

OBSERVATIONS ON “INTEGRAL SOLUTIONS OF THE NON-HOMOGENEOUS TERNARY QUINTIC EQUATION

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ABSTRACT

New choices of non-zero integer solutions to the non-homogeneous ternary quintic equation $ax^2 + by^2 = (a+b)z^5$, $a, b > 0$. Some fascinating relations between the solutions are presented.

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1. INTRODUCTION

It is quite obvious that Diophantine equations are plenty. In contrast to quadratic, cubic and bi-quadratic Diophantine equations, the quintic equations cannot be solved easily. In this context, refer [1-4]. While collecting problems on fifth degree Diophantine equations with three unknowns, the article presented in [5] came to our reference. The authors of [5] presented only two patterns of solutions in integers. Recently, M.A. Gopalan and N. Thiruniraiselvi published a book [6] entitled “A GLIMPSE ON SPECIAL TERNARY QUINTIC DIOPHANTINE EQUATIONS WITH INTEGER SOLUTIONS” in which the quintic equation with three unknowns presented in [5] has been included as a chapter with some more sets of integer solutions. Albeit tacitly, there are other choices of fascinating integer solutions to the quintic equation with three unknowns considered in [5]. The main thrust of this paper is to obtain the new choices of integer solutions. A few relations between the solutions are presented.

Methodology The non-homogeneous ternary quintic equation under consideration is

$$ax^2 + by^2 = (a+b)z^5 \quad (1)$$

The process of obtaining choices of integer solutions to (1) are as below:

Choice 1

The option

$$x = ky \quad (2)$$

in (1) gives

$$(ak^2 + b)y^2 = (a+b)z^5$$

which is satisfied by

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (ak^2 + b)^2 (a+b)^3 \\ z &= (ak^2 + b)(a+b) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

From (2), one has

$$x = k(ak^2 + b)^2 (a+b)^3 \quad (4)$$

Thus, (3) and (4) satisfy (1).

Choice 2

The option

$$y = kx \quad (5)$$

in (1) gives

$$(a+bk^2)x^2 = (a+b)z^5$$

which is satisfied by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (a + b k^2)^2 (a + b)^3 \\ z &= (a + b k^2) (a + b) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

From (5), one has

$$y = k(a + b k^2)^2 (a + b)^3 \quad (7)$$

Thus, (6) and (7) satisfy (1).

Choice 3

The substitution

$$x = z^2 - bT, y = z^2 + aT \quad (8)$$

in (1) leads to

$$abT^2 = z^4 (z - 1)$$

which is satisfied by

$$\begin{aligned} z &= 1 + a b s^2, \\ T &= s (1 + a b s^2)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

From (8), one has

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (1 + a b s^2)^2 (1 - b s), \\ y &= (1 + a b s^2)^2 (1 + a s). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Thus, the values of x, y, z given by (9) and (10) satisfy (1).

Observations

- $ax + by = (a + b)z^2$
- $asx - y + z^3 = 0$
- $bsy + x - z^3 = 0$

Note 1

In addition to (8), one may also consider the substitution

$$x = z^2 + bT, y = z^2 - aT$$

For this option, the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (1 + a b s^2)^2 (1 + b s), \\ y &= (1 + a b s^2)^2 (1 - a s), \\ z &= (1 + a b s^2). \end{aligned}$$

Choice 4

The substitution of the transformations

$$x = X - bz^2, y = X + az^2 \quad (11)$$

in (1) leads to the non-homogeneous quintic equation

$$X^2 = z^4 (z - a b) \quad (12)$$

After performing some algebra, it is seen that the values of z, X satisfying (12) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} z &= z_n = a b + (s + n)^2, \\ X &= X_n = (a b + (s + n)^2)^2 (s + n) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

From (11), it is obtained that

$$\begin{aligned}x_n &= (a b + (s + n)^2)^2 (s + n - b), \\y_n &= (a b + (s + n)^2)^2 (s + n + a).\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$

Thus, the values of x, y, z given by (13) and (14) satisfy (1).

Observations

- $y_n - x_n = (a + b) z_n^2$
- $(b y_n + a x_n)^2 = (z_n - a b) (y_n - x_n)^2$
- $(x_n + b z_n^2)^2 = (y_n - a z_n^2)^2 = z_n^4 (z_n - a b)$
- $(y_n - x_n)^2 [(x_n + b z_n^2)^2] = (y_n - x_n)^2 [(y_n - a z_n^2)^2] = (b y_n + a x_n)^2 z_n^4$

Note 2

In addition to (11), one may also consider the substitution

$$x = X + b z^2, y = X - a z^2$$

For this option, the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x_n &= (a b + (s + n)^2)^2 (s + n + b), \\y_n &= (a b + (s + n)^2)^2 (s + n - a), \\z_n &= (a b + (s + n)^2)\end{aligned}$$

2. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented integer solutions to the quintic equation in title which are different from the solutions given in [5,6]. As the quintic equations are plenty, one may search for other forms to quintic equations to determine their solutions in integers utilizing substitution technique and factorization method.

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