



ON THE DIOPHANTINE EQUATION $y^2=3x^2+6$

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Abstract

The binary quadratic equation represented by the positive Pellian $y^2=3x^2+6$ is analysed for its distinct integer solutions. A few interesting relations among the solutions of the above hyperbola, we have obtained solutions of other choices of hyperbolas, parabolas and special Pythagorean triangle.

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INTRODUCTION

The binary quadratic equation of the form $y^2= Dx^2+1$ where D is non-square positive integer has been studied by various mathematicians for its non-trivial integral solutions when D takes different integral values [1-4]. For an extensive review of various problems, one may refer [5-20]. In this communication, yet another interesting hyperbola given by $y^2=3x^2+6$ is considered and infinitely many integer solutions are obtained. A few interesting properties among the solutions are presented.

METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The positive Pell equation representing hyperbola under consideration is,

$$y^2=3x^2+6 \quad (1)$$

The smallest positive integer solution of (1) is

$$x_0=1, y_0=3$$

To obtain the other solution of (1), consider the Pellian equation

$$y^2=3x^2+1$$

whose general solution $(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n)$ is given by

$$\tilde{x}_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} g_n \text{ and } \tilde{y}_n = \frac{1}{2} f_n \quad (2)$$

where,

$$f_n = (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1}$$

$$g_n = (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} - (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1}, \quad n=0,1,2,3,\dots$$

Applying Brahmagupta lemma between (x_0, y_0) and $(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n)$, the other integer solutions of (1) are given by $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} f_n +$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} g_n; \quad y_{n+1} = \frac{3}{2} f_n + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} g_n$$

The recurrence relations satisfied by the solutions (2) are given by

$$x_{n+3} - 4x_{n+2} + x_{n+1} = 0$$

$$y_{n+3} - 4y_{n+2} + y_{n+1} = 0$$

Some numerical examples of x and y satisfying (1) are given in the Table 1 below:

TABLE 1: Examples

| n | x_n | y_n |
|---|-------|-------|
| 0 | 1 | 3 |

| | | |
|---|------|------|
| 1 | 5 | 9 |
| 2 | 19 | 33 |
| 3 | 71 | 123 |
| 4 | 265 | 459 |
| 5 | 989 | 1713 |
| 6 | 3691 | 6393 |

From the above table, we observe some interesting relations among the solutions which are presented below:

- 1) Both x_n and y_n are odd.
- 2) Each of the following expression is a nasty number:

- ❖ $6(x_{2n+3} - 3x_{2n+2} + 2)$
- ❖ $\frac{3}{2}(x_{2n+4} - 11x_{2n+2} + 8)$
- ❖ $3(y_{2n+3} - 5x_{2n+2} + 4)$
- ❖ $\frac{6}{7}(y_{2n+4} - 19x_{2n+2} + 14)$
- ❖ $6(3x_{2n+4} - 11x_{2n+3} + 2)$
- ❖ $3(3y_{2n+2} - x_{2n+3} + 4)$
- ❖ $6(3y_{2n+3} - 5x_{2n+3} + 2)$
- ❖ $3(3y_{2n+4} - 19x_{2n+3} + 4)$
- ❖ $\frac{6}{7}(11y_{2n+2} - x_{2n+4} + 14)$
- ❖ $3(11y_{2n+3} - 5x_{2n+4} + 4)$
- ❖ $6(11y_{2n+4} - 19x_{2n+4} + 2)$
- ❖ $2(5y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+3} + 6)$
- ❖ $\frac{1}{2}(19y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+4} + 24)$
- ❖ $2(19y_{2n+3} - 5y_{2n+4} + 6)$

- 3) Each of the following expressions is a cubical integer:

- ❖ $(x_{3n+4} - 3x_{3n+3}) + 3(x_{n+2} - 3x_{n+1})$
- ❖ $16\{(x_{3n+5} - 11x_{3n+3}) + 3(x_{n+3} - 11x_{n+1})\}$
- ❖ $4\{(y_{3n+4} - 5x_{3n+3}) + 3(y_{n+2} - 5x_{n+1})\}$
- ❖ $49\{(y_{3n+5} - 19x_{3n+3}) + 3(y_{n+3} - 19x_{n+1})\}$
- ❖ $(3x_{3n+5} - 11x_{3n+4}) + 3(3x_{n+3} - 11x_{n+2})$
- ❖ $4\{(3y_{3n+3} - x_{3n+4}) + 3(3y_{n+1} - x_{n+2})\}$
- ❖ $(3y_{3n+4} - 5x_{3n+4}) + 3(3y_{n+2} - 5x_{n+2})$
- ❖ $4\{(3y_{3n+5} - 19x_{3n+4}) + 3(3y_{n+3} - 19x_{n+2})\}$
- ❖ $49\{(11y_{3n+3} - x_{3n+5}) + 3(11y_{n+1} - x_{n+3})\}$
- ❖ $4\{(11y_{3n+4} - 5x_{3n+5}) + 3(11y_{n+2} - 5x_{n+3})\}$
- ❖ $(11y_{3n+5} - 19x_{3n+5}) + 3(11y_{n+3} - 19x_{n+3})$
- ❖ $9\{(5y_{3n+3} - y_{3n+4}) + 3(5y_{n+1} - y_{n+2})\}$
- ❖ $144\{(19y_{3n+3} - y_{3n+5}) + 3(19y_{n+1} - y_{n+3})\}$
- ❖ $9\{(19y_{3n+4} - 5y_{3n+5}) + 3(19y_{n+2} - 5y_{n+3})\}$

- 4) Each of the following represents the relations among the solutions:

- ❖ $x_{n+3} = 4x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $y_{n+1} = x_{n+2} - 2x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $y_{n+2} = 2x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $y_{n+3} = 7x_{n+2} - 2x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $4y_{n+1} = x_{n+3} - 7x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $2y_{n+2} = x_{n+3} - x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $4y_{n+3} = 7x_{n+3} - x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $2y_{n+1} = y_{n+2} - 3x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $2y_{n+3} = 7y_{n+2} + 3x_{n+1}$
- ❖ $7y_{n+1} = y_{n+3} - 12x_{n+1}$

- ❖ $y_{n+1} = 2x_{n+3} - 7x_{n+2}$
- ❖ $y_{n+2} = x_{n+3} - 2x_{n+2}$
- ❖ $y_{n+3} = 2x_{n+3} - x_{n+2}$
- ❖ $2y_{n+2} = y_{n+1} + 3x_{n+2}$
- ❖ $y_{n+3} = y_{n+1} + 6x_{n+2}$
- ❖ $y_{n+3} = 2y_{n+2} + 3x_{n+2}$
- ❖ $7y_{n+2} = 2y_{n+1} + 3x_{n+3}$
- ❖ $7y_{n+3} = y_{n+1} + 12x_{n+3}$
- ❖ $2y_{n+3} = y_{n+2} + 3x_{n+3}$
- ❖ $y_{n+3} = 4y_{n+2} - y_{n+1}$

REMARKABLE OBSERVATION

- I. Employing linear combinations among the solutions of (1), one may generate integer solutions for other choices of hyperbolas which are presented in the Table 2 below

TABLE 2: HYPERBOLA

| S.NO | (X,Y) | HYPERBOLA |
|------|--|--------------------|
| 1 | $(5x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}, x_{n+2} - 3x_{n+1})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 12$ |
| 2 | $(19x_{n+1} - x_{n+3}, x_{n+3} - 11x_{n+1})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 192$ |
| 3 | $(9x_{n+1} - y_{n+2}, y_{n+2} - 5x_{n+1})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 48$ |
| 4 | $(33x_{n+1} - y_{n+3}, y_{n+3} - 19x_{n+1})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 588$ |
| 5 | $(19x_{n+2} - 5x_{n+3}, 3x_{n+3} - 11x_{n+2})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 12$ |
| 6 | $(3x_{n+2} - 5y_{n+1}, 3y_{n+1} - x_{n+2})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 48$ |
| 7 | $(18x_{n+2} - 10y_{n+2}, 3y_{n+2} - 5x_{n+2})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 12$ |
| 8 | $(33x_{n+2} - 5y_{n+3}, 3y_{n+3} - 19x_{n+2})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 48$ |
| 9 | $(3x_{n+3} - 19y_{n+1}, 11y_{n+1} - x_{n+3})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 588$ |
| 10 | $(9x_{n+3} - 19y_{n+2}, 11y_{n+2} - 5x_{n+3})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 48$ |
| 11 | $(33x_{n+3} - 19y_{n+3}, 11y_{n+3} - 19x_{n+3})$ | $3Y^2 - X^2 = 12$ |
| 12 | $(y_{n+2} - 3y_{n+1}, 5y_{n+1} - y_{n+2})$ | $Y^2 - 3X^2 = 36$ |
| 13 | $(19y_{n+1} - y_{n+3}, y_{n+3} - 11y_{n+1})$ | $Y^2 - 3X^2 = 576$ |
| 14 | $(3y_{n+3} - 11y_{n+2}, 19y_{n+2} - 2y_{n+3})$ | $Y^2 - 3X^2 = 36$ |

- II. Employing linear combinations among the solutions of (1), one may generate integer solutions for other choices of parabolas which are presented in the Table 3 below

TABLE 3: PARABOLAS

| S.NO | (X,Y) | PARABOLA |
|------|--|-------------------|
| 1 | $(5x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}, x_{2n+3} - 3x_{2n+2} + 2)$ | $X^2 = 3Y - 12$ |
| 2 | $(19x_{n+1} - x_{n+3}, x_{2n+4} - 11x_{2n+2} + 8)$ | $X^2 = 2Y - 192$ |
| 3 | $(9x_{n+1} - y_{n+2}, y_{2n+3} - 5x_{2n+2} + 4)$ | $X^2 = 6Y - 48$ |
| 4 | $(33x_{n+1} - y_{n+3}, y_{2n+3} - 19x_{2n+2} + 14)$ | $X^2 = 21Y - 288$ |
| 5 | $(19x_{n+2} - 5x_{n+3}, 3x_{2n+4} - 11x_{2n+3} + 2)$ | $X^2 = 3Y - 12$ |
| 6 | $(3x_{n+2} - 5y_{n+1}, 3y_{2n+2} - x_{2n+3} + 4)$ | $X^2 = 6Y - 48$ |

| | | |
|----|--|-------------------|
| 7 | $(18x_{n+2} - 10y_{n+2}, 3y_{2n+3} - 5x_{2n+3} + 2)$ | $X^2 = 3Y - 12$ |
| 8 | $(33x_{n+2} - 5y_{n+3}, 3y_{2n+4} - 19x_{2n+3} + 4)$ | $X^2 = 6Y - 48$ |
| 9 | $(3x_{n+3} - 19y_{n+1}, 11y_{2n+2} - x_{2n+4} + 14)$ | $X^2 = 21Y - 588$ |
| 10 | $(9x_{n+3} - 19y_{n+2}, 11y_{2n+3} - 5x_{2n+4} + 4)$ | $X^2 = 6Y - 48$ |
| 11 | $(33x_{n+3} - 19y_{n+3}, 11y_{2n+4} - 19x_{2n+4} + 2)$ | $X^2 = 3Y - 12$ |
| 12 | $(y_{n+2} - 3y_{n+1}, 5y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+3} + 6)$ | $X^2 = Y - 12$ |
| 13 | $(19y_{n+1} - y_{n+3}, 19y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+4} + 24)$ | $X^2 = 4Y - 192$ |
| 14 | $(3y_{n+3} - 11y_{n+2}, 19y_{2n+3} - 5y_{2n+4} + 6)$ | $X^2 = Y - 12$ |

III. Consider $p = x_{n+1} + y_{n+1}, q = x_{n+1}$, observe that $p > q > 0$. Treat p, q as the generators of the Pythagorean Triangle $T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$, where

$$\alpha = 2pq, \beta = p^2 - q^2, \gamma = p^2 + q^2$$

Then the following interesting relations are observed

- ❖ $2\alpha - 3\beta + \gamma = -12$
- ❖ $5\alpha - 2\gamma + 12 = \frac{12A}{p}$
- ❖ $\frac{2A}{p} = x_{n+1}y_{n+1}$

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented infinitely many integer solution for the hyperbola represented by the positive pellequation $y^2 = 3x^2 + 6$. As the binary quadratic Diophantine equation are rich in variety, one may search for the other choices of positive pell equation and determine their integer solution along with suitable properties.

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