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## ON THE POSITIVE PELL EQUATION $Y^2 = 72X^2 + 36$

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### Abstract

The binary quadratic equation represented by the positive pellian  $y^2 = 72x^2 + 36$  is analysed for its distinct integer solutions. A few interesting relations among the solutions are given. Further, employing the solutions of the above hyperbola, we have obtained solutions of other choices of hyperbolas, parabolas and special Pythagorean triangle.

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### 1. Introduction

The binary quadratic equation of the form  $y^2 = Dx^2 + 1$  where D is non-square positive integer has been studied by various mathematicians for its non-trivial integral solutions when D takes different values [1-4]. For an extensive review of various problems, one may refer [5-20]. In this communication, yet another interesting hyperbola given by  $y^2 = 72x^2 + 36$  is considered and infinitely many integer solutions are obtained. A few interesting properties among the solutions are presented.

### 2. Method of Analysis

Consider the binary quadratic equation

$$y^2 = 72x^2 + 36 \tag{1}$$

whose smallest positive integer solution is  $x_0 = 2, y_0 = 18$

To obtain the other solutions of (1), consider the pell equation  $y^2 = 72x^2 + 1$  whose solution is given by

$$\tilde{x}_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{72}} g_n, \tilde{y}_n = \frac{1}{2} f_n \tag{2}$$

where,

$$f_n = (17 + 2\sqrt{72})^{n+1} + (17 - 2\sqrt{72})^{n+1}$$

$$g_n = (17 + 2\sqrt{72})^{n+1} - (17 - 2\sqrt{72})^{n+1}, n = 0,1,2,3,\dots$$

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

$$\sqrt{72}x_{n+1} = \sqrt{72}f_n + 9g_n$$

$$y_{n+1} = 9f_n + \sqrt{72}g_n$$

The recurrence relations satisfied by the solutions (2) are given by

$$x_{n+3} - 34x_{n+2} + x_{n+1} = 0$$

$$y_{n+3} - 34y_{n+2} + y_{n+1} = 0$$

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

Table 1: Examples

$n$	$x_n$	$y_n$
0	2	18
1	70	594
2	2378	20178
3	80782	685458
4	2744210	23285394

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

- 1)  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  values are always even.
- 2) Each of the following expressions is a nasty number:
  - $3x_{2n+3} - 99x_{2n+2} + 12$
  - $\frac{3x_{2n+4} - 3363x_{2n+2} + 408}{34}$
  - $\frac{6y_{2n+3} - 1680x_{2n+2} + 204}{17}$
  - $\frac{6y_{2n+4} - 57072x_{2n+2} + 6924}{577}$
  - $\frac{198y_{2n+2} - 48x_{2n+3} + 204}{17}$
  - $198y_{2n+3} - 1680x_{2n+3} + 12$

- $\frac{198y_{2n+4} - 57072x_{2n+3} + 204}{17}$
- $\frac{6726y_{2n+2} - 48x_{2n+4} + 6924}{577}$
- $\frac{6726y_{2n+3} - 1680x_{2n+4} + 204}{17}$
- $6726y_{2n+4} - 57072x_{2n+4} + 12$
- $99x_{2n+4} - 3363x_{2n+3} + 12$
- $\frac{35y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+3} + 36}{3}$
- $\frac{1189y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+4} + 1224}{102}$
- $\frac{1189y_{2n+3} - 35y_{2n+4} + 36}{3}$

3) Each of the following expressions is a cubical integer:

- $4[x_{3n+4} - 33x_{3n+3} + 12(x_{n+2} - 33x_{n+1})]$
- $4624[x_{3n+5} - 1121x_{3n+3} + 3(x_{n+3} - 1121x_{n+1})]$
- $23409[9y_{3n+4} - 2520x_{3n+3} + 3(9y_{n+2} - 2520x_{n+1})]$
- $26967249[9y_{3n+5} - 85608x_{3n+3} + 3(9y_{n+3} - 85608x_{n+1})]$
- $23409[297y_{3n+3} - 72x_{3n+4} + 3(297y_{n+1} - 72x_{n+2})]$
- $3[297y_{3n+4} - 2520x_{3n+4} + 3(297y_{n+2} - 2520x_{n+2})]$
- $23409[297y_{3n+5} - 85608x_{3n+4} + 3(297y_{n+3} - 85608x_{n+2})]$
- $26967249[10089y_{3n+3} - 72x_{3n+5} + 3(10089y_{n+1} - 72x_{n+3})]$
- $23409[10089y_{3n+4} - 2520x_{3n+5} + 3(10089y_{n+2} - 2520x_{n+3})]$
- $3[10089y_{3n+5} - 85608x_{3n+5} + 3(10089y_{n+3} - 85608x_{n+3})]$
- $324[297x_{3n+5} - 10089x_{3n+4} + 3(297x_{n+3} - 10089x_{n+2})]$
- $324[35y_{3n+3} - y_{3n+4} + 3(35y_{n+1} - y_{n+2})]$
- $374544[1189y_{3n+3} - y_{3n+5} + 3(1189y_{n+1} - y_{n+3})]$
- $324[1189y_{3n+4} - 35y_{3n+5} + 3(1189y_{n+2} - 35y_{n+3})]$

4) Relations among the solutions:

- $18x_{n+3} = 612x_{n+2} - 18x_{n+1}$
- $18y_{n+1} = 9x_{n+2} - 153x_{n+1}$
- $18y_{n+2} = 153x_{n+2} - 9x_{n+1}$
- $18y_{n+3} = 5193x_{n+2} - 153x_{n+1}$
- $612y_{n+1} = 9x_{n+3} - 5193x_{n+1}$

- $612y_{n+2} = 153x_{n+3} - 153x_{n+1}$
- $612y_{n+3} = 5193x_{n+3} - 9x_{n+1}$
- $153y_{n+1} = 9y_{n+2} - 1296x_{n+1}$
- $5193y_{n+1} = 9y_{n+3} - 44064x_{n+1}$
- $5193y_{n+2} = 153y_{n+3} - 1296x_{n+1}$
- $9y_{n+1} = 153y_{n+2} - 1296x_{n+2}$
- $153y_{n+1} = 153y_{n+3} - 44064x_{n+2}$
- $153y_{n+2} = 9y_{n+3} - 1296x_{n+2}$
- $153y_{n+3} = 9y_{n+2} + 1296x_{n+3}$
- $9x_{n+2} = -18y_{n+3} + 153x_{n+3}$
- $9y_{n+1} = 5193y_{n+3} - 44064x_{n+3}$
- $18y_{n+1} = 153x_{n+3} - 5193x_{n+2}$
- $18y_{n+2} = 9x_{n+3} - 153x_{n+2}$
- $1296x_{n+3} = -153y_{n+1} + 5193y_{n+2}$
- $18y_{n+3} = -18y_{n+1} + 612y_{n+2}$

### 3. Remarkable Observation

I. Employing linear combinations among the solutions of (1), one may generate integer solutions for other choices of hyperbola which are presented in the Table 2 below:

Table 2: Hyperbolas

S.no	(X, Y)	Hyperbola
1	$(35x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}, x_{n+2} - 33x_{n+1})$	$81Y^2 - 72X^2 = 1296$
2	$(1189x_{n+1} - x_{n+3}, x_{n+3} - 1121x_{n+1})$	$81Y^2 - 72X^2 = 1498176$
3	$(297x_{n+1} - y_{n+2}, 9y_{n+2} - 2520x_{n+1})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 93636$
4	$(10089x_{n+1} - y_{n+3}, 9y_{n+3} - 85608x_{n+1})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 107868996$
5	$(9x_{n+2} - 35y_{n+1}, 297y_{n+1} - 72x_{n+2})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 93636$
6	$(297x_{n+2} - 35y_{n+2}, 297y_{n+2} - 2520x_{n+2})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 324$
7	$(10089x_{n+2} - 35y_{n+3}, 297y_{n+3} - 85608x_{n+2})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 93636$
8	$(9x_{n+3} - 1189y_{n+1}, 10089y_{n+1} - 72x_{n+3})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 107868996$
9	$(297x_{n+3} - 1189y_{n+2}, 10089y_{n+2} - 2520x_{n+3})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 93636$
10	$(10089x_{n+3} - 1189y_{n+3}, 10089y_{n+3} - 85608x_{n+3})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 324$
11	$(1189x_{n+2} - 35x_{n+3}, 297x_{n+3} - 10089x_{n+2})$	$Y^2 - 72X^2 = 1296$

12	$(y_{n+2} - 33y_{n+1}, 35y_{n+1} - y_{n+2})$	$288Y^2 - 324X^2 = 373248$
13	$(y_{n+3} - 1121y_{n+1}, 1189y_{n+1} - y_{n+3})$	$2312Y^2 - 2601X^2 = 3463782912$
14	$(297y_{n+3} - 10089y_{n+2}, 1189y_{n+2} - 35y_{n+3})$	$72Y^2 - X^2 = 93312$

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

Table 3: Parabolas

S.no	$(X, Y)$	Parabola
1	$(35x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}, x_{2n+3} - 33x_{2n+2})$	$72X^2 = 162Y - 648$
2	$(1189x_{n+1} - x_{n+3}, x_{2n+4} - 1121x_{2n+2})$	$72X^2 = 5508Y - 749088$
3	$(297x_{n+1} - y_{n+2}, 9y_{2n+3} - 2520x_{2n+2})$	$72X^2 = 153Y - 46818$
4	$(10089x_{n+1} - y_{n+3}, 9y_{2n+4} - 85608x_{2n+2})$	$72X^2 = 5193Y - 53934498$
5	$(9x_{n+2} - 35y_{n+1}, 297y_{2n+2} - 72x_{2n+3})$	$72X^2 = 153Y - 46818$
6	$(297x_{n+2} - 35y_{n+2}, 297y_{2n+3} - 2520x_{2n+3})$	$72X^2 = 9Y - 162$
7	$(10089x_{n+2} - 35y_{n+3}, 297y_{2n+4} - 85608x_{2n+3})$	$72X^2 = 153Y - 46818$
8	$(9x_{n+3} - 1189y_{n+1}, 10089y_{2n+2} - 72x_{2n+4})$	$72X^2 = 5193Y - 539344$
9	$(297x_{n+3} - 1189y_{n+2}, 10089y_{2n+3} - 2520x_{2n+4})$	$72X^2 = 153Y - 46818$
10	$(10089x_{n+3} - 1189y_{n+3}, 10089y_{2n+4} - 85608x_{2n+4})$	$72X^2 = 9Y - 162$
11	$(1189x_{n+2} - 35x_{n+3}, 297x_{2n+4} - 10089x_{2n+3})$	$72X^2 = 18Y - 648$
12	$(y_{n+2} - 33y_{n+1}, 35y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+3})$	$X^2 = 16Y - 576$
13	$(y_{n+3} - 1121y_{n+1}, 1189y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+4})$	$X^2 = 544Y - 665856$
14	$(297y_{n+3} - 10089y_{n+2}, 1189y_{2n+3} - 35y_{2n+4})$	$X^2 = 1296Y - 46656$

III. Consider  $m = x_{n+1} + y_{n+1}, n = x_{n+1}$ . Observe that  $m > n > 0$ . Treat m, n as the generators of the Pythagorean Triangle  $T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , where  $\alpha = 2mn, \beta = m^2 - n^2, \gamma = m^2 + n^2$

Then the following interesting relations are observed:

a)  $\alpha - 36\beta + 35\gamma = -36$

b)  $37\alpha - \gamma + \frac{144A}{P} = 36$

c)  $-34\gamma + 36\beta - 38\alpha + \frac{144A}{P} = 72$

$$d) \frac{2A}{P} = x_{n+1}y_{n+1}$$

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we have presented infinitely many integer solutions for the hyperbola represented by the positive Pell equation  $y^2 = 72x^2 + 36$ . As the binary quadratic Diophantine equations are rich in variety, one may search for the other choices of positive Pell equations and determine their integer solutions along with suitable properties.

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