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Observations on the Quintic Equation with five unknowns $x^4 - y^4 = 37(z^2 - w^2)p^3$

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Abstract

The quintic Diophantine equation with five unknowns $x^4 - y^4 = 37(z^2 - w^2)p^3$ is analysed for its infinitely many non-zero distinct integral solutions. A few interesting properties among the values of x, y, z, w, p and special numbers namely, polygonal, pyramidal, Centered pyramidal, Star, Stella octangular, and Jacobsthal numbers are presented.

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Notations Used

$t_{m,n} = n \left(1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2} \right)$ - Polygonal number of rank n with size m

$P_n^m = \frac{1}{6} [n(n+1)][(m-2)n + (5-m)]$ - Pyramidal number of rank n with size m

$SO_n = n(2n^2 - 1)$ - Stella Octangular number of rank n

$CP_n^m = m \left[\frac{(n-1)n(n+1)}{6} \right] + n$ - Centered Pyramidal number of rank n with size m

$Pr_n = n(n+1)$ -Pronic number of rank n

$S_n = 6n(n-1) + 1$ - Star number of rank n

$HD_n = \frac{1}{2} (9n^2 - 7n)$ - Hendecagonal number of rank n

$J_n = \frac{1}{3} (2^n - (-1)^n)$ - Jacobsthal number of rank n

1. Introduction

The theory of Diophantine equations offers a rich variety of fascinating problems. In particular quintic equations, homogeneous or non-homogeneous, have aroused the interest of numerous mathematicians since antiquity [1-3]. For illustration, one may refer [4-5] for Quintic equation with three unknowns and [6-12] for Quintic equation with five unknowns. This paper concerns with the problem of determining non-trivial integral solutions of the non-homogeneous Quintic equation with five unknowns given by $x^4 - y^4 = 37(z^2 - w^2)p^3$. A few relations between the solutions and the special numbers are presented.

Method of Analysis

The Diophantine equation representing the quintic equation with five unknowns under consideration is

$$x^4 - y^4 = 37(z^2 - w^2)p^3 \quad (1)$$

Introducing the linear transformations

$$X=u+v, y=u-v, z=2u+v, w=2u-v \tag{2}$$

In (1), we get $u^2+v^2=37p^3$ (3)

Now, we solve (3) through different methods and thus obtain different patterns of solutions to (1).

Pattern I

Assume $p = p(a, b) = a^2 + b^2$ (4)

where a and b are non-zero distinct integers.

Write 37 as $(6 + i)(6 - i)$ (5)

Using (4) and (5) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, it is written as the system of double equations as

$$\begin{aligned} u + iv &= (6 + i)(a + ib)^3 \\ u - iv &= (6 - i)(a - ib)^3 \end{aligned}$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts in either of the above equations we have

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u(a, b) = 6a^3 - 18ab^2 - 3a^2b + b^3 \\ v &= v(a, b) = a^3 - 3ab^2 + 18a^2b - 6b^3 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(a, b) = 7a^3 - 21ab^2 + 15a^2b - 5b^3 \\ y &= y(a, b) = 5a^3 - 15ab^2 - 21a^2b + 7b^3 \\ z &= z(a, b) = 13a^3 - 39ab^2 + 12a^2b - 4b^3 \\ w &= w(a, b) = 11a^3 - 33ab^2 - 24a^2b + 8b^3 \\ p &= p(a, b) = a^2 + b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Properties:

A few interesting properties observed are as follows:

1. $4(x^2(a, b) - y^2(a, b))^2 = (z^2(a, b) - w^2(a, b))^2$
2. $x(a, a + 1) + w(a, a + 1) + p(a, a + 1) + 18CP_a^{14} + 53t_{6,a} \equiv 1(mod120)$ |
3. $x(a, a) + y(a, a) + z(a, a) + 12CP_a^{23} \equiv 0(mod34)$
4. $z(a, a) + w(a, a) + p(a, a) + 28SO_a - 2Pr_a \equiv 0(mod30)$
5. $y(a, 1) + z(a, 1) + w(a, 1) - 6CP_a^{29} + S_a + 6HD_a \equiv 12(mod91)$
6. $x(a, 1) + z(a, 1) + p(a, 1) - 10SO_a - 4t_{16,a} \equiv -8(mod26)$

Pattern II

Write 37 as $(1+6i)(1-6i)$ (6)

Following the procedure similar to pattern I, the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) are found to be

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(a, b) = 7a^3 - 21ab^2 - 15a^2b + 5b^3 \\ y &= y(a, b) = -5a^3 + 15ab^2 - 21a^2b + 7b^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= z(a, b) = 8a^3 - 24ab^2 - 33a^2b + 11b^3 \\ w &= w(a, b) = -4a^3 + 12ab^2 - 39a^2b + 13b^3 \\ p &= p(a, b) = a^2 + b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Properties

1. $x(a, a) + y(a, a) + z(a, a) + 36CP_a^{11} \equiv 0(mod30)$
2. $x(a, 1) + p(a, 1) + y(a, 1) - 3CP_a^4 + 5t_{16,a} \equiv 13(mod37)$
3. $p(2^n, 1) = 3J_{2n} + 2$
4. $w(1, b) - x(1, b) - y(1, b) - 2t_{20,b} - 13b + 6$ is a cubic integer
5. $11y(1, b) - 7z(1, b) - 9p(1, b) + 120$ is a perfect square

Pattern III

Rewrite (3) as $u^2 + v^2 = 37p^3 = 1$ (7)

Write 1 as $1 = \frac{1}{26}(3 + 4i)(3 - 4i)$ (8)

Applying a similar analysis presented as in pattern I and performing a few calculations, the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solutions of (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(a, b) = 1025a^3 - 3075ab^2 - 975a^2b + 325b^3 \\ y &= y(a, b) = -325a^3 + 975ab^2 - 3075a^2b + 1025b^3 \\ z &= z(a, b) = 1375a^3 - 4125ab^2 - 3000a^2b + 1000b^3 \\ w &= w(a, b) = 25a^3 - 75ab^2 - 5100a^2b + 1700b^3 \\ p &= p(a, b) = 25a^2 + 25b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Properties

1. $\frac{1}{5}[z(2b, b) + w(2b, b) + p(2b, b) + 26900CP_b^6]$ is a perfect square
2. $x(a, 1) + z(a, 1) - w(a, 1) - 750CP_a^{19} - 250t_{11,a} \equiv -375(mod4625)$
3. $x(a, a) + y(a, a) - z(a, a) - 300CP_a^{13} \equiv 0(mod350)$
4. $y(a, 2a) + 13w(a, 2a) - 11100CP_a^{25} \equiv 0(mod35150)$

Note

It is worth to mention here that instead of (8), 1 may be written in general as

$$1 = \frac{(m^2 - n^2 + i2mn)(m^2 - n^2 - i2mn)}{(m^2 + n^2)^2}$$

Or

$$1 = \frac{(2mn + i(m^2 - n^2))(2mn - i(m^2 - n^2))}{(m^2 + n^2)^2}$$

The repetition of the above process leads to other choices of integer solutions to (1).

Pattern IV

Instead of (8), write 1 as $1 = \frac{i(1+i)^{2n}(1-i)^{2n}}{2^{2n}}$

For this choice, the corresponding integer solutions are found to be

$$x = x(a, b, n) = (a^3 - 3ab^2 + 3a^2b - b^3) \left(6\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) + (a^3 - 3ab^2 - 3a^2b + b^3) \left(6\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$y = y(a, b, n) = (a^3 - 3ab^2 - 3a^2b + b^3) \left(6\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) - (a^3 - 3ab^2 + 3a^2b - b^3) \left(6\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$z = z(a, b, n) = (2a^3 - 6ab^2 + 3a^2b - b^3) \left(6\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) + (a^3 - 3ab^2 - 6a^2b + 2b^3) \left(6\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$w = w(a, b, n) = (2a^3 - 6ab^2 - 3a^2b + b^3) \left(6\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) - (a^3 - 3ab^2 + 6a^2b - 2b^3) \left(6\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$p = p(a, b) = a^2 + b^2$$

Properties

1. $w(b - 1, b, 3) + 2z(b - 1, b, 3) - 37CP_b^{12} - 74t_{R,n} = 0$
2. $x(a, 2a, 3) + y(a, 2a, 3) + 12CP_a^{23} \equiv 0(mod34)$
3. $x(a, 3a, 2) - 2y(a, 3a, 2) + p(a, 3a) - 99CP_a^{16} - 2t_{1,2,a} \equiv 0(mod173)$
4. $2y(2b, b, 2) - z(2b, b, 2) + 9CP_b^6 + 3b$ is a cubic integer

Conclusion

In this paper, we have obtained different patterns of non-zero distinct integer solutions to the quintic equation with five unknowns given by $x^4 - y^4 = 37(z^2 - w^2)p^3$. As quintic equations are rich in variety, one may search for integer solutions to quintic equations with variables ≥ 5 and determine their corresponding properties involving polygonal, pyramidal and other special number patterns.

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