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If $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ fixed then prove that the equation:

$$x^3 + y^3 - z^3 = \lambda^2(x + y - z)$$

has an infinitely solutions in integers.

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We are asked to prove existence of infinitely many integer solution, not to find all solution, so it is enough to find of solution one infinite family

for this we put $x + y - z = 0 \Rightarrow z = x + y$ then the equation becomes

$$x^3 + y^3 - (x + y)^3 = 0 \text{ or } -3xy(x + y) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0 \text{ or } x + y = 0$$

Case 1) $x = 0$ then $z = y$ as $z = x + y$, solution $(0, y, y), y \in \mathbb{Z}$

Case 2) $y = 0$ then $z = x$ as $z = x + y$, solution $(x, 0, x), x \in \mathbb{Z}$

Case 3) $x + y = 0$ then $y = -x, z = 0$ as $z = x + y$, solution $(x, -x, 0), x \in \mathbb{Z}$

For all these solutions $x + y - z = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2(x + y - z) = 0$ then $x^3 + y^3 - z^3 = 0$ then original equation is satisfied for every integer λ , $(0, y, y), (x, 0, x), (x, -x, 0)$

$x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ infinitely many integer solutions.