



# On the Pell Equations $x^2 - 104y^2 = 1$ and $y^2 - Dz^2 = 25$

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## Abstract

If  $D = 2^t p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} p_3^{\alpha_3} p_4^{\alpha_4}$ , where  $\alpha_s = 0$  or  $1, p_s (1 \leq s \leq 4)$  are distinct odd primes, the system of indefinite equations in title only has positive integer solution only when  $D = 2^{t_1} \times 7 \times 743 (t_1 = 1, 3)$  or  $D = 2^{t_2} \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 17^2 \times 743 (t_2 = 1, 3, 5, 7)$ .

**Keywords:** The system of indefinite equations; Pell equation; Integer solution; Common solution; Odd prime.



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## 1. Introduction

In recent years, the common solution of pell equations

$$\begin{cases} x^2 - D_1 y^2 = k \\ y^2 - Dz^2 = m \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

is a hot field in indefinite equations. When  $k=1$  and  $m=1$ , the research results of the system focus on the scope and estimation of the solution, and the main conclusions are shown in Ljunggren [1], Pan, *et al.* [2]. When  $k=1$  and  $m=4$ , for the solution of the system, the main conclusion is shown in Chen [3], Hu and Han [4], Dong and Yang [5], Le Maohua [6], Chen [7], Cao zhenfu [8], Chen [9] when  $D_1=2$ , When  $D_1=6$ , it is shown in Du and Li [10], Du, *et al.* [11], Ran [12], when  $D_1=12$ , it is shown in the main conclusion [13-16]. When  $k=1$  and  $m=25$ , the situation of the system is discussed in Zhao [17] when  $D_1=23$ .

In this paper, we deal with the solutions  $(x, y)$  of the system of the indefinite equations

$$\begin{cases} x^2 - 104y^2 = 1 \\ y^2 - Dz^2 = 25 \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

And the following conclusions are obtained:

**Theorem** If  $D = 2^t p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} p_3^{\alpha_3} p_4^{\alpha_4}$ , where  $\alpha_s = 0$  or  $1, p_s (1 \leq s \leq 4)$  are distinct odd primes,  $t$  is a positive integer, and the solution of the indefinite system (1) is as follows:

- (i)  $D=2 \times 7 \times 743$ , the system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 530451, \pm 52020, \pm 510)$ ;
- (ii)  $D=2^3 \times 7 \times 743$ , the system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 530451, \pm 52020, \pm 255)$ .
- (iii)  $D=2 \times 54100801 \times 108191201$ , the system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 585550569867227751, \pm 58498526893288080, \pm 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 172 \times 743)$ .
- (iv)  $D=2^3 \times 54100801 \times 108191201$ , the system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 585550569867227751, \pm 58498526893288080, \pm 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 172 \times 743)$ .
- (v)  $D=2^5 \times 54100801 \times 108191201$ , the system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 585550569867227751, \pm 58498526893288080, \pm 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 172 \times 743)$ .
- (vi)  $D=2^7 \times 54100801 \times 108191201$ , the system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 585550569867227751, \pm 58498526893288080, \pm 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 172 \times 743)$ .
- (v) Otherwise, the system (1) only has trivial solutions  $(x, y, z) = (\pm 51, \pm 5, 0)$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

**Lemma 1** Zhao [17] If  $p$  is an odd prime number, then the diophantine equation  $x^4 - py^2 = 1$  has no other positive integer solution except  $p=5, x=3, y=4$  and  $p=29, x=99, y=1820$ .

**Lemma 2** Zhao [17] If  $a$  is a square number and  $a > 1$ , the equation  $ax^4 - by^2 = 1$  has only one positive integer solution.

**Lemma 3** Zhao [17] If  $D$  is a non-square positive integer, then  $x^4 - Dy^4 = 1$  has at most two positive integer solutions. And the sufficient and necessary condition for the equation to have two groups of solutions is that  $D=1785$  or  $D=28560$ , or that  $2x_0$  and  $2y_0$  are squares, where  $(x_0, y_0)$  is the fundamental solution of the equation.

**Lemma 4** If  $x_n, y_n$  is any integer solution of Pell equation  $x^2 - 104y^2 = 1$ , then  $x_n, y_n$  has the following properties:

- (I)  $x_n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, x_n \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, x_{2n} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{51},$   
 $x_{2n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{51}, x_{2n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{102}, x_{2n} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{102}$   
 $y_{2n} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, y_{2n+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, y_n \equiv 0 \pmod{5},$   
 $y_{2n} \equiv 0 \pmod{51}, y_{2n+1} \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{51};$
- (II)  $(x_n, y_n) = 1, (x_n, x_{n+1}) = 1, (y_n, y_{n+1}) = 5;$
- (III)  $(x_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) = 1, (x_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}) = 1, (x_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) = (x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) = 51;$
- (IV)  $x_{n+2} = 102x_{n+1} - x_n, x_0 = 1, x_1 = 51, y_{n+2} = 102y_{n+1} - y_n, y_0 = 0, y_1 = 5.$

**Lemma 5** If  $(x_1, y_1)$  is the fundamental solution of Pell equation  $x^2 - 104y^2 = 1$ , and all integer solutions are  $(x_n, y_n), n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For any  $(x_n, y_n)$ , it has the following properties:

- i)  $x_n$  is square if and only if  $n=0$ ;
- ii)  $\frac{x_n}{51}$  is square if and only if  $n = \pm 1$ ;
- iii)  $\frac{y_n}{5}$  is square if and only if  $n=0, 1$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem

**proof :** Since the fundamental solution of Pell equation  $x^2 - 104y^2 = 1$  is  $(x_1, y_1) = (51, 5)$ , all integer solutions of pell equation are  $x_n + y_n\sqrt{104} = (51 + 5\sqrt{104})^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus:

If  $(x, y, z) = (x_n, y_n, z)$  is the integer solution to (1), then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$y_n^2 - 25 = y_n^2 - 25(x_n^2 - 104y_n^2) = 2601y_n^2 - 25x_n^2 = (51y_n + 5x_n)(51y_n - 5x_n) = y_{n+1}y_{n-1} \tag{2}$$

By (1)  $Dz^2 = y_n^2 - 25$

Then  $Dz^2 = y_{n+1}y_{n-1} \tag{3}$

**case1** Let  $n$  be odd, might as well  $n = 2m - 1, (m \in \mathbb{Z})$ , At this point, equation (3) becomes :

$$Dz^2 = y_{n-1}y_{n+1} = y_{2m-2}y_{2m} = 4x_{m-1}y_{m-1}x_my_m \tag{4}$$

**case1. 1** Let  $m$  be odd, might as well  $m = 2r, (r \in \mathbb{N}^*)$ , At this point, equation (4) becomes :

$$Dz^2 = 4x_{2r-1}y_{2r-1}x_{2r}y_{2r} = 8x_{2r-1}y_{2r-1}x_{2r}x_r y_r \tag{5}$$

**case 1.1.1** Let  $r$  be odd, might as well  $r = 2u - 1, (u \in \mathbb{Z})$ , At this point, equation (5) becomes :

$$Dz^2 = 8x_{4u-3}y_{4u-3}x_{4u-2}x_{2u-1}y_{2u-1} \tag{6}$$

From lemma 5,  $\frac{x_{2u-1}}{51}, \frac{x_{4u-3}}{51}, \frac{y_{2u-1}}{5}, \frac{y_{4u-3}}{5}, x_{4u-2}$  are two relatively prime, and  $\frac{y_{2u-1}}{5}, \frac{y_{4u-3}}{5}$  are odd,  $x_{4u-2}, \frac{x_{2u-1}}{51}, \frac{x_{4u-3}}{51}$  are odd, namely  $\frac{x_{2u-1}}{51}, \frac{x_{4u-3}}{51}, \frac{y_{2u-1}}{5}, \frac{y_{4u-3}}{5}, x_{4u-2}$  are two relatively odd prime.

From lemma 5, if and only if  $u=0, 1, \frac{x_{2u-1}}{51}$  is a square, and if and only if  $u=1, \frac{x_{4u-3}}{51}$  is a square; For any  $u \in \mathbb{Z}, x_{4u-2}, \frac{y_{4u-1}}{5}$  are not squares. If and only if  $u=1, \frac{y_{2u-1}}{5}, \frac{y_{4u-3}}{5}$  all are square numbers. So if  $u \neq 0, 1, \frac{x_{2u-1}}{51}, \frac{x_{4u-3}}{51}, \frac{y_{2u-1}}{5}, \frac{y_{4u-3}}{5}, x_{4u-2}$  are not squares. At this point, they have at least five different odd prime Numbers, so formula (6) is not true, so when  $u \neq 0, 1$ , the system (1) has no solution.

When  $u=0$ , equation (6) is

$$Dz^2 = 2^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 51^2 \cdot x_2 \cdot \frac{x_3}{51} \cdot \frac{y_3}{5} \tag{7}$$

However,  $x_2 = 5201 = 7 \times 743, \frac{x_3}{51} = \frac{530451}{51} = 3 \times 3467, \frac{y_3}{5} = 10404 = 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 17^2$

Therefore, the right hand side of (7) contains five different odd prime Numbers, so formula (7) does not hold, and the system (1) has no solution.

When  $u = 1$ ,  $Dz^2 = 8x_1y_1x_2x_1y_1 = 2^3 \times 5^2 \times 51^2 \times 5201 = 2 \times 7 \times 743 \times (2 \times 5 \times 51)^2 = 2^3 \times 7 \times 743 \times (5 \times 51)^2$ .

So when  $D=2 \times 7 \times 743$ , the system (1) has nontrivial solutions  $(x, y, z) = (+ 530451, + 52020, + 510)$ ;  $D=2^3 \times 7 \times 743$ , (1) has a nontrivial solution  $(x, y, z) = (+ 530451, + 52020, + 255)$ .

**case 1.1.2** If  $r$  is even, let  $r = 2v, (v \in Z)$ , then equation (5) can be written into

$$Dz^2 = 8x_{4v-1}y_{4v-1}x_{4v}x_{2v}y_{2v} = 16x_{4v-1}y_{4v-1}x_{4v}x_{2v}x_vy_v \tag{8}$$

From lemma 5, when  $v$  is even  $\frac{x_{4v-1}}{51}, \frac{y_{4v-1}}{5}, x_{4v}, x_{2v}, x_v, \frac{y_v}{255}$  are two relatively prime, when  $v$  is odd  $\frac{x_{4v-1}}{51}, \frac{y_{4v-1}}{5}, x_{4v}, x_{2v}, \frac{x_v}{51}, \frac{y_v}{5}$  are two relatively prime. And when  $v$  is odd,  $\frac{y_{4v-1}}{5}, \frac{x_{4v-1}}{51}, \frac{x_v}{51}, x_{4v}, x_{2v}, \frac{x_v}{51}$  all are odd; when  $v$  is even,  $\frac{y_{4v-1}}{5}, \frac{x_{4v-1}}{51}, \frac{x_v}{51}, x_{4v}, x_{2v}$  all are odd;

From lemma 5, if and only if  $v=0$ ,  $\frac{x_{4v-1}}{51}, x_{4v}, x_{2v}, x_v, \frac{x_{2v-1}}{51}$  are squares, and if and only if  $v=\pm 1$ ,  $\frac{x_v}{51}$  is a square; For any  $v \in Z, x_{4v-2}, \frac{y_{4v-1}}{5}$  is not square. If and only if  $v=0, 1, \frac{y_v}{5}$  is a square. So if  $v \neq 0$  and  $v$  is even  $x_{4v}, x_{2v}, x_v, \frac{x_{4v-1}}{51}, \frac{y_{4v-1}}{5}$  are not squares. At this point, they have at least five different odd prime Numbers, so formula (8) is not true, so when  $u \neq 0, 1$ , the system (1) has no solution.

when  $v \neq \pm 1$  and  $v$  is odd,  $x_{4v}, x_{2v}, \frac{x_v}{51}, \frac{x_{4v-1}}{51}, \frac{y_{4v-1}}{5}$  are not squares. At this point, they have at least five different odd prime Numbers, so formula (8) is not true, so when  $u \neq 0, 1$ , the system (1) has no solution. So when  $v \neq 0, v \neq \pm 1$  and  $v$  is even, the system (1) has no solution.

when  $v=0$ , (8) can be written into  $Dz^2 = 16 \cdot x_0^3 \cdot y_0 \cdot x_{-1} \cdot y_{-1} = 0$ , thus  $z=0$ , At this point, the system (1) only has ordinary solutions  $(x,y,z) = (\pm 51, \pm 5, 0)$ .

when  $v=0$ , (8) can be written into

$$\begin{aligned} Dz^2 &= 16 \cdot x_3 \cdot y_3 \cdot x_4 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_1 \cdot y_1 = 16 \times 530451 \times 52020 \times 54100801 \times 5201 \times 51 \times 5 \\ &= 2^4 \times 3^2 \times 17 \times 3467 \times 17^2 \times 5 \times 3^2 \times 2^2 \times 54100801 \times 7 \times 743 \times 17 \times 3 \times 5 \\ &= 2^4 \times 3^5 \times 7 \times 17^4 \times 743 \times 3467 \times 54100801 \end{aligned}$$

The right hand side of the above equation contains 6 odd prime Numbers, so the above formula is impossible. Therefore when  $v=1$ , the system (1) has no common solution.

when  $v=-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Dz^2 &= 16x_{-5}y_{-5}x_{-4}x_{-2}x_{-1}y_{-1} = 16 \cdot 51^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_4 \cdot \frac{x_5}{51} \cdot \frac{y_5}{5} \\ &= 16 \times 51^2 \times 5^2 \times 5201 \times 54100801 \times 108191201 \times 108222408 \\ &= 2^4 \times 3^2 \times 17^2 \times 5^2 \times 7 \times 743 \times 54100801 \times 108191201 \times 743 \times 17^2 \times 7 \times 3^2 \times 2^3 \\ &= 2^7 \times 3^4 \times 5^2 \times 7^2 \times 17^4 \times 743^2 \times 54100801 \times 108191201 \\ &= 2^7 \times 54100801 \times 108191201 \times (3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 17^2 \times 743)^2 \\ &= 2^5 \times 54100801 \times 108191201 \times (2 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 17^2 \times 743)^2 \\ &= 2^3 \times 54100801 \times 108191201 \times (2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 17^2 \times 743)^2 \\ &= 2 \times 54100801 \times 108191201 \times (2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 17^2 \times 743)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

When  $D=2 \times 54100801 \times 108191201$ , The system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x,y,z) = (\pm 585550569867227751, \pm 58498526893288080, \pm 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 17^2 \times 743)$ ;

When  $D=2^3 \times 54100801 \times 108191201$ , The system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x,y,z) = (\pm 585550569867227751, \pm 58498526893288080, \pm 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 17^2 \times 743)$ ;

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When  $D=2^7 \times 54100801 \times 108191201$ , The system (1) has non-trivial solutions  $(x,y,z)=(\pm 585550569867227751, \pm 58498526893288080, \pm 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 17^2 \times 743)$ ;

**case 1.2** If  $m$  is odd, Modelled on the case 1.1, it can be proved that the equation (1) is only the common solution  $(x,y,z)=(\pm 51, \pm 5, 0)$ .

**case2** If  $n$  is even, by lemma4,  $y_{n-1} \equiv y_{n+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , the right-hand side of equation (3) is odd, while the left-hand side is even in the form of  $D$ , so the system (1) has no common solution.

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