

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

Find $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that:

$$2x^2 + 3y^2 = z^2 - 37$$

$$x - y + z = 3$$

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$$2x^2 + 3y^2 = z^2 - 37 \text{ or, } 2x^2 + 3y^2 \stackrel{x-y+z=3}{=} (3-x+y)^2 - 37$$
$$\text{or, } 2x^2 + 3y^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 9 - 6x + 6y - 2xy - 37$$
$$\text{or, } x^2 + (2y+6)x + 2y^2 - 6y + 28 = 0 \quad (1)$$

Discriminant = $D = (2y+6)^2 - 4(2y^2 - 6y + 28) = 4(17 - (y-6)^2)$
for integer solution $(17 - (y-6)^2) \geq 0$ and must be perfect square.
for this $(y-6)^2 = 1, 16$ so, $y = 2, 5, 7, 10, z = 3 - x + y$

for $y = 7$: from(1) $x^2 + 20x + 84 = 0$ or, $(x+6)(x+14) = 0$ or, $x = -6, -14$
and $z = 3 - x + y = 3 - (-6) + 7 = 16$ and $z = 3 - (-14) + 7 = 24$
solution = $(x, y, z) = \{(-6, 7, 16), (-14, 7, 24)\}$

for $y = 5$: from(1) $x^2 + 16x + 48 = 0$ or, $(x+4)(x+12) = 0$ or, $x = -4, -12$
and $z = 3 - x + y = 3 - (-4) + 5 = 12$ and $z = 3 - (-12) + 5 = 20$
solution = $(x, y, z) = \{(-4, 5, 12), (-12, 5, 20)\}$

for $y = 2$: from(1) $x^2 + 10x + 24 = 0$ or, $(x+6)(x+4) = 0$ or, $x = -6, -4$
and $z = 3 - x + y = 3 - (-4) + 2 = 9$ and $z = 3 - (-6) + 2 = 11$
solution = $(x, y, z) = \{(-6, 2, 9), (-4, 2, 11)\}$

for $y = 10$ from(1) $x^2 + 26x + 168 = 0$ or, $(x+12)(x+14) = 0$ or, $x = -14, -12$
and $z = 3 - x + y = 3 - (-14) + 10 = 27$ and $z = 3 - (-12) + 10 = 25$
solution = $(x, y, z) = \{(-14, 10, 27), (-12, 10, 25)\}$