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INTEGRAL POINTS ON THE HYPERBOLA  $y^2 = 56x^2 + 1$

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ABSTRACT

The Binary Quadratic Equation given by  $y^2 = 56x^2 + 1$  is analyzed for its patterns of non-zero distinct integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special number patterns namely Polygonal number, Pyramidal number and Nasty number are presented. Employing the integral solutions of the equation under consideration, a few patterns of Pythagorean triangles are observed.

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NOTATIONS

- $t_{m,n}$  - Polygonal number of rank  $n$  with size  $m$
- $P_n^m$  - Pyramidal number of rank  $n$  with size  $m$
- $Ct_{m,n}$  - Centered Polygonal number of rank  $n$  with size  $m$
- $S_n$  - Star number of rank  $n$

INTRODUCTION

The Binary Quadratic Equation of the form  $y^2 = Dx^2 + 1$  where  $D$  is non-square positive integer has been studied by various mathematicians for its non-trivial integral solutions when  $D$  takes different integral values [1, 2, 3, 4]. In [5] infinitely many Pythagorean triangles in each of which hypotenuse is four times the product of the generators added with unity are obtained by employing the non-integral solutions of binary quadratic

equation  $y^2 = 3x^2 + 1$ . In [6], a special Pythagorean triangle is obtained by employing the integral solutions of  $y^2 = 10x^2 + 1$ . In [7] different patterns of infinitely many Pythagorean triangles are obtained by employing the integral solutions of  $y^2 = 12x^2 + 1$ . In this context, one may also refer [8-18]. These results have motivated us to search for the integral solutions of yet another binary quadratic equation  $y^2 = 56x^2 + 1$ . A few interesting properties among the solutions are presented. Employing the integral solutions of the equation under consideration a few patterns of Pythagorean triangles are obtained.

**METHOD OF ANALYSIS**

Consider the binary quadratic equation

$$y^2 = 56x^2 + 1 \tag{1}$$

with the least positive integer solution

$$x_0 = 2 \quad y_0 = 15$$

whose general solution  $(x_n, y_n)$  is given by

$$x_n = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{14}} g_n \tag{2}$$

$$y_n = \frac{1}{2} f_n \tag{3}$$

in which

$$f_n = (15 + 4\sqrt{14})^{n+1} + (15 - 4\sqrt{14})^{n+1}$$

$$g_n = (15 + 4\sqrt{14})^{n+1} - (15 - 4\sqrt{14})^{n+1}$$

where

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

It is to be noted that the equation (1) represents a hyperbola and the pair  $(x_n, y_n)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  gives the integral points on it.

A few numerical examples are presented in the table below:

$n$	$x_n$	$y_n$
0	2	15
1	60	449
2	1798	13455
3	53880	403201
4	1614602	12082575
5	48384180	362074049

A few interesting properties among the solutions are presented below:

1. For values of  $n$  given by  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  the values of  $x_n$  are even numbers and  $y_n$  are odd numbers.
2.  $x_{2n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
3.  $y_{2n} \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

4. The recurrence relation satisfied by  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  are correspondingly exhibited below:

$$x_{n+2} - 30x_{n+1} + x_n = 0$$

$$y_{n+2} - 30y_{n+1} + y_n = 0$$

5. Each of the following expressions is equivalent to  $x_n$ .

- $15x_{n+1} - 2y_{n+1}$
- $30x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}$
- $x_{n+2} - 4y_{n+1}$
- $\frac{1}{16}[449x_{n+1} + 449x_{n+2} - 62y_{n+2}]$
- $\frac{1}{112}[15y_{n+2} - 449y_{n+1}]$
- $\frac{1}{113}[30x_{n+1} - x_{n+2} - 449y_{n+1} + 15y_{n+2}]$

6. Each of the following expressions is equivalent to  $y_n$ .

- $15y_{n+1} - 112x_{n+1}$
- $y_{n+2} - 224x_{n+1}$
- $30y_{n+1} - y_{n+2}$
- $449y_{n+2} - 3360x_{n+2}$
- $\frac{1}{2}[15x_{n+2} - 449x_{n+1}]$
- $\frac{1}{15}[449y_{n+1} - 112x_{n+2}]$

7. Each of the following expressions is a nasty number.

- $12(112x_{2n} + 15y_{2n} + 1)$
- $\frac{1}{5}[x_{2n+3} - 449x_{2n+1} + 60]$
- $\frac{4}{5}[y_{2n+2} - 112x_{2n+1} + 15]$
- $12(15y_{2n+2} - 112x_{2n+2} + 1)$

8. Each of the following expressions is a perfect square.

- $2(y_{2n+3} - 224x_{2n+2} + 1)$
- $2(30y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+3} + 1)$
- $2(449y_{2n+3} - 3360x_{2n+3} + 1)$
- $15x_{2n+3} - 449x_{2n+2} + 2$

9. Each of the following expressions is a cubic integer.

- $15x_{3n+2} - x_{3n+1} + 180y_{n+1} - 6y_{n+2}$

- $60y_{3n+1} - 2y_{3n} - 672x_{n+1} + 90y_{n+1}$
- $448x_{3n+1} + 2y_{3n} + 180y_{n+1} - 6y_{n+2}$

**REMARKABLE OBSERVATIONS**

A. Let  $r$  and  $s$  be any two non-zero distinct positive integers and that  $r > s$ . Let  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  be the Pythagorean triangle with  $r, s$  as its generators such that  $\alpha = 2rs, \beta = r^2 - s^2, \gamma = r^2 + s^2$ . The different choices of  $r$  and  $s$  and the corresponding relation between the sides of the Pythagorean triangle are exhibited below.

S.No	$r$	$s$	Relation
1	$x_n + y_n$	$x_n$	$27\gamma + \alpha + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{28}$
2	$x_n + y_n$	$y_n$	$111\gamma + \beta + 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{112}$
3	$x_n + y_n$	$y_n$	$56\gamma - 56\alpha + 1 = t_{4,s}$
4	$x_n + y_n$	$x_n$	$\gamma - \alpha - 1 = 56t_{4,s}$
5	$y_n + \frac{x_n - 1}{2}$	$\frac{x_n - 1}{2}$	$\gamma - \alpha - 57 = 448t_{3,s}$
6	$x_n + \frac{y_n - 1}{2}$	$\frac{y_n - 1}{2}$	$7\gamma - 7\alpha = t_{3,s}$
7	$y_n + \frac{x_n - 1}{2}$	$\frac{x_n - 1}{2}$	$\gamma - \alpha - 1 = 56Ct_{8,s}$
8	$x_n + \frac{y_n - 1}{2}$	$\frac{y_n - 1}{2}$	$56\gamma - 56\alpha + 1 = Ct_{8,s}$
9	$y_n + \frac{x_n + 1}{3}$	$\frac{x_n + 1}{3}$	$\gamma - \alpha - 57 = 168t_{8,s}$
10	$x_n + \frac{y_n + 1}{3}$	$\frac{y_n + 1}{3}$	$56\gamma - 56\alpha = 3t_{8,s}$
11	$y_n + \frac{x_n - 1}{2}$	$\frac{x_n - 1}{2}$	$\gamma - \alpha + 55 = 112Ct_{4,s}$
12	$x_n + \frac{y_n - 1}{2}$	$\frac{y_n - 1}{2}$	$28\gamma - 28\alpha + 1 = Ct_{4,s}$
13	$y_n + \frac{x_n - 5}{10}$	$\frac{x_n - 5}{10}$	$\gamma - \alpha - 841 = 560Ct_{20,s}$
14	$x_n + \frac{y_n - 5}{10}$	$\frac{y_n - 5}{10}$	$28\gamma - 28\alpha - 7 = 5Ct_{20,s}$
15	$y_n + \frac{x_n + 3}{6}$	$\frac{x_n + 3}{6}$	$\gamma - \alpha - 169 = 336S_s$
16	$x_n + \frac{y_n + 3}{6}$	$\frac{y_n + 3}{6}$	$28\gamma - 28\alpha - 1 = 3S_s$

B. Employing the solutions  $(x, y)$  (1) the following expressions among the special Polygonal and Pyramidal numbers are given below.

1.  $56 \left[ \frac{P_x^5}{t_{3,x}} \right]^2 + 1$  is a perfect square.
2.  $\left[ \frac{12P_{y-1}^6}{t_{6,2(y-1)}} \right]^2 - 56 \left[ \frac{2P_{x-1}^5}{t_{4,x-1}} \right]^2 = 1$
3.  $\left[ \frac{6P_{y-1}^4}{t_{3,2(y-1)}} \right]^2 - 2 \left[ \frac{6P_x^4}{t_{6,x+1}} \right]^2 - 1$  is a nasty number.
4.  $\left[ \frac{2P_{y-1}^8}{t_{6,y-1}} \right]^2 - 2 \left[ \frac{2P_{x-1}^5}{t_{4,x-1}} \right]^2 - 1$  is a nasty number.
5.  $\frac{1}{56} \left\{ \left[ \frac{12P_y^3}{Ct_{4,y+1} - 1} \right]^2 - 1 \right\}$  is a perfect square.

#### CONCLUSION

One may search for other patterns of solutions and their corresponding properties.

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