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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### ON THE BI-QUADRATIC EQUATION WITH THREE UNKNOWNNS

$$xy + 6(x + y) + 4(x^2 + y^2) + 4 = 176z^4$$

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#### ABSTRACT

The bi-quadratic non-homogeneous equation with three unknowns represented by the Diophantine equation  $xy + 6(x + y) + 4(x^2 + y^2) + 4 = 176z^4$  is analyzed for its patterns of non-zero distinct integral solutions.

##### Key words:

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#### INTRODUCTION

The bi-quadratic Diophantine (homogeneous or non-homogeneous) equations offer an unlimited field for research due to their variety [1-3]. In particular, one may refer [4-12] for ternary non-homogeneous bi-quadratic equations. This communication concerns with an interesting bi-quadratic non-homogeneous equation with three unknowns represented by  $xy + 6(x + y) + 4(x^2 + y^2) + 4 = 176z^4$  for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral solutions.

##### Method of Analysis

The equation under consideration is

$$xy + 6(x + y) + 4(x^2 + y^2) + 4 = 176z^4 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Assume that } x = u + v \text{ and } y = u - v \quad (2)$$

where  $u \neq v$  and  $u, v \neq 0$

Therefore, (1) becomes

$$U^2 + 7v^2 = 176z^4 \quad (3)$$

Where

$$U = 3u + 2 \quad (4)$$

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Five different patterns of solving (3) are illustrated below

**Pattern: 1**

Assume that

$$z = a^2 + 7b^2 \quad (5)$$

write 176 as

$$176 = (1 + i5\sqrt{7})(1 - i5\sqrt{7})$$

Applying the method of factorization in (3), we obtain

$$(U + i\sqrt{7}v)(U - i\sqrt{7}v) = (1 + i5\sqrt{7})(1 - i5\sqrt{7})(a + i\sqrt{7}b)^4(a - i\sqrt{7}b)^4$$

Equating the positive parts on both sides, we get

$$(U + i\sqrt{7}v) = (1 + i5\sqrt{7})(a + i\sqrt{7}b)^4 \quad (6)$$

Expanding the right hand side of (6) and equating the real and imaginary parts, we note that

$$U = a^4 - 140a^3b - 42a^2b^2 + 980ab^3 + 49b^4 \quad (7)$$

$$v = 5a^4 + 4a^3b - 210a^2b^2 - 28ab^3 + 245b^4$$

Comparing (4) and (7), we find that

$$u = \frac{1}{3}(a^4 - 140a^3b - 42a^2b^2 + 980ab^3 + 49b^4 - 2)$$

Since, our intension is to find integer solutions of the equation (1), we observe that  $u$  is an integer for the following choice of  $a$  and  $b$

$$a = 3A - 1 \text{ and } b = 3B - 1$$

Thus, the value of  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $z$  are given by

$$u = 27A^4 + 1224A^3 - 1368A^2 - 480A + 26460AB^3 - 25704AB^2 + 7056AB - 2912B \\ + 9576B^2 - 10584B^3 + 1323B^4 + 4536A^2B - 3780A^3B - 1134A^2B^2 + 282$$

$$v = 405A^4 - 648A^3 - 1512A^2 + 1248A - 2268AB^3 + 13608AB^2 - 8208AB - 1440B \\ + 10584B^2 - 25704B^3 + 19845B^4 + 11016A^2B + 324A^3B - 17010A^2B^2 + 16$$

$$z = 9A^2 - 6A + 63B^2 - 42B + 8 \quad (8)$$

Substituting the values of  $u$  and  $v$  in (2), the infinitely many non-zero integral solutions to (1) are exhibited by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 432A^4 + 576A^3 - 2880A^2 + 768A + 24192AB^3 - 12096AB^2 - 1152AB - 4352B \\
 &\quad + 20160B^2 - 36288B^3 + 21168B^4 + 15552A^2B - 3456A^3B - 18144A^2B^2 + 298 \\
 y &= -378A^4 + 1872A^3 + 144A^2 - 1728A + 28728AB^3 - 39312AB^2 + 15264AB - 1472B \\
 &\quad - 1008B^2 + 15120B^3 - 18522B^4 - 6480A^2B - 4104A^3B + 15876A^2B^2 + 266
 \end{aligned}$$

and (8)

**Pattern: 2**

Rewrite 176 as

$$176 = (8 + i4\sqrt{7})(8 - i4\sqrt{7})$$

Applying the same procedure as explained in pattern 1, we get

$$u = \frac{1}{3}(8a^4 - 112a^3b - 336a^2b^2 + 784ab^3 + 392b^4 - 2)$$

$$v = (4a^4 + 32a^3b - 168a^2b^2 - 224ab^3 + 196b^4)$$

We examine that, the value of  $u$  is an integer for the following choices of  $a$  and  $b$

$$a = 3A \text{ and } b = 3B - 1$$

Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 u &= 216A^4 + 1008A^3 - 1008A^2 - 784A + 21168AB^3 - 21168AB^2 + 7056AB - 1568B \\
 &\quad + 7056B^2 - 14112B^3 + 10584B^4 + 6048A^2B - 3024A^3B - 9072A^2B^2 + 130
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v &= 324A^4 - 864A^3 - 1512A^2 + 672A - 18144AB^3 + 18144AB^2 - 6048AB - 2352B \\
 &\quad + 10584B^2 - 21168B^3 + 15876B^4 + 9072A^2B + 2592A^3B - 13608A^2B^2 + 196
 \end{aligned}$$

$$z = 9A^2 + 63B^2 - 42B + 7$$

(9)

In view of (2), the non-trivial integral solutions to (1) are expressed by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 540A^4 + 144A^3 - 2520A^2 - 112A + 3024AB^3 - 3024AB^2 + 1008AB - 3920B \\
 &\quad + 17640B^2 - 35280B^3 + 26460B^4 + 15120A^2B - 432A^3B - 22680A^2B^2 + 326 \\
 y &= -108A^4 + 1872A^3 + 504A^2 - 1456A + 39312AB^3 - 39312AB^2 + 13104AB + 784B \\
 &\quad - 3528B^2 + 7056B^3 - 5292B^4 - 3024A^2B - 5616A^3B + 4536A^2B^2 - 66
 \end{aligned}$$

and (9)

**Pattern: 3**

We write 176 as

$$176 = (13 + i\sqrt{7})(13 - i\sqrt{7})$$

Applying the same procedure as explained in pattern 1, we obtain

$$u = \frac{1}{3}(13a^4 - 28a^3b - 546a^2b^2 + 196ab^3 + 637b^4 - 2)$$

Since our aim is to evaluate integer solutions to (1), we note that the value of  $u$  is an integer when

$$a = 3A - 1 \text{ and } b = 3B - 1$$

Thus, we acquire that

$$u = 351A^4 - 216A^3 - 1656A^2 + 928A + 5292AB^3 + 4536AB^2 - 5040AB - 2016B \\ + 11592B^2 - 24696B^3 + 17199B^4 + 10584A^2B - 756A^3B - 14742A^2B^2 + 90$$

$$v = 81A^4 - 1512A^3 + 1080A^2 + 864A - 29484AB^3 + 31752AB^2 - 9936AB + 2784B \\ - 7560B^2 + 4536B^3 + 3969B^4 - 1944A^2B + 4212A^3B - 3402A^2B^2 - 304$$

$$z = 9A^2 - 6A + 63B^2 - 42B + 8 \quad (10)$$

Substituting the values of  $u$  and  $v$  in (2), we search out the integral solutions to (1) are pointed out by

$$x = 432A^4 - 1728A^3 - 576A^2 + 1792A - 24192AB^3 + 36288AB^2 - 14976AB + 768B \\ + 4032B^2 - 20160B^3 + 21168B^4 + 8640A^2B + 3456A^3B - 18144A^2B^2 - 214$$

$$y = 270A^4 + 1296A^3 - 2736A^2 + 64A + 34776AB^3 - 27216AB^2 + 4896AB - 4800B \\ + 19152B^2 - 29232B^3 + 13230B^4 + 12528A^2B - 4968A^3B - 11340A^2B^2 + 394$$

and (10)

#### Pattern: 4

Equation (4) can be written as

$$U^2 + 7v^2 = 64z^4 + 7 \cdot 16z^4$$

$$\Rightarrow U^2 - 64z^4 = 7(16z^4 - v^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (U + 8z^2)(U - 8z^2) = 7(4z^2 + v)(4z^2 - v)$$

The above equation is written in the form as follows

$$\frac{(U + 8z^2)}{(4z^2 + v)} = \frac{7(4z^2 - v)}{(U - 8z^2)} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, (\beta \neq 0)$$

Equating the first and third terms in the above equation, we find that

$$\beta U + z^2(8\beta - 4\alpha) - \alpha v = 0 \quad (11)$$

Similarly, by equating the second and third terms, we get

$$-\alpha U + z^2(8\alpha + 28\beta) - 7\beta v = 0 \quad (12)$$

Solving (11) and (12) by method of cross multiplication and simplifying, we have

$$z^2 = \alpha^2 + 7\beta^2 \quad (13)$$

$$U = 8\alpha^2 + 56\alpha\beta - 56\beta^2 \quad (14)$$

$$v = -4\alpha^2 + 16\alpha\beta + 28\beta^2 \quad (15)$$

Using (4) and (14), we discover that

$$u = \frac{1}{3}(8\alpha^2 + 56\alpha\beta - 56\beta^2 - 2) \quad (16)$$

Consider the general solution to the standard equation (13) as

$$\alpha = 7r^2 - s^2$$

$$\beta = 2rs$$

$$z = 7r^2 + s^2$$

Substituting the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in (15) and (16), we have

$$u = \frac{1}{3}[392r^4 + 8s^4 - 336r^2s^2 + 784r^3s - 112rs^3 - 2]$$

$$v = [-196r^4 - 4s^4 + 168r^2s^2 + 224r^3s - 32rs^3]$$

we discover that the values of  $u$  is an integer when

$$r = 3R - 1 \text{ and } s = 3S$$

Then, we have

$$u = 10584R^4 - 14112R^3 + 7056R^2 - 1568R + 216S^4 + 1008S^3 - 1008S^2 - 784S \\ - 9072R^2S^2 - 21168R^2S + 6048RS^2 + 7056RS + 21168R^3S - 3024RS^3 + 130$$

$$v = -15876R^4 + 21168R^3 - 10584R^2 + 2352R - 324S^4 + 864S^3 + 1512S^2 - 672S \\ + 13608R^2S^2 - 18144R^2S - 9072RS^2 + 6048RS + 18144R^3S - 2592RS^3 - 196$$

$$z = 63R^2 - 42R + 9S^2 + 7 \quad (17)$$

Substituting the values of  $u$  and  $v$  in (2), the two parametric integral solution to (1) are exhibited by

$$x = -5292R^4 + 7056R^3 - 3528R^2 + 784R - 108S^4 + 1872S^3 + 504S^2 - 1456S \\ + 4536R^2S^2 - 39312SR^2 - 3024RS^2 + 13104RS + 39312R^3S - 5616RS^3 - 66 \\ y = 26460R^4 - 35280R^3 + 17640R^2 - 3920R + 540S^4 + 144S^3 - 2520S^2 - 112S \\ - 22680R^2S^2 - 3024SR^2 + 15120RS^2 + 1008RS + 3024R^3S - 432RS^3 + 326$$

and (17)

**Pattern: 5**

Rewrite (4) as

$$U^2 + 7v^2 = 169z^4 + 7z^4$$

$$\Rightarrow U^2 - 169z^4 = 7(z^4 - v^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (U + 13z^2)(U - 13z^2) = 7(z^2 + v)(z^2 - v)$$

This equation is written in the form of ratio as

$$\frac{(U + 13z^2)}{(z^2 + v)} = \frac{7(z^2 - v)}{(U - 13z^2)} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, (\beta \neq 0)$$

which is equivalent to the system of double equations

$$\frac{(U + 13z^2)}{(z^2 + v)} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, (\beta \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta U + z^2(13\beta - \alpha) - \alpha v = 0 \quad (18)$$

And

$$\frac{7(z^2 - v)}{(U - 13z^2)} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, (\beta \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\alpha U + z^2(13\alpha + 7\beta) - 7\beta v = 0 \quad (19)$$

Solving (18) and (19) by method of cross multiplication and simplifying, we have

$$z^2 = \alpha^2 + 7\beta^2 \quad (20)$$

$$U = 13\alpha^2 + 14\alpha\beta - 91\beta^2 \quad (21)$$

$$v = -\alpha^2 + 26\alpha\beta + 7\beta^2 \quad (22)$$

In view of (4) and (21), we get

$$u = \frac{1}{3}(13\alpha^2 + 14\alpha\beta - 91\beta^2 - 2) \quad (23)$$

Employing the general solutions to (20), we note that

$$\alpha = 7r^2 - s^2 \quad (24)$$

$$\beta = 2rs \quad (25)$$

$$z = 7r^2 + s^2 \quad (26)$$

using (24) and (25) in (22) and (23), we get

$$u = \frac{1}{3} [637r^4 + 13s^4 - 546r^2s^2 + 196r^3s - 28rs^3 - 2]$$

$$v = -49r^4 + s^4 + 42r^2s^2 + 364r^3s - 52rs^3$$

We scrutinize that, the values of  $u$  and  $v$  are integers when

$$r = 3R - 1 \text{ and } s = 3S - 1$$

On substituting these values, we get the values of  $u, v$  and  $z$  as follows

$$u = 17199R^4 - 24696R^3 + 11592R^2 - 2016R + 351S^4 - 216S^3 - 1656S^2 + 928S \\ - 14742R^2S^2 + 4536RS^2 + 10584RS^2 - 5040RS + 5292R^3S - 756RS^3 + 90$$

$$v = -3969R^4 - 4536R^3 + 7560R^2 - 2784R - 81S^4 + 1512S^3 - 1080S^2 - 864S \\ + 3402R^2S^2 - 31752R^2S + 1944RS^2 + 9936RS + 29484R^3S - 4212RS^3 + 304$$

$$z = 63R^2 - 42R + 9S^2 - 6S + 8 \tag{27}$$

Substituting the values of  $u$  and  $v$  in (2), the infinitely many non-zero integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x = 13230R^4 - 29232R^3 + 19152R^2 - 4800R + 270S^4 + 1296S^3 - 2736S^2 + 64S \\ - 11340R^2S^2 - 27216R^2S + 12528RS^2 + 4896RS + 34776R^3S - 4968RS^3 + 394$$

$$y = 21168R^4 - 20160R^3 + 4032R^2 + 768R + 432S^4 - 1728S^3 - 576S^2 + 1792S \\ - 18144R^2S^2 + 36288R^2S + 8640RS^2 - 14976RS - 24192R^3S + 3456RS^3 - 214$$

and (27)

## Conclusion

In this paper, we find various patterns of non-zero integral solutions to the ternary bi-quadratic equation. In this manner, one can evaluate different pattern of non-zero integral solutions to higher degree Diophantine equation with more than three unknowns.

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