

# On Non-Homogeneous Ternary Bi-Quadratic Equation

$$x^2 + 7xy + y^2 = z^4$$

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**Abstract:** We obtain infinitely many non-zero integer solutions to the non-homogeneous ternary bi-quadratic equation  $x^2 + 7xy + y^2 = z^4$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of Diophantine equations offers a rich variety of fascinating problems. There is a great interest for mathematicians since antiquity in homogeneous and non-homogeneous bi-quadratic Diophantine equations [1-4]. In this context, one may refer [5-12] for varieties of problems on the bi-quadratic Diophantine equations with three variables. In [13-17], bi-quadratic equation with four unknowns are studied for their integral solutions.

This communication concerns with yet another interesting ternary bi-quadratic equation given by  $x^2 + 7xy + y^2 = z^4$  and is analysed for its non-zero distinct integer solutions.

## 2. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The ternary bi-quadratic diophantine equation to be solved for its non-zero distinct integral solutions is given by

$$x^2 + 7xy + y^2 = z^4 \quad (1)$$

Introducing the linear transformations

$$x = u + v, y = u - v, u \neq v \neq 0 \quad (2)$$

in (2), it leads to

$$9u^2 = 5v^2 + z^4 \quad (3)$$

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

### Pattern 1:

It is noted that (3) is satisfied by

$$v = 2rs, z^2 = 5r^2 - s^2, 3u = 5r^2 + s^2 \quad (4)$$

Taking  $r = 3R, s = 3S$

$$(5)$$

in (5), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= 15R^2 + 3S^2 \\ v &= 18RS \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

and

$$z^2 = 45R^2 - 9S^2 \quad (7)$$

Now, we have to find R,S and z satisfying (7).

For this, assume

$$R = \alpha^2 + 9\beta^2 \tag{8}$$

Also, 45 can be written as

$$45 = (6 + 3i)(6 - 3i) \tag{9}$$

Substituting (8) and (9) in (7) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$(z + 3iS) = (6 + 3i)(\alpha + i3\beta)^2$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts, we get

$$z = 6\alpha^2 - 54\beta^2 - 18\alpha\beta \tag{10}$$

$$S = \alpha^2 - 9\beta^2 + 12\alpha\beta \tag{11}$$

Substituting (8) and (11) in (6), we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= 18\alpha^4 + 1458\beta^4 + 648\alpha^2\beta^2 + 72\alpha^3\beta - 648\alpha\beta^3 \\ v &= 18\alpha^4 - 1458\beta^4 + 216\alpha^3\beta + 1944\alpha\beta^3 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{12}$$

Employing (12) in (2), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 36\alpha^4 + 648\alpha^2\beta^2 + 288\alpha^3\beta + 1296\alpha\beta^3 \\ y &= 2916\beta^4 + 648\alpha^2\beta^2 - 144\alpha^3\beta - 2592\alpha\beta^3 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{13}$$

Thus, (10) and (13) represent non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1).

**Note:**

It is worth to note that, in addition to (9), one may write 45 as

$$45 = (3 + 6i)(3 - 6i)$$

Following the procedure as presented above, the corresponding non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 63\alpha^4 - 729\beta^4 + 162\alpha^2\beta^2 + 180\alpha^3\beta + 324\alpha\beta^3 \\ y &= -94\alpha^4 + 5103\beta^4 + 162\alpha^2\beta^2 - 36\alpha^3\beta - 1620\alpha\beta^3 \\ z &= 3\alpha^2 - 27\beta^2 - 36\alpha\beta \end{aligned}$$

**Pattern 2:**

Introduction of the linear transformations

$$u = X + 5T, v = X + 9T, z = 2w \tag{14}$$

in (3) leads to

$$X^2 - 4w^4 = 45T^2 \tag{15}$$

which may be expressed as the system of double equations as presented in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: System of double equations**

System	1	2	3	4	5
$X + 2w^2$	15T	9T	45T	$5T^2$	$T^2$
$X - 2w^2$	3T	5T	T	9	45

Solving each of the above systems, the values of X, T and w are obtained. In view of (2) and (14), the corresponding values of x, y and z for each of the systems in Table 1 are found. Note that the values of x, y and z thus obtained satisfy (1). For the sake of simplicity and brevity, the values of x, y and z satisfying (1), that are obtained through the system of equations in Table 1, are exhibited in Table 2 as follows:

**Table 2: Solutions**

System	Solutions
1	$x = 96k^2, y = -12k^2, z = 6k$
2	$x = 28k^2, y = -4k^2, z = 2k$
3	$x = 660k^2, y = -44k^2, z = 22k$
4	$x_{n+1} = 20k_{n+1}^2 + 48k_{n+1} + 28$ $y_{n+1} = -(8k_{n+1} + 4)$ $z_{n+1} = 3f_n + \frac{15}{\sqrt{20}}g_n$ <p>where, <math>k_{n+1} = \frac{1}{10} \left[ -5 \pm \left\{ \frac{15}{2}f_n + \frac{30}{\sqrt{20}}g_n \right\} \right], n = -1, 0, 1, \dots</math></p> $f_n = (9 + 2\sqrt{20})^{n+1} + (9 - 2\sqrt{20})^{n+1}$ $g_n = (9 + 2\sqrt{20})^{n+1} - (9 - 2\sqrt{20})^{n+1}$
5	Set 1: $x = 896, y = -92, z = 22$ Set 2: $x = 252, y = -36, z = 6$ Set 3: $x = 192, y = -28, z = 2$

### 3.CONCLUSION

In this paper, an attempt has been made to find non-zero distinct integer solutions to the non-homogeneous ternary bi-quadratic equation with three unknowns  $x^2 + 7xy + y^2 = z^4$ . To conclude, the readers may search for other types of bi-quadratic equations with variables greater than or equal to three to obtain their corresponding solutions.

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