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### **1.3 Paper 3: ANALYTIC NUMBER THEORY**

**Text Book:** Introduction to Analytic Number Theory – Tom M. Apostol – Springer  
International Student Edition.

**Unit I:** The fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.

**Chapter 1 and Exercise Problems:** 1-11.

**Unit II:** Arithmetic functions.

**Chapter 2: Sections** 2.1 -2.8.

**Exercise problems: Chapter 2:** (1-6).

**Unit III:** Multiplicative functions and Dirichlet Multiplication.

**Sections** 2.9 – 2.14.

**Exercise problems: Chapter 2:** (21-23, 25,26).

**Unit IV:** Averages of Arithmetical functions.

**Chapter 3:** (1-9).

**Exercise problems: Chapter 3:** (1-4).

**Unit V:** Partial sums of Dirichlet product, Chebyshev's functions – equivalent forms of prime number theorem.

**Chapter 3: Sections:** 3.10, 3.11 and **Chapter 4:** 4.1 – 4.5.

**Exercise problems: Chapter 4:** (3,4,5,8,9,10).

# Algebraic Number Theory

## Syllabus

### UNIT-I

Diophantine equations; Diophantine eqns - The equation  $ax + by = c$  - positive solutions - other linear equations

### UNIT-II

Some special equations: The eqn  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  - the equation  $x^4 + y^4 = z^4$   
The equation  $4x^2 + y^2 = n$

### UNIT-III

Infinite continued functions:  
The equation  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  -  
Infinite continued functions - Irrational Numbers.

### UNIT-IV

Approximation to irrational numbers  
Algebraic integers.

### UNIT-V

Quadratic Fields:  
Quadratic fields - units in quadratic fields.

## Text Book:

An Introduction to the theory of Numbers - Ivan Niven and Herbert S. Zuckerman - II Edition, Wiley Eastern Limited.

## Book for reference:

Elements of Number theory - Kumaravelu & Suseela Kumaravelu (2002), Raja Shankar Printers, Sivakasi (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)

## UNIT-I

### Some Diophantine Equation

Qb: Finding the solution of this problem is called solving the Diophantine equation.

The eqn  $ax+by=c$

Let  $ax+by=c$  be a linear equation in two variables  $x, y$  with  $(a, b, c)$  3 integer co-efficients.

The solution of this eqn is trivial. Unless neither  $a$  nor  $b$  is zero.

So we can assume that  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ .

Let  $(a, b) = g$

If  $g \nmid c$ , then the eqn  $ax+by=c$  has no solution.

Suppose  $g \mid c$

$\therefore (a, b) = g \exists$  integers  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  s.t

$$ax_0 + by_0 = g$$

$$\text{put } x_1 = \frac{c}{g} x_0, \quad y_1 = \frac{c}{g} y_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } ax_1 + by_1 &= \frac{c}{g} (ax_0 + by_0) \\ &= \frac{c}{g} \times g \\ &= c \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x_1, y_1$  is a solution of  $ax+by=c$ .

To find all solutions:

Let  $x, y$  be any integers  
solution of  $ax + by = c$

Then  $ax + by = c = ax_1 + by_1$

$$\therefore a(x - x_1) = -b(y - y_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{g}(x - x_1) = -\frac{b}{g}(y - y_1) \quad \text{--- } (*)$$

Now,  $(a, b) = g \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g}\right) = 1$  (by thm)

$$\frac{a}{g} \mid (y - y_1) \text{ and } \frac{b}{g} \mid (x - x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y - y_1 = \frac{a}{g}u \text{ and } x - x_1 = \frac{b}{g}t$$

$$\therefore x = x_1 + \frac{b}{g}t \text{ and } y = y_1 + \frac{a}{g}u$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow \frac{a}{g} \times \frac{b}{g}t = -\frac{b}{g} \frac{a}{g}u$$

$$t = -u$$

$$\therefore x = x_1 + \frac{b}{g}t \text{ and } y = y_1 - \frac{a}{g}t$$

where  $t$  is any integer.

Notes:

1) The eqn  $ax + by = c$  has integers soln's if  $(a, b) \mid c$ .

2) Suppose  $a, b$  and  $c$  have a

Common division divisor. ~~Find~~

Dividing out the g.c.d we get  $(a, b, c) = 1$ . Then the eqn  $ax + by = c$  is solvable iff  $(a, b) = 1$  and the soln is  $x = x_1 + bt$  and  $y = y_1 - at$  where  $x_1, y_1$  is one of the solutions.

Pb P.T  $ax + by = a + c$  is solvable iff  $ax + by = c$  is solvable.

proof: Let  $(a, b) = g$ .  $ax + by = c$  is solvable iff  $g | c$  — (1)

Also,  $g | a$  and  $g | b$

Now,  $g | a$  &  $g | c$

$$\Rightarrow g | a + c$$

$ax + by = a + c$  is solvable (by (1))

Conversely, assume that  $ax + by = a + c$  is solvable

solvable

$$\Rightarrow g | a + c$$

Also,  $g | a$

$$\Rightarrow g | a + c - a$$

$$\Rightarrow g | c$$

$ax + by = c$  is solvable.

2. P.T  $ax+by=c$  is solvable iff  
 $(a,b) = (a,b,c)$

proof: Let  $(a,b) = (a,b,c) = g$

$$\Rightarrow g|a, g|b \ \& \ g|c$$

$g|c \Rightarrow ax+by=c$  is solvable

Conversely,  
assume that  $ax+by=c$  is solvable

$$\Rightarrow g|c = (a,b)|c$$

$$(a,b,c) = ((a,b), c)$$

$$= (g, c) \quad (\because g|c \Rightarrow c = gx_0)$$

$$= g$$

$$= (a,b)$$

3. Show that soln of the eqn  
 $3x+5y=1$  is in the form  $x=2+5t$ ,  
 $y=-1-3t$  also in the form  
 $x=2-5t, y=-1+3t$  also in the form  
 $x=-3+5t \quad y=2-3t$

Soln:  $(3, 5) = 1$

$$\therefore 1|c \quad \text{where } c=1$$

$\Rightarrow 3x+5y=1$  has a solution

Let  $x_0, y_0$  be the soln of  $ax+by=g$

ii)  $x_0, y_0$  be the soln of  $3x + 5y = 1$ .

$$x_0 = 2, \quad y_0 = -1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{c}{g} x_0 = \frac{1}{1} (2) \Rightarrow x_1 = 2$$

$$y_1 = \frac{c}{g} y_0 = \frac{1}{1} (-1) \Rightarrow y_1 = -1$$

The other solutions are

$$x_1 = 2, \quad y_1 = -1$$

$$x = x_1 + \frac{b}{g} t$$

$$x = 2 + 5t$$

$$s = y_1 - \frac{a}{g} t \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$s = -1 - 3t$$

$$x_0 = 7, \quad y_0 = -4$$

$$x_1 = 7, \quad y_1 = -4$$

$$x = 7 + 5t$$

$$s = -4 - 3t$$

$$x_0 = -3, \quad y_0 = 2$$

$$x_1 = -3, \quad y_1 = 2$$

$$x = -3 + 5t, \quad s = 2 - 3t$$

put  $u = -t$  in (1)

$$\therefore x = 2 - 5t \quad \text{and} \quad s = -1 + 3t$$

4. Solve the eqn  $6x + 9y = 13$

Soln:  $(6, 9) = 3$ ,  $3 \nmid 13$

$\therefore 6x + 9y = 13$  has a no integer solution.



5. Solve  $10x - 7y = 17$

soln:  $a = 10$   $b = -7$

$(10, -7) = (10, 7) = 1$

$\therefore 1/17$

$\Rightarrow 10x - 7y = 17$  has a soln.

Let  $x_0, y_0$  be the soln of  $ax + by = g$

$x_0 = 5$   $y_0 = 7$  be a soln of  $10x - 7y = 1$

Here  $g = 17$ ,  $c = 17$

$x_1 = \frac{c}{g} x_0$  &  $y_1 = \frac{c}{g} y_0$

$x_1 = 85$ ,  $y_1 = 119$

$x = x_1 + \frac{b}{g} t$        $y = y_1 - \frac{a}{g} t$

$x = 85 + \frac{(-7)}{1} t$        $y = 119 - \frac{10}{1} t$

(e)  $x = 85 - 7t$        $y = 119 - 10t$

$x_0 = -2$        $y_0 = -3$

$x_1 = \frac{c}{g} x_0$        $y_1 = \frac{c}{g} y_0$

$x_1 = -34$        $y_1 = -51$

$x = -34 - 7t$        $y = -51 - 10t$

## Positive solns:

We find the non-negative integer soln of  $ax+by=c$ .

$$\text{Let } (a,b) = g$$

$ax+by=c$  is solvable iff  $g|c$

and the solns are  $x = x_1 + \frac{b}{g}t$

$$y = y_1 - \frac{a}{g}t$$

where  $x_1, y_1$  is a particular soln and  $t$  is any integer

We want the soln  $x > 0$  &  $y > 0$ .

(i)  $x_1 + \frac{b}{g}t > 0$  and  $y_1 - \frac{a}{g}t > 0$ .

(ii)  $t > -\frac{g}{b}x_1$  and  $t < \frac{gy_1}{a}$ .

(iii)  $-\frac{gx_1}{b} < t < \frac{gy_1}{a}$ .

The lowest possible value of  $t$  is  $\left\lceil \frac{gx_1}{b} + 1 \right\rceil$

The highest possible value of  $t$  is  $\left\lfloor \frac{gy_1}{a} - 1 \right\rfloor$ .

Let  $N$  be the no. of positive integer solns.

Then

$$N = - \left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} + 1 \right] - \left[ -\frac{qx_1}{b} + 1 \right] + 1$$

$$N = - \left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} \right] - \left[ -\frac{qx_1}{b} \right] - 1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \because [x+m] = [x] + m \\ \text{if } m \text{ is an integer} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{(e) } N = - \left( \left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} \right] + \left[ -\frac{qx_1}{b} \right] + 1 \right)$$

W.K.T,

$$[x] + [y] \leq [x+y] \leq [x] + [y] + 1$$

$$[x+y] \leq [x] + [y] + 1$$

$$-[x+y] \geq -\{[x] + [y] + 1\}$$

$$-\left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} - \frac{qx_1}{b} \right] \geq -\left\{ \left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} \right] + \left[ -\frac{qx_1}{b} \right] + 1 \right\}$$

$$-\left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} - \frac{qx_1}{b} \right] \geq N \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$[x] + [y] + 1 \leq [x+y] + 1$$

$$-\{[x] + [y] + 1\} \geq -\{[x+y] + 1\}$$

$$-\left\{ \left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} \right] + \left[ -\frac{qx_1}{b} \right] + 1 \right\} \geq -\left\{ \left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} - \frac{qx_1}{b} \right] + 1 \right\}$$

$$N \geq - \left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} - \frac{qx_1}{b} \right] - 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From (1) & (2), we get

$$-\left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} - \frac{qx_1}{b} \right] - 1 \leq N \leq - \left[ -\frac{qy_1}{a} - \frac{qx_1}{b} \right]$$

$$-\left[\frac{-gy_1}{a} - \frac{gx_1}{b}\right] - 1 \leq N \leq -\left[\frac{-gy_1}{a} - \frac{gx_1}{b}\right]$$

$$(ii) -\left[\frac{-g}{ab}(by_1 + ax_1)\right] - 1 \leq N \leq -\left[\frac{-g}{ab}(by_1 + ax_1)\right]$$

$$(ii) -\left[\frac{-gc}{ab}\right] - 1 \leq N \leq -\left[\frac{-gc}{ab}\right]$$

This shows that the eqn has at least one positive integer solution if  $gc > ab$ .

1) Find the +ve integer solutions of  $5x + 3y = 52$ .

soln:  $a = 5$   $b = 3$   $c = 52$   
 $(a, b) = 1$

Also,  $1 \mid 52$ .

$\therefore 5x + 3y = 52$  has a solution.

Let  $x_0, y_0$  be the solution of  $5x + 3y = 1$ .

$$x_0 = -1 \quad y_0 = 2$$

$$x_1 = \frac{c}{g} x_0 \quad y_1 = \frac{c}{g} y_0$$

$$x_1 = -52$$

$$y_1 = (52)(2) = 104$$

$\therefore$  The other solutions are

$$x = -52 + 3t$$

$$y = 104 - 5t \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$52 > 15$   
 $\therefore$  There is at least one positive solution.

$$x > 0, \quad y > 0$$

$$-52 + 3t > 0$$

$$3t > 52$$

$$t > \frac{52}{3}$$

$$t > 17.3$$

$$104 - 5t > 0$$

$$5t < 104$$

$$t < \frac{104}{5}$$

$$t < 20.8$$

$$\therefore 17.3 < t < 20.8$$

$$\therefore t = 18, 19, 20$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow x = -52 + 3(18) = 2$$

$$y = 104 - 5(18) = 14$$

$$x = -52 + 3(19) = 5$$

$$y = 104 - 5(19) = 9$$

$$\underline{x} = -52 + 3(20) = 8$$

$$y = 104 - 5(20) = 4$$

$\therefore$  The solutions are  $(2, 14), (5, 9), (8, 4)$

2) Find all +ve integers solns of  $97x + 98y = 1000$

Soln:  $a = 97$   $b = 98$   $c = 1000$

$$(97, 98) = 1$$

$$1 \mid 1000$$

$\therefore 97x + 98y = 1000$  has soln.

Let  $x_0, y_0$  be the soln of  $97x + 98y = 1$

$$x_0 = -1 \quad y_0 = 1$$

$$40x + 63y = 581$$

$$97x + 98y = 1000$$

$$15x + 7y = 111$$

$$12x + 501y = 531$$

$$x_1 = \frac{c}{g} x_0 \quad y_1 = \frac{c}{g} y_0$$

$$x_1 = -1000 \quad y_1 = 1000$$

The other solns are

$$x = -1000 + 98t$$

$$y = 1000 - 97t$$

$$x > 0$$

$$y > 0$$

$$-1000 + 98t > 0$$

$$1000 - 97t > 0$$

$$98t > 1000$$

$$t < \frac{1000}{97}$$

$$t > \frac{1000}{98}$$

$$t < 10.3$$

$$t > 10.2$$

$$10.2 < t < 10.3$$

This is impossible.

$\therefore$  The given eqn has no solution.

$$3) 12x + 501y = 274$$

Soln:  $a = 12 \quad b = 501 \quad c = 274$

$$\gcd(12, 501) = 3$$

$$3 \nmid 274$$

$\therefore$  The given eqn has no solution.

$$4) ~~97+9~~ 15x + 7y = 111$$

$$a = 15 \quad b = 7 \quad c = 111$$

$$\gcd(15, 7) = 1$$

$$1 \mid 111$$

$\therefore 15x + 7y = 111$  has solution.

Let  $x_0, y_0$  be the soln of  $15x + 7y = 1$

$$x_0 = 1 \quad y_0 = -2$$

$$x_1 = \frac{c}{g} x_0$$

$$y_1 = \frac{c}{g} y_0$$

$$x_1 = 111$$

$$y_1 = -222$$

The other solutions are

$$x = 111 + 7t$$

$$y = -222 - 15t \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x > 0$$

$$y > 0$$

$$111 + 7t > 0$$

$$-222 - 15t > 0$$

$$7t > -111$$

$$-222 > 15t$$

$$t > \frac{-111}{7}$$

$$\frac{-222}{15} > t$$

$$t > 15.85$$

$$t < -14.8$$

$$-15.85 < t < -14.8$$

$$\therefore t = -15$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow x = 111 + 7(-15)$$

$$y = -222 - 15(-15)$$

$$x = 6$$

$$y = 3$$

The solutions are  $(6, 3)$

$$5) \quad 12x + 501y = 531$$

$$a = 12 \quad b = 501 \quad c = 531$$

$$\gcd(12, 501) = 3$$

$$3 \mid 531$$

$\therefore 12x + 501y = 531$  has a soln.

Let  $x_0, y_0$  be the soln of  $12x + 501y = 3$ .

$$x_0 = 42 \quad y_0 = -1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{531}{3}(42)$$

$$y_1 = \frac{531}{3}(-1)$$

$$x_1 = 7434$$

$$y_1 = -177$$

The other solutions are

$$x_t = 7434 + \frac{501}{3}t$$

$$y_t = -177 - \frac{12}{3}t$$

$$x = 7434 + 167t$$

$$y = -177 - 4t$$

$$x > 0, y > 0$$

$$7434 + 167t > 0$$

$$-177 - 4t > 0$$

$$167t > -7434$$

$$-177 > 4t$$

$$t > \frac{-7434}{167}$$

$$t < \frac{-177}{4}$$

$$t > -44.51$$

$$t < -44.25$$

$$-44.51 < t < -44.25$$

There is no integer in this range

$$g \mid ab \Rightarrow 3(531) > 12(501)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1593 \neq 6012$$

$\therefore$  This equation has no positive integer solution.



## General method of other linear equations

Consider the equation  
 $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_kx_k = c$  — (1) where  $k > 2$

Let  $g = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$

If the eqn (1) has a linear integer solution then  $g|c$

Conversely,

Suppose  $g|c$

Then  $c = gr$  for some integer  $r$

Now,  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = g \Rightarrow \exists$  an integer

$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k$  s.t.  $a_1y_1 + a_2y_2 + \dots + a_ky_k = g$

$$a_1 \cdot ry_1 + a_2 \cdot ry_2 + \dots + a_k \cdot ry_k = g \cdot r = c$$

clearly,

$x_1 = ry_1, x_2 = ry_2, \dots, x_k = ry_k$  is a

solution of (1).

Thus, eqn (1) has integer solution iff  $g|c$

### To find the solutions

To solve this eqn by reducing the variable

$$\text{put } x_{k-1} = \alpha u + \beta v \text{ — (2)}$$

$$x_k = \gamma u + \delta v \text{ — (3)}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are integers s.t.  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1$

$$\alpha\delta u + \beta\delta v = \delta x_{k-1}$$

$$\beta\gamma u + \beta\delta v = \beta x_k$$

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$$(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)u = \delta x_{k-1} - \beta x_k$$

$$\delta x_{k-1} - \beta x_k = 1 \cdot u$$

$$\boxed{\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1}$$

put this in ①,

$$x_{k-1} = \alpha(\delta x_{k-1} - \beta x_k) + \beta v$$

$$x_{k-1} - \alpha\delta x_{k-1} + \alpha\beta x_k = \beta v$$

$$v = \frac{x_{k-1}(1 - \alpha\delta) + \alpha\beta x_k}{\beta}$$

$$v = \frac{x_{k-1}(1 - \alpha\delta) + \alpha x_k}{\beta}$$

$$= \frac{x_{k-1}(-\beta\gamma) + \alpha x_k}{\beta} \quad (\because \alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1)$$

$$v = \alpha x_k - \gamma x_{k-1}$$

This shows that  $u$  &  $v$  are integers

iff  $x_k, x_{k-1}$  are integers

Take  $\beta = \frac{a_k}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$  &  $\delta = \frac{-a_{k-1}}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$  ✓

$$(\beta, \delta) = \left( \frac{a_k}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}, \frac{-a_{k-1}}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)} (a_k, -a_{k-1})$$

$$(\beta, \delta) = 1$$

The eqn  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1$  has integer soln.

Now,

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + x_{k-1}(-\delta(a_{k-1}, a_k)) + x_k(\beta(a_{k-1}, a_k)) = C_1$$

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_{k-2}x_{k-2} - \delta(a_{k-1}, a_k)(\alpha u + \beta v) + \beta(a_{k-1}, a_k)(\gamma u + \delta v) = C_1$$

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_{k-2}x_{k-2} - (a_{k-1}, a_k)(\delta(\alpha u + \beta v) + \beta(\gamma u + \delta v)) = C_1$$

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_{k-2}x_{k-2} - (a_{k-1}, a_k)(\alpha\delta u + \beta\delta v - \beta\gamma u - \beta\delta v) = C_1$$

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_{k-2}x_{k-2} - (a_{k-1}, a_k)(u(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)) = C_1$$

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_{k-2}x_{k-2} - (a_{k-1}, a_k) \cdot u = C_1 \quad \textcircled{4}$$

This is a eqn with one less than  $k$  unknowns (i.e.)  $k-1$  unknowns

$$\text{Now, } (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k-2}, (a_{k-1}, a_k))$$

$$= (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k-2}, a_{k-1}, a_k) = g.$$

This shows that eqn  $\textcircled{4}$  has the same properties as eqn  $\textcircled{1}$  that the coefficients are not zero and the gcd of the coefficients divides  $C$ .

If  $k=3$  eqn  $\textcircled{4}$  has 2 unknowns and can be solved by the method

of solving linear eqn in two unknowns.

If  $k > 3$ , the process can be repeated to reduce the eqn with  $k-2$  unknowns

Repeating the above process finally the given equations reduces to an eqn with two unknown.

(Pb.1)  $5x - 2y - 4z = 10$

Here  $a=5$   $b=-2$   $c=-4$

$(a, b, c) = (5, -2, -4) \Rightarrow 1 = 9$

clearly,  $1 \nmid 10$ .

The equation has soln.

put  $y = \alpha u + \beta v$

$z = \gamma u + \delta v$  — (1)

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are integers s.t.  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1$  — (2)

w.k.t,  $\beta = \frac{a_k}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$   $\delta = \frac{-a_{k-1}}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$

Here  $(a_{k-1}, a_k) = (-2, -4) = 2$

$\beta = \frac{-4}{2} = -2$   $\delta = -\frac{(-2)}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$

$\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha + 2\gamma = 1$  (by (2))

Now  $(1, 2) = 1$

It has soln.

$1 + 2(0) = 1$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 1$   $\gamma = 0$ .

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow y = u - 2v$$

$$z = v$$

$$5x - 2y - 4z = 10$$

$$5x - 2(u - 2v) - 4v = 10$$

$$5x - 2u + 4v - 4v = 10$$

$$5x - 2u = 10$$

~~$$5x = 10 + 2u$$~~

$$(5, -2) = 1 \quad \& \quad 1 \mid 10$$

Here  $a = 5$     $b = -2$

$$5 = (-2)(-2) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 5 - (-2x - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1(5) - 2(2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 = 5(10) - 2(20)$$

$$x_0 = 10 \quad u_0 = 20$$

$$x' = x_0 + \frac{b}{g} t \quad u' = u_0 + \frac{a}{g} t$$

$$x' = 10 + (-2t)$$

$$u' = 20 - 5t$$

$$10 > 2t$$

$$t < 5$$

$$x' > 0$$

$$u' > 0$$

$$20 > 5t$$

$$t < 4$$

$$10 - 2t > 0$$

$$\& \quad 20 - 5t > 0$$

$t$  has no integer soln.

$$\therefore x = 10 - 2t$$

$$u = 20 - 5t$$

$$y = 20 - 5t - 2v$$

$$z = v$$

$$b. 2) 5x - 2y - 4z = 1$$

$$\text{Here } a=5 \quad b=-2 \quad c=4.$$

$$\text{G.c.d of } (5, -2, -4) = (5, -2)(-4) = 1$$

$$\therefore 1 \mid 1.$$

$\therefore$  The eqn is solvable

$$\text{put } y = \alpha u + \beta v \quad z = \gamma u + \delta v \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are integers s.t

$$\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{w.k.T } \beta = \frac{a_k}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$$

$$\delta = \frac{-a_{k-1}}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$$

$$\text{Here } (a_{k-1}, a_k) = (-2, -4) = 2$$

$$\beta = \frac{-4}{2} = -2 \quad \delta = \frac{-(-2)}{2} = 1$$

$$\therefore \alpha + 2\gamma = 1 \quad (\text{by (1)})$$

$$-1 + 2(1) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -1 \quad \gamma = 1$$

$$\text{(2)} \Rightarrow y = -u - 2v$$

$$z = u + v$$

$$5x - 2y - 4z = 1$$

$$5x - 2(-u - 2v) - 4(u + v) = 1$$

$$5x + 2u + 4v - 4u - 4v = 1$$

$$5x - 2u = 1$$

$$(5, -2) = 1$$

$$\text{Here } a=5 \quad b=-2.$$

$$5 = (-2)(-2) + 1$$

$$1 = 5 - 2(-2)$$

$$1 = 1(5) - 2(2)$$

$$~~10 = 5(10) - 2(20)~~$$

$$x_0 = 1 \quad u_0 = 2$$

$$x' = x_0 + \frac{b}{g}t$$

$$u' = u_0 + \frac{a}{g}t$$

$$x' = 1 - 2t$$

$$u' = 2 - 5t$$

$$x' > 0$$

$$u' > 0$$

$\therefore t$  has no integer soln.

$$\therefore x = 1 - 2t \quad u = 2 - 5t$$

$$x = 1 - 2t$$

$$y = -2 + 5t - 2v$$

$$z = 2 - 5t + v$$

pb:3)  $x + 2y + 5z = 10$ .

Here  $a=1, b=2, c=5$

$$(a, b, c) = (1, 2, 5) = 1 = g$$

Clearly  $1/10$ .

$\therefore$  The eqn is solvable

Put  $y = \alpha u + \beta v$  and  $z = \delta u + \epsilon v$  — (1)

where  $\alpha, \beta, \delta, \epsilon$  are integers s.t.  $\alpha\epsilon - \beta\delta = 1$  — (2)

W.K.T,  $\beta = \frac{a_k}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$

$$\epsilon = \frac{-a_{k-1}}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$$

$$(a_{k-1}, a_k) = (2, 5) = 1$$

$$\beta = \frac{5}{1} = 5 \quad \delta = \frac{-2}{1} = -2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow x(-2) - 5(y) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 5y = -1$$

$$2(2) + 5(-1) = 4 - 5 = -1$$

$$x = 2 \quad y = -1$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow y = 2u + 5v \text{ and } z = -u - 2v$$

$$x + 2(2u + 5v) + 5(-u - 2v) = 10$$

$$x + 4u + 10v - 5u - 10v = 10$$

$$x - u = 10 \Rightarrow 1(x) + (-1)u = 10$$

$$(1, -1) = 1$$

$$1 = 1(-1) + 2(1)$$

$$10 = 1(-10) + 1(-20)$$

$$10 = -10 + 20$$

$$\therefore 1(-10) - 1(-20) = 10$$

$$x_0 = -10 \quad u_0 = -20$$

$$x' = x_0 + \frac{b}{g} t$$

$$u' = u_0 - \frac{a}{g} t$$

$$x' = -10 + 2t$$

$$u' = -20 - t$$

$$x' > 0 \quad \&$$

$$u' > 0$$

$$-10 + 2t > 0$$

$$-20 - t > 0$$

$$-10 > -2t$$

$$-t > 20$$

$$-5 > -t$$

$$20 < -t < -5 \Rightarrow -20 > t > -5$$



$$x = 10 + u$$

$$y = 2u + 5v$$

$$z = -u - 2v$$

prob)  $x + 2y + 3z = 1$

Here  $a=1$   $b=2$   $c=3$

$$(a, b, c) = (1, 2, 3) = 1 = g$$

clearly  $1 \mid 1$

The eqn is solvable

put  $y = \alpha u + \beta v$   $z = \gamma u + \delta v$  — (1)

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are integers s.t.  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1$  — (2)

W.K.T  $\beta = \frac{a_k}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$   $\delta = \frac{-a_{k-1}}{(a_{k-1}, a_k)}$

$$(a_{k-1}, a_k) = (2, 3) = 1$$

$$\beta = \frac{3}{1} = 3 \quad \delta = \frac{-2}{1} = -2$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow -2\alpha - 3\gamma = 1 \Rightarrow 2\alpha + 3\gamma = -1$$

$$2(1) + 3(-1) = 2 - 3 = -1$$

$$\therefore \alpha = +1 \quad \gamma = -1$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow y = u + 3v \quad z = -u - 2v$$

$$x + 2(u + 3v) + 3(-u - 2v) = 1$$

$$x + 2u + 6v - 3u - 6v = 1$$

$$x - u = 1$$

$$1 = 1(2) - 1(1)$$

$$\therefore x_0 = 2 \quad u_0 = 1.$$

$$x' = x_0 + \frac{b}{g} t$$

$$x' = 2 + 2t$$

$$x' > 0$$

$$2 + 2t > 0$$

$$2t > -2$$

$$-1 < t < 1$$

$$u' = u_0 - \frac{a}{g} t$$

$$u' = 1 - t$$

$$u' > 0$$

$$1 - t > 0$$

$$1 > t \Rightarrow t < 1$$

$$x = 1 + u$$

$$y = u + 3v$$

$$z = -u - 2v$$

$$b:5) \quad 3x - 6y + 5z = 11$$

$$\text{Here } a=3 \quad b=-6 \quad c=5$$

$$(a, b, c) = (3, -6, 5) = 1 = g$$

clearly  $1 \parallel 11$

the eqn ~~is~~ is solvable.

$$\text{put } y = \alpha u + \beta v \quad z = \gamma u + \delta v \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are integers  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1$  --- (2)

$$\text{w.k.t } \beta = \frac{a_k}{(a_{k+1}, a_k)} \quad \delta = \frac{-a_{k+1}}{(a_{k+1}, a_k)}$$

$$(a_{k+1}, a_k) = (-6, 5) = 1$$

$$\beta = 5 \quad \delta = 6$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow 6\alpha - 5\gamma = 1$$

$$6(1) - 5(1) = 6 - 5 = 1.$$

$$\alpha = 1 \quad \gamma = 1$$

$$y = u + 5v \quad z = u + 6v$$

$$3x - 6(u + 5v) + 5(u + 6v) = 11$$

$$3x - 6u - 30v + 5u + 30v = 11$$

$$(3, -1) = 11$$

$$2(3) - 1(-2) = 11$$

$$x_0 = 3 \quad u_0 = -2$$

$$x' = x_0 + \frac{b}{g}t$$

$$x' = 3 - 6t$$

$$x' > 0$$

$$3 - 6t > 0$$

$$3 > 6t$$

$$\frac{1}{2} > t$$

$$u' = u_0 + \frac{a}{g}t$$

$$u' = -2 - 3t$$

$$u' > 0$$

$$-2 - 3t > 0$$

$$-3t > 2$$

$$t < -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{-2}{3} < t < \frac{1}{2}$$

①  $t$  has no positive integer soln.

$$\therefore x = 3 - 6t \quad u = -2 - 3t$$

$$y = -2 - 3t + 5v$$

$$z = -2 - 3t + 6v$$

## UNIT-I

The equation  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$

Suppose  $(x, y) = g$  then  $g^2 | x^2$  and  $g^2 | y^2$

$$\Rightarrow g^2 | x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow g^2 | z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g | z$$

$$(x, y, z) = g = (x, y, z)$$

By symmetry,

$$(x, z) = (z, y) = (x, y) = (x, y, z) = g$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{g^2} + \frac{y^2}{g^2} = \frac{z^2}{g^2} \text{ where } \left(\frac{x}{g}, \frac{y}{g}\right) = \left(\frac{y}{g}, \frac{z}{g}\right) = \left(\frac{x}{g}, \frac{z}{g}\right) = 1$$

If  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  is such a way is called primitive solution.

Defn: A soln  $x, y, z$  of the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  such that these three are relatively prime in pairs is called primitive solution.

Theorem:

A primitive soln of the eqn  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  with  $y$  is even is of the form  $x = r^2 - s^2$ ,  $y = 2rs$ ,  $z = r^2 + s^2$  where  $r > s > 0$  &  $(r, s) = 1$ ,  $r$  and  $s$  are integers and of opposite parity.

~~Proof~~ Let  $x, y, z$  be a primitive soln of  
 $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$

Then  $x$  &  $y$  are not both even.  
Also,  $x$  &  $y$  are not both odd.

For, if both  $x$  &  $y$  are odd.  
Then  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  &  $y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$$x^2 + y^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$z^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

This is impossible. ( $\because$  a square is  
congruent to either 1  
(or) 0 mod 4)

$\therefore x$  &  $y$  are not both odd

We assume that  $y$  is even, then  $x$  is odd  
Consequently  $z$  is odd.

~~$$z^2 - x^2$$~~

$$z^2 - x^2 = y^2$$

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

$\therefore z, x$  are odd

$\Rightarrow z+x, z-x$  is even

$$\therefore \left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right)\left(\frac{z-x}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 \text{ where } \frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2},$$

$\frac{y}{2}$  are integers  
L(1)

claim:  $\left(\frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2}\right) = 1$

clearly,  $\left(\frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2}\right) \mid \frac{z+x}{2} + \frac{z-x}{2} = z$ .

$\left(\frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2}\right) \mid \frac{z+x}{2} - \frac{z-x}{2} = x$ .

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2}\right) \mid z \ \& \ \left(\frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2}\right) \mid x$ .

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2}\right) \mid (z, x) = 1$

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2}\right) = 1 \quad (\because (z, x) = 1)$

Since  $\frac{z+x}{2} \times \frac{z-x}{2}$  is a square,  $\exists$  integer  $r$  &  $s$  s.t.  $\frac{z+x}{2} = r^2$ ,  $\frac{z-x}{2} = s^2$  (\*)

Also,  $\frac{z+x}{2} > \frac{z-x}{2}$

$\Rightarrow r^2 > s^2$

$\Rightarrow r > s > 0$ .

From (\*),  $z = r^2 + s^2$   
 $x = r^2 - s^2$

①  $\Rightarrow r^2 s^2 = \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2$

$y^2 = 4r^2 s^2$

$y = 2rs$

Since  $\left(\frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2}\right) = 1 \Rightarrow (r^2, s^2) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow (r, s) = 1$

Since  $x$  is odd,  $r^2 + s^2$  is odd

$\therefore r$  and  $s$  are of opposite parity

(i.e. neither  $r$  (or)  $s$  is odd)

Conversely, Suppose  $r$  &  $s$  are any two integers s.t.  $(r, s) = 1$ ,  $r > s > 0$ ,

$r$  &  $s$  are of opposite parity.

To prove:  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$

Given  $x = r^2 - s^2$   $y = 2rs$

$$(r^2 - s^2)^2 + (2rs)^2 = r^4 - 2r^2s^2 + s^4 + 4r^2s^2$$

$$= r^4 + 2r^2s^2 + s^4$$

$$= (r^2 + s^2)^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = z^2$$

To prove:  $x, y, z$  are primitive

Let  $(z, x) = g$

Since  $z$  &  $x$  are odd,  $g$  is odd

Also  $g | z + x$ ,  $g | z - x$

$$\Rightarrow g | 2r^2 \quad \& \quad g | 2s^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g | r^2 \quad \& \quad g | s^2$$

$$(r^2, s^2) = g$$

But  $(r, s) = 1$

$$\therefore g=1 \Rightarrow (z, x) = 1$$

By Symmetry,

$$(z, x) = (x, y) = (y, z) = (x, y, z) = 1$$

Defn: The positive integer soln of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  are called pythagorean triples.

Problem:

- (Q1) Find the pythagorean triples forming
- an arithmetic progression
  - a Geometric progression.

All positive integer solution of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  are +ve multiple of +ve primitive soln.

A +ve primitive soln of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  are of the form

$$x = r^2 - s^2 \quad y = 2rs \quad z = r^2 + s^2$$

where  $(r, s) > 0$ .

$(r, s) = 1$  &  $r, s$  are of opposite parity.

If  $x, y, z$  form an A.p then

$$x = a - d \quad y = a \quad z = a + d$$

clearly  $y = \frac{z+x}{2}$

$$\text{ie) } 2rs = \frac{2r^2}{2} \Rightarrow 2s = r$$

$$\boxed{r = 2s}$$



$$x = (2s)^2 - s^2 = 3s^2$$

$$y = 2(2s)s = 4s^2$$

$$z = (2s)^2 + s^2 = 5s^2$$

$x = 3s^2$   $y = 4s^2$   $z = 5s^2$  which is a pythagorean triples forming A.P.

Now, we claim that no pythagorean triples form an G.P.

For w.k.t the pythagorean triples are of the form  ~~$x, y, z$~~

$x_1g, y_1g, z_1g$  where  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  are primitive soln &  $g$  is +ve integer.

Clearly,  $x_1g, y_1g, z_1g$  are in G.P.

iff  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  are in G.P.

A primitive soln are in G.P. iff  $r^2 - s^2, 2rs, r^2 + s^2$  where  $r$  and  $s$  of opposite parity  $r > s > 0$

with  $(r, s) = 1$  are in G.P.

$$\frac{2rs}{r^2 - s^2} = \frac{r^2 + s^2}{2rs} \Rightarrow 4r^2s^2 = \underbrace{(r^2 + s^2)}_{\text{odd}} \underbrace{(r^2 - s^2)}_{\text{odd}}$$

This is impossible

$\therefore x^2 - s^2, 2rs, r^2 + s^2$  are not in G.P.

$\Rightarrow$  No pythagorean triple is an G.P.

(b.) If  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ . P.T one of  $x, y$  is a multiple of 3 and one of  $x, y, z$  is a multiple of 5

soln: It is enough to consider the positive primitive solution of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ .

Any positive primitive soln of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  when  $y$  is even given by

$x = r^2 - s^2, y = 2rs, z = r^2 + s^2$ , where

$r$  and  $s$  are integers of opposite parity  
 $r > s > 0$  and  $(r, s) = 1$ .

Let  $y$  is a multiple of 3.

A part of the proof is over

Suppose  $y$  is not a multiple of 3.

$\therefore 3 \nmid y$  and  $3 \nmid s$

$$\therefore r \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$s \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$r^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$s^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - s^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$\therefore x$  is a multiple of 3.

Let  $y$  is a multiple of 5 then the next part of the proof is over.

Suppose  $y$  is not a multiple of 5

$\therefore 5 \nmid r$  and  $5 \nmid s$ .

$$r \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4 \pmod{5} \quad s \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$r^2 \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{5} \quad s^2 \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{5}$$

Case (i)  $r^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \quad s^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - s^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$x$  is a multiple of 5

Case (ii)  $r^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5} \quad s^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$

$$r^2 + s^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow z \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$z$  is a multiple of 5

Case (iii)

$$r^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \quad s^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$r^2 + s^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow z \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$z$  is a multiple of 5

Case (iv)

$$r^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5} \quad s^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$r^2 - s^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$x$  is a multiple of 5

From all, we conclude one of the multiple of  $x, y, z$  is 5.

pb For which integer  $n$  are there solutions of  $x^2 - y^2 = n$

Soln:

Case (i)  $x$  and  $y$  are both even

$$\text{Then } x^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$\therefore x^2 - y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

Case (ii)  $x$  &  $y$  are both odd

$$\text{Then } x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \quad y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$x^2 - y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

Case (iii)  $x$  is odd and  $y$  is even

$$\text{Then } x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \quad y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$x^2 - y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

Case (iv)  $x$  is even and  $y$  is odd

$$x^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$x^2 - y^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$$

$$n \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$$

$$n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$n \equiv 0, 1, 3 \pmod{4}$$

pb Find all positive primitive solutions of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  with  $0 < z < 30$ .

Soln: The positive primitive solutions are  $x = r^2 - s^2$ ,  $y = 2rs$ ,  $z = r^2 + s^2$  with

with  $0 < r^2 + s^2 < 30$ ,  $r > s > 0$ ,  $r$  &  $s$  are  
opposite parity ( $r, s = 1$ )

i) when  $s=1$   $r=2$

Then  $x = 2^2 - 1^2 = 3$

$y = 4$

$z = 5$

ii) when  $s=1$   $r=4$

Then  $x = 4^2 - 1^2 = 15$

$y = 2(1)(4) = 8$

$z = 4^2 + 1^2 = 17$

iii) when  $s=2$   $r=3$

Then  $x = 3^2 - 2^2 = 5$

$y = 12$

$z = 3^2 + 2^2 = 13$

iv) when  $s=2$   $r=5$

Then  $x = 5^2 - 2^2 = 21$

$y = 2(2)(5) = 20$

$z = 5^2 + 2^2 = 29$

v) when  $s=3$   $r=4$

Then  $x = 4^2 - 3^2 = 7$

$y = 2(4)(3) = 24$

$z = 4^2 + 3^2 = 25$

Prove that if  $x, y, z$  is a +ve primitive solutions of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  then  $xyz$  is a multiple of 60.

Proof:

The +ve primitive soln of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  is given by  $x = r^2 - s^2$ ,  $y = 2rs$ ,  $z = r^2 + s^2$  where  $r, s$  are integers of opposite parity and  $(r, s) = 1$  with  $r > s > 0$ .

Since  $r$  and  $s$  are of opposite parity either  $r$  is even or  $s$  is even.

$\therefore 2rs$  is a multiple of 4

$\therefore y$  is a multiple of 4, if  $y$  is even

$\therefore 4 \mid xyz$  — (1) if  $x, y, z$  is a primitive solution.

Also, we have proved that one of  $x, y$  is a multiple of 3

$\Rightarrow 3 \mid xyz$  — (2)

Again one of  $x, y, z$  is a multiple of 5

$\therefore 5 \mid xyz$  — (3)

$\therefore 3, 4, 5$  are relatively prime in pairs

$3 \times 4 \times 5 \mid xyz$

ie)  $60 \mid xyz$

Hence the proof.

pb Prove that +ve integer  $n$  can be expressed as  $n = x^2 + y^2 - z^2$

soln case (i)  $n$  is even

$$\text{put } x=1 \quad y = \frac{n}{2} \quad z = \frac{n}{2} - 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1 + \frac{n^2}{4} - \frac{n^2}{4} + n - 1 = n$$

Case (ii)  $n$  is odd

Then  $n+1$  is even.

$$\text{put } x=0 \quad y = \frac{n+1}{2} \quad z = \frac{n+1}{2} - 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0 + \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{n+1}{2} - 1\right)^2 = n$$

There is no integer solution except the trivial solution

pb If  $n$  is any integer  $\geq 3$ , then p.T there is atleast one pythagorean triple which contains  $n$  as one of its number.

proof Case (i)  $n$  is odd

then  $n^2$  is odd.

$$\text{Let } n^2 = 2k-1 \quad k \geq 5 \quad (\text{since } n \geq 3)$$

Consider the triple  $n, k-1, k$

$$\text{Clearly, } n^2 + (k-1)^2 = 2k-1 + (k^2 - 2k + 1) = k^2$$

This shows that  $n, k-1, k$  is a pythagorean triple

Case (ii)  $n$  is even

Sub case (i)  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

W.K.T any positive primitive solution with  $y$  is even is given by

$$x = r^2 - s^2 \quad y = 2rs \quad z = r^2 + s^2 \quad \text{where}$$

$r$  &  $s$  are integer of opposite parity with  $\gcd(r, s) = 1$  &  $r > s > 0$

Fixing  $s=1$  and ranging  $r$  over all positive even integers we have  $y$  varies over all the multiples of 4.

This shows that every  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  is one of the members of a pythagorean triple.

Sub case (ii)  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

Then  $n = 2m$  where  $m$  is odd

By Case (i), there is a pythagorean triple which contains  $m$  as one of its member say  $m, k-1, k$  where  $m^2 = 2k-1$



Then  $2m, 2(k-1), 2k$  is also a pythagorean triple

(e)  $n, 2(k-1), 2k$  is a pythagorean triple

Thus in all cases, we have  $n$  is a member of a pythagorean triple:

pb Prove that the solution of the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  with  $(x, y, z) = 1$  are of the form  $x = |u^2 - 2v^2|$ ,  $y = 2uv$ ,  $z = u^2 + 2v^2$  where  $n$  is odd and  $(u, v) = 1$

proof: first we claim that  $y$  is even

for, if  $y$  is odd say  $y = 2k+1$

$$\text{then } y^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$$2y^2 = 8k^2 + 8k + 2$$

$$2y^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$$

$$z^2 - x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$$

This is impossible

$$z^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4 \pmod{8} \quad \times \quad x^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4 \pmod{8}$$

$$z^2 - x^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4 \pmod{8}$$

$\therefore y$  is even

$(x, y, z) = 1$ ,  $x$  &  $z$  are odd

For Suppose  $x$  &  $z$  are even

$$\Rightarrow \Leftrightarrow \text{to } (x, y, z) = 1$$

$$\text{Also } (x, z) = 1$$

For if  $(x, z) = g$ , then  $g$  is odd and

$$g \mid z^2 - x^2 = 2y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g \mid y$$

$\therefore g$  is a common divisor of  $x, y, z$

$$\text{But } (x, y, z) = 1$$

$$\text{ie) } (x, z) = 1$$

$$\text{Now, } z^2 - x^2 = 2y^2 \Rightarrow (z+x)(z-x) = 2y^2$$

$$\text{ie) } \left( \frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2} \right) = 2 \left( \frac{y}{2} \right)^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\left( \frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2} \right) \mid \frac{z+x}{2} + \frac{z-x}{2} = z$$

$$\& \left( \frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2} \right) \mid \frac{z+x}{2} - \frac{z-x}{2} = x$$

$$\text{But } (x, z) = 1$$

$$\therefore \left( \frac{z+x}{2}, \frac{z-x}{2} \right) = 1$$

Also one of  $\frac{z+x}{2}$  &  $\frac{z-x}{2}$  is odd  
and the other is even.

Suppose  $\frac{z-x}{2}$  is even

Then  $\frac{z-x}{2} = 2t$  where  $t$  is a +ve integer

$$\text{Also, } \left(\frac{z+x}{2}, 2t\right) = 1$$

$$\text{and } \frac{z+x}{2} \times t = \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 \text{ (by ①)}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{z+x}{2} = u^2 \text{ \& } t = v^2 \text{ where } (u, v) = 1$$

$\therefore \frac{z+x}{2}$  is odd then  $u$  is odd

$$\text{we have } \frac{z+x}{2} = u^2 \text{ and } \frac{z-x}{2} = 2v^2$$

$$\therefore x = u^2 - 2v^2 \text{ and } z = u^2 + 2v^2$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = u^2 v^2$$

$$y = 2uv$$

If  $\left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right)$  is even and  $\left(\frac{z-x}{2}\right)$  is odd

$$\text{then } \frac{z+x}{2} = 2v^2 \text{ \& } \frac{z-x}{2} = u^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2v^2 - u^2, y = 2uv, z = u^2 + 2v^2$$

$$\therefore x = |u^2 - 2v^2|, y = 2uv, z = u^2 + 2v^2$$

where  $u$  is odd and  $(u, v) = 1$

is a solution of  $x^2 + 2y^2 = z^2$  with

$$(x, y, z) = 1$$

Conversely, suppose  $x = |u^2 - 2v^2|$

$$y = 2uv, z = u^2 + 2v^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } x^2 + 2y^2 &= |u^2 - 2v^2| + 2(4u^2v^2) \\
 &= (u^2 - 2v^2)^2 + 8u^2v^2 \\
 &= u^4 - 4u^2v^2 + 4v^4 + 8u^2v^2 \\
 &= u^4 + 4u^2v^2 + 4v^4 \\
 &= (u^2 + 2v^2)^2 = z^2
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation  $x^4 + y^4 = z^2 \therefore$

The only integral solution of  $x^4 + y^4 = z^2$  are the trivial solutions  $x=0; y^4 = z^2$  and  $x^4 = y^4; z = \pm x^2$

proof: Suppose that the eqn  $x^4 + y^4 = z^2$  has at least one positive solution

Consider the +ve solution  $x, y, z$  s.t no other +ve solution has a smaller value of  $z$ .

First claim that  $(x, y, z) = 1$

Suppose  $\exists$  a prime  $p$  s.t  $(x, y, z) = p$

$$\Rightarrow p|x \text{ \& } p|y$$

$$\Rightarrow p^4|x^4 \text{ \& } p^4|y^4$$

$$\Rightarrow p^4|x^4 + y^4 \Rightarrow p^4|z^2$$

$$\frac{x^4}{p^4} + \frac{y^4}{p^4} = \frac{z^2}{p^4} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{p}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{z}{p^2}\right)^2$$

$$\circ \circ \left( \frac{x}{p}, \frac{y}{p}, \frac{z}{p^2} \right)$$

$\circ \circ \frac{x}{p}, \frac{y}{p}, \frac{z}{p^2}$  is a solution of  
 $x^4 + y^4 = z^2$

which is a contradiction

$$\therefore (x, y, z) = 1 \quad \left( \because \left( \frac{z}{p^2} < z \right) \right)$$

$\Rightarrow x, y, z$  are not all even

Now, we claim that one of  $x, y$  is odd and other is even

Suppose  $x$  &  $y$  are odd

$$x^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \quad , \quad y^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$$x^4 + y^4 \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$$

$$z^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$$

$\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Assume that  $x$  is even and  $y$  is odd.

$\Rightarrow z$  is odd

$$\text{Now, } y^4 = z^2 - x^4$$

$$y^4 = (z + x^2)(z - x^2)$$

$\therefore (z + x^2) \& (z - x^2)$  are odd

Now,  $y^4 = z^2 - x^2$   
 $y^4 = (z+x^2)(z-x^2)$

$\therefore (z+x^2) \& (z-x^2)$  are odd

Claim:  $(z+x^2, z-x^2) = 1$

For if  $(z+x^2, z-x^2) = p \Rightarrow p | z+x^2$  and

$p | z-x^2$

$p | z+x^2 + z-x^2$  &  $p | z+x^2 - z+x^2$

$\Rightarrow p | 2z, p | 2x^2, p | y^4$

$\Rightarrow p | z, p | x, p | y$

$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = p$

put  $(x, y, z) = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{p=1}$

$\therefore (z+x^2, z-x^2) = 1$

$\therefore z+x^2$  and  $z-x^2$  are fourth power of some integers.

Let  $z-x^2 = u^4$  ①,  $z+x^2 = v^4$  — ②

Clearly, both  $u$  &  $v$  are odd,

Also,  $v^4 - u^4 = 2x^2$

$(v^2+u^2)(v^2-u^2) = 2x^2$

$\therefore u$  &  $v$  are odd  $\Rightarrow u^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  &  
 $v^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$$v^2 - u^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad \& \quad v^2 + u^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$(v^2 + u^2)(v^2 - u^2) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$\therefore v^2 - u^2$  is a square &

$v^2 + u^2$  is twice a square

$$\text{Let } v^2 - u^2 = a^2 \quad \& \quad v^2 + u^2 = 2b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = u^2 + a^2$$

A true primitive solution of this equation is given by

$$u = r^2 - s^2, \quad a = 2rs, \quad v = r^2 + s^2$$

with  $r > s > 0$  and  $(r, s) = 1$

where  $r$  &  $s$  are of opposite parity.

$$\text{Now, } v^2 + u^2 = 2b^2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$(r^2 + s^2)^2 + (r^2 - s^2)^2 = 2b^2$$

$$r^4 + s^4 + 2r^2s^2 + r^4 + s^4 - 2r^2s^2 = 2b^2$$

$$2(r^4 + s^4) = 2b^2$$

$$r^4 + s^4 = b^2$$

We claim that  $b < z$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{2}(u^4 + v^4) > \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2)^2 = b^2 \quad (\because \text{from } \textcircled{3})$$

$$z > b^2 \Rightarrow z > b$$

$\therefore b < z$ , which is a

Contradiction.

$\therefore$  Thus, we have a positive solution  $x, y, z$  of the equation  $x^4 + y^4 = z^2$  where  $b < z$ ,  ~~$b < z$~~  which is a contradiction

There is no integral soln except the trivial solution

Defn: A solution  $x, y$  of the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = n$  is called primitive solution if  $(x, y) = 1$

Notations:

- i)  $N(n) =$  No. of solns of  $x^2 + y^2 = n$
- ii)  $P(n) =$  No. of non-negative primitive solution of  $x^2 + y^2 = n$
- iii)  $Q(n) =$  No. of primitive solutions  $x^2 + y^2 = n$
- iv)  $R(n) =$  No. of solns of the congruence  $S^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$
- v)  $R(n) = P(n)$  if  $n > 1$
- vi)  $N(n) = 4 \sum_{d^2 | n} R(n/d^2)$



## The Equation $4x^2 + y^2 = n$

Let  $n$  be any integer  $n > 1$ ,  
 $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

If  $n$  is prime, the equation  $4x^2 + y^2 = n$  has only one non-negative solution and it is primitive. If  $n$  is not prime then the equation has either no primitive solution more than one non-negative primitive solution or at least one non-negative non-primitive solution.

proof: Let  $N'(n)$ ,  $p'(n)$ ,  $Q'(n)$  denote respectively no. of solns of  $4x^2 + y^2 = n$ , the no. of non-negative primitive solns of  $4x^2 + y^2 = n$ , the no. of primitive solns of  $4x^2 + y^2 = n$

Let  $N(n)$ ,  $p(n)$ ,  $Q(n)$  be the usual notation connected with the eqn  $x^2 + y^2 = n$

First we prove that  $N'(n) = \frac{N(n)}{2}$ ,  $p'(n) = \frac{p(n)}{2}$  &  $Q'(n) = \frac{Q(n)}{2}$

For let  $x, y$  be solutions of  $x^2 + y^2 = n$   
 Since  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  either  $x$  is even  
 and  $y$  is odd or  $y$  is even &  $x$  is odd.

If  $x$  is even put  $u = \frac{x}{2}$  &  $v = y$ .

If  $y$  is even put  $u = \frac{y}{2}$  &  $v = x$   
 then  $4u^2 + v^2 = n$ .

Also,  $(x, y) = (2u, v) = (u, v)$  ( $\because v$  is odd)

But  $x^2 + y^2 = y^2 + x^2$  &  $x \neq y$ .

This shows that two solutions of  
 $x^2 + y^2 = n$  correspond to one solution

of  $4u^2 + v^2 = n$

$$\therefore N'(n) = \frac{N(n)}{2} \quad p'(n) = \frac{p(n)}{2} \quad q'(n) = \frac{q(n)}{2}$$

If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  is prime, then

$$N(n) = \sum_{d|n} h(d)$$

$$= \sum [h(1) + h(n)]$$

$$= \sum (1+1)$$

$$N(n) = 8 \Rightarrow N'(n) = 4$$

$$\text{Now, } p(n) = R(n) = 2 \Rightarrow p'(n) = 1$$

This shows that the equation  
 $4x^2 + y^2 = n$  has exactly one non-negative  
 primitive solution.

Since  $N(n) = 4$ , there are 3 other solutions which will be obtained by changing the sign of non-negative solution.

$\therefore$  The eqn  $4x^2 + y^2 = n$  has exactly one non-negative solution and it is primitive solution.

Suppose  $n$  is not prime and if some prime.

Case (i)

$p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  divide  $n$  where  $p$  is prime.

$$\text{Then } Q(n) = 4, p(n) = 4, R(n) = 4 \times 0 = 0$$

$$\therefore Q'(n) = \frac{Q(n)}{2} = 0.$$

In this case, eqn has no primitive solution.

Case (ii) If  $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_r^{e_r}$ ;  $p_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

To each  $i$ ,  $e_i > 0$  for  $i = 1$  to  $r$  ( $r > 1$ )

$$p(n) = R(n) = \prod_{i=1}^r R(p_i^{e_i})$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^r (R(p_i)) = 2^r$$

$$\therefore p'(n) = \frac{p(n)}{2} = \frac{2^r}{2} = 2^{r-1} > 2$$

This shows that in this case the eqn  $4x^2 + y^2 = n$  has more than one non-negative primitive solution

Case (iii)

If  $n = p^e$ ,  $e > 1$ ,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

$$\text{Then } p(n) = R(n) = R(p^e) = R(p) = 2$$

$$\therefore p'(n) = 1$$

$$N(n) = 4 [h(1) + h(p) + h(p^2) + \dots + h(p^e)]$$

$$= 4(e+1)$$

$$N'(n) = e(e+1) \geq 6 > 4$$

$$\Rightarrow N'(n) \geq 4$$

$$\& p'(n) = \frac{p(n)}{2} = \frac{R(n)}{2} = \frac{R(p^e)}{2} = \frac{R(p)}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$\therefore p'(n) = 1$$

$\therefore$  The eqn has exactly one non-negative primitive soln and it has more than 4 solutions.

It must have some non-primitive solns, say  $a$  &  $b$ .

Then  $(a, b)$  is a non-negative non-primitive solution

Thus, in this case, the eqn  $4x^2 + y^2 = n$  has one non-negative primitive solution and atleast one non-negative non-primitive solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 &= 1 & k_2 &= 1 \\
 h_{i-1} &= 1 & h_2 &= 0 \\
 k_i &= a_i h_{i-1} + h_{i-2} \\
 h_i &= a_i k_{i-1} + k_{i-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

## UNIT - III

### Infinite Continued fraction

We define two sequence of integers  $\{k_n\}$  and  $\{h_n\}$  as follows

$$h_{-2} = 0, h_{-1} = 1; h_i = a_i h_{i-1} + h_{i-2} \text{ for } i \geq 0$$

$$k_{-2} = 1, k_{-1} = 1; k_i = a_i k_{i-1} + k_{i-2} \text{ for } i \geq 0.$$

$$k_0 = a_0 k_{-1} + k_{-2} = k_{-2} = 1$$

$$k_1 = a_1 k_0 + k_{-1} = a_1 k_0 \geq k_0 \quad (a_1 \geq 1)$$

$$k_2 = a_2 k_1 + k_0 > a_2 k_1 > k_1 \quad (a_2 \geq 1)$$

Thus we have  $1 = k_0 \leq k_1 \leq k_2 \leq k_3 \dots$

pb: Let  $x$  be any real number then

$$\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \rangle = \frac{x h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{x k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$$

proof: we prove that the result by induction on  $n$ .

$$\text{For } n=0, \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, x \rangle = \langle x \rangle = x$$

$$\frac{x h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{x k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}} = \frac{x h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{x k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$$

$$= \frac{x \cdot 1 + 0}{x \cdot 0 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{x}{1}$$

$$= x.$$

∴ For  $n=0$ , the result is true for  $n=1$

$$\langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}, x \rangle = \langle a_0, x \rangle \\ = a_0 + 1/x$$

$$\frac{x h_{n+1} + h_{n-2}}{x k_{n+1} + k_{n-2}} = \frac{x h_0 + h_{-1}}{x \cdot 1 + 0}$$

$$= \frac{x a_0 + 1}{x}$$

$$= a_0 + 1/x$$

∴ For  $n=1$ , the result is true

Assume that the result is true for  $n$

$$\text{ie) } \langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}, x \rangle = \frac{x h_{n+1} + h_{n-2}}{x k_{n+1} + k_{n-2}}$$

For  $n+1$ ,

$$\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}, x \rangle = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}, a_{n+1}/x \rangle$$

$$= \frac{(a_{n+1}/x) h_{n+1} + h_{n-2}}{(a_{n+1}/x) k_{n+1} + k_{n-2}}$$

$$\frac{(a_{n+1}/x) h_{n+1} + h_{n-2}}{(a_{n+1}/x) k_{n+1} + k_{n-2}}$$

$$= \frac{(x a_{n+1}) h_{n+1} + h_{n-2} x}{(x a_{n+1}) k_{n+1} + k_{n-2} x}$$

$$\frac{(x a_{n+1}) h_{n+1} + h_{n-2} x}{(x a_{n+1}) k_{n+1} + k_{n-2} x}$$

$$= \frac{x a_{n+1} h_{n+1} + h_{n-2} x}{x a_{n+1} k_{n+1} + k_{n-2} x}$$

$$= \frac{x a_{n+1} h_{n+1} + h_{n-2} x}{x a_{n+1} k_{n+1} + k_{n-2} x}$$

$$= \frac{x(a_n h_{n-1} + h_{n+2}) + h_{n-1}}{x(a_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}) + k_{n-1}}$$

$$\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, x \rangle = \frac{x h_n + h_{n-1}}{x k_n + k_{n-1}}$$

The result is true for  $n+1$ .

By induction

$$\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, x \rangle = \frac{x h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{x k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$$

Result:

If  $r_n = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  then  $r_n = \frac{h_n}{k_n}$ .

~~proof~~ put  $x = a_n$  in above then

Then  $r_n = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n \rangle$

$$= \frac{a_n h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{a_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$$

$$= \frac{h_n}{k_n}$$

b) Prove that equation

$$i) h_i k_{i-1} - k_i h_{i-1} = (-1)^{i-1}$$

$$ii) r_i - r_{i-1} = \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{k_i k_{i-1}} \quad \text{for } i \geq 1$$

$$iii) h_i k_{i-2} - k_i h_{i-2} = (-1)^{i-2} a_i \quad \text{and}$$

$$iv) r_i - r_{i-2} = \frac{(-1)^{i-2} a_i}{k_i k_{i-2}} \quad \text{for } i \geq 1$$



Proof: i) we prove  $h_i k_{i-1} - k_i h_{i-1} = (-1)^{i-1}$  by induction on  $i$ .

$$\text{For } i=0, h_0 k_{-1} - k_0 h_{-1} = (-1)^{-1} = \frac{1}{(-1)} = -1$$

$$\text{For } i=1, h_1 k_0 - k_1 h_0 = (-1)^0 = (-1)^{1-1}$$

Assume that result is true for  $i-1$

$$h_{i-1} k_{i-2} - k_{i-1} h_{i-2} = (-1)^{i-2}$$

Now,

$$h_i k_{i-1} - k_i h_{i-1} = (a_i h_{i-1} + h_{i-2}) k_{i-1} - (a_i k_{i-1} + k_{i-2}) h_{i-1}$$

$$= a_i h_{i-1} k_{i-1} + h_{i-2} k_{i-1} - a_i k_{i-1} h_{i-1} - k_{i-2} h_{i-1}$$

$$= h_{i-2} k_{i-1} - k_{i-2} h_{i-1}$$

$$= -[h_{i-1} k_{i-2} - k_{i-1} h_{i-2}]$$

$$h_i k_{i-1} - k_i h_{i-1} = -(-1)^{i-2} = (-1)^{i-1}$$

By induction  $h_i k_{i-1} - k_i h_{i-1} = (-1)^{i-1}$  for  $i \geq 1$

ii) Dividing by  $k_i k_{i-1}$

$$\frac{h_i k_{i-1} - k_i h_{i-1}}{k_i k_{i-1}} = \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{k_i k_{i-1}}$$

$$\frac{h_i}{k_i} - \frac{h_{i-1}}{k_{i-1}} = \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{k_i k_{i-1}}$$

$$r_i - r_{i-1} = \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{k_i k_{i-1}} \quad \text{for } i \geq 1$$

iii) Consider

$$\begin{aligned} h_i k_{i-2} - k_i h_{i-2} &= (a_i h_{i-1} + h_{i-2}) k_{i-2} \\ &\quad - (a_i k_{i-1} + k_{i-2}) h_{i-2} \\ &= a_i h_{i-1} k_{i-2} + k_{i-2} h_{i-2} - a_i k_{i-1} h_{i-2} - k_{i-2} h_{i-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= a_i h_{i-1} k_{i-2} - a_i k_{i-1} h_{i-2}$$

$$= a_i (h_{i-1} k_{i-2} - k_{i-1} h_{i-2})$$

$$= a_i (-1)^{i-2}$$

by induction  $h_i k_{i-2} - k_i h_{i-2} = (-1)^{i-2} a_i$

iv) Dividing by  $k_i k_{i-2}$  we have

$$\frac{h_i k_{i-2} - k_i h_{i-2}}{k_i k_{i-2}} = \frac{(-1)^{i-2} a_i}{k_i k_{i-2}}$$

$$\frac{h_i}{k_i} - \frac{h_{i-2}}{k_{i-2}} = \frac{(-1)^{i-2} a_i}{k_i k_{i-1}}$$

$$r_i - r_{i-2} = \frac{(-1)^{i-2} a_i}{k_i k_{i-1}}$$

Pbl The infinite sequence  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  satisfying the following inequality  $x_0 < x_2 < x_4 < \dots < x_7 < x_5 < x_3 < x_1$ . stated inwards  $x_n$  with even suffices form an increasing sequence and  $x_n$  with odd suffices form an decreasing sequence and  $x_{2n} < x_{2j-1}$  for every  $n$  and  $j$  furthermore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  exists.

proof: we have  $x_{2j} - x_{2j-2} = \frac{(-1)^{2j-2} a_{2j}}{k_{2j} k_{2j-2}} > 0$

Since  $a_{2j}$ ,  $k_{2j}$  and  $k_{2j-2}$  are +ve

$$x_{2j} - x_{2j-2} > 0 \Rightarrow x_{2j} > x_{2j-2} \text{ for } i \geq 1$$

$$(e) \quad x_0 < x_2 < x_4 < \dots \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } x_{2j+1} - x_{2j-1} = \frac{(-1)^{2j-1} a_{2j+1}}{k_{2j+1} k_{2j-1}}$$

$$= \frac{-a_{2j+1}}{k_{2j+1} k_{2j-1}} < 0 \text{ for } i \geq 1.$$

$x_{2j+1} - x_{2j-1} < 0$   
 $x_{2j+1} < x_{2j-1}$

$$x_{2j+1} - x_{2j-1} < 0$$

$$r_{2j+1} < r_{2j-1} \text{ for } j \geq 1.$$

$$\text{(c) } r_1 < r_3 < r_5 < \dots \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Now, } r_{2j} - r_{2j-1} = \frac{(-1)^{2j-1} a_{2j}}{k_{2j} k_{2j-1}} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{2j} - r_{2j-1} < 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Comparing (1), (2), (3), we have

$$r_{2n} < r_{2n+2} < r_{2n+2-1} < r_{2j-1}$$

$$\text{(c) } r_{2n} < r_{2j-1} \text{ for any } n \text{ and } j$$

the sequence  $\{r_{2j}\}$  is monotonic increasing and bounded above

by  $r_1$ .

Also, the sequence  $\{r_{2j-1}\}$  is monotonic decreasing and bounded below by  $r_0$ .

The l.u.b of  $\{r_{2j}\} = \text{g.l.b of } \{r_{2j-1}\}$

This shows that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n$  exists

Defn: Let  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are integers then  $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  is known as simple finite continued fraction

Formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n \rangle &= a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{n-1} + \frac{1}{a_n}}}}} \\ &= a_0 + \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle \\ &= \langle a_0, \dots, a_{n-2}, a_{n-1} + \frac{1}{a_n} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Defn 7.1

An infinite sequence  $a_0, a_1, \dots$  of all integers determine an infinite simple continued fraction  $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots \rangle$ .

$$\langle a_0, a_1, \dots \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$$

Theorem: 7.7

The value of any infinite simple continued fraction  $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots \rangle$  is irrational.

proof: The value of any infinite sum

let  $\theta = \langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle$  which is not irrational

Also,  $x_n < \theta < x_{n+1}$

$$0 < |\theta - x_n| < |x_{n+1} - x_n|$$

Also we know that

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{k_{n+1} k_n}$$

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| = \frac{1}{k_{n+1} k_n} = (k_{n+1} \cdot k_n)^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow 0 < |\theta - x_n| < (k_{n+1} k_n)^{-1} = \frac{1}{k_{n+1} k_n}$$

Multiplying by  $k_n$ ,

$$0 < |\theta k_n - x_n k_n| < \frac{1}{k_{n+1} \cdot k_n} \cdot k_n$$

$$0 < |\theta k_n - h_n| < \frac{1}{k_{n+1}} \quad \frac{h_n}{k_n} = x_n$$

$\therefore \theta$  is rational, denote  $\theta = \frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $b > 0$ .

$$\therefore 0 < \left| \frac{a}{b} k_n - h_n \right| < \frac{1}{k_{n+1}}$$

$$0 < |a k_n - b h_n| < \frac{b}{k_{n+1}}$$

$\therefore$  The integers  $k_n$  increases with  $n$ ,  
we choose  $n$  sufficiently large so that  
 $b < k_{n+1}$ .

$$\text{Then } \frac{b}{k_{n+1}} < 1$$

$\therefore |k_n a - k_n b|$  lies between 0 and 1

$\Rightarrow$   $k_n a - k_n b$  is an integer.

$\therefore \langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle$  is irrational.

Lemma: 7.8

Let  $\theta = \langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle$  be a simple  
Continued fraction. Then  $a_0 = [\theta]$ . Furthermore,  
if  $\theta_1$  denotes  $\langle a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle$  then  $\theta = a_0 + \frac{1}{\theta_1}$ .

proof Given  $\theta = \langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle$

$$= a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \dots}}$$

$$< a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1}$$

$$\therefore a_0 < \theta < a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1}$$

$$\text{Also, } a_1 > 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_1} < 1$$

$$\therefore a_0 < \theta < a_0 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = [\theta]$$

$$\text{Also, } \theta = \langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( a_0 + \frac{1}{\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle} \right)$$

$$= a_0 + \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle}$$

$$= a_0 + \frac{1}{\langle a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle}$$

$$a_0 = a_0 + \frac{1}{0_1}$$

Theorem: 7.9

Two distinct infinite simple continued fractions converge to different values

Proof: Suppose that  $\langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle = \langle b_0, b_1, \dots \rangle = \theta$

By above lemma,  $[a] = a_0 = b_0$

$$\text{Also, } \theta = a_0 + \frac{1}{\langle a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle} = b_0 + \frac{1}{\langle b_1, b_2, \dots \rangle}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle = \langle b_1, b_2, \dots \rangle$$

Repeat the same argument gives  $a_1 = b_1$  and so by mathematical induction.

$$a_n = b_n \quad \forall n$$

$\therefore$  Two distinct infinite simple continued fractions converge to different values.



## Irrational Numbers

Theorem: T.10

Any irrational number  $\xi$  is uniquely expressible by  $a_i = [\xi_i]$ ,  $\xi_{i+1} = \frac{1}{\xi_i - a_i}$  as an infinite simple continued fraction  $\langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle$  conversely any such continued fraction determined by integers  $a_i$  which are positive for all  $i$ , represents an irrational number  $\xi$ .

~~proof~~ We have already P.T any infinite simple continued fraction represents an irrational number.

Conversely, let  $\xi$  be an irrational number

T.p:  $\xi$  can be expressed as an infinite simple continued fraction.

$$\text{Let } \xi = \xi_0.$$

$$\text{define } a_0 = [\xi_0] \text{ and } \xi_1 = \frac{1}{\xi_0 - a_0}$$

$$\text{next } a_1 = [\xi_1] \text{ and } \xi_2 = \frac{1}{\xi_1 - a_1}$$

and so by inductive define

$$a_i = [\xi_i] \text{ and } \xi_{i+1} = \frac{1}{\xi_i - a_i}$$

$\therefore$  By defn,  $a_i$  are integers and  $\xi_i$  are irrationals for all  $i$ .

claim:  $a_i \geq 1 \quad \forall i$ .

$$a_{i-1} < \xi_{i-1} < 1 + a_{i-1}$$

$$0 < \xi_{i-1} - a_{i-1} < 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\xi_{i-1} - a_{i-1}} > 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_i > 1$$

$$\therefore a_i = \lfloor \xi_i \rfloor \geq 1$$

$$\therefore \xi_{i+1} = \frac{1}{\xi_i - a_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_i - a_i = \frac{1}{\xi_{i+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_i = a_i + \frac{1}{\xi_{i+1}}$$

$$\text{Now } \xi_{\xi_0} = \xi_{\xi_0} = a_0 + \frac{1}{\xi_1}$$

$$= \langle a_0, \xi_{a_1} \rangle$$

$$= \langle a_0, a_1 + \frac{1}{\xi_2} \rangle$$

$$= \langle a_0, a_1, \xi_{a_2} \rangle$$

$\vdots$

$$= \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-2}, a_{n-1}, \xi_n \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_n h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{\epsilon_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$$

$$\xi - r_{n-1} = \xi - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_n h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{\epsilon_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}} - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_n h_{n-1} + h_{n-2} - \frac{h_{n-1}(\epsilon_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2})}{k_{n-1}}}{\epsilon_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)}{k_{n-1}(\epsilon_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2})}$$

This fraction tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  because the integers  $k_n$  are increasing with  $n$  and  $\epsilon_n$  is positive.

$$\therefore \xi - r_{n-1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore \xi = r_n \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore \xi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$$

$$= \langle a_0, a_1, \dots \rangle$$

$\therefore$  Every irrational number can be expressed as infinite continued fraction.

# UNIT-IV

## Approximation to irrational numbers.

6) we have for any  $n \geq 0, \left| \xi - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| < \frac{1}{k_n k_{n+1}}$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \xi k_n - h_n \right| < \frac{1}{k_{n+1}}$$

proof: we have  $\xi = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, \xi_{n+1} \rangle$ .

$$\text{ie) } \xi = \frac{\xi_{n+1} h_n + h_{n-1}}{\xi_{n+1} k_n + k_{n-1}}$$

$$\xi - \frac{h_n}{k_n} = \frac{\xi_{n+1} h_n + h_{n-1}}{\xi_{n+1} k_n + k_{n-1}} - \frac{h_n}{k_n}$$

$$= \frac{\xi_{n+1} h_n k_n + k_n h_{n-1} - \xi_{n+1} k_n h_n - h_n k_{n-1}}{(\xi_{n+1} k_n + k_{n-1}) k_n}$$

$$= \frac{k_n h_{n-1} - h_n k_{n-1}}{(\xi_{n+1} k_n + k_{n-1}) k_n}$$

$$= \frac{-(h_n k_{n-1} - k_n h_{n-1})}{k_n (\xi_{n+1} k_n + k_{n-1})}$$

$$= \frac{-(-1)^{n-1}}{k_n (\xi_{n+1} k_n + k_{n-1})}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^n}{k_n (\xi_{n+1} k_n + k_{n-1})}$$

$$\left| \xi - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| < \frac{1}{k_n k_{n+1}}$$

$$\left| \xi k_n - h_n \right| < \frac{1}{k_{n+1}}$$

$$\left| \varepsilon - \frac{hn}{k_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{k_n \left( \sum_{r=1}^n k_r + k_{n-1} \right)} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{k_n \left( \sum_{r=1}^n k_r + k_{n-1} \right)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

But  $a_{n+1} = \left[ \sum_{r=1}^n k_r \right] < \sum_{r=1}^n k_r$   
 $\sum_{r=1}^n k_r + k_{n-1} > a_{n+1} + k_{n-1} = k_{n+1}$

$\therefore \sum_{r=1}^n k_r + k_{n-1} > a_{n+1} + k_{n-1} = k_{n+1}$   
 $\sum_{r=1}^n k_r + k_{n-1} > k_{n+1}$  By defn.

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{r=1}^n k_r + k_{n-1}} < \frac{1}{k_{n+1}}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \left| \varepsilon - \frac{hn}{k_n} \right| < \frac{1}{k_n k_{n+1}}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $k_n$ , we have

$$\left| \varepsilon k_n - hn \right| < \frac{1}{k_{n+1}}$$

7) For any irrational no.  $\varepsilon$ ,

$$\left| \varepsilon - \frac{hn}{k_n} \right| < \left| \varepsilon - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right|$$

Moreover, the

stronger inequality  $\left| \varepsilon k_n - hn \right| < \left| \varepsilon k_{n-1} - h_{n-1} \right|$  holds.

Proof: first we prove the stronger inequality  $\left| \varepsilon k_n - hn \right| < \left| \varepsilon k_{n-1} - h_{n-1} \right|$

implies the inequality  $\left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| < \left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right|$

assume that  $\left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| < \left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right|$  holds

Now,

$$\left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| = \frac{1}{k_n} \left| \epsilon k_n - h_n \right| < \frac{1}{k_n} \left| \epsilon k_{n-1} - h_{n-1} \right|$$

But  $k_{n-1} < k_n$

$$\frac{1}{k_{n-1}} \geq \frac{1}{k_n}$$

ie)  $\frac{1}{k_n} \leq \frac{1}{k_{n-1}}$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| < \frac{1}{k_{n-1}} \left| \epsilon k_{n-1} - h_{n-1} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right|$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| < \left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right|$$

Now we prove the second inequality

$$\left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right| = \frac{1}{k_{n-1} (\epsilon_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2})} \quad \text{(by above thm)}$$

Consider  $\epsilon_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}$

we have  $a_n < \epsilon_n < (1+a_n)$

$$\epsilon_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2} < (1+a_n) k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}$$

$$= k_{n-1} + \underline{a_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$$

$$= k_{n-1} + k_n \quad \text{(by defn)}$$

$$\leq a_{n+1}k_n + k_{n-1} = k_{n+1} \quad (\because a_{n+1} \geq 1)$$

$$\sum_{\epsilon_n} k_{n+1} + k_{n-2} < k_{n+1}$$

$$k_{n+1} (\sum_{\epsilon_n} k_{n+1} + k_{n-2}) < k_{n+1} k_{n+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{k_{n+1} (\sum_{\epsilon_n} k_{n+1} + k_{n-2})} > \frac{1}{k_{n+1} k_{n+1}}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{1}{k_{n+1} (\sum_{\epsilon_n} k_{n+1} + k_{n-2})} = \left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right|$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right| > \frac{1}{k_{n+1} k_{n+1}}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $k_{n-1}$  we get

$$|\epsilon k_{n-1} - h_{n-1}| > \frac{1}{k_{n+1}}$$

$$\text{By above thm, } \frac{1}{k_{n+1}} > |\epsilon k_n - h_n|$$

$$\therefore |\epsilon k_{n-1} - h_{n-1}| > |\epsilon k_n - h_n|$$

$$\text{(ii) } |\epsilon k_n - h_n| < |\epsilon k_{n-1} - h_{n-1}|$$

Hence the proof  $\square$  + internal

(my job)

8) If  $\frac{a}{b}$  is rational with  $\neq$  +ve denominator and if  $\left| \xi - \frac{a}{b} \right| < \left| \xi - \frac{hn}{kn} \right|$  for some  $n \geq 1$  then  $b > kn$ . Moreover, if  $|b\xi - a| < |kn\xi - hn|$  for some  $n \geq 0$ , then  $b \geq kn+1$ .

Proof: First we prove that the second part of the ~~theorem~~ implies the first part. Second part states that if

$$|b\xi - a| < |kn\xi - hn|, \quad n \geq 0 \text{ then } b \geq kn+1.$$

Suppose that  $\left| \xi - \frac{a}{b} \right| < \left| \xi - \frac{hn}{kn} \right|$  &  $b \leq kn$ .

$$\text{Now, } |b\xi - a| = b \left| \xi - \frac{a}{b} \right|$$

$$< b \left| \xi - \frac{hn}{kn} \right|$$

$$< kn \left| \xi - \frac{hn}{kn} \right|$$

$$|b\xi - a| < |kn\xi - hn|$$

$$\Rightarrow b \geq kn+1$$

Thus we have  $b \leq kn$  &  $kn+1 \leq b$

which is  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .



If  $|\xi - \frac{a}{b}| < |\xi - \frac{hn}{kn}|$  then  $b > kn$

Now, we want to prove the second part of thm

Suppose that  $|b\xi - a| < |kn\xi - hn|$  then  $b < kn+1$

Consider the linear eqn.

$$xh_n + yh_{n+1} = a \quad \& \quad xkn + ykn+1 = b$$

$\therefore$  These eqns have integral soln

Now, we claim that neither  $x$  nor  $y$  is zero.

For if  $x=0$  then  $b=ykn+1$

This implies that  $y \neq 0$

$$\therefore y \geq 1$$

$$\therefore b \geq kn+1$$

which is  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$  to hypothesis,

that  $|b\xi - a| < |kn\xi - hn|$  &  $b < kn+1$ .

$$\therefore x \neq 0.$$

If  $y=0$  then  $a=xh_n$  &  $b=xkn$

$$\begin{aligned} |b\xi - a| &= |xkn\xi - xh_n| \\ &= |x| |kn\xi - hn| \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq |kn\epsilon - kn| \quad (\because |x| \geq 1)$$

which is  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$  to assumption.

$$\therefore y \neq 0$$

Now we claim that  $x$  &  $y$  are of opposite signs.

For if  $y < 0$  then  $xkn = b - ykn+1$   
 $\Rightarrow x > 0$ .

If  $y > 0$ , &  $b < kn+1$  ( $\because xkn = b - ykn+1$ )  
 $\Rightarrow b < ykn+1$   $\times$   $xkn = b - ykn+1$

implies  $xkn < 0$  which implies  $x < 0$ .

Hence our claim.

Now for  $n = 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots$

$\frac{hn}{kn}$  is an increasing sequence

for  $n = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$

$\frac{hn}{kn}$  is a decreasing sequence and

$$\epsilon_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{hn}{kn}$$

$k_n \xi - h_n$  &  $k_{n+1} \xi - h_{n+1}$  are of opposite signs

$\therefore x(k_n \xi - h_n)$  &  $y(k_{n+1} \xi - h_{n+1})$  are of the same sign.

$\therefore$  Absolute value of the sum equals the sum of separate absolute values.

$$|x(k_n \xi - h_n) + y(k_{n+1} \xi - h_{n+1})|$$

$$= |x(k_n \xi - h_n)| + |y(k_{n+1} \xi - h_{n+1})|$$

$$(c) |(\alpha k_n + y k_{n+1}) \xi - (\alpha h_n + y h_{n+1})| > |x(k_n \xi - h_n)|$$

$$(c) |b \xi - a| > |\alpha| |k_n \xi - h_n|$$

$$(c) |b \xi - a| > |k_n \xi - h_n| \quad (\because |\alpha| \geq 1)$$

which is  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

$$\therefore b \geq k_{n+1}$$

4) Let  $\xi$  be an irrational. Let  $\frac{a}{b}$  be rational with  $b \geq 1$  such that  $|\xi - \frac{a}{b}| < \frac{1}{2b^2}$ .

Then  $\frac{a}{b}$  is equal to one of the convergent to  $\xi$ .

proof w.l.g, assume that  $(a, b) = 1$

Suppose  $\frac{a}{b}$  is not equal to any of the convergents  $\frac{h_n}{k_n}$  choose +ve integer  $n$  such that  $k_n \leq b \leq k_{n+1}$ .

For this  $n$ ,  $|b\xi - a| \geq |k_n\xi - h_n|$

Now,  $\frac{a}{b} \neq \frac{h_n}{k_n} \Rightarrow b h_n - a k_n$  is a non-zero integer.

$\therefore |b h_n - a k_n| \geq 1$ .

Consider  $\frac{1}{b k_n} \leq \frac{|b h_n - a k_n|}{b k_n} = \left| \frac{h_n}{k_n} - \frac{a}{b} \right|$

$\leq \left| \xi - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| + \left| \xi - \frac{a}{b} \right|$   
(using triangular inequality)

$$\frac{1}{b k_n} \leq \frac{1}{k_n} |k_n \xi - h_n| + \left| \xi - \frac{a}{b} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{k_n} |b \xi - a| + \left| \xi - \frac{a}{b} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{b}{k_n} \left| \xi - \frac{a}{b} \right| + \left| \xi - \frac{a}{b} \right|$$

$$\frac{1}{b k_n} < \frac{1}{k_n} \cdot \frac{1}{2b} + \frac{1}{2b^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{b k_n} < \frac{1}{2b k_n} + \frac{1}{2b^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2bk_n} + \frac{1}{2bk_n} < \frac{1}{2bk_n} + \frac{1}{2b^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2bk_n} < \frac{1}{2b^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{k_n} < \frac{1}{b} \Rightarrow b < k_n$$

$$\Rightarrow k_n \leq b \leq k_{n+1}$$

$\therefore \frac{a}{b}$  is equal to one of convergent to  $\xi$ .

Defn: A complex number  $\xi$  is called an algebraic number if it satisfies some polynomial equation  $f(x) = 0$  where  $f(x)$  is a polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Defn: An algebraic number  $\xi$  is an algebraic integer if it satisfies some monic polynomial equation.

$$f(x) = x^n + b_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + b_n = 0 \text{ with integral coefficients.}$$

coefficients.

Theorem: Among the rational numbers the only ones that are algebraic integers are the integers  $0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

Defn: Algebraic Number field

Consider the collection of all

$\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

numbers of the form  $\left\{ \frac{f(\xi)}{h(\xi)} \mid h(\xi) \neq 0 \right\}$   
 $f(x), h(x) \in \mathbb{Q}(x)$

For a ~~field~~ fixed complex number  $\xi$ , this collection forms a field and is denoted by  $\mathbb{Q}(\xi)$  and it is called the extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$  by  $\xi$ .

Note: If  $\xi$  is an algebraic number, then  $\mathbb{Q}(\xi)$  is called an algebraic number field.

### Algebraic Integers

Thm If  $\alpha$  is algebraic number, there is a rational integer  $b$  s.t.  $\alpha b$  is an algebraic integer.

proof: Let  $f(x) = 0$  be the polynomial eqn satisfied by  $\alpha$  where  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

we may presume that  $f(x) = 0$  has rational integer coefficients by multiplying the rational coefficients by least common multiple of denominators of the rational coefficients.

Let the eqn thus obtained be  $b x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + a_2 x^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0$  where  $b, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are rational integers.

$$\text{let } h(x) = bx^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + a_2 x^{n-2} + \dots + a_n$$

$$\text{let } h(x) = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } h\left(\frac{x}{b}\right) = b \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^n + a_1 \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{n-1} + a_2 \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{n-2} + \dots + a_n$$

$$= \frac{x^n}{b^{n-1}} + a_1 \frac{x^{n-1}}{b^{n-1}} + a_2 \frac{x^{n-2}}{b^{n-2}} + \dots + a_n$$

$$b^{n-1} h\left(\frac{x}{b}\right) = x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n b^{n-1}$$

$$\text{put } x = \alpha b$$

$$\text{then } b^{n-1} h(\alpha) = (\alpha b)^n + a_1 (\alpha b)^{n-1} + \dots + a_n b^{n-1}$$

$$0 = (\alpha b)^n + a_1 (\alpha b)^{n-1} + a_2 b (\alpha b)^{n-2} + \dots + a_n b^{n-1}$$

This shows that  $\alpha b$  satisfies the monic polynomial  $x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n b^{n-1}$ .  
 $\therefore \alpha b$  is an algebraic integer.

Theorem: The integer of an algebraic number field  $F$  forms a ring under addition and multiplication.

Proof: Let  $\alpha, \beta \in F$

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are algebraic integers then  $\alpha + \beta$ ,  $\alpha\beta$  and  $-\alpha$  are algebraic integers.

Also the additive identity 0 and multiplicative identity 1 are algebraic integers.

$\therefore$  The closure of algebraic integers in any algebraic number field form a ring under addition and multiplication.

Defn: An algebraic integer  $\alpha \neq 0$  in an algebraic number field is said to be a divisor of algebraic integer  $\beta$  if  $\exists$  an algebraic integer  $\gamma$  in the field s.t.  $\beta = \alpha\gamma$ . In this case we write  $\alpha | \beta$ .

Any divisor of 1 is called a unit. Two non-zero algebraic integers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are said to be associates if  $\alpha | \beta$  is a unit. (We say that  $\alpha$  is called a unit if  $\alpha | 1$  or we say that  $\beta$  is an associate of  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha | \beta$  is a unit).

Theorem: The reciprocal of a unit is a unit. The unit of an algebraic number field forms a group.

Proof: Let  $\epsilon_1$  be a unit.

Then  $\epsilon_1$  is a divisor of 1.

$\therefore \exists$  an algebraic integer  $\epsilon_2$  s.t.  $\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 = 1$ .

This shows that  $\epsilon_2$  is a unit and is the reciprocal of  $\epsilon_1$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Reciprocal of a unit is a unit.

Let  $\epsilon_3$  be a unit.

Then  $\exists$  algebraic integer  $\epsilon_4$  s.t.  $\epsilon_3 \epsilon_4 = 1$ .



$$\text{Now, } (\epsilon_{11}, \epsilon_{13}) (\epsilon_{13}, \epsilon_{14}) = 1.$$

This shows that  $\epsilon_{11}, \epsilon_{13}$  is a unit.

1 is multiplicative identity and 1 is a unit we have already prove that reciprocal of unit is a unit.

$\therefore$  The unit form multiplicative group.

pb: The unit of  $\mathbb{Q}$  are  $\pm 1$  and if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are associates then  $\alpha = \pm \beta$ .

soln: let  $\epsilon_q$  be a unit in the field  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Then  $\exists \delta \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $\epsilon_q \cdot \delta = 1$ .

By defn,  $\epsilon_q$  and  $\delta$  must be algebraic integer of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

But the only algebraic integer in the rational field are rational integers.

$\therefore \epsilon_q$  and  $\delta$  are rational integer.

In particular  $\epsilon_q$  and  $\frac{1}{\epsilon_q}$  are rational integer.

This is possible only if  $\epsilon_q = \pm 1$  unit in the rational field are  $\pm 1$ .

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are associates then  $\alpha/\beta$  is a unit.

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm \beta.$$

## UNIT-5

### Quadratic field

Defn: A quadratic field is the algebraic number field  $\mathbb{Q}(\xi)$  where  $\xi$  is root of an irreducible quadratic polynomial equation

Note: The roots of an irreducible quadratic polynomial equation is of the form  $\frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{c}$  where  $a, b, c, m$  are rational integers and  $m$  is square free integer which is +ve or -ve but not one and  $c > 0$ .

Theorem: Every quadratic field is of the form  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  where  $m$  is a square free rational integer, positive or negative but not equal to 1. Numbers of the form  $a+b\sqrt{m}$  with rational integers  $a$  and  $b$  are integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ . These are the only integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  if  $m \equiv 2$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ . If  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , the numbers  $\left(\frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{2}\right)$  with odd rational integer  $a$  and  $b$  are also integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  and there are no further algebraic integers.

proof: Let  $\mathbb{Q}(\xi)$  be quadratic field  
then  $\xi$  is root of an irreducible  
quadratic polynomial:

$\therefore \xi$  is of the form  $\frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{c}$  where  
 $a, b, c, m$  are rational integers

$$\text{then } \mathbb{Q}(\xi) = \mathbb{Q}\left(\frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{c}\right)$$

$$= \mathbb{Q}(a+b\sqrt{m})$$

$$= \mathbb{Q}(b\sqrt{m})$$

$$= \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$$

any number  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  can be taken as

$$\alpha = \frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{c}, \quad c > 0.$$

W.L.G., assume that  $(a, b, c) = 1$  so that  
 $\alpha$  is its lowest term.

If  $b=0$ , then  $\alpha$  is rational and  
it is an algebraic iff it is rational  
integer (by thm.)

$\therefore$  In this case,  $\alpha$  is algebraic  
integer iff  $c=1$ .

If  $b \neq 0$  then minimal equation  
 $\alpha$  is quadratic namely

$$\left(x - \frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{c}\right) \left(x - \frac{a-b\sqrt{m}}{c}\right) = 0.$$

$$ii) x^2 - \frac{2a}{c}x + \frac{a^2 - mb^2}{c^2} = 0.$$

By known thm,  $\alpha$  is algebraic integer iff minimal equation of  $\alpha$  is monic with integral coefficients.

$\therefore \alpha$  is an algebraic integer iff  $c/2a$  and  $c^2/a^2 - mb^2$  are integers.

Claim:  $(a, c) = 1$  if  $\alpha$  is an algebraic integer.

For, if  $(a, c) > 1$  and  $c/2a$  then  $a$  &  $c$  have common prime say  $p$ .

But  $p \nmid b$  [ $\because (a, b, c) = 1$ ].

Now,  $p^2 \mid c^2$  and  $p^2 \mid a^2$

If  $c^2/a^2 - mb^2$  then  $p^2 \mid a^2 - mb^2$

$\Rightarrow p^2 \mid mb^2 \Rightarrow p^2 \mid m$ .

which is a  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$  to the fact that

$m$  is a square free

$\therefore \alpha$  is an algebraic integer iff

$$(a, c) = 1.$$

Next we claim  $c \nmid 2$ .

For, suppose  $c > 2$ .

Let  $c = 2^n$ ,  $n > 1$

$$\text{Then } c|2a \Rightarrow 2^n|2a$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{n-1}|a$$

$$\Rightarrow (a|c) \geq 2^{n-1} \geq 2$$

which is a  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .

If  $c$  has an odd prime factor  $p$   
and  $c|2a \Rightarrow p|2a \Rightarrow p|a$

$$\Rightarrow (a|c) \geq p > 1$$

which is a  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .

$\therefore c \neq 2$

$\therefore \alpha$  is an algebraic integer iff

$c = 1$  or  $2$ .

If  $c = 1$  then  $(*)$  holds true.

$\therefore a + b\sqrt{m}$  are algebraic integer of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$

$$\text{If } c = 2 \text{ then } 4|a^2 - mb^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 \equiv mb^2 \pmod{4}$$

which in turn implies that  $a$  is odd

Since  $m$  is square free

$$\text{when } a \text{ is odd } a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$\therefore mb^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

which in turn implies that  $b$  is odd when  $b$  is odd,  $b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

$$\therefore m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

This shows that  $\frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{2}$  are also algebraic integers if  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Defn: Consider a quadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ . Any number in the quadratic field is of form  $\alpha = \frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{c}$ . we define norm of  $\alpha$  denoted by  $N(\alpha)$

$$N(\alpha) = \alpha \bar{\alpha} = \frac{a^2 - b^2 m}{c^2} \quad [\bar{\alpha} \text{ is rational conjugate of } \alpha]$$

$\frac{a+b\sqrt{m}}{c} \quad \frac{a-b\sqrt{m}}{c}$

Theorem:

1) If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  is an algebraic integer then  $N(\alpha)$  is rational integer.

2)  $N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha) \cdot N(\beta)$

3)  $N(\alpha) = 0$  iff  $\alpha = 0$ .

4) An algebraic integer  $\alpha$  is unit in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  iff  $N(\alpha) = \pm 1$ .

proof: 1) If  $\alpha$  is an algebraic integer then  $c^2 \mid a^2 - b^2 m$ .

$$\therefore \frac{a^2 - b^2 m}{c^2} \text{ is rational integer}$$

$\Rightarrow N(\alpha)$  is rational integer.

2) clearly  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$

$$\Rightarrow (\overline{\alpha\beta}) = \bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N(\alpha\beta) &= (\alpha\beta)(\overline{\alpha\beta}) \\ &= (\alpha\beta)(\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}) \\ &= (\alpha\bar{\alpha})(\beta\bar{\beta}) \\ &= N(\alpha)N(\beta) \end{aligned}$$

3)  $N(\alpha) = 0$  iff  $\alpha\bar{\alpha} = 0$  iff either  $\alpha = 0$  (or)  $\bar{\alpha} = 0$

$$\text{But } \bar{\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$$

$$\therefore N(\alpha) = 0 \text{ iff } \alpha = 0$$

4) Let  $\gamma$  be an algebraic integer which is unit in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$

Then  $\deg \gamma$  is either 1 or 2

If  $\deg \gamma$  is 1 then minimal eqn is  $x - \gamma = 0$  with integral coefficients.

This shows that  $\gamma$  itself is rational integer.

$\therefore N(\gamma) = \gamma\bar{\gamma}$  is rational integer.

$\therefore \gamma$  is unit,  $\bar{\gamma}$  is also unit

$$\text{Hence } \gamma\bar{\gamma} \text{ is unit } \Rightarrow \gamma\bar{\gamma} = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore N(\gamma) = \pm 1$$

If  $\gamma$  is of degree 2 then the minimal eqn is  $x^2 - (\gamma + \bar{\gamma})x + \gamma\bar{\gamma} = 0$  with integral coefficients

$\therefore N(\gamma) = \gamma\bar{\gamma}$  is rational integer since  $\gamma$  is unit  $\bar{\gamma}$  is also unit.

Hence  $\gamma\bar{\gamma}$  is unit  $\Rightarrow \gamma\bar{\gamma} = \pm 1$  ( $\because N(\gamma) = \pm 1$ )

Conversely, suppose  $N(\gamma) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma\bar{\gamma} = 1 \Rightarrow \gamma \mid 1$$

$\therefore \gamma$  is unit.

### UNITS IN QUADRATIC FIELD

If  $m < 0$  the quadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  is called imaginary quadratic field.

$m > 0$  is called the real quadratic field.

1) Let  $m$  be -ve rational integer which is square free. The units in the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  are  $\pm 1$  except in 2 cases where  $m = -1$  &  $m = -3$ . The units of  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  are  $\pm 1, \pm i$  and units of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$  are  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$ ,

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

Proof:

The algebraic integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  are of two forms  $x + y\sqrt{m}$  and  $\frac{x + y\sqrt{m}}{2}$  where  $x, y$  are rational integers and in latter case  $x, y$  are odd and  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

Suppose  $m < 0$  then  $x^2 - my^2 \geq 0$

If  $\alpha$  is unit, then  $N(\alpha) = \pm 1$  and if  $\alpha$  is unit of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ , then  $N(\alpha) = 1$  [ $\alpha \mid 1 \Rightarrow 1 = \alpha\bar{\alpha} = N(\alpha)$ ]

$$(e) \quad x^2 - my^2 = 1$$



The eqn  $x^2 - my^2 = 1$  has the only soln  $x = \pm 1$  and  $y = 0$

$\therefore$  The unit is  $\pm 1$

when  $m = -1$ ,  $x^2 - my^2 = x^2 + y^2$

$$\therefore x^2 - my^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

The soln of the eqn are  $x = \pm 1, y = 0$  and  $x = 0, y = \pm 1$

The units are  $\pm 1, \pm \sqrt{-1} = \pm i$

Suppose  $m = -3$  then  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $(N(\alpha) = \alpha\bar{\alpha})$

$$N\left(\frac{x+y\sqrt{m}}{2}\right) = \frac{x^2 - my^2}{4} = \frac{x^2 + 3y^2}{4}$$

and the eqn  $\frac{x^2 + 3y^2}{4} = 1$  has soln  $x = 1, y = \pm 1$

and  $x = -1, y = \pm 1$

Since  $x$  &  $y$  are odd, the units of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$  are  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$  apart from  $\pm 1$

Summing up units of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  are  $\pm 1, \pm i$

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$  are  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$  and for all other  $m < 0$ ,

the only units are  $\pm 1$

2) The units of real Quadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  are infinite

Proof:

The algebraic integer of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  are  $x + y\sqrt{m}$  and  $\frac{x + y\sqrt{m}}{2}$  in case  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  with  $x, y$  odd

If  $x + y\sqrt{m}$  is unit then  $x^2 - my^2 = 1$ .

w.k.T the eqn has infinitely many soln.

∴ The units of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  are infinite

If  $\frac{x+y\sqrt{m}}{2}$  is unit then  $\frac{x^2-my^2}{4}=1$

(e)  $x^2-my^2=4$  and this eqn has infinitely many soln.

∴ Units of real quadratic field are infinite

### Problems:

- 1) If  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + i\alpha_2$  where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are real. If  $\alpha$  is algebraic no/ - Can  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  be algebraic number? If  $\alpha$  is algebraic integer then  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are algebraic integer.

Since  $\alpha$  and  $\bar{\alpha}$  satisfying same polynomial eqn. with rational coefficients both  $\alpha$  and  $\bar{\alpha}$  are algebraic number if  $\alpha$  is an algebraic number

w.k.T the algebraic number form a field

∴  $\alpha_1 = \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{2}$  is an algebraic number

$\alpha_2 = \frac{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}{2i}$  is algebraic number

Since  $i$  is algebraic no/ - Satisfying poly eqn

$$x^2+1=0$$

Ans: NO.

For Consider  $d = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$

This is an algebraic integer since it satisfies the monic poly eqn  $x^2-x+1=0$ .

But  $\alpha_1 = 1/2$   $\alpha_2 = \sqrt{3}/2$  are not algebraic integers

Since these minimal eqns are  $2x-1=0$  and  $4x^2-3=0$  which are not monic

2) If  $\alpha$  is an algebraic integer in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  and  $\epsilon_1$  is unit p.T  $\epsilon_1/\alpha$

$$\text{clearly } \alpha = \epsilon_1 (\epsilon_1^{-1} \alpha)$$

Put  $B = \epsilon_1^{-1} \alpha$  which is an algebraic integer

Since  $\epsilon_1^{-1}$  is unit which is algebraic integer

$$\therefore \alpha = \epsilon_1 B \Rightarrow \epsilon_1/\alpha$$

3) If  $\alpha$  is an algebraic integer which is neither 0 nor unit p.T  $|N(\alpha)| > 1$

Since  $\alpha$  is an algebraic integer

$$\Rightarrow N(\alpha) \text{ is rational integer}$$

$$\Rightarrow \because \alpha \text{ is not } 0, N(\alpha) \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha \text{ is not a unit, } N(\alpha) \neq \pm 1$$

$$\therefore |N(\alpha)| > 1$$

4) D.T the following assertion is false. If  $N(\alpha)$  is rational integer in  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  then  $\alpha$  is algebraic integer

$$\text{Consider } \alpha = \frac{1+7i}{5}$$

$$\text{clearly } N(\alpha) = \left(\frac{1+7i}{5}\right) \left(\frac{1-7i}{5}\right) = \frac{1+49}{25} = \frac{50}{25} = 2$$

But minimal eqn of  $\alpha$  is,

$$\left(x - \frac{1+7i}{5}\right) \left(x - \frac{1-7i}{5}\right) = 0$$

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{49}{25} = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{49}{25} = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{2x}{5} + 2 = 0$$

$$5x^2 - 2x + 10 = 0$$

which is not monic poly with integer coeffs

$\alpha = \frac{1+7i}{5}$  is not an algebraic integer.

5) If  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  P.T the algebraic integers in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  are of the form  $a + b\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{m}}{2}\right)$

Since  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  the algebraic integers in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$

are of the form  $\frac{\alpha + \beta\sqrt{m}}{2}$  where  $\alpha, \beta$  are rational integers

$\therefore \alpha$  &  $\beta$  are odd we can write  $\alpha = 2a + \beta$

where  $a$  is rational integer which may be +ve

or -ve or zero.

$$\text{Then } \frac{\alpha + \beta\sqrt{m}}{2} = \frac{2a + \beta + \beta\sqrt{m}}{2} = a + \beta\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{m}}{2}\right)$$

Put  $\beta = b$

$$\frac{\alpha + \beta\sqrt{m}}{2} = a + b\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{m}}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore$  algebraic integers in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  are of form

$$a + b\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{m}}{2}\right)$$

6. If  $\alpha \neq 0, \beta \neq 0$  are algebraic integers s.t.  $\alpha/\beta$

P.T  $\bar{\alpha} | \bar{\beta}$  and  $N(\alpha) | N(\beta)$

$\therefore \alpha/\beta \nexists$  an algebraic integer  $\exists$  to such that

$$B = \alpha\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$$

$$\bar{B} = \bar{\alpha}\sqrt{\phantom{x}} \Rightarrow \bar{\alpha} | \bar{B}$$

$$N(\beta) = N(\alpha\sqrt{\phantom{x}}) = N(\alpha)N(\sqrt{\phantom{x}})$$

$$\therefore N(\alpha) | N(\beta)$$

7) P.T units in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  are of form  $\pm(1+\sqrt{2})^n$  where  $n$  is any integer.

The units in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  are of form  $x+y\sqrt{2}$

Since  $2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$$\therefore x+y\sqrt{2} \text{ is unit } x^2-2y^2=\pm 1$$

The least +ve soln of eqn  $x^2-2y^2=-1$  are  $x=1, y=1$ .

Put  $x_1=1, y_1=1$  then all soln of  $x^2-2y^2=1$  are  $x_n, y_n$  where

$$x_n + y_n\sqrt{2} = (x_1 + y_1\sqrt{2})^n \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{The units are } (1+\sqrt{2})^n \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The soln of  $x^2-2y^2=1$  are  $x_n, y_n$  where

$$x_n + y_n\sqrt{2} = (1+\sqrt{2})^n \quad n=2, 4, 6, \dots$$

The equation  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$ .

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-zero integer and  $abc$  is squarefree. The necessary and sufficient condition that  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  has a solution in integers  $x, y, z$  not all zero are that  $a, b, c$  do not have same sign & that  $-bc, -ca, -ab$  are quadratic residue modulo  $a, b, c$  respectively.

proof Before proving the thm we see the following lemma

Lemma-1

Let  $\lambda, \mu, \delta$  be the +ve real no. such that  $\lambda\mu\delta = m$  an integer.

Then the congruence,

$\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  has a solution  $x, y, z$  not all zero s.t  $|x| \leq \lambda, |y| \leq \mu, |z| \leq \delta$ .

proof of the lemma-1

Let  $x$  ranges over all values  $0, 1, 2, \dots, [\lambda]$ .  $y$  ranges over all values  $0, 1, 2, \dots, [\mu]$ .  $z$  ranges over all values  $0, 1, 2, \dots, [\delta]$ .

Then there are  $(1 + [\lambda])(1 + [\mu])(1 + [\delta])$

different triples  $x, y, z$

Clearly,  $1 + [\lambda] > \lambda$ ,  $1 + [\mu] > \mu$ ,  $1 + [\delta] > \delta$ .

$$\therefore (1 + [\lambda])(1 + [\mu])(1 + [\delta]) > \lambda\mu\delta = m.$$

$\therefore$  there exist three different triples

$x_1, y_1, z_1$  &  $x_2, y_2, z_2$  s.t

$$\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1 + \gamma z_1 \equiv \alpha x_2 + \beta y_2 + \gamma z_2 \pmod{m}$$

$$\alpha(x_1 - x_2) + \beta(y_1 - y_2) + \gamma(z_1 - z_2) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

(c)  $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  has a soln

$$\text{s.t. } |x| = |x_1 - x_2| \leq [\lambda] \leq \lambda$$

$$|y| = |y_1 - y_2| \leq [\mu] \leq \mu$$

$$|z| = |z_1 - z_2| \leq [\delta] \leq \delta$$

Lemma-2

Suppose  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$  is

Congruent to 2 linear factors modulo  $m$

& modulo  $n$ .

$$(c) \quad ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 \equiv (\alpha_1 x + \beta_1 y + \gamma_1 z)(\alpha_2 x + \beta_2 y + \gamma_2 z) \pmod{m}$$

$$\text{and } ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 \equiv (\alpha_3 x + \beta_3 y + \gamma_3 z)(\alpha_4 x + \beta_4 y + \gamma_4 z) \pmod{n}$$

If  $(m, n) = 1$ . Then  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$  is congruent to 2 linear factors modulo  $mn$ .

proof of lemma 2:

proof: Since  $(m, n) = 1$ , the congruence  $x \equiv \alpha_1 \pmod{m}$  &  $x \equiv \alpha_3 \pmod{n}$  has a soln satisfies by Chinese remainder thm

Similarly,

$x \equiv \alpha_2 \pmod{m}$  &  $x \equiv \alpha_4 \pmod{n}$  has a common soln.

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\alpha', \beta', \gamma'$  be s.t  $\alpha_1 \equiv \alpha \pmod{m}$ ,  $\alpha_3 \equiv \alpha \pmod{n}$ ,  $\alpha_2 \equiv \alpha' \pmod{m}$ ;  $\alpha_4 \equiv \alpha' \pmod{n}$

$\beta_1 \equiv \beta \pmod{m}$ ;  $\beta_2 \equiv \beta \pmod{n}$ ;  $\beta_2 \equiv \beta' \pmod{m}$

$\beta_4 \equiv \beta' \pmod{n}$ .

$\gamma_1 \equiv \gamma \pmod{m}$ ;  $\gamma_3 \equiv \gamma \pmod{n}$ ;  $\gamma_2 \equiv \gamma' \pmod{m}$

$\gamma_4 \equiv \gamma' \pmod{n}$ .

Then  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 \equiv (\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z) (\alpha' x + \beta' y + \gamma' z) \pmod{m}$

&  $(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2) \equiv (\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z) (\alpha' x + \beta' y + \gamma' z) \pmod{n}$

Since  $(m, n) = 1$ .

$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 \equiv (\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z) (\alpha' x + \beta' y + \gamma' z) \pmod{mn}$

Hence the lemma.



Proof of main theorem:

Suppose  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$   
has a soln say  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  not all zero  
obviously,  $a, b, c$  do not have the same sign

If  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  is soln then

$$x_1 = \frac{x_0}{(x_0, y_0, z_0)}; \quad y_1 = \frac{y_0}{(x_0, y_0, z_0)}; \quad z_1 = \frac{z_0}{(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$

is also a soln.

$$\text{But } (x_1, y_1, z_1) = 1$$

Consider the soln  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  s.t

$$ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 = 0.$$

We claim that  $(c, x_1) = 1$

Suppose not (Let  $p$  be a prime factor  
of  $c$  &  $x_1$ )

$$\text{Then } p \mid ax_1^2 + cz_1^2 \Rightarrow p \mid -by_1^2 \Rightarrow p \mid by_1^2$$

But  $p \nmid b$  for if  $p \mid b$  then  $\Rightarrow$

$p^2 \mid bc$  & hence  $abc$  is not squarefree

which is a  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .

$$\therefore P|y_1^2 \Rightarrow P^2|y_1^2$$

$$\therefore P^2|ax_1^2+by_1^2 \quad (\because P|x_1 \Rightarrow P^2|x_1^2)$$

$$\therefore P^2|cz_1^2$$

Since  $c$  is square free

$$P^2|z_1^2 \Rightarrow P|z_1$$

Thus we have  $P$  is a prime factor of  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  which is contradiction to the fact that  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) = 1$ .

$$\therefore (c, x_1) = 1$$

The congruence  $ux_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{c}$  has

soln. Now  $ax_1^2+by_1^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{c}$

Multiply by  $u^2b$  we have,

$$u^2bax_1^2+u^2bby_1^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{c}$$

Since  $ux_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{c}$

$$\Rightarrow u^2x_1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{c}$$

$$\therefore ab+(aby_1)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{c}$$

$$(aby_1)^2 \equiv -ab \pmod{c}$$

This shows that  $-ab$  is quadratic residue modulo  $c$ .

Similarly,  
we prove that  $-bc$  is quadratic residue  
modulo  $a$  &  $-ac$  is quadratic residue  
modulo  $b$ .

Conversely,  
Suppose  $a, b, c$  do not have the same sign,  
 $abc$  is square free and  $-bc, -ca, -ab$  are  
quadratic residue modulo  $a, b, c$  respectively.

Changing the sign of  $a, b, c$  will not  
affect the quadratic residue modulo  
character of  $-bc, ca, -ab$ .

$\therefore$  we can change the signs of  $a, b, c$   
so that one of positive & other two  
are negative.

By rearranging, we take 'a' to be  
positive &  $b, c$  are negative.

Since  $abc$  is square free  $(a, c) = 1$   
and hence the congruence  
 $aa_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{c}$  has a solution.

Since  $ab$  is quadratic residue modulo  $c$ , the congruence  $x^2 \equiv -ab \pmod{c}$  has a solution say  $r$ .

$$ax^2 + by^2 = 1 \quad (ax^2 + by^2)$$

$$ax^2 + by^2 \equiv a a_1 (ax^2 + by^2) \pmod{c}$$

$$\equiv a_1 (a^2 x^2 + ab y^2) \pmod{c}$$

$$\equiv a_1 (a^2 x^2 - r^2 y^2) \pmod{c}$$

$$\equiv a_1 (ax + ry)(ax - ry) \pmod{c}$$

$$\equiv (ax + ry)(a_1 ax - a_1 ry) \pmod{c}$$

$$ax^2 + by^2 \equiv (ax + ry)(x - a_1 ry) \pmod{c}$$

Now,  $cz^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{c}$

Since  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 \equiv (ax + ry)(x - a_1 ry) \pmod{c}$

$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$  is product of two linear factor of mod  $c$ .

Similarly,  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$  is a product of two linear factor modulo  $b$  & modulo  $a$ .

Applying lemma 2, two times we have

$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$  is a product of 2 linear factors modulo  $abc$ .

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha', \beta', \gamma'$  be s.t.  ~~$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$~~

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 \equiv (x\alpha + \beta y + \gamma z)(\alpha'x + \beta'y + \gamma'z) \pmod{abc} \quad \text{①}$$

Consider the congruence  $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z \equiv 0 \pmod{abc}$  ②

Applying lemma 1, with

$$\lambda = \sqrt{|bc|}, \mu = \sqrt{|ac|}, \delta = \sqrt{|ab|}$$

② has a solution  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  not

all zero such that

$$|x_1| \leq \sqrt{|bc|} \quad \text{i.e.) } x_1^2 \leq bc \text{ with equality possible}$$

only if  $b = -1, c = -1$ .

$$|y_1| \leq \sqrt{|ac|} \quad \text{i.e.) } y_1^2 \leq |ac| \text{ with equality}$$

possible only if  $a = 1, c = -1$ .

$$|z_1| \leq \sqrt{|ab|}, \quad \text{i.e.) } z_1^2 \leq |ab| \text{ with}$$

equality possible only if  $a = 1, b = -1$ .

Unless  $b = -1, c = -1$ .

$$ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 < ax_1^2 < abc$$

Since  $y_1^2 < -ac$  &  $b < 0 \Rightarrow by_1^2 > -abc$ .

$$\therefore z_1^2 < -abc \quad (b < 0) \Rightarrow cz_1^2 > -abc$$

$$ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 \geq by_1^2 + cz_1^2$$

$$ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 > -abc - abc \\ = -2abc$$

Thus, we have

$$-2abc < ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 < abc$$

Since  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  is a solution of (2), (1) implies that  $ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{abc}$

Since  $ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 = 0$  (or)  $-abc$  unless

$$b = c = -1$$

If  $ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 = 0$  then  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  is the required solution of  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$

$$\text{Suppose } ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 = -abc$$

$$\text{put } x_2 = -by_1 + x_1z_1, \quad y_2 = ax_1 + y_1z_1$$

$$z_2 = z_1^2 + ab$$

we verify that  $ax_2^2 + by_2^2 + cz_2^2 = 0$ .

$$\text{For } a(-by_1 + x_1z_1)^2 + b(ax_1 + y_1z_1)^2 + c(z_1^2 + ab)^2 \\ = (ab^2y_1^2 + x_1^2z_1^2 - 2bx_1y_1z_1) + b(a^2x_1^2 + y_1^2z_1^2 + 2ax_1y_1z_1) \\ + c(z_1^2 + ab)^2$$

$$= ab(by_1^2 + ax_1^2) + z_1^2(ax_1^2 + by_1^2) + c(z_1^2 + ab)^2$$

$$= (ax_1^2 + by_1^2)(z_1^2 + ab) + c(z_1^2 + ab)^2$$

$$= (z_1^2 + ab) \{ ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + c(z_1^2 + ab) \}$$

$$= (z_1^2 + ab) [ ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 + abc ]$$

$$\geq 0 \quad [ \because ax_1^2 + by_1^2 + cz_1^2 = -abc ]$$

$$ax_2^2 + by_2^2 + cz_2^2 = 0$$

$\therefore x_2, y_2, z_2$  is a soln of  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$ .

①, ② is a solution of (1).  
 (3) Let  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  (mod abc)  
 then  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  (mod abc)

If  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  then  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  (mod abc)  
 the required solution of  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$   
 Suppose  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = -abc$   
 put  $x = -by + x_1, y = ax + y_1$   
 $z = z_1 + b$

we verify that  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$   
 for  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  (mod abc)  
 $(-by + x_1)^2 + (ax + y_1)^2 + (z_1 + b)^2 = 0$   
 $(b^2y^2 - 2byx_1 + x_1^2) + (a^2x^2 + 2axy_1 + y_1^2) + (z_1^2 + 2bz_1 + b^2) = 0$   
 $(a^2x^2 + 2axy_1 + y_1^2) + (b^2y^2 - 2byx_1 + x_1^2) + (z_1^2 + 2bz_1 + b^2) = 0$   
 $(a^2x^2 + 2axy_1 + y_1^2) + (b^2y^2 - 2byx_1 + x_1^2) + (z_1^2 + 2bz_1 + b^2) = 0$

$(a^2x^2 + 2axy_1 + y_1^2) + (b^2y^2 - 2byx_1 + x_1^2) + (z_1^2 + 2bz_1 + b^2) = 0$   
 $(a^2x^2 + 2axy_1 + y_1^2) + (b^2y^2 - 2byx_1 + x_1^2) + (z_1^2 + 2bz_1 + b^2) = 0$   
 $(a^2x^2 + 2axy_1 + y_1^2) + (b^2y^2 - 2byx_1 + x_1^2) + (z_1^2 + 2bz_1 + b^2) = 0$