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# Some Unconventional Simultaneous Cubical Equations and their Solutions

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**Abstract** - Some sets of simultaneous equations that have not yet found a home in the literature are innovated and are solved in this feature. That way, subtlety and insight are encountered in cubic equations.

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## 1. Introduction

In many textbooks of Mathematics/Algebra, there is a chapter on simultaneous equations, which mostly do not encounter cubic equations in the course of obtaining their solutions. In this article several problems dealing with simultaneous equations vis-à-vis cubic equations are formed with new insight and are solved. SN Maitra<sup>1</sup>, the present author, studied cubic equations when he encountered a cubic equation solving in which he determined the depth of the liquid poured in a hemispherical bowl from a right circular cylindrical glassful of the liquid.

## 2. Problem No. 1

Find integer solutions to the equations.

$$x^3 - y^3 + z^3 = 38 \quad (1)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 26 \quad (2)$$

$$x+y+z=8 \quad (3)$$

### 2.1. Solution to Problem No. 1

If we would have  $y^3$  instead of  $-y^3$ , then arises a far easier solution. In this context, We can write a well-known formula,

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx)$$

Replacing y by -y is obtained.

$$x^3 - y^3 + z^3 + 3xyz = (x - y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz - zx)$$

Using (1) and (2),



$$38 = (8-2y)\{(26+y(8-y)-zx\} - 3xyz \quad (4)$$

Using (2) and (3),

$$x^2 + z^2 = 26 - y^2 \quad (5)$$

$$x+z=8-y \quad (6)$$

$$2xz = (8 - y)^2 - (26 - y^2) = 38 - 16y + 2y^2 \quad (7)$$

Using (7), (4) is rewritten as,

$$38 = (8-2y)\{(26+y(8-y)-(19-8y+y^2)\} - 3y(19-8y+y^2)\}$$

$$= (8-2y)\{(7+16y-2y^2)\} - 3y(19-8y+y^2)$$

$$\text{Or, } 4y^3 - 48y^2 + 114y + 56 - 57y + 24y^2 - 3y^3 - 38 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } y^3 - 24y^2 + 57y + 18 = 0 \quad (8)$$

By trial,  $y = 3$  satisfies (8) and  $(y-3)$  is one factor of (8):

$$y^2(y-3) - 21y(y-3) - 6(y-3) = 0$$

$$(y^2 - 21y - 6)(y-3) = 0$$

$$Y = 3 \text{ or } y = \frac{21 \pm \sqrt{465}}{2} \quad (9)$$

Because of (9), (6) and (7) yield  $x+z = 5$  and  $xz = 4$ .

Between which eliminating  $z$ ,

$$x^2 + zx = 5x$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } (x-4)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 4 \text{ or } 1 \text{ and } z = 1 \text{ or } 4$$

### 3. Problem No. 2

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 92 \quad (10)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 26 \quad (11)$$

$$x-y+z=2 \quad (12)$$

#### 3.1. Solution to Problem No. 2

$$x^3 - y^3 + z^3 + 3xyz = (x - y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz - zx) \quad (13)$$

Employing (10), (11) and (12) in (13),

$$92 - 2y^3 + 3xyz = 2\{26 + y(y+2) - zx\} \quad (14)$$

Combining (11) and (12),

$$2xz = (x+z)^2 - (x^2 + z^2)$$

$$\text{Or, } 2xz = (2+y)^2 - (26-y^2) = 2y^2 + 4y - 22$$

$$\text{Or, } xz = y^2 + 2y - 11 \quad (15)$$

Combining (12) and (15) and using (14),

$$92 - 2y^3 + 3y(y^2 + 2y - 11) = 2\{26 + y(y+2) - (y^2 + 2y - 11)\}$$

$$\text{Or, } y^3 + 6y^2 - 33y + 18 = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\text{Or, } y^2(y-3) + 9y(y-3) - 6(y-3) = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } (y^2 + 9y - 6)(y-3) = 0$$

Hence,

$$y = 3 \text{ or } y = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{81+24}}{2} = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{105}}{2} \quad (17)$$

Combining (17) with (12) and (15),

$$xz = 4, \quad x+z = 5 \quad (18)$$

Which give eliminating z,

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } x^2 - 4x - x + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } (x-4)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 4, 1 \text{ and from (18) } z = 1, 4$$

Thus, we got the values of x, y and z.

#### 4. Problem No. 3

Find the integer solutions to the equations,

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 92 \quad (19)$$

$$x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 8 \quad (20)$$

$$x+y+z = 8 \quad (21)$$

**4.1. Solution to Problem No. 3**

Using (20) and (21),

$$x^2 + z^2 = 8 + y^2 \quad (22)$$

$$x+z = 8-y \quad (23)$$

Combining (23) and (22),

$$\begin{aligned} 2xz &= (x+z)^2 - (x^2 + z^2) = (8-y)^2 - (8+y^2) \\ xz &= 28-8y \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Using (22) and (23) in (19) yields,

$$(x+z)^3 - 3xz(x+z) + y^3 = 92$$

$$(8-y)^3 - 3(28-8y)(8-y) + y^3 = 92$$

$$\text{Or, } 512y^3 + 24y^2 - 192y + 192y - 672 + 84y - 24y^2 + y^3 = 92$$

$$\text{Or, } 84y = 252$$

$$y = 3 \quad (25)$$

As done earlier  $x = 4$  or  $1$  and  $z = 1$  or  $4$

It is interesting to note that evaluation (25) does not purport any cubic or quadratic equation.

Or otherwise (21) and (23) give,

$$x+z = 5 \quad (26)$$

$$xz = 4 \quad (27)$$

Combining (26) and (27) as earlier,

$$x-z = 1 \text{ or } 3$$

$$\text{Hence, } x = 1 \text{ or } 3 \text{ and } z = 4 \text{ or } 1 \quad (28)$$

**5. Problem No. 4**

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{31}{30} \quad (29)$$

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 160 \quad (30)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 38 \quad (31)$$

**5.1. Solution to Problem No. 4**

Rewriting (29),

$$xy+yz+zx = \frac{31}{30}xyz \quad (32)$$

By formula and using (29) and (33) and (32)

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx) \quad (33)$$

$$160 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)\{(x + y + z)^2 - 3(xy + yz + zx)\} \quad (34)$$

$$160 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)\{(x + y + z)^2 - 3(xy + yz + zx)\}$$

Combining (31), (32) and (34),

$$(x + y + z)^2 = 38 + \frac{31}{15}xyz \quad (35)$$

$$xyz = \frac{15}{31}(t^2 - 38)$$

$$\text{Or, } 160 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)\left(38 - \frac{31}{30}xyz\right)$$

$$= (x + y + z)\left(38 - \frac{31}{30}xyz\right)$$

Assuming,

$$x + y + z = t \quad (36)$$

and eliminating xyz in the above equation,

$$160 - 3xyz = t\left(38 - \frac{31}{30}xyz\right)$$

$$\text{Or, } 160 - 38t - xyz(3 - \frac{31}{30}t) = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } 160 - 38t - \frac{15}{31}(t^2 - 38)(3 - \frac{31}{30}t) = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{1}{2}t^3 - \frac{45}{31}t^2 - 57t + \frac{45 \times 38}{31} + 160 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } 31t^3 - 90t^2 - 114 \times 31t + 90 \times 38 + 320 \times 31 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } 31t^2(t - 10) + 220t^2 - 3534t + 90 \times 38 + 320 \times 31 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } 31t^2(t - 10) + 220t(t - 10) + 2200t - 3534t + 3420 + 9920 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } 31t^2(t - 10) + 220t(t - 10) - 1334t + 3420 + 9920 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } 31t^2(t - 10) + 220t(t - 10) - 1334(t - 10) = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } 31t^2 + 220t - 1334(t - 10) = 0$$

$$t = 10 \text{ ie, } x + y + z = 10 \quad (37)$$

Using (37) in (35) is obtained.

$$xyz = 30 \quad (38)$$

Using (37) and (38) in (32) is obtained.

$$xy + yz + zx = \frac{31}{30}xyz$$

$$\frac{30}{x} + x(10 - x) = 31$$

$$\text{Or, } x^3 - 10x^2 + 31x - 30 = 0 \quad (39)$$

We see that this equation is satisfied by 2.

$$\text{So, } x^2(x - 2) - 8x(x-2) + 15(x-2) = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } (x^2 - 8x + 15)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } (x-3)(x-5)(x-2) = 0 \quad (40)$$

$$\text{Or, } x = 2, 3, 5 \text{ or } y = 3, 5, 2 \text{ or } z = 3, 5, 2$$

## 6. Problem No. 5

Find integer values of x y from the equations

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25 \quad (41)$$

$$x^3 + y^3 = 91 \quad (42)$$

### 6.1. Solution to Problem No. 5

$$91 = (x+y)(x^2 + y^2 - xy)$$

$$91 = (x+y)(25 - xy) \quad (43)$$

$$(x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy = 25 + 2xy$$

$$\text{Or, } xy = \frac{(x+y)^2 - 25}{2} \quad (44)$$

Using (44) in (43),

$$91 = (x+y)(25 - xy)$$

$$\text{Or, } (x+y)\{75 - (x + y)^2\} = 182 \quad (45)$$

$$\text{Assuming } x+y = t \quad (46)$$

in (45) is obtained.

$$t^3 - 75t + 182 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } t^2(t-7) + 7t(t-7) - 26(t-7) = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } (t^2 + 7t - 26)(t-7) = 0$$

$$t = 7 \text{ or } t = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{153}}{2}, \quad (47)$$

Using (47) and (46) in (44),

$$xy = 12, x+y = 7$$

Which, as done earlier, led to

$$x = 3, y = 4 \text{ or } x = 4, y = 3$$

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