, 1+a) + 20t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$
- ❖ $y(a, 1) + z(a, 1) + 24t_{3,a} - 7t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$

3.6. PATTERN-6

$$(v^2 - u^2) = 6(z^2 - u^2)$$

$$(v+u)(v-u) = 6(z+u)(z-u) \quad (31)$$

One may write equation (31) in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{v+u}{6(z-u)} = \frac{z+u}{v+u} = \frac{p}{q}, q \neq 0 \quad (32)$$

From the First and third factors of (32), we have

$$\frac{v-u}{6(z-u)} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$u(q+6p) + vq - 6zp = 0 \quad (33)$$

From the second and third factors of (32), we have

$$\frac{z+u}{(v-u)} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$u(q+p) - vp + zq = 0 \quad (34)$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication for solving (33) and (34),

$$u = -6p^2 + q^2$$

$$v = -6p^2 - q^2 - 12pq$$

$$z = -6p^2 - q^2 - 2pq$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2) we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(p, q) = -12p^2 - 12pq \\ y &= y(p, q) = 2q^2 + 12pq \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (35)$$

Thus (35) along with the value of z represent the integer solutions to (1)

PROPERTIES:

- ❖ $x(a, 1+a) - y(a, 1+a) + 28Pr_a + 10t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
- ❖ $z(1, a+1) + 8t_{3,a} - 3t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
- ❖ $y(1, a) - z(1, a) + 11t_{4,a} - 14Pr_a = 0$ is a nasty number.

3.7. PATTERN-7

Equation (3) is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{u+z}{2(u-z)} = \frac{3(u+z)}{u-v} = \frac{p}{q}, q \neq 0 \quad (36)$$

From the First and third factors of (32), we have

$$\frac{u+v}{2(u-v)} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(q-2p) + vq + 2zp = 0 \tag{37}$$

From the second and third factors of (36), we have

$$\frac{3(u+z)}{(u-v)} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(3q-p) + vp + 3zq = 0 \tag{38}$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication for solving (37) and (38),

$$u = -2p^2 + 3q^2$$

$$v = -2p^2 - 3q^2 + 12pq$$

$$z = -2p^2 - 3q^2 + 2pq$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2) we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x(p,q) = -4p^2 + 12pq \\ y &= y(p,q) = 6q^2 - 12pq \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{39}$$

Thus (39) along with the value of z represent the integer solutions to (1)

PROPERTIES:

- ❖ $z(a,1+a) + Pr_a + 6t_{3,a} - t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
- ❖ $x(1,a) - y(1,a) + z(1,a) - 26Pr_a + 35t_{4,a} = 0$ is a nasty number.
- ❖ $z(a,1) - x(a,1) + 20t_{3,a} - 12t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

3.8. PATTERN-8

Equation (3) can be written as

$$6z^2 - v^2 = 5u^2 \tag{40}$$

Assume $u = 6a^2 - b^2$ (41)

Write '5' as

$$5 = (\sqrt{6} + 1)(\sqrt{6} - 1) \tag{42}$$

Using (41), (42) in (40) and employing the method of factorization the above equation (40) is written as

$$(\sqrt{6}z + v)(\sqrt{6}z - v) = (\sqrt{6}a + b)^2 (\sqrt{6}a - b)^2 (\sqrt{6} + 1)(\sqrt{6} - 1)$$

Equating positive and negative factors, the resulting equations are

$$(\sqrt{6}z + v) = (\sqrt{6}a + b)^2 (\sqrt{6} + 1) \tag{43}$$

$$(\sqrt{6}z - v) = (\sqrt{6}a - b)^2 (\sqrt{6} - 1) \tag{44}$$

Equating rational and irrational parts in (43), we get

$$v = 6a^2 + b^2 + 12ab$$

$$z = 6a^2 + b^2 + 2ab \tag{45}$$

Substituting the values of u and v in (2) we get

$$x = x(a,b) = 12a^2 + 12ab \tag{46}$$

$$y = y(a,b) = -2b^2 - 12ab \tag{47}$$

Thus (45), (46) and (47) represent the distinct non-zero integral solutions of (1) in two parameters.

PROPERTIES:

- ❖ $x(1,a+1) - y(1,a+1) - 28Pr_a + 26t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
- ❖ $y(1,a) + z(1,a) - 9t_{4,a} - 20t_{3,a} = 0$ is a nasty number.
- ❖ $z(a,a+1) - 18t_{3,a} + 5Pr_a - 5t_{4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$

4. REMARKABLE OBSERVATIONS:

Let (u_0, v_0, z_0) be any given integer solution of (3), Then, each of the following triples of non-zero distinct integers based on u_0, v_0, z_0 also satisfies (1).

4.1. Triple 1: $(u_0 + h, v_0, z_0 + h)$

Here,

$$x_n = \frac{1}{2} \{ (12 - (-1)^n 10)u_0 + (-12 + (-1)^n 12)z_0 \} + v_0$$

$$y_n = \frac{1}{2} \{ (12 - (-1)^n 10)u_0 + (-12 + (-1)^n 12)z_0 \} - v_0$$

$$z_n = \frac{1}{2} \{ (10 - (-1)^n 10)u_0 + (-10 + (-1)^n 12)z_0 \}$$

4.2. Triple 2: $(h - 6u_0, h - 6v_0, 6z_0)$

Here,

$$x_n = \frac{1}{36} \{ (20(6)^n - 8(-6)^n) u_0 + (4(6)^n + 8(-6)^n) v_0 \}$$

$$y_n = \frac{1}{2} \{ (12(-1)^n) u_0 - (12(-6)^n) v_0 \}$$

$$z_n = 6^n z_0$$

4.3. Triple 3: $(8u_0, -8v_0 + h, 8z_0 + h)$

Here,

$$x_n = 8^n u_0 + \frac{1}{32\sqrt{6}} \{ 16\sqrt{6} A_n v_0 + 96 B_n z_0 \}$$

$$y_n = 8^n u_0 - \frac{1}{32\sqrt{6}} \{ 16\sqrt{6} A_n v_0 + 96 B_n z_0 \}$$

$$z_n = \frac{1}{32\sqrt{6}} \{ 16 B_n v_0 + 16\sqrt{6} A_n z_0 \}$$

where $A_n = (40 + 16\sqrt{6})^n + (40 - 16\sqrt{6})^n$

$$B_n = (40 + 16\sqrt{6})^n - (40 - 16\sqrt{6})^n$$

4.4. Triple 4: $(-3u_0 + h, 3v_0, 3z_0 + h)$

Here,

$$x_n = \frac{1}{12\sqrt{30}} \{ 6\sqrt{30} A_n u_0 - 36 B_n z_0 \} + 3^n v_0$$

$$y_n = \frac{1}{12\sqrt{30}} \{ 6\sqrt{30} A_n u_0 - 36 B_n z_0 \} - 3^n v_0$$

$$z_n = \frac{1}{12\sqrt{30}} \{ -30 B_n u_0 + 6\sqrt{30} A_n z_0 \}$$

Where $A_n = (-33 + 6\sqrt{30})^n + (-33 - 6\sqrt{30})^n$

$$B_n = (-33 + 6\sqrt{30})^n - (-33 - 6\sqrt{30})^n$$

5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented infinitely many non-zero distinct integer solutions to the ternary quadratic equation

$$3(x + y)^2 - 2xy = 12z^2$$

representing a homogeneous cone. As diophantine equation are rich in variety, to conclude, one may search for other

forms of three dimensional surfaces, namely, non-homogeneous cone, paraboloid, ellipsoid, hyperbolic paraboloid and so on for finding integral points on them and corresponding properties.

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