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**ON THE HOMOGENEOUS BIQUADRATIC DIOPHANTINE EQUATION WITH FIVE UNKNOWNNS**

$$x^4 - y^4 = 5(z^2 - w^2)T^2$$

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**ABSTRACT**

The biquadratic Diophantine equation with five unknowns represented by  $x^4 - y^4 = 5(z^2 - w^2)T^2$  is analysed for finding its non-zero distinct integral solutions. Introducing the linear transformations  $x = u + v, y = u - v, z = 2u + v, w = 2u - v$  and employing the method of factorization different patterns of non zero distinct integer solutions of the equation under the above equation are obtained. A few interesting relations between the integral solutions and the special numbers namely Polygonal numbers, Pyramidal numbers, Centered Polygonal numbers, Centered Pyramidal numbers, Thabit-ibn-Kurrah number, Star number, Gnomonic number are exhibited.

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**NOTATIONS:**

**Special Numbers**

	<b>Notations</b>	<b>Definitions</b>
Regular Polygonal number	$t_{m,n}$	$n(1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2})$
Pronic Number	$P_n$	$n(n+1)$
Gnomonic Number	$G_n$	$2n-1$
Pentagonal Pyramidal Number	$P_n^5$	$\frac{n^2(n+1)}{2}$
Star Number	$S_n$	$6n(n-1)+1$
Woodall Number	$W_n$	$n2^n - 1$
Thabit-ibn-Kurrah Number	$TK_n$	$3(2^n) - 1$
Centered Hexadecagonal Number	$Ct_{16,n}$	$8n(n+1)+1$
Stella Octangula number	$SO_n$	$n(2n^2 - 1)$
Kynea number	$Ky_n$	$(2n+1)^2 - 2$
Centered hexagonal Pyramidal number	$CP_n^6$	$-n^3$

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The theory of Diophantine equations offers a rich variety of fascinating problems. In particular biquadratic Diophantine equations, homogeneous and non-homogeneous have aroused the interest of numerous mathematicians since antiquity [1-2]. In this context one may refer [3-10] for various problems on the biquadratic Diophantine equations. However, often we come across homogeneous biquadratic equations and as such one may require its

integral solution in its most general form. This paper concern with the homogeneous biquadratic equation with five unknowns  $x^4 - y^4 = 5(z^2 - w^2)T^2$  for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral solutions. Also a few interesting properties among the solutions are presented.

**II. METHOD OF ANALYSIS**

The biquadratic diophantine equation with five unknowns to be solved for getting non-zero integral solution is

$$x^4 - y^4 = 5(z^2 - w^2)T^2 \tag{1}$$

On substituting the linear transformations

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

in (1), it leads to

$$u^2 + v^2 = 5T^2 \tag{3}$$

we present below different methods of solving (3) and thus obtain different pattern of integral solutions to (1).

**2.1. Pattern I**

Write  $u^2 + v^2 = (u + iv)(u - iv)$  (4)

Assume  $T(a, b) = a^2 + b^2 = (a + ib)(a - ib)$  where  $a, b \neq 0$  (5)

Write 5 as  $5 = (2 + i)(2 - i)$  (6)

Substituting (4),(5) and (6) in (3), we get

$$(u + iv)(u - iv) = [(2 + i)(2 - i)](a + ib)^2 (a - ib)^2$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts, the values of  $v$  and  $u$  are given by,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u = u(a, b) &= 2a^2 - 2b^2 - 2ab \\ v = v(a, b) &= a^2 - b^2 + 4ab \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{7}$$

Substituting these values in (2), we get

$$x(a, b) = 3a^2 - 3b^2 + 2ab$$

$$y(a, b) = a^2 - b^2 - 6ab$$

$$z(a, b) = 5a^2 - 5b^2$$

$$w(a, b) = 3a^2 - 3b^2 - 8ab$$

Thus, these values of  $x, y, z, w, T$  represent non-zero distinct integer solutions of (1).

**Properties**

1.  $x(a, t_{3,a}) + 3y(a, t_{3,a}) - 2w(a, t_{3,a}) = 0$
2.  $x^3(a, t_{3,a}) + 27y^3(a, t_{3,a}) - 8w^3(a, t_{3,a}) = -18x(a, t_{3,a})y(a, t_{3,a})w(a, t_{3,a})$
3.  $3x(a, t_{3,a}) + 5y(a, t_{3,a}) = z(a, t_{3,a}) + 3w(a, t_{3,a})$
4.  $3x(a, t_{3,a}) + y(a, t_{3,a}) - z(a, t_{3,a}) = 0$
5.  $3w(a, t_{3,a}) - 4y(a, t_{3,a}) - z(a, t_{3,a}) = 0$
6.  $3[z(a, t_{3,a}) - 2y(a, t_{3,a})] = 5w(a, t_{3,a}) - x(a, t_{3,a})$
7.  $27z^3(a, t_{3,a}) - 64x^3(a, t_{3,a}) - w^3(a, t_{3,a}) = 36x(a, t_{3,a})z(a, t_{3,a})w(a, t_{3,a})$

$$8. y(a, t_{3,a}) [27z^3(a, t_{3,a}) - 64x^3(a, t_{3,a}) - w^3(a, t_{3,a})] = x(a, t_{3,a}) [27w^3(a, t_{3,a}) - 64y^3(a, t_{3,a}) - z^3(a, t_{3,a})]$$

$$9. w(a, t_{3,a}) [27x^3(a, t_{3,a}) + y^3(a, t_{3,a}) - 8z^3(a, t_{3,a})] = z(a, t_{3,a}) [x^3(a, t_{3,a}) + 27y^3(a, t_{3,a}) - 8w^3(a, t_{3,a})]$$

**2.1.1. REMARK**

Write (6) as

$$5 = \begin{cases} (1 + 2i)(1 - 2i) \\ \frac{(2 + 11i)(2 - 11i)}{25} \\ \frac{(2 + 29i)(2 - 29i)}{169} \end{cases}$$

Following the above procedure, the other choices of solutions to (1) are obtained.

**2.2. Pattern II**

Equation (3) can be written as

$$u^2 + v^2 = 5T^2 \times 1 \tag{8}$$

Write 1 as

$$1 = \frac{(m^2 - n^2 + 2imn)(m^2 - n^2 - 2imn)}{(m^2 + n^2)^2} \tag{9}$$

Substituting (5), (6) and (9) in (8) and using the method of factorization, define

$$u + iv = (2 + i) \frac{(m^2 - n^2 + i2mn)}{m^2 + n^2} (a + ib)^2 \tag{10}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts of (10), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u = u(a, b) &= \frac{1}{p^2 + q^2} \left[ 2(a^2 - b^2)(p^2 - q^2) - 8abpq - 2ab(p^2 - q^2) - 2pq(a^2 - b^2) \right] \\ v = v(a, b) &= \frac{1}{p^2 + q^2} \left[ (a^2 - b^2)(p^2 - q^2) - 4abpq + 4ab(p^2 - q^2) + 4pq(a^2 - b^2) \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{11}$$

To find the integral solutions of (1), substitute  $a = (p^2 + q^2)A, b = (p^2 + q^2)B$  in (11) and (5)

$$u(A, B) = 2(p^2 - q^2)(A^2 - B^2) - 8ABpq(p^2 + q^2) - 2(p^4 - q^4)AB - 2pq(A^2 - B^2)$$

$$\therefore v(A, B) = (p^2 - q^2)(A^2 - B^2) - 4ABpq(p^2 + q^2) + 4(p^4 - q^4)AB + 4pq(A^2 - B^2)$$

$$T(A, B) = (p^2 + q^2)^2 A^2 + (p^2 + q^2)^2 B^2$$

Then the corresponding integral values of  $x, y, z, w, T$  satisfying (1) are obtained as

$$x(p, q, A, B) = (p^4 - q^4) [3(A^2 - B^2) + 2AB] + 2pq(p^2 + q^2) [A^2 - B^2 - 6AB]$$

$$y(p, q, A, B) = (p^4 - q^4) [A^2 - B^2 - 6AB] + 2pq(p^2 + q^2) [A^2 - B^2 - 2AB]$$

$$z(p, q, A, B) = 5(p^4 - q^4) [A^2 - B^2] - 20ABpq(p^2 + q^2)$$

$$w(p, q, A, B) = (p^4 - q^4) [3(A^2 - B^2) - 8AB] + 2pq(p^2 + q^2) [A^2 - B^2 - 2AB]$$

$$T(p, q, A, B) = (p^2 + q^2)^2 [A^2 + B^2]$$

**Properties:**

1.  $x(p, q, A, A) - 3y(p, q, A, A) = 20(p^4 - q^4)t_{4,A}$
2.  $T(p, q, A, A - 1) = (p^2 + q^2)^2 [2P_{A-1} + 1]$
3.  $z(p, q, A, A) + w(p, q, A, A) - 40(q^4 - p^4)t_{4,A} \equiv 0 \pmod{20}$

**2.2.1 REMARK**

Also, 1 can be written as either

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

or  $1 = i^n (-i)^n$

Following the procedure as presented in Pattern II then the corresponding non-zero integral solutions satisfying (1) are obtained as

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

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

$$z(n, a, b) = (5a^2 - 5b^2) \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + (-10ab) \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$w(n, a, b) = (3a^2 - 3b^2 - 8ab) \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + (-4a^2 + 4b^2 - 6ab) \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

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

**2.3. Pattern III**

Equation (3) can be written as

$$1 \times u^2 = 5T^2 - v^2 \tag{12}$$

Assume  $u(a, b) = 5a^2 - b^2 = (\sqrt{5}a + b)(\sqrt{5}a - b) \tag{13}$

$$1 = (\sqrt{5} + 2)(\sqrt{5} - 2) \tag{14}$$

Substituting (13) and (14) in (12) and using the method of factorization, define

$$(\sqrt{5} + 2)(\sqrt{5}a + b)^2 = \sqrt{5}T + v$$

Equating rational and irrational parts, we get

$$T(a, b) = 5a^2 + b^2 + 4ab$$

$$v(a, b) = 10a^2 + 2b^2 + 10ab$$

Substituting the values of  $u, v$  in (2) the non-zero integral distinct points satisfying (1) are given by

$$x(a, b) = 15a^2 + b^2 + 10ab$$

$$y(a, b) = -5a^2 - 3b^2 - 10ab$$

$$z(a, b) = 20a^2 + 10ab$$

$$w(a, b) = -4b^2 - 10ab$$

$$T(a, b) = 5a^2 + b^2 + 4ab$$

**Properties**

$$1. 2x(a, b) + 2y(a, b) - z(a, b) - w(a, b) = 0$$

2.  $z(a, a + 1) - T(a, a + 1) - w(a, a + 1) = Ky_a + 1$
3.  $z(a, \frac{a^2 + 1}{2}) + 5w(a, \frac{a^2 + 1}{2}) + 80CP_a^3 = 0$
4.  $x(b(b + 1)) - 3T(b(b + 1)) + 2CP_b^6 = 0$
5.  $z(a, 1) + 5w(a, 1) - 10(2P_{a-1} - G_a + 1) = 0$
6.  $6[y(b, b) - T(b, b)]$  is a nasty number.

**2.3.1.REMARK**

Note that, in addition to (14), one may represent 1 in the following ways:

$$1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{(\sqrt{5} + 1)(\sqrt{5} - 1)}{4} \\ \frac{(5\sqrt{5} + 2)(5\sqrt{5} - 2)}{121} \\ \frac{(5\sqrt{5} + 11)(5\sqrt{5} - 11)}{4} \\ \frac{(5\sqrt{5} + 11)(5\sqrt{5} - 11)}{4} \\ \frac{(13\sqrt{5} + 2)(13\sqrt{5} - 2)}{29^2}, \frac{(13\sqrt{5} + 19)(13\sqrt{5} - 19)}{22^2}, \frac{(13\sqrt{5} + 29)(13\sqrt{5} - 29)}{2^2} \\ \frac{(17\sqrt{5} + 1)(17\sqrt{5} - 1)}{38^2}, \frac{(17\sqrt{5} + 22)(17\sqrt{5} - 22)}{31^2}, \\ \frac{(17\sqrt{5} + 31)(17\sqrt{5} - 31)}{22^2}, (17\sqrt{5} + 38)(17\sqrt{5} - 38) \end{array} \right.$$

Then, proceeding as in the above procedure , other choices of non-zero distinct integer solutions to (1) are obtained.

**2.4.Pattern IV**

Equation (3) can be written as

$$v^2 = 5T^2 - u^2 \tag{15}$$

Introducing the linear transformations

$$T = X + S; u = X + 5S \tag{16}$$

in (15), it is written as

$$v^2 + 20S^2 = (2X)^2 \tag{17}$$

which is satisfied by

$$S = 2\alpha\beta, v = 20\alpha^2 - \beta^2, X = \frac{1}{2}[20\alpha^2 + \beta^2]$$

To find integer solution replacing  $\alpha$  by  $2\alpha$  and  $\beta$  by  $2\beta$ , we get

$$X = 40\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2, S = 8\alpha\beta \tag{18}$$

$$v = 80\alpha^2 - 4\beta^2 \tag{19}$$

From (18) and (16) the values of  $T$  and  $u$  are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T(\alpha, \beta) &= 40\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2 + 8\alpha\beta \\ u(\alpha, \beta) &= 40\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2 + 40\alpha\beta \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (20)$$

Substituting the values of  $u, v$  from (19) and (20) in (2) the corresponding non-zero integral solutions satisfying (1) are obtained as

$$x(\alpha, \beta) = 120\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2 + 40\alpha\beta$$

$$y(\alpha, \beta) = -40\alpha^2 + 6\beta^2 + 40\alpha\beta$$

$$z(\alpha, \beta) = 160\alpha^2 + 80\alpha\beta$$

$$w(\alpha, \beta) = 8\beta^2 + 80\alpha\beta$$

$$T(\alpha, \beta) = 40\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2 + 8\alpha\beta$$

**Properties**

1.  $x(\alpha, \beta) - y(\alpha, \beta) - z(\alpha, \beta) + w(\alpha, \beta) \equiv 0 \pmod{96}$
2.  $y(\alpha 2^\alpha, 1) + T(\alpha 2^\alpha, 1) - w(\alpha 2^\alpha, 1) + 32(W_\alpha + 1) = 0$
3.  $z(\alpha, \beta) - x(\alpha, \beta) + y(\alpha, \beta) - w(\alpha, \beta) = 0$
4.  $z(\alpha^2, \alpha + 1) - 4T(\alpha^2, \alpha + 1) + w(\alpha^2, \alpha + 1) = 256P_\alpha^5$
5.  $3x(\alpha, \alpha) + y(\alpha, \alpha) - 2z(\alpha, \alpha) = 0$

**2.4.1. REMARK**

It is to be noted that instead of (16) one may consider the linear transformation

$$T = X - S; u = X - 5S$$

For this choice, the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1) are represented below,

$$x(\alpha, \beta) = 120\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2 - 40\alpha\beta$$

$$y(\alpha, \beta) = -40\alpha^2 + 6\beta^2 - 40\alpha\beta$$

$$z(\alpha, \beta) = 160\alpha^2 - 80\alpha\beta$$

$$w(\alpha, \beta) = 8\beta^2 - 80\alpha\beta$$

$$T(\alpha, \beta) = 40\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2 - 8\alpha\beta$$

**2.5. Pattern V**

Equation (3) is written as

$$(2T + v)(2T - v) = (u + T)(u - T) \quad (21)$$

which is expressed in the form of ratio as,

$$\frac{u + T}{2T + v} = \frac{2T - v}{u - T} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \beta \neq 0 \quad (22)$$

This is equivalent to the following two equations

$$\beta u - \alpha v + (\beta - 2\alpha)T = 0$$

$$\alpha u + \beta v - (\alpha + 2\beta)T = 0$$

Applying the method of cross multiplication, we get

$$u(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha^2 - \beta^2 + 4\alpha\beta$$

$$v(\alpha, \beta) = 2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2$$

$$T(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

Substituting the values of  $u, v$  in (2) the non-zero distinct integral points satisfying (1) are given by

$$x(\alpha, \beta) = -\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 6\alpha\beta$$

$$y(\alpha, \beta) = 3\alpha^2 - 3\beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta$$

$$z(\alpha, \beta) = 10\alpha\beta$$

$$w(\alpha, \beta) = 4\alpha^2 - 4\beta^2 + 6\alpha\beta$$

$$T(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

### Properties

1.  $6[y(\alpha, \beta) + 2T(\alpha, \beta) + x(\alpha, \beta) - w(\alpha, \beta)]$  is a nasty number.
2.  $z(\alpha^2, \alpha(\alpha + 1)) - x(\alpha^2, \alpha(\alpha + 1)) - 2y(\alpha^2, \alpha(\alpha + 1)) = 5[SO_\alpha + P_\alpha]$
3.  $3x(2^\alpha, 1) + y(2^\alpha, 1) - TK_\alpha - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{17}$
4.  $w(\alpha(\alpha - 1), \beta) + 3T(\alpha(\alpha - 1), \beta) - x(\alpha(\alpha - 1), \beta) - S_\alpha + 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$
5.  $w(\alpha, (\alpha - 1)) + 4T(\alpha, (\alpha - 1)) - z(\alpha, (\alpha - 1)) = ct_{16, \alpha} + 4P_\alpha - 1$

### III. CONCLUSION

It is worth to mention to note that in (2) the transformations for  $z$  and  $w$  may be considered as  $z = 2uv + 1, w = 2uv - 1$  and  $z = uv + 2, w = uv - 2$ . For these cases, the values of  $x, y, T$  are the same as above where as the values of  $z$  and  $w$  changes for every pattern. To conclude one may consider biquadratic equation with multivariables ( $\geq 5$ ) and search for the their non-zero distinct integer solutions along with their corresponding properties.

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