

Integral Solutions of Ternary Quadratic Diophantine Equation

$11x^2 - 3y^2 = 8z^2$

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Abstract

The ternary quadratic Diophantine equation given by $11x^2 - 3y^2 = 8z^2$ is analyzed for its patterns of non-zero distinct integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special polygonal numbers are exhibited.

Keywords

Ternary Quadratic, Integral Solutions, Polygonal Numbers.

Introduction

Ternary quadratic equations are rich in variety [1-3]. For an extensive review of sizable literature and various problems, one may refer [1-16]. In this communication, we consider yet another interesting ternary quadratic equation $11x^2 - 3y^2 = 8z^2$ and obtain infinitely many non-trivial integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special Polygonal numbers are presented.

Notations Used

- $t_{m,n}$ - Polygonal number of rank 'n' with size 'm'
- P_n^m - Pyramidal number of rank 'n' with size 'm'

Methods of Analysis

The Quadratic Diophantine equation with three unknowns to be solved for its non zero distinct integral solutions is

$$11x^2 - 3y^2 = 8z^2 \quad (1)$$

On substituting the linear transformations

$$\begin{aligned} x &= u + v ; \\ y &= u - v \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

in (1), it leads to

$$u^2 = 33v^2 + z^2 \quad (3)$$

We obtain different patterns of integral solutions to (1) through solving (3) which are illustrated as follows:

Pattern I

Equation (3) is satisfied by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= 33m^2 + n^2 \\ v &= 2mn \\ z &= 33m^2 - n^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Substituting (4) and (3) in (2), the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solution of (1) are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(m, n) &= x = 33m^2 + n^2 + 6mn \\ y(m, n) &= y = 33m^2 + n^2 + 22mn \\ z(m, n) &= z = 33m^2 - n^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Properties

1. $x(m, 4) - 48 t_{3,m} - t_{18,m} \equiv 16 \pmod{8}$
2. $y(m, 2) - 66 t_{3,m} \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$
3. $z(m, 1) - t_{68,m} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{32}$
4. $x(1, n) - 2 t_{3,m} \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$
5. $y(z, n) - 2 t_{3,n} \equiv 3 \pmod{43}$
6. $y(a, a+1) - x(a, a+1) - 32 t_{3,a} \equiv 0$
7. $y(a, a(a+1)) - x(a, a+1) - 32 P_a^5 \equiv 0$
8. $y(a(a+1)(a+2)) - x(a(a+1)(a+2)) - 96 P_a^3 \equiv 0$
9. $x + y + z$ is expressed as the difference of two squares when $m = n$
10. Each of the following expression represents a nasty number
 - (i) $x(a, a) + y(a, a)$
 - (ii) $y(a, a) - z(a, a)$

Note

Instead of (2) one may also consider the linear transformation

$$x = u - 3v ; \quad y = u - 11v \quad (6)$$

For this choice, the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are

$$\begin{aligned} x &= m^2 + 33n^2 - 6mn \\ y &= m^2 + 33n^2 - 22mn \\ z &= m^2 - 33n^2 \end{aligned}$$

Pattern II

Equation (3) is written as

$$\frac{u-z}{3v} = \frac{11v}{u+z} = \frac{m}{n}, \quad n \neq 0 \quad (7)$$

Which is equivalent to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} um + zm - 11vn &= 0 \\ un - zn - 3vm &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From which we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= 3m^2 + 11n^2 \\ v &= 2mn \\ z &= 3m^2 - 11n^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (8)$$

Using (8) in (2) we obtain the integer solutions to (1) as given below

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 3m^2 + 11n^2 - 6mn \\ y &= 3m^2 + 11n^2 - 22mn \\ z &= 3m^2 - 11n^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

Properties

1. $x(a, a+1) - y(a, a+1) - 36t_{3,a} \equiv 0$
2. $x(a, 1) - y(a, 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{16}$
3. $8x(a^2, a+1) - 8y(a^2, a+1) - 256P_a^5 \equiv 0$
4. $x(a, a) - z(a, a) \equiv 0$
5. $x(a, a) + y(a, a) \equiv 0$
6. $x(a, a(a+1)) - y(a, a(a+1)) - 32P_a^5 \equiv 0$
7. $x(a, (a+1)(a+2)) - y(a, (a+1)(a+2)) - 96P_a^3 \equiv 0$
8. $z(1, b) - y(1, b) + t_{4,6,b} \equiv 0$
9. Each of the following expressions represents a nasty number
 - (i) $3[x(a, a) + y(a, a)]$
 - (ii) $6[y(a, a) + z(a, a)]$
 - (iii) $3[x(a, -a) + y(a, -a) + z(a, -a)]$
 - (iv) $2[x(a, -a) - y(a, -a) - z(a, -a)]$

Pattern III

Equation (3) can be written as

$$z = u^2 - 33v^2 \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Take } z = a^2 - 33b^2 \quad (11)$$

Using (10) and (11) and equating positive and negative factors, we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= a^2 + 33b^2 \\ v &= 2ab \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (12)$$

From (12) and (13) we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= a^2 + 33b^2 + 6ab \\ y &= a^2 + 33b^2 - 22ab \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (13)$$

$$z = a^2 - 33b^2 \quad (14)$$

Thus (13) and (14) represent non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1)

Properties

1. $x(a, 1) - 2t_{3,a} \equiv 33 \pmod{5}$
2. $y(a, 1) - 2t_{3,a} \equiv 33 \pmod{21}$
3. $y(a, b) - x(a, b) = 16ab$
4. $y(a, a+1) - x(a, a+1) - 32t_{3,a} \equiv 0$
5. $y(a, a(a+1)) - x(a, a(a+1)) - 32P_a^5 \equiv 0$
6. $y(a, (a+1)(a+2)) - x(a, (a+1)(a+2)) - 96P_a^3 \equiv 0$
7. $y(a, 1) + z(a, 1) - t_{9,8,a} + t_{9,4,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$
8. Each of the following expression represents a nasty number
 - (i) $x(b, -b) - z(b, -b)$
 - (ii) $8[y(2a, a) + z(2a, a) - x(2a, a)]$

Pattern IV

Write (3) as

$$z^2 + 33v^2 = u^2 \times 1 \quad (15)$$

$$\text{Assume } u = a^2 + 33b^2 \quad (16)$$

$$1 = \frac{(4 + i\sqrt{33})(4 - i\sqrt{33})}{49} \quad (17)$$

Using (16) and (17) in (15) and employing the method of factorization, define

$$z + i\sqrt{33}v = (a + i\sqrt{33}b)^2 (45 + i\sqrt{33})$$

Equating real and imaginary part, we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} z &= \frac{1}{7}(f(a, b)) \\ &= \frac{1}{7}(4a^2 - 66ab - 132b^2) \\ v &= \frac{1}{7}(g(a, b)) \\ &= \frac{1}{7}(a^2 - 33b^2 + 8ab) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (18)$$

As our interest is on finding integer solutions, it is seen that the values of x, y and z are integers when both a and b are of the same parity. Thus by taking $a = 7a$, $b = 7b$ in (18) and substituting the corresponding values of u,v in (2) the non-zero integral solution of (1) are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 70m^2 + 924n^2 + 168mn \\ y &= 126m^2 - 924n^2 + 616mn \\ z &= 28m^2 - 924n^2 - 462mn \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (19)$$

Properties

1. $x(a(a+1)), y(a, a+1) - 980 \text{ Obl}_a \equiv 0 \pmod{14}$
2. $x(a, a(a+1)), y(a, a(a+1)) = 1568P_a^5 - 196a^2$
3. $x(a, 1) + y(a, 1) - z(a, 1)196t_3^a \equiv 0 \pmod{14}$
4. $x(2, b) + y(2, b) = 784 \pmod{1568}$
5. $x(a, 1) + y(a, 1) - z(a, 1) - 196a^3 \equiv 0 \pmod{980}$

Conclusion

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

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