ON THE SETS OF INTEGRAL SOLUTIONS TO THE CUBIC EQUATION WITH FOUR UNKNOWNS

$$x^3 + y^3 + (x + y)(x - y)^2 = 16zw^2$$

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Abstract: The homogeneous cubic equation with four unknowns represented by the Diophantine equation $x^3 + y^3 + (x + y)(x - y)^2 = 16zw^2$ 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 $x^3 + y^3 + (x + y)(x - y)^2 = 16zw^2$ 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

$$x^{3} + y^{3} + (x + y)(x - y)^{2} = 16zw^{2}$$
(1)

Introduction of the linear transformations

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

in (1) leads to

$$u^2 + 7v^2 = 8w^2 \tag{3}$$

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

$$\beta u - 7\alpha v + (\beta - 7\alpha)w = 0$$
 and

$$\alpha u + \beta v - (\alpha + \beta)w = 0$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, we get

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

$$w(\alpha, \beta) = \beta^2 + 7\alpha^2 \tag{5}$$

Using (4) in (2), we have

$$x(\alpha, \beta) = 16\alpha\beta$$

$$y(\alpha, \beta) = 14\alpha^{2} + 12\alpha\beta - 2\beta^{2}$$

$$z(\alpha, \beta) = 7\alpha^{2} + 14\alpha\beta - \beta^{2}$$
(6)

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

PATTERN 2:

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

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

The above equation is equivalent to the double equations

$$\beta u - \alpha v + (\beta - \alpha)w = 0$$
 and

$$\alpha u + 7\beta v - (\alpha + 7\beta)w = 0$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, we get

$$w(\alpha, \beta) = 7\beta^2 + \alpha^2 \tag{8}$$

Using (7) in (2), we have

$$x(\alpha, \beta) = 16\alpha\beta$$

$$y(\alpha, \beta) = 2\alpha^{2} + 12\alpha\beta - 14\beta^{2}$$

$$z(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha^{2} + 14\alpha\beta - 7\beta^{2}$$
(9)

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

PATTERN 3:

Let

$$w = a^2 + 7b^2 (10)$$

where a and b are non-zero integers.

Write 8 as

$$8 = \left(1 + i\sqrt{7}\right)\left(1 - i\sqrt{7}\right) \tag{11}$$

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

$$\left(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{i}\sqrt{7}\mathbf{v}\right) = \left(\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{i}\sqrt{7}\right)\left(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{i}\sqrt{7}\mathbf{b}\right)^{2} \tag{12}$$

from which we have

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

$$x = x(a,b) = 2a^{2} - 12ab - 14b^{2}$$

$$y = y(a,b) = -16ab$$

$$z = z(a,b) = a^{2} - 14ab - 7b^{2}$$

(14)

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

PATTERN 4:

Write 8 as

$$8 = \frac{\left(5 + i\sqrt{7}\right)\left(5 - i\sqrt{7}\right)}{4} \tag{15}$$

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

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

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \left(5a^{2} - 14ab - 35b^{2} \right)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \left(a^{2} + 10ab - 7b^{2} \right)$$
(17)

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

$$x = x(A, B) = 12A^{2} - 8AB - 84B^{2}$$

$$y = y(A, B) = 8A^{2} - 48AB - 56B^{2}$$

$$z = z(A, B) = 10A^{2} - 28AB - 70B^{2}$$

$$w = w(A, B) = 4A^{2} + 28B^{2}$$

(18)

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

PATTERN 5:

Write 8 as

$$8 = \frac{\left(11 + i\sqrt{7}\right)\left(11 - i\sqrt{7}\right)}{16} \tag{19}$$

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

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

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{4} \left(11a^{2} - 14ab - 77b^{2} \right)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{4} \left(a^{2} + 22ab - 7b^{2} \right)$$
(21)

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

$$x = x(A,B) = 12A^{2} + 8AB - 84B^{2}$$

$$y = y(A,B) = 10A^{2} - 36AB - 70B^{2}$$

$$z = z(A,B) = 11A^{2} - 14AB - 77B^{2}$$

$$w = w(A,B) = 4A^{2} + 28B^{2}$$
(22)

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

PATTERN 6:

Write (3) as

$$u^2 + 7v^2 = 8w^2 * 1 (23)$$

write 1 as

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

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

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

from which we have

$$u = (-a^{2} - 14ab + 7b^{2})$$

$$v = (a^{2} - 2ab - 7b^{2})$$
(26)

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

$$x = x(a,b) = -16ab$$

$$y = y(a,b) = -2a^{2} - 12ab + 14b^{2}$$

$$z = z(a,b) = -a^{2} - 14ab + 7b^{2}$$
(27)

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

PATTERN 7:

Assume 1 as

$$1 = \left(\frac{\left(1 + i3\sqrt{7}\right)\left(1 - i3\sqrt{7}\right)}{64}\right) \tag{28}$$

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

$$(u + i\sqrt{7}v) = (1 + i\sqrt{7})(a + i\sqrt{7}b)^{2} \left(\frac{1 + i3\sqrt{7}}{8}\right)$$
 (29)

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \left(-5a^{2} - 14ab + 35b^{2} \right)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \left(a^{2} - 10ab - 7b^{2} \right)$$
(30)

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

$$x = x(A,B) = (-8A^{2} - 48AB + 56B^{2})$$

$$y = y(A,B) = (-12A^{2} - 8AB + 84B^{2})$$

$$z = z(A,B) = (-10A^{2} - 28AB + 70B^{2})$$

$$w = w(A,B) = (4A^{2} + 28B^{2})$$
(31)

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

PATTERN 8:

Assume 1 as

$$1 = \left(\frac{(3 + i4\sqrt{7})(3 - i4\sqrt{7})}{121}\right) \tag{32}$$

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

$$(u + i\sqrt{7}v) = (1 + i\sqrt{7})(a + i\sqrt{7}b)^{2} \left(\frac{3 + i4\sqrt{7}}{11}\right)$$
(33)

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{11} \left(-25a^{2} - 98ab + 175b^{2} \right)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{11} \left(7a^{2} - 50ab - 49b^{2} \right)$$
(34)

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

$$x = x(A,B) = (-198A^{2} - 1628AB + 1386B^{2})$$

$$y = y(A,B) = (-352A^{2} - 528AB + 2464B^{2})$$

$$z = z(A,B) = (-275A^{2} - 1078AB + 1925B^{2})$$

$$w = w(A,B) = (121A^{2} + 847B^{2})$$
(35)

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

PATTERN 9:

Assume 1 as

$$1 = \left(\frac{\left(1 + i48\sqrt{7}\right)\left(1 - i48\sqrt{7}\right)}{127^2}\right) \tag{36}$$

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

$$(u + i\sqrt{7}v) = (1 + i\sqrt{7})(a + i\sqrt{7}b)^{2} \left(\frac{1 + i48\sqrt{7}}{127}\right)$$
(37)

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{127} \left(-335 \text{ a}^2 - 686 \text{ ab} + 2345 \text{ b}^2 \right)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{127} \left(49 \text{ a}^2 - 670 \text{ ab} - 343 \text{ b}^2 \right)$$
(38)

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

$$x = x(A,B) = (-36322A^{2} - 172212AB + 254254B^{2})$$

$$y = y(A,B) = (-48768A^{2} - 2032AB + 341376B^{2})$$

$$z = z(A,B) = (-42545A^{2} - 87122AB + 297815B^{2})$$

$$w = w(A,B) = (16129A^{2} + 112903B^{2})$$
(39)

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

PATTERN 10:

Assume 1 as

$$1 = \left(\frac{\left(3 + i4\sqrt{7}\right)\left(3 - i4\sqrt{7}\right)}{121}\right) \tag{40}$$

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

$$(u + i\sqrt{7}v) = \left(\frac{5 + i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right) (a + i\sqrt{7}b)^2 \left(\frac{3 + i4\sqrt{7}}{11}\right)$$
 (41)

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{22} \left(-13a^2 - 322ab + 91b^2 \right)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{22} \left(23a^2 - 26ab - 161b^2 \right)$$
(42)

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

$$x = x(A,B) = (220A^{2} - 7656AB - 1540B^{2})$$

$$y = y(A,B) = (-792A^{2} - 6512AB + 5544B^{2})$$

$$z = z(A,B) = (-286A^{2} - 7084AB + 2002B^{2})$$

$$w = w(A,B) = (484A^{2} + 3388B^{2})$$

(43)

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

PATTERN 11:

Assume 1 as

$$1 = \left(\frac{\left(1 + i48\sqrt{7}\right)\left(1 - i48\sqrt{7}\right)}{127^2}\right) \tag{44}$$

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

$$(u + i\sqrt{7}v) = \left(\frac{5 + i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right) (a + i\sqrt{7}b)^2 \left(\frac{1 + i48\sqrt{7}}{127}\right)$$
 (45)

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{254} \left(-331 a^2 - 3374 ab + 2317 b^2 \right)$$
$$v = \frac{1}{254} \left(241 a^2 - 662 ab - 1687 b^2 \right)$$

(46)

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

$$x = x(A,B) = (-22860A^{2} - 1025144AB + 160020B^{2})$$

$$y = y(A,B) = (-145288A^{2} - 688848AB + 1017016B^{2})$$

$$z = z(A,B) = (-84074A^{2} - 856996AB + 588518B^{2})$$

$$w = w(A,B) = (64516A^{2} + 451612B^{2})$$
(47)

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

PATTERN 12:

Assume 1 as

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

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

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

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{8} (13 a^{2} - 98 ab - 91 b^{2})$$

$$v = \frac{1}{8} (7 a^{2} + 26 ab - 49 b^{2})$$
(50)

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

$$x = x(A, B) = (160A^{2} - 576AB - 1120B^{2})$$

$$y = y(A, B) = (48A^{2} - 992AB - 336B^{2})$$

$$z = z(A, B) = (104A^{2} - 784AB - 728B^{2})$$

$$w = w(A, B) = (64A^{2} + 448B^{2})$$
(51)

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

PATTERN 13:

Assume 1 as

$$1 = \left(\frac{(1 + i3\sqrt{7})(1 - i3\sqrt{7})}{64}\right) \tag{52}$$

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

$$(u + i\sqrt{7}v) = \left(\frac{11 + i\sqrt{7}}{4}\right) (a + i\sqrt{7}b)^2 \left(\frac{1 + i3\sqrt{7}}{8}\right)$$
 (53)

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{16} \left(-5 a^2 - 238 ab + 35 b^2 \right)$$
$$v = \frac{1}{16} \left(17 a^2 - 10 ab - 119 b^2 \right)$$

(54)

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

$$x = x(A, B) = (192A^{2} - 3968AB - 1344B^{2})$$

$$y = y(A, B) = (-352A^{2} - 3648AB + 2464B^{2})$$

$$z = z(A, B) = (-80A^{2} - 3808AB + 560B^{2})$$

$$w = w(A, B) = (256A^{2} + 1792B^{2})$$
(55)

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

PATTERN 14:

Assume 1 as

$$1 = \left(\frac{\left(3 + i4\sqrt{7}\right)\left(3 - i4\sqrt{7}\right)}{121}\right) \tag{56}$$

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

$$(u + i\sqrt{7}v) = \left(\frac{11 + i\sqrt{7}}{4}\right) (a + i\sqrt{7}b)^2 \left(\frac{3 + i4\sqrt{7}}{11}\right)$$
 (57)

from which we have

$$u = \frac{1}{44} \left(5a^2 - 658 ab - 35 b^2 \right)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{44} \left(47 a^2 + 10 ab - 329 b^2 \right)$$
(58)

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

$$x = x(A, B) = (2288A^{2} - 28512AB - 16016B^{2})$$

$$y = y(A, B) = (-1848A^{2} - 29392AB + 12936B^{2})$$

$$z = z(A, B) = (220A^{2} - 28952AB - 1540B^{2})$$

$$w = w(A, B) = (1936A^{2} + 13552B^{2})$$
(59)

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 $x^3 + y^3 + (x + y)(x - y)^2 = 16zw^2$. 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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