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1. (15 pts.) Find all solutions  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$  of the equation  $2x^2 + 3y^2 = 8z^2$ .

$z=0 \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$  Assume  $z \neq 0$ , then  $2\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^2 = 8$

$2A^2 + 3B^2 = 8, A = \frac{x}{z}, B = \frac{y}{z}$

$(A_0, B_0) = (-2, 0)$  is a rational point on the conic  $2A^2 + 3B^2 = 8$ .

Let  $L$  be the line in the  $AB$ -plane through  $(A, B) = (-2, 0)$  with slope  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

$L: B - 0 = r(A - (-2)), B = r(A + 2)$

$2A^2 + 3B^2 = 8 \Leftrightarrow 2A^2 + 3(r^2(A+2)^2) - 8 = 0$

$2(A^2 - 4) + 3r^2(A+2)^2 = 0$

$(A+2) \cdot [2(A-2) + 3r^2(A+2)] = 0$

$\underbrace{A+2=0} \vee 2(A-2) + 3r^2(A+2) = 0$

gives  $(A, B) = (-2, 0)$

$A = \frac{4 - 6r^2}{2 + 3r^2}$

$\Rightarrow B = r(A + 2)$

$(A, B) = \left( \frac{4 - 6r^2}{2 + 3r^2}, \frac{8r}{2 + 3r^2} \right)$  is the second intersection of  $L$  with the conic

This parametrizes all rational points on the conic  $2A^2 + 3B^2 = 8$ , except for  $(-2, 0)$ .

$r = \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow$

$(A, B) = \left( \frac{4b^2 - 6a^2}{2b^2 + 3a^2}, \frac{8ab}{2b^2 + 3a^2} \right)$  (where  $r = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ )  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0$ .

$\frac{x}{z} = \frac{4b^2 - 6a^2}{2b^2 + 3a^2}$

$\frac{y}{z} = \frac{8ab}{2b^2 + 3a^2}$

$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = k \cdot (4b^2 - 6a^2, 8ab, 2b^2 + 3a^2)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0, k \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ .

$(x, y, z)$  is proportional to

$(4b^2 - 6a^2, 8ab, 2b^2 + 3a^2)$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0$ .

So,  $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ , or  $(x, y, z) = (-2k, 0, k) \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}$  or

2. (14 pts.) Find all solutions  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$  of the linear Diophantine equation  $24x + 14y + 63z = 1$ .

$d = \gcd(24, 14, 63) = \gcd(\gcd(24, 14), 63) = \gcd(2, 63) = 1$  and  $1 \mid 1$  ( $d \mid 1$ ), hence there is a solution.

$\gcd(24, 14) = 2 \Rightarrow 24x + 14y = 2k$  (for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

$24x + 14y + 63z = 1 \Leftrightarrow 2k + 63z = 1$   $(k, z) = (-31, 1)$  is a solution.  $\gcd(2, 63) = 1$ .

Then,  $k = -31 + 63t$   
 $z = 1 - 2t$  for  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$

$2k = 24x + 14y = 2 \cdot (-31 + 63t) \Leftrightarrow 12x + 7y = -31 + 63t$

$\gcd(12, 7) = 1$

$12 = 7 \cdot 1 + 5$

$7 = 5 \cdot 1 + 2$

$5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1$

$2 = 1 \cdot 2 + 0$

$1 = 5 - 2 \cdot 2$

$= 5 - 2(7 - 5)$

$= 3 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 7$

$= 3 \cdot (12 - 7) - 2 \cdot 7$

$= 3 \cdot 12 - 5 \cdot 7$

$(x, y) = (3, -5)$  is a sol. of  $12x + 7y = 1$

$12 \cdot 3 + 7(-5) = 1$

$12(3(-31 + 63t)) + 7(-5(-31 + 63t)) = -31 + 63t$

Then  $x = -93 + 189t + 7u$   
 $y = 155 - 315t - 12u$   
 $z = 1 - 2t$  for  $t, u \in \mathbb{Z}$

3. (2x7 pts.) For each integer  $n$  below, express  $n$  as a sum of two squares if it is possible. If not, express  $n$  as a sum of four squares:

a)  $n = 2^3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 29 \cdot 73 = (2 \cdot 7)^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 29 \cdot 73 = 14^2 \cdot (1^2 + 1^2) \cdot (5^2 + 2^2) \cdot (8^2 + 3^2)$

$= 14^2 \cdot (1^2 + 1^2) \cdot [(5 \cdot 8 - 2 \cdot 3)^2 + (5 \cdot 3 + 8 \cdot 2)^2]$

$= 14^2 \cdot (1^2 + 1^2) \cdot (34^2 + 31^2)$

$= 14^2 \cdot [(1 \cdot 34 - 1 \cdot 31)^2 + (1 \cdot 31 + 1 \cdot 34)^2]$

$= 14^2 \cdot (3^2 + 65^2) = (14 \cdot 3)^2 + (14 \cdot 65)^2$   
 $= 42^2 + 910^2$

$(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = (ac - bd)^2 + (ad + bc)^2$

b)  $n = 13 \cdot 43$   $13 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$   $43 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  power of 43 in the prime factorization is 1 (odd), then  $n$  is not a sum of two squares.

$n = 13 \cdot (41 + 2)$

$= 13 \cdot 41 + 13 \cdot 2$

$= (3^2 + 2^2) \cdot (5^2 + 4^2) + (3^2 + 2^2) \cdot (1^2 + 1^2)$

$= [(3 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 4)^2 + (3 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 5)^2] + [(3 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 1)^2 + (3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1)^2]$

$= 7^2 + 22^2 + 1^2 + 5^2$

4. (14 pts.) Find all  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$  such that  $x > 0, y > 0, z > 0, x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  and  $x + z = 150$ .

$(x, y, z) = (kx_0, ky_0, kz_0)$  or  $(x, y, z) = (ky_0, kx_0, kz_0)$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is a primitive Pythagorean triple with  $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$x_0 = 2st$   
 $y_0 = s^2 - t^2$  where  $\gcd(s, t) = 1$   
 $z_0 = s^2 + t^2$

$s > t > 0$   
 $s \not\equiv t \pmod{2}$

Case 1  $x = kx_0, z = kz_0$

$150 = x + z = k(2st) + k(s^2 + t^2)$   
 $150 = k(s^2 + 2st + t^2) = k(s+t)^2$   
 $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 = k(s+t)^2 \Rightarrow k=6, s+t=5$

Case 2  $x = ky_0, z = kz_0$

$x + z = 150 = k(s^2 - t^2) + k(s^2 + t^2)$   
 $150 = k \cdot 2s^2$   
 $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 = k \cdot 2 \cdot s^2 \Rightarrow k=3, s=5$

$s+t=5 \Rightarrow (s, t) = (4, 1)$   
 or  $(s, t) = (3, 2)$

$(x, y, z) = (48, 90, 102)$   
 or  $(x, y, z) = (72, 30, 78)$

$s=5 \Rightarrow t=4$  or  $t=2$   
 $(s, t) = (5, 4) \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (27, 120, 123)$   
 $(s, t) = (5, 2) \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (63, 60, 87)$

5. (14 pts.) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two distinct primes such that  $p \equiv q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Show that  $pq$  can be expressed as a sum of two squares in at least two distinct ways (that is,  $pq = x^2 + y^2 = s^2 + t^2$  for positive integers  $x, y, s, t$  such that  $(x, y) \neq (s, t)$  and  $(x, y) \neq (t, s)$ ).

$p \equiv q \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow p$  and  $q$  are sums of two squares.

$p = a^2 + b^2$   $p$  prime  $\Rightarrow a > 0, b > 0$ , and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  w.l.o.g.  $a > 0, b > 0$   
 $q = c^2 + d^2$   $q$  prime  $\Rightarrow c > 0, d > 0$ ,  $\gcd(c, d) = 1$   $c > 0, d > 0$

$p \cdot q = (a^2 + b^2) \cdot (c^2 + d^2) = (ac - bd)^2 + (ad + bc)^2 = x^2 + y^2$  where  $x = |ac - bd|$   
 $y = ad + bc$   
 $= (ac + bd)^2 + (ad - bc)^2 = s^2 + t^2$   $s = ac + bd$   
 $t = |ad - bc|$

To show  $(x, y) \neq (s, t)$  and  $(x, y) \neq (t, s)$

it suffices to show  $y \neq t$  and  $y \neq s$ .

$y = t \Rightarrow \begin{cases} ad + bc = ad - bc \Rightarrow 2bc = 0, b=0 \vee c=0, \text{contradicting } b > 0, c > 0 \\ \text{or } ad + bc = -ad + bc \Rightarrow 2ad = 0, \text{contradicting } a > 0, d > 0. \end{cases}$

$y = s \Rightarrow ad + bc = ac + bd$

$a(d - c) = b(d - c)$   
 $(a - b)(d - c) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = b \vee d = c$

$p = 2a^2$   
 (contradicting  $p$  is an odd prime)

$q = c^2 + d^2$   
 $q = 2c^2$   
 (contradicting  $q$  is an odd prime).

$x, y, s, t > 0$   
 $x=0 \Rightarrow pq = y^2$   
 contradiction  
 ( $p, q$  distinct primes)  
 similarly  
 $y \neq 0, s \neq 0, t \neq 0$

6. (14 pts.) For the elliptic curve  $C$  given by the equation  $y^2 = x^3 - 2x + 1$ , find all rational points of finite order on  $C$  (Discriminant of  $x^3 + bx + c$  is  $D = -4b^3 - 27c^2$ ).

$$D = -4(-2)^3 - 27(1)^2 = 5$$

Let  $(x, y) \in C$  be a rational point of finite order on  $C$ . Then by Nagell-Lutz Theorem  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $y = 0$  or  $y \mid 5$

$$y = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 - 2x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \quad (x, y) = (1, 0) = P \quad (\text{a point of order 2 since } -P = (1, -0) = (1, 0))$$

$$y \mid 5 \Rightarrow y \in \{1, 5\} \quad (x, y) = (1, 0) = P \quad (\text{since } x \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$y = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = x^3 - 2x + 1 \Rightarrow x(x^2 - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \quad (x, y) = (0, 1) = R, \quad -R = (0, -1)$$

$$y = 5 \Rightarrow 25 = x^3 - 2x + 1 \Rightarrow 0 = x^3 - 2x - 24 \Rightarrow x = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ is a root} \Rightarrow a \mid -24, b \mid 1$$

so  $x \in \{24, 12, 8, 6, 3, 2, 1\}$   
 • None of those 6 values is a root.

$y = 5 \Rightarrow \approx (x, 5)$  with  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  is on  $C$ .

order of  $P = 2$ , order of  $R = \text{order of } (-R)$

To find order of  $R$ :

$$R + R = (x_3, y_3) \Rightarrow 2R = R + R = (x_3, -y_3)$$

L: Tangent line to  $C$  at  $R = (0, 1)$ ,  $L: y = \lambda x + \nu$

$$\lambda = \frac{f'(0)}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{3x^2 - 2}{2y} \Big|_{(0,1)} = -1$$

$$1 = \lambda \cdot 0 + \nu \Rightarrow \nu = 1 \quad L: y = -x + 1$$

$$x_3 = \lambda^2 - a - 2x_1 = (-1)^2 - 0 - 2 \cdot 0 = 1, \quad y_3 = -\lambda x_3 + \nu = -1 \cdot 1 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } 2R = (x_3, -y_3) = (1, 0) = P$$

$2R = P$  has order 2  $\Rightarrow R$  has order 4. Then  $-R$  also has order 4.

Rational points of finite order on  $C$  are  $\{O, P, R, -R\}$   $O$ : identity on  $C$ , point at  $\infty$   $\cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$

7. (2 x 7 pts.) a) Show that  $\frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{1}{y^4} = \frac{1}{z^4}$  has no solution in integers.

$$\text{If } \frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{1}{y^4} = \frac{1}{z^4}, \text{ then } x^4 y^4 z^4 \left( \frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{1}{y^4} \right) = x^4 y^4 z^4 \cdot \frac{1}{z^4}$$

$$y^4 z^4 + x^4 z^4 = x^4 y^4$$

$$(y z)^4 + (x z)^4 = (x y)^4 \quad \text{with } a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ contradiction.}$$

$$(a = yz, b = xz, c = xy)$$

This eq. has no sol. values over all of  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 but this implies at least one of  $x, y, z$  is 0, but then

b) Show that any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  can be written as  $n = a^2 + b^2 - c^2$  for some integers  $a, b$  and  $c$ .

$$x \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow x = k^2 - m^2 \text{ for } k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Let } n \in \mathbb{Z}, \left. \begin{array}{l} n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \text{or } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \text{or } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow n - (-2)^2 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$\text{Hence } n - (-2)^2 = k^2 - m^2$$

$$n = k^2 + 2^2 - m^2, \quad k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow n^2 - 1^2 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$\text{Hence } n^2 - 1^2 = k^2 - m^2$$

$$n = k^2 + 1^2 - m^2 \text{ for } k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$