# Special Pairs of Pythagorean Triangle

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Abstract— we illustrate the different methods of obtaining pairs of Pythagorean triangles which are such that, in each pair, the sum of the product of their generators is a perfect square. Also a few interesting properties among the pairs of Pythagorean triangles and special polygonal numbers are exhibited.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

The fascinating branch of mathematics is the theory of numbers where in Pythagorean triangles have been a matter of interest to various mathematicians and to the lovers of mathematics, because it is a treasure house in which the search for many hidden connection is a treasure hunt. For a rich variety of fascinating problems one may refer [1-17]. A careful observer of patterns may note that there is a one to one correspondence between the polygonal numbers and the number of sides of the polygon.

In [18-20], special Pythagorean triangles connected with polygonal numbers and Nasty numbers are obtained. In [21] pairs of distinct Pythagorean triangles such that in each pair the difference between their perimeter is represented by i)  $k\alpha^2$  ii)  $k\alpha^n$ , n > 2 iii)  $3p_{2N}^3$  iv)  $12pt_{2N}$  are obtained.

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# II. NOTATION USED

- $\bullet$   $t_{m,n}$  Polygonal number of rank n with size m.
- P<sub>n</sub><sup>m</sup> Pyramidal number of rank n with size m.
- gn<sub>a</sub> Gnomonic number of rank a
- J<sub>n</sub> Jacobsthal number of rank n
- $j_n$  Jacobsthal-Lucas number of rank n
- $Pt_n$  Pantatope number of rank n
  - $Ky_n$  Kyneya number of rank n
  - $pr_n$  Pronic number of rank n

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# III. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Let  $T_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $T_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  be two distinct Pythagorean triangles, where

$$x_1 = m^2 - n^2$$
,  $y_1 = 2mn$ ,  $z_1 = m^2 + n^2$  and (1)  
 $x_2 = p^2 - q^2$ ,  $y_2 = 2pq$ ,  $z_3 = p^2 + q^2$ 

m, n(m > n > 0) and p, q(p > q > 0) are the generators of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively.

We illustrate below the process of obtaining pairs of Pythagorean triangles such that the sum of the product of the generators is a perfect square.

ie, 
$$mn + pq = \alpha^2$$
 (2)

Different choices of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are obtained by solving (2) through employing different forms of linear transformations for the generators m, n, p and q in (2).

## **CHOICE: 1**

Introducing the linear transformations

$$m = u + v, n = u - v, p = r + u, q = r - u, u \neq v \neq r$$
 (3)  
(2), it gives

$$r^2 = \alpha^2 + v^2 \tag{4}$$

which is the well known Pythagorean equation which is satisfied by

$$v = 2ab, \alpha = a^2 - b^2, r = a^2 + b^2, a > b > 0$$

Substituting the values of v and r in (3) and using (1), the corresponding sides of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are as follows

$$x_1(a,b,u) = 8abu$$

$$y_1(a,b,u) = 2(u^2 - 4a^2b^2)$$

$$z_1(a,b,u) = 2(u^2 + 4a^2b^2)$$

$$x_2(a,b,u) = 4u(a^2 + b^2)$$

$$y_2(a,b,u) = 2[(a^2 + b^2)^2 - u^2]$$

$$z_2(a,b,u) = 2[(a^2 + b^2)^2 + u^2]$$

# **Properties:**

- $x_1(a,b,u(u+1)) + x_2(a,b,u(u+1)) = 8t_{3,u} * t_{4,a+b}$
- $2 \operatorname{Pr}_{a} x_{2}(a, a+1, u) \operatorname{gn}_{a} x_{1}(a, a+1, u) \equiv 0 \pmod{2a^{2}}$
- $3\{y_1(a,b,u) + z_1(a,b,u) + z_2(a,b,u) y_2(a,b,u)\}$  is a Nasty number.
- $x_1(a, a, (a+1)) y_1(a, a, (a+1)) + z_1(a, a, (a+1)) 16P_a^5$  is a biquadratic integer.

$$x_1(a, (a+1)(a+2), a+3) + y_1(a, (a+1)(a+2), a+3)$$

$$+ z_1(a, (a+1)(a+2), a+3) = 192Pt_a + 4t_{4,a+3}$$



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## Note:1

The substitution of (4) may also be taken as

$$v = a^2 - b^2$$
,  $\alpha = 2ab$ ,  $r = a^2 + b^2$ ,  $a > b > 0$ 

For this choice, the corresponding sides of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are respectively as follows

$$x_1(a,b,u) = 4u(a^2 - b^2)$$

$$y_1(a,b,u) = 2[u^2 - (a^2 - b^2)^2]$$

$$z_1(a,b,u) = 2[u^2 + (a^2 - b^2)^2]$$

$$x_2(a,b,u) = 4u(a^2 + b^2)$$

$$y_2(a,b,u) = 2[(a^2 + b^2)^2 - u^2]$$

$$z_2(a,b,u) = 2[(a^2 + b^2)^2 + u^2]$$

# **Properties:**

• 
$$x_2(a,b,b+1) - x_1(a,b,b+1) = 16P_a^5$$

• 
$$y_1(2^a + 1,1,u) + y_2(2^a + 1,1,u) = 8(Ky_a + 2)$$

• 
$$3(J_{2n})^2 x_2(2^n,1,1) = (j_{2n})^2 x_1(2^n,1,1)$$

• 
$$y_1(2^n,1,u(u+1)) + z_1(2^n,1,u(u+1)) + y_2(2^n,1,u(u+1))$$
  
+  $z_2(2^n,1,u(u+1)) = 4(Pr_a)^2 + 4(j_{2n})^2$ 

#### CHOICE: 2

Introduction of the linear transformations

$$m = 2v + 2s, n = 2s, p = r + 2s, q = r - 2s, r > 2s > 0$$
 (5)

in (2) leads to

$$\alpha^2 - r^2 = 4vs \tag{6}$$

which is satisfied by  $\alpha = v + s, r = v - s$ 

Substituting the value r in (5) and using (1), the corresponding sides of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are as follows

$$x_1(v,s) = 4v(v+2s)$$

$$y_1(v,s) = 8s(v+s)$$

$$z_1(v,s) = 4(v^2 + 2s^2 + 2vs)$$

$$x_2(v,s) = -8s^2 + 8vs$$

$$y_2(v,s) = 2(v^2 - 2vs - 3s^2)$$

$$z_2(v,s) = 2(5s^2 + v^2 - 2vs)$$

# **Properties:**

$$x_1(t_{3,v},t_{3,v+2}) + y_1(t_{3,v},t_{3,v+2}) = 384Pt_v + 16t_{3,v}$$

$$+8(Pr_{a+2})^2$$

• 
$$y_1(2v^2 - 1, v) + x_2(2v^2 - 1, v) = 16SO_v$$

$$x_2(v, s(s+1)(s+2)) + y_2(v, s(s+1)(s+2)) +$$

$$z_2(v, s(s+1)(s+2)) + 24P_s^3 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

•  $6\{y_1(v, v) - x_1(v, v)\}$  is a Nasty number.

# Note:2

(6) is equivalent to the following systems of equations

i) 
$$\alpha + r = 2vs$$
 ii)  $\alpha + r = vs$   $\alpha + r = vs$   $\alpha - r = 4$ 

Now solving the system of equations (i), we have

 $\alpha = vs + 1, r = vs - 1,$ 

Using the value of r in (5) and in view of (1), the sides of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are given by

$$x_1(v,s) = 4v^2 + 8vs$$

$$y_1(v,s) = 8(vs + s^2)$$

$$z_1(v,s) = 4(v^2 + 2s^2 + 2vs)$$

$$x_2(v,s) = 8vs^2 - 8s$$

$$v_2(v,s) = 2[(vs)^2 - 2vs - 4s^2 + 1]$$

$$z_2(v,s) = 2[(vs)^2 + 4s^2 - 2vs + 1]$$

On solving the system of equation (ii), we have  $\alpha = \frac{vs}{2} + 2, r = \frac{vs}{2} - 2$ 

Since our aim is to find integer values, it seen that  $\alpha$  and r are integers when either v is even or s is even.

Let v=2V then  $\alpha=Vs+2, r=Vs-2$ , In this case, the corresponding sides of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are obtained as

$$x_1(V,s) = 16(V^2 + Vs)$$

$$v_1(V,s) = 8(2Vs + s^2)$$

$$z_1(V,s) = 4(4V^2 + 2s^2 + 4Vs)$$

$$x_2(V,s) = 8Vs^2 - 16s$$

$$y_2(V,s) = 2[(Vs)^2 - 4Vs - 4s^2 + 4]$$

$$z_2(V,s) = 2[(Vs)^2 + 4s^2 - 4Vs + 4]$$

# CHOICE: 3

Considering  $v = 2^{2k} s$  in (6), it is written as

$$\alpha^2 = r^2 + (2^{2k+1}s)^2 \tag{7}$$

which is the well known Pythagorean equation which is satisfied by

$$\alpha = x^2 + y^2, r = x^2 - y^2, s = \frac{xy}{2^k}, x > y > 0$$

Replacing x by  $2^k x$  in the above equations, we have

$$\alpha = (2^k x)^2 + y^2, r = (2^k x)^2 - y^2, s = xy$$

Thus, in view of (6) and using (1), the corresponding sides of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are found to be

$$x_1(x, y, k) = 4x^2y^2[(2^{2k} + 1)^2 - 1]$$

$$v_1(x, y, k) = 8x^2v^2(2^{2k} + 1)$$

$$z_1(x, y, k) = 4x^2y^2[(2^{2k} + 1)^2 + 1]$$

$$x_2(x, y, k) = 2^{2k+2}x^3y - 8xy^3$$

$$y_2(x, y, k) = 2[2^{2k} x^2 - y^2 + 2xy][2^{2k} x^2 - y^2 - 2xy]$$

$$z_2(x, y, k) = 2[2^{4k}x^4 + y^4 + 4x^2y^2 - 2^{2k+1}x^2y^2]$$

# Note: 4

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The solution of (7) may also be taken as

$$\alpha = x^2 + y^2, r = 2xy, s = \frac{1}{2^k}(x^2 - y^2), k > 0$$

Replacing x by  $2^k x$  and y by  $2^k y$  in above equations, we get

$$\alpha = 2^{2k} [x^2 + y^2], r = 2^{2k+1} xy, s = 2^k (x^2 - y^2)$$

Thus, in view of (6) and using (1), the corresponding sides of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are

$$x_1(x,y,k) = 2^{2k+2}(2^{4k} + 2^{2k+1})(x^2 - y^2)^2$$

$$y_1(x, y, k) = 2^{2k+2}(2^{2k} + 1)(x^2 - y^2)^2$$

$$z_1(x, y, k) = 2^{2k+2}(2^{4k} + 2^{2k+1} + 2)(x^2 - y^2)^2$$

$$x_2(x, y, k) = 2^{3k+3}xy(x^2 - y^2)$$

$$y_2(x, y, k) = 2^{4k+3}x^2y^2 - 2^{2k+1}(x^2 - y^2)^2$$

$$z_2(x,y,k) = 2[2^{4k+2}x^2y^2 + 2^{2k}(x^2 - y^2)^2]$$

## CHOICE: 4

Introducing of the linear transformations

$$m = 4u + v, n = 4u - v, p = 3u + r, q = 3u - r, u \neq v, r \neq u$$
 (8) in (2), it leads to

$$(5u)^2 = \alpha^2 + v^2 + r^2$$

which is satisfied by

$$\alpha = a^2 - b^2 - c^2, r = 2ab, v = 2ac, u = \frac{1}{5}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

Substituting a= 5A, b=5B and c=5C in the above equations, we get

$$\alpha = 25(A^2 - B^2 - C^2), r = 50AB,$$

$$v = 50AC$$
,  $u = 5(A^2 + B^2 + C^2)$ 

In view of (8) and using (1), the corresponding sides of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are as follows

$$x_1(A,B) = 400AC(A^2 + B^2 + C^2)$$

$$y_1(A,B) = 2[(20A^2 + 20B^2 + 20C^2)^2 - 2500A^2C^2]$$

$$z_1(A,B) = 2[(20A^2 + 20B^2 + 20C^2)^2 + 2500A^2C^2]$$

$$x_2(A, B) = 150AB(A^2 + B^2 + C^2)$$

$$y_2(A,B) = 2[(15A^2 + 15B^2 + 15C^2)^2 - 2500A^2B^2]$$

$$z_2(A,B) = 2[(15A^2 + 15B^2 + 15C^2)^2 + 2500A^2B^2]$$

# **CHOICE:5**

Note that (2) is satisfied by

$$m = a^2 - b^2$$
,  $n = a^2 - b^2 - 4ab$ ,

$$p = 2a^2 + 2ab, q = 2ab - 2b^2, a > 4b > 0$$

Hence the corresponding sides of T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> are obtained as

$$x_1(a,b) = 8ab(a^2 - b^2) - 16a^2b^2$$

$$y_1(a,b) = 2(a^2 - b^2)^2 - 4ab(a^2 - b^2)$$

$$z_1(a,b) = 2(a^2 + b^2)^2 + 8a^2b^2 - 8ab(a^2 - b^2)$$

$$x_2(a,b) = 4(a^4 - b^4 - 2a^3b + 2ab^3)$$

$$v_2(a, b) = 8ab(a^2 - b^2)$$

$$z_2(a,b) = 4(a^4 + b^4 + 2a^2b^2 + 2a^3b - 2ab^3)$$

## IV. CONCLUSION

One may search for pairs of Pythagorean triangles such that the sum of the product of generators is represented by special polygonal numbers and pyramidal numbers.

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