

## Integer Points on the Hyperbola $x^2 - 4xy + y^2 + 16x = 0$

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**Abstract:** The binary quadratic equation  $x^2 - 4xy + y^2 + 16x = 0$  representing hyperbola is considered. Different patterns of solutions are obtained. A few relations between the solutions are exhibited.

**Keywords:** Binary quadratic, Hyperbola, Integer solutions.

### INTRODUCTION

There is an unlimited field of research in binary quadratic equations because of their large variety [1-5]. There are some already available literature in the field of binary quadratic equations [6-19]. This communication concerns with yet another interesting binary quadratic equation  $x^2 - 4xy + y^2 + 16x = 0$  for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral solutions. Also a few interesting relations between the solutions are presented.

### NOTATIONS

Polygonal Number of rank n with size m

$$t_{m,n} = n \left( 1 + \frac{(n-1)(m-2)}{2} \right)$$

Pentagonal pyramidal number of rank n

$$P_n^5 = \frac{n^2(n+1)}{2}$$

Pronic number of rank n

$$Pr_n = n(n + 1)$$

### METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The hyperbola under consideration is

$$x^2 - 4xy + y^2 + 16x = 0 \tag{1}$$

To start with, it is seen that (1) is satisfied by the following pairs of integers (8,8),(8,24),(-16,-64),(72,24),(-256,-64).

However, we have other choices of solutions satisfying (1) and they are illustrated below:

Treating (1) as a quadratic in x and solving for x, we get

$$x = (2y - 8) \pm \sqrt{3y^2 - 32y + 64} \tag{2}$$

Let  $\alpha^2 = 3y^2 - 32y + 64$  (3)

and substituting  $y = \frac{Y + 16}{3}$  (4)

in (3), we have  $Y^2 = 3\alpha^2 + 8^2$  (5)

Consider the Pellian equation

$$Y^2 = 3\alpha^2 + 1$$

whose general solution is given by

$$\tilde{Y}_n = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] \tag{6}$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} - (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] \tag{7}$$

From (4) and (5), we have the general solutions of the equation

$$y_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] + \frac{16}{3} \tag{8}$$

Substituting (7) and (8) in (2) and taking the negative sign, the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^n + (2 - \sqrt{3})^n \right] + \frac{8}{3}, \quad n=1,3,5,\dots$$

$$y_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] + \frac{16}{3}, \quad n=1,3,5,\dots$$

Some numerical examples are presented below:

n	x <sub>n</sub>	y <sub>n</sub>
1	8	24
3	72	264
5	968	3608
7	13448	50184

Also, taking the positive sign in (2), the other set of solutions to (1) is given by

$$x_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+2} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+2} \right] + \frac{8}{3}, \quad n = 1,3,5\dots$$

$$y_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] + \frac{16}{3}, \quad n = 1,3,5\dots$$

**Properties**

- ❖  $3x_{2n}$  is a square integer
- ❖  $x_{n+4} - 14x_{n+2} + x_n = -32$
- ❖  $y_{n+4} - 14y_{n+2} + y_n = -64$

Alternatively, treating (1) as a quadratic in y and solving for y, we get

$$y = 2x \pm \sqrt{3x^2 - 16x} \tag{9}$$

Let  $\alpha^2 = 3x^2 - 16x$  (10)

And substituting  $x = \frac{X + 8}{3}$  (11)

in (9), we have  $X^2 = 3\alpha^2 + 8^2$  (12)

whose general solution of the pellian equation

$$X^2 = 3\alpha^2 + 1$$

is given by

$$\tilde{X}_n = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] \tag{13}$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} - (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] \tag{14}$$

From (10) and (12) we have

$$x_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] + \frac{8}{3} \tag{15}$$

Substituting (13) and (14) in (9) and taking the positive sign, the corresponding integer solutions to (1) are given by

$$x_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] + \frac{8}{3}, \quad n = 0,2,4\dots$$

$$y_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+2} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+2} \right] + \frac{16}{3}, \quad n = 0,2,4\dots$$

Some numerical examples are presented below:

n	$x_n$	$y_n$
0	8	24
2	72	264
4	968	3608
6	13448	50184

Also, taking the negative sign in (9), the other set of solutions to (1) is given by

$$x_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} + (2 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1} \right] + \frac{8}{3}, n = 0, 2, 4, \dots$$

$$y_n = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (2 + \sqrt{3})^n + (2 - \sqrt{3})^n \right] + \frac{16}{3}, n = 0, 2, 4, \dots$$

### Properties

- ❖  $x_{n+4} - 14x_{n+2} + x_n = -32$
- ❖  $y_{n+4} - 14y_{n+2} + y_n = -64$

### CONCLUSION

As the binary quadratic equations representing hyperbolas are rich in variety, one may consider other forms of hyperbolas and search for their non-trivial distinct integral solutions along with the corresponding properties.

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