# ON THE SETS OF INTEGRAL SOLUTIONS TO THE CUBIC EQUATION WITH FOUR UNKNOWNS $x^{3}+y^{3}+(x+y)(x-y)^{2}=16 z w^{2}$ 

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> Abstract:The homogeneous cubic equation with four unknowns represented by the Diophantine equation $x^{3}+y^{3}+(x+y)(x-y)^{2}=16 z w^{2}$ is analyzed for its patterns of non-zero distinct integral solutions.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION:

The cubic diophantine equations are rich in variety and offer an unlimited field for research [1-2]. For an extensive review of various problems, one may refer [3-22]. This paper concerns with another interesting cubic diophantine equation with four unknowns $\mathrm{x}^{3}+\mathrm{y}^{3}+(\mathrm{x}+\mathrm{y})(\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{y})^{2}=16 \mathrm{zw}^{2}$ for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral solutions.

## 2. METHOD OF ANALYSIS:

The homogeneous cubic equation with four unknowns to be solved for its distinct non-zero integral solution is

$$
\begin{equation*}
x^{3}+y^{3}+(x+y)(x-y)^{2}=16 z^{2} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Introduction of the linear transformations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{u}+\mathrm{v}, \mathrm{y}=\mathrm{u}-\mathrm{v}, \mathrm{z}=\mathrm{u} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

in (1) leads to

$$
\begin{equation*}
u^{2}+7 v^{2}=8 w^{2} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Different methods of obtaining the patterns of integer solutions to (1) are illustrated below:

## PATTERN 1:

We can write (3) in the form of ratio as

$$
\frac{u+w}{7(w+v)}=\frac{(w-v)}{u-w}=\frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \beta \neq 0
$$

The above equation is equivalent to the double equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \beta u-7 \alpha v+(\beta-7 \alpha) w=0 \quad \text { and } \\
& \alpha u+\beta v-(\alpha+\beta) w=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, we get

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
u=7 \alpha^{2}+14 \alpha \beta-\beta^{2}  \tag{4}\\
v=-7 \alpha^{2}+2 \alpha \beta+\beta^{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{w}(\alpha, \beta)=\beta^{2}+7 \alpha^{2} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (4) in (2), we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x(\alpha, \beta)=16 \alpha \beta  \tag{6}\\
y(\alpha, \beta)=14 \alpha^{2}+12 \alpha \beta-2 \beta^{2} \\
z(\alpha, \beta)=7 \alpha^{2}+14 \alpha \beta-\beta^{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus, (5) and (6) give a set of integer solutions for (1).

## PATTERN 2:

We can write (3) in the form of ratio as

$$
\frac{u+w}{(w+v)}=\frac{7(w-v)}{u-w}=\frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \beta \neq 0
$$

The above equation is equivalent to the double equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \beta u-\alpha v+(\beta-\alpha) w=0 \quad \text { and } \\
& \alpha u+7 \beta v-(\alpha+7 \beta) w=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, we get

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\alpha^{2}+14 \alpha \beta-7 \beta^{2} \\
\mathrm{v}=-\alpha^{2}+2 \alpha \beta+7 \beta^{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Using (7) in (2), we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x(\alpha, \beta)=16 \alpha \beta  \tag{9}\\
y(\alpha, \beta)=2 \alpha^{2}+12 \alpha \beta-14 \beta^{2} \\
z(\alpha, \beta)=\alpha^{2}+14 \alpha \beta-7 \beta^{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus, (8) and (9) represents the integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 3:

Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
w=a^{2}+7 b^{2} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where a and b are non-zero integers.
Write 8 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
8=(1+i \sqrt{7})(1-i \sqrt{7}) \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (11) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=(1+i \sqrt{7})(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\mathrm{a}^{2}-14 \mathrm{ab}-7 \mathrm{~b}^{2}  \tag{13}\\
\mathrm{v}=\mathrm{a}^{2}+2 \mathrm{ab}-7 \mathrm{~b}^{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Using (7) and (2), the values of $x, y$ and $z$ are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(a, b)=2 a^{2}-12 a b-14 b^{2} \\
y=y(a, b)=-16 a b \\
z=z(a, b)=a^{2}-14 a b-7 b^{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

(14)

Thus (10) and (14) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 4:

Write 8 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
8=\frac{(5+i \sqrt{7})(5-i \sqrt{7})}{4} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (15) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=\left(\frac{5+i \sqrt{7}}{2}\right)(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
u=\frac{1}{2}\left(5 a^{2}-14 a b-35 b^{2}\right) \\
v=\frac{1}{2}\left(a^{2}+10 a b-7 b^{2}\right) \tag{17}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by $2 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~b}$ by 2 B in (10) and (17), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x=x(A, B)=12 A^{2}-8 A B-84 B^{2} \\
& y=y(A, B)=8 A^{2}-48 A B-56 B^{2} \\
& z=z(A, B)=10 A^{2}-28 A B-70 B^{2} \\
& w=w(A, B)=4 A^{2}+28 B^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

(18)

Thus (18) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 5:

Write 8 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
8=\frac{(11+i \sqrt{7})(11-i \sqrt{7})}{16} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (19) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=\left(\frac{11+i \sqrt{7}}{4}\right)(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\frac{1}{4}\left(11 \mathrm{a}^{2}-14 \mathrm{ab}-77 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right)  \tag{21}\\
\mathrm{v}=\frac{1}{4}\left(\mathrm{a}^{2}+22 \mathrm{ab}-7 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by $2 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~b}$ by 2 B in (10) and (21), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(A, B)=12 A^{2}+8 A B-84 B^{2} \\
y=y(A, B)=10 A^{2}-36 A B-70 B^{2} \\
z=z(A, B)=11 A^{2}-14 A B-77 B^{2}  \tag{22}\\
w=w(A, B)=4 A^{2}+28 B^{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (22) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 6:

Write (3) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
u^{2}+7 v^{2}=8 w^{2} * 1 \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

write 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(3+i \sqrt{7})(3-i \sqrt{7})}{16}\right) \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (11), (24) in (23) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=(1+i \sqrt{7})(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{3+i \sqrt{7}}{4}\right) \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\left(-\mathrm{a}^{2}-14 \mathrm{ab}+7 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right)  \tag{26}\\
\mathrm{v}=\left(\mathrm{a}^{2}-2 \mathrm{ab}-7 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Using (26) and (2), the values of $x, y$ and $z$ are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(a, b)=-16 a b  \tag{27}\\
y=y(a, b)=-2 a^{2}-12 a b+14 b^{2} \\
z=z(a, b)=-a^{2}-14 a b+7 b^{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (10) and (27) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 7:

Assume 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(1+i 3 \sqrt{7})(1-i 3 \sqrt{7})}{64}\right) \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (11),(28) in (23) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=(1+i \sqrt{7})(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{1+i 3 \sqrt{7}}{8}\right) \tag{29}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\frac{1}{2}\left(-5 \mathrm{a}^{2}-14 \mathrm{ab}+35 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{v}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\mathrm{a}^{2}-10 \mathrm{ab}-7 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \tag{30}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by $2 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~b}$ by 2 B in (10) and (30), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(A, B)=\left(-8 A^{2}-48 A B+56 B^{2}\right) \\
y=y(A, B)=\left(-12 A^{2}-8 A B+84 B^{2}\right) \\
z=z(A, B)=\left(-10 A^{2}-28 A B+70 B^{2}\right)  \tag{31}\\
w=w(A, B)=\left(4 A^{2}+28 B^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (31) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 8:

Assume 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(3+i 4 \sqrt{7})(3-i 4 \sqrt{7})}{121}\right) \tag{32}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (11),(32) in (23) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=(1+i \sqrt{7})(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{3+i 4 \sqrt{7}}{11}\right) \tag{33}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\frac{1}{11}\left(-25 \mathrm{a}^{2}-98 \mathrm{ab}+175 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{v}=\frac{1}{11}\left(7 \mathrm{a}^{2}-50 \mathrm{ab}-49 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \tag{34}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by $11 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~b}$ by 11 B in (10) and (34), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(A, B)=\left(-198 A^{2}-1628 A B+1386 B^{2}\right) \\
y=y(A, B)=\left(-352 A^{2}-528 A B+2464 B^{2}\right) \\
z=z(A, B)=\left(-275 A^{2}-1078 A B+1925 B^{2}\right)  \tag{35}\\
w=w(A, B)=\left(121 A^{2}+847 B^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (35) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 9:

Assume 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(1+i 48 \sqrt{7})(1-i 48 \sqrt{7})}{127^{2}}\right) \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (11),(36) in (23) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=(1+i \sqrt{7})(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{1+i 48 \sqrt{7}}{127}\right) \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\frac{1}{127}\left(-335 \mathrm{a}^{2}-686 \mathrm{ab}+2345 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{v}=\frac{1}{127}\left(49 \mathrm{a}^{2}-670 \mathrm{ab}-343 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \tag{38}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by 127 A , b by 127 B in (10) and (38), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(A, B)=\left(-36322 A^{2}-172212 A B+254254 B^{2}\right) \\
y=y(A, B)=\left(-48768 A^{2}-2032 A B+341376 B^{2}\right) \\
z=z(A, B)=\left(-42545 A^{2}-87122 A B+297815 B^{2}\right)  \tag{39}\\
w=w(A, B)=\left(16129 A^{2}+112903 B^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (39) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 10:

Assume 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(3+i 4 \sqrt{7})(3-i 4 \sqrt{7})}{121}\right) \tag{40}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (9),(34) in (17) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=\left(\frac{5+i \sqrt{7}}{2}\right)(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{3+i 4 \sqrt{7}}{11}\right) \tag{41}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
u=\frac{1}{22}\left(-13 a^{2}-322 a b+91 b^{2}\right) \\
v=\frac{1}{22}\left(23 a^{2}-26 a b-161 b^{2}\right) \tag{42}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by $22 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~b}$ by 22 B in (10) and (42), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x}(\mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~B})=\left(220 \mathrm{~A}^{2}-7656 \mathrm{AB}-1540 \mathrm{~B}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{y}(\mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~B})=\left(-792 \mathrm{~A}^{2}-6512 \mathrm{AB}+5544 \mathrm{~B}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{z}=\mathrm{z}(\mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~B})=\left(-286 \mathrm{~A}^{2}-7084 \mathrm{AB}+2002 \mathrm{~B}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{w}=\mathrm{w}(\mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~B})=\left(484 \mathrm{~A}^{2}+3388 \mathrm{~B}^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

(43)

Thus (43) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 11:

Assume 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(1+\mathrm{i} 48 \sqrt{7})(1-\mathrm{i} 48 \sqrt{7})}{127^{2}}\right) \tag{44}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (15),(44) in (23) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=\left(\frac{5+i \sqrt{7}}{2}\right)(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{1+i 48 \sqrt{7}}{127}\right) \tag{45}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\frac{1}{254}\left(-331 \mathrm{a}^{2}-3374 \mathrm{ab}+2317 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{v}=\frac{1}{254}\left(241 \mathrm{a}^{2}-662 \mathrm{ab}-1687 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

(46)

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by 254 A , b by 254 B in (10) and (46), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(A, B)=\left(-22860 A^{2}-1025144 A B+160020 B^{2}\right) \\
y=y(A, B)=\left(-145288 A^{2}-688848 A B+1017016 B^{2}\right) \\
z=z(A, B)=\left(-84074 A^{2}-856996 A B+588518 B^{2}\right)  \tag{47}\\
w=w(A, B)=\left(64516 A^{2}+451612 B^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (47) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 12:

Assume 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(3+i \sqrt{7})(3-i \sqrt{7})}{16}\right) \tag{48}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (19),(48) in (23) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=\left(\frac{11+i \sqrt{7}}{4}\right)(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{3+i \sqrt{7}}{4}\right) \tag{49}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\frac{1}{8}\left(13 \mathrm{a}^{2}-98 \mathrm{ab}-91 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{v}=\frac{1}{8}\left(7 \mathrm{a}^{2}+26 \mathrm{ab}-49 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \tag{50}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by $8 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~b}$ by 8 B in (10) and (50), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(A, B)=\left(160 A^{2}-576 A B-1120 B^{2}\right) \\
y=y(A, B)=\left(48 A^{2}-992 A B-336 B^{2}\right) \\
z=z(A, B)=\left(104 A^{2}-784 A B-728 B^{2}\right)  \tag{51}\\
w=w(A, B)=\left(64 A^{2}+448 B^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (51) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 13:

Assume 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(1+i 3 \sqrt{7})(1-i 3 \sqrt{7})}{64}\right) \tag{52}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (19),(52) in (23) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=\left(\frac{11+i \sqrt{7}}{4}\right)(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{1+i 3 \sqrt{7}}{8}\right) \tag{53}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{u}=\frac{1}{16}\left(-5 \mathrm{a}^{2}-238 \mathrm{ab}+35 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right) \\
\mathrm{v}=\frac{1}{16}\left(17 \mathrm{a}^{2}-10 \mathrm{ab}-119 \mathrm{~b}^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

(54)

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by $16 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~b}$ by 16 B in (10) and (54), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(A, B)=\left(192 A^{2}-3968 A B-1344 B^{2}\right) \\
y=y(A, B)=\left(-352 A^{2}-3648 A B+2464 B^{2}\right) \\
z=z(A, B)=\left(-80 A^{2}-3808 A B+560 B^{2}\right)  \tag{55}\\
w=w(A, B)=\left(256 A^{2}+1792 B^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (55) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## PATTERN 14:

Assume 1 as

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\left(\frac{(3+i 4 \sqrt{7})(3-i 4 \sqrt{7})}{121}\right) \tag{56}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using (10), (19),(56) in (23) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
(u+i \sqrt{7} v)=\left(\frac{11+i \sqrt{7}}{4}\right)(a+i \sqrt{7} b)^{2}\left(\frac{3+i 4 \sqrt{7}}{11}\right) \tag{57}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which we have

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
u=\frac{1}{44}\left(5 a^{2}-658 a b-35 b^{2}\right) \\
v=\frac{1}{44}\left(47 a^{2}+10 a b-329 b^{2}\right) \tag{58}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Since our interest is on finding integer solutions, replacing a by $44 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~b}$ by 44 B in (10) and (58), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=x(A, B)=\left(2288 A^{2}-28512 A B-16016 B^{2}\right) \\
y=y(A, B)=\left(-1848 A^{2}-29392 A B+12936 B^{2}\right) \\
z=z(A, B)=\left(220 A^{2}-28952 A B-1540 B^{2}\right)  \tag{59}\\
w=w(A, B)=\left(1936 A^{2}+13552 B^{2}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Thus (59) represent the non-zero integer solutions to (1).

## 3. CONCLUSION:

In this paper, we have made an attempt to determine different patterns of non-zero distinct integer solutions to the homogeneous cubic equation with four unknowns given by $x^{3}+y^{3}+(x+y)(x-y)^{2}=16 z w^{2}$. As the cubic equations are rich in variety, one may search for other forms of cubic equations with multi-variables to obtain their corresponding solutions.

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