

On The Non-homogeneous Ternary Bi-quadratic Equation

$$xz(x - z) = y^4$$

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Abstract:

This paper focuses on finding non-zero distinct integer solutions to the non-homogeneous ternary bi-quadratic diophantine equation given by $xz(x - z) = y^4$. Different sets of integer solutions are presented.

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Notations:

$$t_{m,n} = n(1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2}), P_n^3 = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6}, P_n^5 = \frac{n^2(n+1)}{2}$$
$$P_n^4 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}, CP_n^4 = \frac{(2n^3 + n)}{3}, CP_n^{12} = 2n^3 - n$$

Introduction:

The Diophantine equations are rich in variety and offer an unlimited field for research [1-4]. In particular refer [5-28] for a few problems on Biquadratic equation with 3 unknowns. This paper concerns with yet another interesting Biquadratic Diophantine equation with three variables given by $xz(x - z) = y^4$ for determining its infinitely many non-zero distinct integral solutions.

Method of analysis:

The non-homogeneous ternary bi-quadratic equation under consideration is

$$xz(x - z) = y^4 \quad (1)$$

Introduction of the linear transformations

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

in (1) leads to

$$u^2 = v^2(1 + 8v)$$

which is satisfied by

$$v = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, u = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{2}$$

In view of (2), the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x = n(n+1)^2, z = n^2(n+1), y = n(n+1) \quad (3)$$

A few interesting relations among the solutions are exhibited below:

(i). $x + z = 6P_n^4$

(ii). $x + y + z = 12P_n^3 - 4t_{3,n}$

(iii). $x + z - 3CP_n^4$ is a square multiple of 3

(iv). $x + z - CP_n^{12} \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

(v). $x + z - CP_n^{12} - t_{8,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

(Vi). Each of the following is a perfect square:

$$\frac{yx}{z}, \frac{zx}{y}, \frac{zy}{x}$$

(Vii). $x - y = 2P_n^5$

(Viii). $z - y = 6P_{n-1}^3$

(IX). $x^2 - z^2 = 12P_n^4 * t_{3,n}$

(X). $x + y + z - 3CP_n^4 - t_{10,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

It is worth mentioning that, apart from (2), one may employ other choices of linear

transformations leading to different sets of solutions . For simplicity and brevity , we present below a few sets of solutions to (1) :

Set 1:

$$x = (k + 8)(k^2 - 64), z = (k - 8)(k^2 - 64), y = 2(k^2 - 64)$$

Set 2:

$$x = (5k - 1)(75k^2 - 75k + 12), z = (5k - 4)(75k^2 - 75k + 12), y = (75k^2 - 75k + 12)$$

Set 3:

$$x = (k - 128)(k + 128)^2, z = (k + 128)(k - 128)^2, y = 4(k^2 - 128^2)$$

Set 4:

$$x = (3k + 3)(45k^2 + 15k - 30), z = (3k - 2)(45k^2 + 15k - 30), y = (45k^2 + 15k - 30)$$

Set 5:

$$x = (45k^2 + 45k - 20)(3k + 4), z = (45k^2 + 45k - 20)(3k - 1), y = (45k^2 + 45k - 20)$$

Conclusion:

An attempt has been made to obtain non-zero distinct integer solutions to the non-homogeneous bi-quadratic diophantine equation with three unknowns given by $xz(x - z) = y^4$. One may search for other sets of integer solutions to the considered equation as well as other choices of the fourth degree diophantine equations with multi-variables

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