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On the Non -Homogeneous Sextic Equation $x^4 + 2(x^2 - w)x^2y^2 + y^4 = z^4$

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Abstract

We obtain infinitely many non-zero integer quadruples (x, y, z, w) satisfying the non-homogeneous sextic equation with four unknowns $x^4 + 2(x^2 - w)x^2y^2 + y^4 = z^4$. Various interesting properties among the values of x, y, z and w are presented.

Keywords: sextic equation with four unknowns, integral solutions.

1. Introduction

The theory of diophantine equations offers a rich variety of fascinating problems [1-4]. Particularly, in [5, 6], sextic equations with 3 unknowns are studied for their integral solutions. [7, 9] analyse sextic equations with 4 unknowns for their non-zero integer solutions. This communication concerns with another non-zero sextic equation with 4 unknowns given by $x^4 + 2(x^2 - w)x^2y^2 + y^4 = z^4$. Infinitely many non-zero integer quadruples (x, y, z, w) satisfying the above equation are obtained. Various interesting properties among the values of x, y, z and w are presented.

2. Method of Analysis:

The diophantine equation representing the sextic equation with four unknowns under consideration is given by

$$x^4 + 2(x^2 - w)x^2y^2 + y^4 = z^4 \quad (1)$$

(1) Is written as the system of double equations

$$w^2 = 2y^2 + 1 \quad (2)$$

$$z^2 = wx^2 - y^2 \quad (3)$$

(2) Is the well-known pellian equation whose general solution is given by

$$y_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}[(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^{n+1} - (3 - 2\sqrt{2})^{n+1}] \quad (4)$$

$$w_n = \frac{1}{2}[(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^{n+1} + (3 - 2\sqrt{2})^{n+1}] \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (5)$$

Substitution of (4) & (5) in (3) gives

$$z^2 = w_n x^2 - y_n^2, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (6)$$

As it is not possible to obtain a general solution pattern of (6), we have to take particular values of n for getting a general form of solution of (6) corresponding to each value of n .

For illustration, the choice $n=1$ in (4) and (5) gives $y_1 = 12, w_1 = 17$ and thus (6) becomes $17x^2 - 12^2 = z^2$ (7)

Initial solution is $z_0 = 3, x_0 = 3$

$$\text{Consider the pellian } z^2 = 17x^2 + 1 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Initial solution is } \tilde{z}_0 = 33, \tilde{x}_0 = 8 \quad (9)$$

The general integral solution $(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{z}_n)$ of (8) is obtained as

$$\tilde{z}_n = \frac{1}{2}[(33 + 8\sqrt{17})^{n+1} + (33 - 8\sqrt{17})^{n+1}] \quad (10)$$

$$\tilde{x}_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{17}}[(33 + 8\sqrt{17})^{n+1} - (33 - 8\sqrt{17})^{n+1}], \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (11)$$

The solution of (7) is obtained as

$$z_{n+1} = z_0 \tilde{z}_n + D x_0 \tilde{x}_n = 3\tilde{z}_n + 51\tilde{x}_n$$

$$x_{n+1} = z_0 \tilde{x}_n + x_0 \tilde{z}_n = 3\tilde{x}_n + 3\tilde{z}_n$$

Thus the quadruples $(\tilde{x}_n, 12, \tilde{z}_n, 17)$ represent the non-zero distinct integer solutions of (1).

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The recurrence relations among the solutions (x_n, z_n) of (1) are given by

$$x_{n+3} - 66x_{n+2} + x_{n+1} = 0, x_0 = 3, x_1 = 123, x_2 = 8115$$

$$z_{n+3} - 66z_{n+2} - z_{n+1} = 0, z_0 = 3, z_1 = 507, z_2 = 33465$$

2.1 Properties:

1. $17x_{2n+2} - z_{2n+2} + 48$ is a nasty number
2. $9[17x_{3n+3} - z_{3n+3} + 3(17x_{n+1} - z_{n+1})]$ is a cubic integer.
3. $54[17x_{4n+4} - z_{4n+4} + 4(17x_{2n+2} - z_{2n+2}) + 144]$ is a biquadratic integer
4. $17(x_{n+1} - z_{n+1})^2 - 24(17x_{2n+2} - z_{2n+2}) + 1152 = 0$
5. $17x_{2n+2} - z_{2n+2} - 17(z_{n+1} - x_{n+1})^2 = 2$ (triangular number of rank 47)
7. Define: $X = 17x_{2n+2} - z_{2n+2} + 48, Y = 17x_{n+1} - z_{n+1}$
It is to be noted that the pair (X, Y) satisfies the parabola $Y^2 = 24X$

3. Conclusion:

In conclusion, by taking other values of n in (6) and following a similar analysis, infinitely many integer quadruples satisfying (1) are determined

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