

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

Solve for integers:

$$x^3 + y^3 + 5(x + y) = 3x^2 + 2y^2 + 5xy$$

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$$\begin{aligned} x^3 + y^3 + 5(x + y) &= 3x^2 + 2y^2 + 5xy \\ (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) + 5(x + y) &= (x + y)(3x + 2y) \\ (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2 + 5 - 3x - 2y) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Case 1: $x + y = 0$ then $x = -y$,

Solution $(x, y) = (t, -t)$ for any integer t

Case 2: $(x^2 - xy + y^2 + 5 - 3x - 2y) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - x(y + 3) + (y^2 - 2y + 5) &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{y + 3 \pm \sqrt{(y + 3)^2 - 4(y^2 - 2y + 5)}}{2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

The discriminant:

$$D = (y + 3)^2 - 4(y^2 - 2y + 5) = y^2 + 6y + 9 - 4y^2 + 8y - 20 = -3y^2 + 14y - 11$$

To get real roots $D \geq 0$ as well as D must be perfect square as we are find integer solutions.

For this $-3y^2 + 14y - 11 \geq 0$ or, $3y^2 - 14y + 11 \leq 0$

or $(y - 1)(3y - 11) \leq 0$ or $1 \leq y \leq \frac{11}{3} = 3.66 \dots$

So integer values of $y = 1, 2, 3$

$y = 1$ gives from (1): $x = \frac{1 + 3}{2} = 2$, so $(x, y) = (2, 1)$

*$y = 3$ gives from (1): $x = \frac{(3 + 3) \pm 2}{2} = 4, 2$
so $(x, y) = (2, 3), (4, 3)$*

For $y = 2$, the discriminant $D = 5$ not a perfect square number, so $y \neq 2$

Required solutions $(x, y) = (2, 1), (2, 3), (4, 3), (t, -t)$, t is an integer.