

## On The Positive Pell Equation $y^2 = 5x^2 + 4$

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**Abstract:**The binary quadratic equation represented by the positive Pellian  $y^2 = 5x^2 + 4$  is analyzed for its distinct integer solutions. A few interesting relations among the solutions are given. Further, employing the solutions of the above hyperbola, we have obtained solutions of other choices of hyperbola, parabolas and special Pythagorean triangle.

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### I. 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 [1-4]. For an extensive review of various problems, one may refer [5-20]. In this communication, yet another interesting hyperbola given by  $y^2 = 5x^2 + 4$  considered and infinitely many integer solutions are obtained. A few interesting properties among the solutions are presented.

### II. Method Of Analysis

Consider the binary quadratic equation

$$y^2 = 5x^2 + 4 \quad (1)$$

whose smallest positive integer solution is  $x_0 = 1, y_0 = 3$

To obtain the other solutions of (1), consider the pell equation  $y^2 = 5x^2 + 1$  whose solution is given by

$$\tilde{x}_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} g_n, \quad \tilde{y}_n = \frac{1}{2} f_n$$

where,

$$f_n = (9 + 4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} + (9 - 4\sqrt{5})^{n+1},$$

$$g_n = (9 + 4\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (9 - 4\sqrt{5})^{n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Applying Brahmagupta lemma between  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n)$ , the other integer solutions of (1) are given by

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} f_n + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}} g_n,$$

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{3}{2} f_n + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} g_n$$

The recurrence relations satisfied by the solutions  $x$  and  $y$  are given by

$$x_{n+1} - 18x_{n+2} + x_{n+3} = 0$$

$$y_{n+1} - 18y_{n+2} + y_{n+3} = 0$$

Some numerical examples of  $x$  and  $y$  satisfying (1) are given in Table(1) below

**Table1:** Examples

n	$x_n$	$y_n$
0	1	3
1	21	47
2	377	843
3	6765	15127
4	121393	271443

From the above table, we observe some interesting relations among the solutions which are presented below

(1)  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  are always odd

(2) Each of the following expressions is a nasty number

- ❖  $\frac{9x_{2n+3} - 141x_{2n+2} + 48}{4}$
- ❖  $\frac{3x_{2n+4} - 843x_{2n+2} + 288}{24}$
- ❖  $\frac{3y_{2n+3} - 105x_{2n+2} + 36}{3}$
- ❖  $\frac{9y_{2n+4} - 5655x_{2n+2} + 1932}{161}$
- ❖  $\frac{141x_{2n+4} - 252 \cdot 9x_{2n+3} + 48}{4}$
- ❖  $\frac{47y_{2n+2} - 5x_{2n+3} + 36}{3}$
- ❖  $141y_{2n+3} - 315x_{2n+3} + 12$
- ❖  $\frac{47y_{2n+4} - 1885x_{2n+3} + 36}{3}$
- ❖  $\frac{2529y_{2n+2} - 15x_{2n+4} + 1932}{161}$
- ❖  $281y_{2n+3} - 35x_{2n+4} + 12$
- ❖  $2529y_{2n+4} - 5655x_{2n+4} + 12$
- ❖  $\frac{63y_{2n+2} - 3y_{2n+3} + 48}{4}$
- ❖  $\frac{377y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+4} + 288}{24}$
- ❖  $\frac{1131y_{2n+3} - 63y_{2n+4} + 108}{4}$

(3) Each of the following expression is a cubical integer

- ❖  $(3x_{3n+4} - 47x_{3n+3}) + 3(3x_{n+2} - 47x_{n+1})$
- ❖  $20736(3x_{3n+5} - 843x_{3n+3}) + 62208(3x_{n+3} - 843x_{n+1})$
- ❖  $324(3y_{3n+4} - 105x_{3n+3}) + 972(3y_{n+2} - 105x_{n+1})$
- ❖  $103684(3y_{3n+5} - 1885x_{3n+3}) + 311052(3y_{n+3} - 1885x_{n+1})$
- ❖  $(47x_{3n+5} - 843x_{3n+4}) + 3(47x_{n+3} - 843x_{n+2})$
- ❖  $324(47y_{3n+3} - 5x_{3n+4}) + 972(47y_{n+1} - 5x_{n+2})$
- ❖  $4(47y_{3n+4} - 105x_{3n+4}) + 12(47y_{n+2} - 105x_{n+2})$
- ❖  $324(47y_{3n+5} - 1885x_{3n+4}) + 972(47y_{n+3} - 1885x_{n+2})$
- ❖  $103684(843y_{3n+3} - 5x_{3n+5}) + 311052(843y_{n+1} - 5x_{n+3})$
- ❖  $324(843y_{3n+4} - 105x_{3n+5}) + 972(843y_{n+2} - 105x_{n+3})$
- ❖  $4(843y_{3n+5} - 1885x_{3n+5}) + 12(843y_{n+3} - 1885x_{n+3})$
- ❖  $(21y_{3n+3} - y_{3n+4}) + 3(21y_{n+1} - y_{n+2})$
- ❖  $20736(377y_{3n+3} - y_{3n+5}) + 62208(377y_{n+1} - y_{n+3})$
- ❖  $(377y_{3n+4} - 21y_{3n+5}) + 3(377y_{n+2} - 21y_{n+3})$

(4) Relation among the solution

- ❖  $x_{n+3} = 18x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $4y_{n+1} = x_{n+2} - 9x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $4y_{n+2} = 9x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}$

- ❖  $4y_{n+3} = 161x_{n+2} - 9x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $72y_{n+1} = x_{n+3} - 161x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $8y_{n+2} = x_{n+3} - x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $72y_{n+3} = 161x_{n+3} - x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $9y_{n+1} = y_{n+2} - 20x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $9y_{n+3} = 161y_{n+2} + 20x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $161y_{n+1} = y_{n+3} - 360x_{n+1}$
- ❖  $4y_{n+1} = 9x_{n+3} - 161x_{n+2}$
- ❖  $4y_{n+2} = x_{n+3} - 9x_{n+2}$
- ❖  $4y_{n+3} = 9x_{n+3} - x_{n+2}$
- ❖  $9y_{n+2} = 20x_{n+2} + y_{n+1}$
- ❖  $y_{n+3} = y_{n+1} + 40x_{n+2}$
- ❖  $y_{n+3} = 9y_{n+2} + 20x_{n+2}$
- ❖  $161y_{n+2} = 20x_{n+3} + 9y_{n+1}$
- ❖  $161y_{n+3} = 360x_{n+3} + y_{n+1}$
- ❖  $9y_{n+3} = y_{n+2} + 20x_{n+3}$
- ❖  $y_{n+3} = 18y_{n+2} - y_{n+1}$

**Remarkable Observations**

Employing linear combinations among the solutions of (1), one may generate integer solutions for other choices of hyperbolas which are presented in Table2 below.

**Table 2: Hyperbolas**

S. No.	(X,Y)	Hyperbola
1	$(21x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}, 3x_{n+2} - 47x_{n+1})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 256$
2	$(377x_{n+1} - x_{n+3}, 3x_{n+3} - 843x_{n+1})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 82944$
3	$(47x_{n+1} - y_{n+2}, 3y_{n+2} - 105x_{n+1})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 1296$
4	$(843x_{n+1} - y_{n+3}, 3y_{n+3} - 1885x_{n+1})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 414736$
5	$(377x_{n+2} - 21x_{n+3}, 47x_{n+3} - 843x_{n+2})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 256$
6	$(3x_{n+2} - 21y_{n+1}, 47y_{n+1} - 5x_{n+2})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 1296$
7	$(47x_{n+2} - 21y_{n+2}, 47y_{n+2} - 105x_{n+2})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 16$
8	$(843x_{n+2} - 21y_{n+3}, 47y_{n+3} - 1885x_{n+2})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 1296$
9	$(3x_{n+3} - 377y_{n+1}, 843y_{n+1} - 5x_{n+3})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 414736$
10	$(47x_{n+3} - 377y_{n+2}, 843y_{n+2} - 105x_{n+3})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 1296$
11	$(843x_{n+3} - 377y_{n+3}, 843y_{n+3} - 1885x_{n+3})$	$Y^2 - 5X^2 = 16$
12	$(3y_{n+2} - 47y_{n+1}, 21y_{n+1} - y_{n+2})$	$5Y^2 - X^2 = 1280$
13	$(3y_{n+3} - 843y_{n+1}, 377y_{n+1} - y_{n+3})$	$5Y^2 - X^2 = 414720$
14	$(47y_{n+3} - 843y_{n+2}, 377y_{n+2} - 21y_{n+3})$	$5Y^2 - X^2 = 1280$

Employing linear combinations among the solutions of (1), one may generate integer solutions for other choices of parabolas which are presented in the Table 3 below.

**Table 3: Parabolas**

S. No.	(X,Y)	Parabolas
1	$(21x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}, 3x_{2n+3} - 47x_{2n+2} + 16)$	$5X^2 = 8Y - 256$
2	$(377x_{n+1} - x_{n+3}, 3x_{2n+4} - 843x_{2n+2} + 288)$	$5X^2 = 144Y - 82944$
3	$(47x_{n+1} - y_{n+2}, 3y_{2n+3} - 105x_{2n+2} + 36)$	$5X^2 = 18Y - 1296$
4	$(843x_{n+1} - y_{n+3}, 3y_{2n+4} - 1885x_{2n+2} + 644)$	$5X^2 = 322Y - 414736$
5	$(377x_{n+2} - 21x_{n+3}, 47x_{2n+4} - 843x_{2n+3} + 16)$	$5X^2 = 8Y - 256$

6	$(3x_{n+2} - 21y_{n+1}, 47y_{2n+2} - 5x_{2n+3} + 36)$	$5X^2 = 18Y - 1296$
7	$(47x_{n+2} - 21y_{n+2}, 47y_{2n+3} - 105x_{2n+3} + 4)$	$5X^2 = 2Y - 16$
8	$(843x_{n+2} - 21y_{n+3}, 47y_{2n+4} - 1885x_{2n+3} + 36)$	$5X^2 = 18Y - 1296$
9	$(3x_{n+3} - 377y_{n+1}, 843y_{2n+2} - 5x_{2n+4} + 644)$	$5X^2 = 322Y - 414736$
10	$(47x_{n+3} - 377y_{n+2}, 843y_{2n+3} - 105x_{2n+4} + 36)$	$5X^2 = 18Y - 1296$
11	$(843x_{n+3} - 377y_{n+3}, 843y_{2n+4} - 1885x_{2n+4} + 4)$	$5X^2 = 2Y - 16$
12	$(3y_{n+2} - 47y_{n+1}, 21y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+3} + 16)$	$X^2 = 40Y - 1280$
13	$(3y_{n+3} - 843y_{n+1}, 377y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+4} + 288)$	$X^2 = 720Y - 414720$
14	$(47y_{n+3} - 843y_{n+2}, 377y_{2n+3} - 21y_{2n+4} + 16)$	$X^2 = 40Y - 1280$

Consider  $p = x + y, q = x$ . Observe that  $p > q > 0$ . Treat  $p, q$  as the generators of the Pythagorean triangle

$T(x, y, z)$ , where  $X = 2pq, Y = p^2 - q^2, Z = p^2 + q^2$ .

Let  $A$  and  $P$  denote the area and perimeter of the Pythagorean triangle.

Then the following interesting relations are observed.

a)  $-2X + 5Y - 3Z = 8$

b)  $2Z - 7X + 20 \frac{A}{P} = 8$

c)  $xy = \frac{2A}{P}$

### III. Conclusion

In this paper, we have presented infinitely many integer solutions for the hyperbola represented by the positive Pell equation  $y^2 = 5x^2 + 4$ . As the binary quadratic Diophantine equation are rich in variety, one may search for the other choices of negative Pell equations and determine their integer solutions along with suitable properties.

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