

Observations on the Non-homogeneous Quintic Equation with Four Unknowns

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Abstract

We obtain infinitely many non-zero integer quadruples (x, y, z, w) satisfying the quintic equation with four unknowns $xy + 6z^2 = (k^2 + 5)^n w^5$. Various interesting relations between the solutions and special numbers, namely, polygonal numbers, pyramidal numbers, Jacobsthal numbers, Jacobsthal-Lucas number, keynea numbers, Four Dimensional Figurative numbers and Five Dimensional Figurative numbers are exhibited.

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Notations

$T_{m,n} = n \left(1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2} \right)$ -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

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

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

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

$j_n = 2^n + (-1)^n$ -Jacobsthal-Lucas number of rank n

$KY_n = (2^n + 1)^2 - 2$ -keynea number.

$F_{5,n,3} = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)(n+4)}{5!} =$ Five Dimensional Figurative

number of rank n

whose generating polygon is a triangle.

$F_{4,n,3} = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4!} =$ Four Dimensional Figurative number of

rank n

whose generating polygon is a triangle

Introduction

The theory of diophantine equations offers a rich variety of fascinating problems. In particular, quintic equations, homogeneous and non-homogeneous have aroused the interest of numerous mathematicians since antiquity [1-3]. For illustration, one may refer [4-10] for quintic equations with three, four and five unknowns. This paper concerns with the problem of determining non-trivial integral solutions of the non-homogeneous quintic equation with four unknowns given by $xy + 6z^2 = (k^2 + 5)^n w^5$. A few relations between the solutions and the special numbers are presented.

Method of Analysis

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

$$xy + 6z^2 = (k^2 + 5)^n w^5 \quad (1)$$

Introduction of the transformations

$$x = u + v, y = u - v, z = v \quad (2)$$

in (1) leads to

$$u^2 + 5v^2 = (k^2 + 5)^n w^5 \quad (3)$$

The above equation (3) is solved through three different approaches and thus, one obtains three distinct sets of solutions to (1)

Approach 1:

$$\text{Let } w = a^2 + 5b^2 \quad (4)$$

Substituting (4) in (3) and using the method of factorisation, define

$$\begin{aligned} (u + i\sqrt{5}v) &= (k + i\sqrt{5})^n (a + i\sqrt{5}b)^5 \\ &= r^n \exp(in\theta)(a + i\sqrt{5}b)^5 \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \sqrt{k^2 + 5}, \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{k}$ (5)

Equating real and imaginary parts in (5) we get

$$u = r^n [\cos n\theta (a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4) - \sqrt{5} \sin n\theta (5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5)]$$

$$v = r^n [\cos n\theta (5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5)] + \frac{\sin n\theta}{\sqrt{5}} (a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4)$$

In view of (2) and (4), the corresponding values of x, y, z and w are represented by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= r^n [\cos n\theta (a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4 + 5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5) + \\ &\frac{\sin n\theta}{\sqrt{5}} (a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4 - 5(5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5))] \\ y &= r^n [\cos n\theta (a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4 - 5a^4b + 50a^2b^3 - 25b^5) - \\ &\frac{\sin n\theta}{\sqrt{5}} (a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4 + 5(5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5))] \\ z &= r^n [\cos n\theta (5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5) + \frac{\sin n\theta}{\sqrt{5}} (a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4)] \\ w &= a^2 + 5b^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

Properties

1. $x(a, b) - y(a, b) - 2z(a, b) = 0$
2. $z(a, a) + r^n (20 \cos n\theta - \frac{76 \sin n\theta}{\sqrt{5}}) (4T_{3,a-1}.P_a^5 + 6P_a^3 - 6T_{3,a} + PR_a - T_{4,a}) = 0$
3. $(w(2^n, 1) - 3J_{4n})$ is a nasty number.
4. $2(w(2^n, 1) - j_{4n})$ is a cubical integer

Remark 1

To analyse the nature of the solutions, one has to go for particular values to n . For simplicity and clear understanding, taking $n = 0$ in (6), the corresponding values of the integer quadruples (x, y, z, w) satisfying $xy + 6z^2 = w^5$ are represented by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4 + 5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5 \\ y &= a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4 - 5a^4b + 50a^2b^3 - 25b^5 \\ z &= 5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5 \\ w &= a^2 + 5b^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7)$$

The integer quadruples (x, y, z, w) represented by (7) satisfies the following properties:

1. $x(a, b) - y(a, b) - 10T_{4,a^2} + 200T_{3,a} \equiv 0 \pmod{50}$
2. $240F_{5,a,3} - 480F_{4,a,3} - 300P_a^3 + 540T_{3,a} + 304T_{4,a} - 152T_{6,a} - x(a, 1) - y(a, 1) = 0$
3. $30[z(a, a) + y(a, a) - x(a, a) - 2400F_{5,a,3} + 900P_a^4 + 700T_{3,a}]$ is a nasty number.
4. $4[y(1, b) - z(1, b) + w(1, b) - 250T_{3,b^2} + 85T_{6,b} \times 255T_{4,b} - 170T_{5,b}]$ is a cubical integer.
5. $8[x(1, b) + y(1, b) - 500T_{3,b^2} + 350T_{4,b}]$ is a biquadratic integer.
6. $z(2^n, 1) - w(2^n, 1) - 66 = 5j_{4n} - 51j_{2n}$
7. $x(2^n, 1) - y(2^n, 1) + z(2^n, 1) + 90 = 15KY_{2n} - 540J_{2n}$
8. If (x_0, y_0, z_0, w_0) is any given solution of (1) then each of the following quadruples satisfies (1):
 - (i) $(6x_0 - 25y_0 - 60z_0, -x_0 + 6y_0 + 12z_0, x_0 - 5y_0 - 11z_0, w_0)$
 - (ii) $(-3x_0 + 8y_0 + 24z_0, 2x_0 - 3y_0 - 12z_0, -x_0 + 2y_0 + 7z_0, w_0)$
 - (iii) $(-6x_0 + 49y_0 + 84z_0, x_0 - 6y_0 - 12z_0, -x_0 + 7y_0 + 13z_0, w_0)$
 - (iv) $(-2x_0 + 3y_0 + 12z_0, 3x_0 - 2y_0 - 12z_0, -x_0 + y_0 + 5z_0, w_0)$
 - (v) $(3x_0 - 2y_0 - 12z_0, -2x_0 + 3y_0 + 12z_0, x_0 - y_0 - 5z_0, w_0)$

Remark 2

It is also worth mentioning here that we get integer solutions when $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ in (1).

For the sake of understanding we exhibit below the integral solutions corresponding to

$$n = 1, k = 1, 2$$

$$n = 2, k = 1, 2$$

Exhibit 1: $n = 1, k = 1$

$$x = 2a^5 - 100a^3b^2 + 250ab^4 - 20a^4b + 200a^2b^3 - 100b^5$$

$$y = -30a^4b + 300a^2b^3 - 150b^5$$

$$z = 5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5 + a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4$$

$$w = a^2 + 5b^2$$

Exhibit 2: $n = 1, k = 2$

$$x = 3a^5 - 150a^3b^2 + 375ab^4 - 15a^4b + 150a^2b^3 - 75b^5$$

$$y = a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4 - 35a^4b + 350a^2b^3 - 175b^5$$

$$z = 10a^4b - 100a^2b^3 + 50b^5 + a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4$$

$$w = a^2 + 5b^2$$

Exhibit 3: $n = 2, k = 1$

$$x = -2a^5 + 100a^3b^2 - 250ab^4 - 70a^4b + 700a^2b^3 - 350b^5$$

$$y = (-6)[a^5 - 50a^3b^2 - 125ab^4 + 5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5]$$

$$z = -20a^4b + 200a^2b^3 - 100b^5 + 2a^5 - 100a^3b^2 + 250ab^4$$

$$w = a^2 + 5b^2$$

Exhibit 4: $n = 2, k = 2$

$$x = 3a^5 - 150a^3b^2 + 375ab^4 - 105a^4b + 1050a^2b^3 - 525b^5$$

$$y = -5(a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4) - 19(5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5)$$

$$z = -5a^4b + 50a^2b^3 - 25b^5 + 4a^5 - 200a^3b^2 + 500ab^4$$

$$w = a^2 + 5b^2$$

Approach 2

Taking $n = 0$ in (3), we have,

$$u^2 + 5v^2 = w^5 \tag{8}$$

whose solution is given by

$$u_0 = a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4$$

$$v_0 = 5a^4b - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5$$

Again taking $n = 1$ in (3), we have,

$$u^2 + 5v^2 = (k^2 + 5)w^5 \tag{9}$$

whose solution is represented by

$$u_1 = ku_0 - 5v_0$$

$$v_1 = u_0 + kv_0$$

The general form of integral solutions to (8) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_s \\ v_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_s & i\sqrt{5}B_s \\ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{5}}B_s & A_s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ v_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad s = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where

$$A_s = \frac{(k + \sqrt{5}i)^s + (k - \sqrt{5}i)^s}{2}$$

$$B_s = \frac{(k + \sqrt{5}i)^s - (k - \sqrt{5}i)^s}{2}$$

Thus in view of (2), the following quadruple of integers based on (x_0, y_0, z_0, w_0) also

satisfy (1)

Quadruple: (x_s, y_s, z_s, w_s) , where

$$x_s = (u_0 + v_0)A_s + i\sqrt{5}\left(v_0 - \frac{u_0}{5}\right)B_s$$

$$y_s = (u_0 - v_0)A_s + i\sqrt{5}\left(v_0 + \frac{u_0}{5}\right)B_s$$

$$z_s = v_0A_s - i\sqrt{5}\left(\frac{u_0}{5}\right)B_s$$

$$w_s = a^2 + 5b^2$$

The above values of x_s, y_s, z_s satisfy the following recurrence relations respectively

$$x_{s+2} - 2kx_{s+1} + (k^2 + 5)x_s = 0$$

$$y_{s+2} - 2ky_{s+1} + (k^2 + 5)y_s = 0$$

$$z_{s+2} - 2kz_{s+1} + (k^2 + 5)z_s = 0$$

Properties 1

$$1. x(a, a, k) + y(a, a, k) - (152A_s - 40i\sqrt{5}B_s)[120F_{5,a,3} - 240F_{4,a,3} + 150P_a^3 - 30T_{3,a} + 2T_{4,a} - T_{6,a}] = 0$$

$$2. S_a + 30PR_b + 12T_{4,a} - 6SO_a - 60T_{3,b} + 30T_{4,b} - 6w(a, b) = 1$$

$$3. 2x(a, a, k) - 2y(a, a, k) + (40A_s + 152\frac{i}{\sqrt{5}}B_s)[8T_{3,a-1} \cdot P_p^5 + SO_a + PR_a - T_{4,a}] = 0$$

$$4. z(a, 1, k) = A_s(120F_{4,a,3} - 45(OH_u) - 90T_{4,a} - 30T_{3,a} + 25) - \frac{iB_s}{\sqrt{5}}(4T_{3,a-1} \cdot P_a^3 - 294P_a^3 - 76T_{4,a} + 223PR_u) = 0$$

$$5. 2z(a, a, k) + (20A_s + \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}}76B_s)(8T_{3,a-1} \cdot P_a^5 + SO_a + 2T_{3,a} - T_{4,a}) = 0$$

Approach 3

Substituting (4) in (3) and using the method of factorisation, define

$$(u + i\sqrt{5}v) = (k + i\sqrt{5})^n (a + i\sqrt{5}b)^5$$

Expanding binomially and equating real and imaginary parts, we have

$$u = f(k)(a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4) - 5g(k)(5a^4 - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5)$$

$$v = g(k)(a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4) + f(k)(5a^4 - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^r m c_{2r} k^{n-2r} 5^r \\ g(x) &= \sum_{r=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^{r-1} n c_{2r-1} k^{n-2r+1} 5^{r-1} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10)$$

In view of (2) and (10) the corresponding integer solution (x, y, z, w) to (1) is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} x &= [f(k) + g(k)](a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4) + [f(k) - 5g(k)](5a^4 - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5) \\ y &= [f(k) - g(k)](a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4) - [f(k) + 5g(k)](5a^4 - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5) \\ z &= g(k)(a^5 - 50a^3b^2 + 125ab^4) + f(k)(5a^4 - 50a^2b^3 + 25b^5) \\ w &= a^2 + 5b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

In conclusion, one may get different patterns of solutions to (1) and their corresponding properties.

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