

ON THE BI-QUADRATIC DIOPHANTINE  
EQUATION WITH FIVE UNKNOWNNS  $2(x^4 - y^4) = 13(z^2 - w^2)p^2$

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ABSTRACT

We obtain infinitely many non-zero integer quintuples  $(x, y, z, w, p)$  satisfying the homogenous bi-quadratic equation with five unknowns. Various interesting properties among the values of  $x, y, z, w$  and  $p$  are presented. Some relations between the solutions and special numbers are exhibited.

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NOTATIONS USED

- $t_{m,n}$  - Polygonal number of rank  $n$  with size  $m$ .
- $Pr_n$  - Pronic number of rank  $n$ .
- $J_n$  - Jacobsthal number of rank  $n$ .
- $G_n$  - Gnomonic number of rank  $n$ .
- $S_r$  - Star number of rank  $n$ .

INTRODUCTION

There is a great interest for mathematicians since ambiguity in homogeneous and non-homogeneous Bi-Quadratic Diophantine Equations [1, 2, 4 and 16]. In this context, one may refer [3, 5-15] for varieties of problems on the bi-quadratic Diophantine equations with three, four and five variables. In this paper, bi-quadratic equation with five variables given by  $2(x^4 - y^4) = 13(z^2 - w^2)p^2$  is analyzed for its non-zero distinct integer solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special numbers are exhibited.

METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The diophantine equation to be solved for its non-zero distinct integral solutions is given by

$$2(x^4 - y^4) = 13(z^2 - w^2)p^2 \quad (1)$$

Introducing the transformations

$$x = u + v, y = u - v, z = 4u + v, w = 4u - v, u \neq v \neq 0 \quad (2)$$

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In (1), it leads to

$$u^2 + v^2 = 13p^2 \quad (3)$$

(3) can be solved through different methods and we obtain different sets of integer solutions to (1).

**Set-1:**

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

where a and b are non-zero distinct integers.

Write 13 as  $13 = (3 + 2i)(3 - 2i)$  (5)

Substituting (4) and (5) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$u + iv = (3 + 2i)(a + ib)^2$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts, we have

$$u = 3a^2 - 3b^2 - 4ab \quad (6)$$

$$v = 2a^2 - 2b^2 + 6ab$$

From (2), the non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1) are found to be

$$x = 5a^2 - 5b^2 + 2ab$$

$$y = a^2 - b^2 - 10ab$$

$$z = 14a^2 - 14b^2 - 10ab$$

$$w = 10a^2 - 10b^2 - 22ab$$

**Note-1:**

Instead of (5), write 13 as

$$13 = (2 + 3i)(2 - 3i)$$

Following the procedure as in set 1, the corresponding non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1) are obtained as

$$x = 5a^2 - 5b^2 - 2ab$$

$$y = -a^2 + b^2 - 10ab$$

$$z = 11a^2 - 11b^2 - 20ab$$

$$w = 5a^2 - 5b^2 - 28ab$$

**Properties:**

- ❖  $x(a, a + 1) - 5y(a, a + 1) - 52Pr_a = 0$ .
- ❖  $11x(a, b) + w(a, b) = 65$  \* difference of two squares.
- ❖  $w(a, a - 1) - 2x(a, a - 1) + 5S_a - 4t_{4,a} \equiv 5 \pmod{4}$ .
- ❖  $x(1, 2a - 1) - y(1, 2a - 1) + z(1, 2a - 1) + 12S_a - 2G_a - 4J_3 = 0$ .
- ❖  $x(3a, a - 1) - 5y(3a, a - 1) - 26S_a + 26 = 0$ .

**Set-2:**

Rewrite 13 as  $13 = \frac{(18 + i)(18 - i)}{25}$  (7)

Substituting (4) and (7) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$u + iv = \frac{(18 + i)}{5}(a + ib)^2$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts, we have

$$u = \frac{1}{5} \{18a^2 - 18b^2 - 2ab\}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{5} \{a^2 - b^2 + 36ab\}$$

As our aim is to find integer solutions choosing  $a = 5A$ ,  $b = 5B$  in the above equations we get

$$u = 90A^2 - 90B^2 - 2AB \tag{8}$$

$$v = 5A^2 - 5B^2 + 180AB$$

$$p = 25(A^2 + B^2) \tag{9}$$

From (2), the non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1) are found to be

$$x = 95A^2 - 95B^2 + 170AB$$

$$y = 85A^2 - 85B^2 - 190AB$$

$$z = 365A^2 - 365B^2 + 140AB$$

$$w = 355A^2 - 355B^2 - 220AB$$

$$p = 25(A^2 + B^2)$$

**Note-2:**

Equation (7) can also be written as

$$13 = \frac{(1+18i)(1-18i)}{25}$$

Following the procedure as in set 2, the corresponding non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1) are obtained as

$$x = 95A^2 - 95B^2 - 170AB$$

$$y = -85A^2 + 85B^2 - 190AB$$

$$z = 110A^2 - 110B^2 - 710AB$$

$$w = -70A^2 + 70B^2 - 730AB$$

$$p = 25(A^2 + B^2)$$

**Properties:**

- ❖  $y(2, B) - x(2, B) - 10\{t_{6,B} - t_{4,B}\} \equiv -40 \pmod{710}$ .
- ❖  $x(A, A) + Z(A, A) - 21t_{4,A}$  is a perfect square.
- ❖  $6\{y(A, A) + w(A, A) + 446t_{4,A}\}$  is a nasty number.
- ❖  $z(2A-1, 1) - w(2A-1, 1) - 10t_{4,2A-1} \equiv -370 \pmod{720}$ .
- ❖  $z(A, A+1) - y(A, A+1) - 330Pr_A \equiv -280 \pmod{560}$ .

**Set-3:**

One may write (3) as

$$u^2 + v^2 = 13p^2 * 1 \tag{10}$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(4+3i)(4-3i)}{25} \tag{11}$$

Using (4), (5) and (11) in (10) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$(u+iv) = (3+2i) \frac{(4+3i)}{5} (a+ib)^2 \tag{12}$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts of (12), we have

$$u = \frac{1}{5} \{6a^2 - 6b^2 - 34ab\}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{5} \{17a^2 - 17b^2 + 12ab\}$$

As our aim is to find integer solutions, choosing  $a=5A$ ,  $b=5B$  in the above equations, we obtain

$$u = 30A^2 - 30B^2 - 170AB \tag{13}$$

$$v = 85A^2 - 85B^2 + 60AB$$

$$p = 25(A^2 + B^2) \tag{14}$$

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

$$x = 115A^2 - 115B^2 - 110AB$$

$$y = -55A^2 + 55B^2 - 230AB$$

$$z = 205A^2 - 205B^2 - 620AB$$

$$w = 35A^2 - 35B^2 - 740AB$$

$$p = 25(A^2 + B^2)$$

**Remark:**

Instead of (2), one may also introduce another set of transformations as

$$x = u + v, y = u - v, z = 2u + 2v, w = 2u - 2v, (u \neq v \neq 0) \tag{15}$$

For this choice, the corresponding sets of distinct integer solutions to (1) are as represented below:

**Set-4:**

By substituting the equations (4) and (6) in (15) we obtain the integral solutions to (1) as given by

$$x = 5a^2 - 5b^2 + 2ab$$

$$y = a^2 - b^2 - 10ab$$

$$z = 10a^2 - 10b^2 + 4ab$$

$$w = 2a^2 - 2b^2 - 20ab$$

$$p = a^2 + b^2$$

**Set-5:**

And also by substituting the equation (8) and (9) in (15), we get the integral solutions to (1) as given by

$$x = 95A^2 - 95B^2 + 170AB$$

$$y = 85A^2 - 85B^2 - 190AB$$

$$z = 190A^2 - 190B^2 + 340AB$$

$$w = 170A^2 - 170B^2 - 380AB$$

$$p = 25(A^2 + B^2)$$

**Set-6:**

By substituting the equation (13) and (14) in (15), we have the corresponding non-zero integral solutions to (1) as found to be

$$x = 115A^2 - 115B^2 - 110AB$$

$$y = -55A^2 + 55B^2 - 230AB$$

$$z = 230A^2 - 230B^2 - 220AB$$

$$w = -110A^2 + 110B^2 - 460AB$$

$$p = 25(A^2 + B^2)$$

**Note-3:**

It is worth to mention that, in (11), '1' maybe considered in general as

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

(or)

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

**CONCLUSION**

In this paper, we have made an attempt to find different patterns of non-zero distinct integer solutions to the bi-quadratic equation with five unknowns given by  $2(x^4 - y^4) = 13(z^2 - w^2)p^2$ . As bi-quadratic equations are rich in variety, one may search for integer solutions to other choices of bi-quadratic equations with multivariates along with suitable properties.

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