

Solving $(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = d^3 + e^3 + f^3)$ by means of algebra**Author: Oliver Couto****Email: matt345@celebrating-mathematics.com****Abstract**

In math literature (eg: ref. #3) most solutions to the above equations are dealt with using elliptic curve theory. In this paper the author has, by imposing certain conditions, provided a parametric solution of the equation by using Algebra only.

Consider the equation:

$$p^3 + q^3 + r^3 = u^3 + v^3 + w^3 \text{ -----(1)}$$

After transposing we get

$$(u^3 + v^3) - (p^3 + q^3) = (r^3 - w^3)$$

$$(u + v)(u^2 - uv + v^2) - (p + q)(p^2 - pq + q^2) = (r^3 - w^3) \text{ --- (2)}$$

Since equation (2) is a cubic equation in order to make it a quadratic we eliminate a factor from both sides of the equation.

So we take, $(p + q) = (u + v) = (-w)$ & $r = 4w$

After removing the factor & simplification of (2) we get:

$$(p^2 - pq + q^2) - (u^2 - uv + v^2) = 63(w)^2 \text{ --- (3)}$$

We note that equation (3), is numerically satisfied by:

$$(p, q, u, v, w) = (29, -33, 23, -27, 4)$$

Hence we parametrize equation (3) by taking:

$$(p, q, u, v, w) = [(29 + kt), (-33 + t), (23 + kt), (-27 + t), (4 - kt - t)] \text{ ----(4)}$$

And we get after simplification:

$$t = \frac{2(29k + 27)}{7(k + 1)^2}$$

After substituting for 't' at (p,q,u,v,w) in equation (4) and taking (r=4w), we get:

$$p = (261k^2 + 460k + 203)$$

$$q = -(231k^2 + 404k + 177)$$

$$r = -8(k + 1)(15k + 13)$$

$$u = (219k^2 + 376k + 161)$$

$$v = -(189k^2 + 320k + 135)$$

$$w = -2(15k + 13)(k + 1)$$

And, for (k=0) we get the numerical solution:

$$(203, -177, -104)^3 = (161, -135, -26)^3$$

And for (k=1) we get after removing common factors:

$$(231, -203, -112)^3 = (189, -161, -28)^3$$

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