

number of integer points on $y^2 = (x + ab)(x + ac)(x + bc)$ depends on the rank of this elliptic curve.

Recently, in [161, 162], the sets which are at the same time $D(n_1)$ and $D(n_2)$ -quadruples for $n_1 \neq n_2$ were found. For instance, $\{27, 115, 160, 1755\}$ is a $D(-2016)$ and $D(37296)$ -quadruple, while $\{1458, 66248, 5000, 14112\}$ is a $D(16769025)$ and $D(406425600)$ -quadruple (and also a $D(0)$ -quadruple since all its elements are twice squares). Moreover, there are infinitely many quadruples with this property. In [144], it was shown that there are infinitely many (essentially different) $D(n)$ -quintuples with square elements (so they are also $D(0)$ -quintuples). One such example is a $D(480480^2)$ -quintuple $\{225^2, 286^2, 819^2, 1408^2, 2548^2\}$.

16.8 Exercises

1. Find at least three right triangles with rational side lengths and the area equal to 6.
2. Determine all congruent numbers less than 30. For each such number n , find at least one right triangle with rational side lengths and the area equal to n .
3. Check that the triangle whose side lengths are

$$\frac{6803298487826435051217540}{411340519227716149383203}, \frac{411340519227716149383203}{21666555693714761309610},$$

$$\frac{224403517704336969924557513090674863160948472041}{8912332268928859588025535178967163570016480830}$$

is a right triangle with the area 157.

4. Prove that any positive integer n of the form $n = m(4m^2 + 1)$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, is a congruent number.
5. Number 1729 is called the *Hardy-Ramanujan number*. It was named after an anecdote connected to the mathematicians G. H. Hardy and Srinivasa Ramanujan. While the Indian mathematician Ramanujan was in a hospital in London, his colleague Hardy came to visit him. Hardy mentioned that he arrived by a taxi cab number 1729, a rather uninteresting number. Ramanujan replied that he disagrees and said that 1729 is interesting because it is the smallest positive integer which

can be expressed as a sum of cubes of two positive integers in two different ways. Indeed,

$$1729 = 9^3 + 10^3 = 1^3 + 12^3.$$

Prove that for any positive integer M , there is a positive integer m such that the equation $x^3 + y^3 = m$ has at least M integer solutions.

6. Prove that the equation $y^2 = x^3 + 7$ does not have integer solutions.
7. Find an integer k ($k \neq 0$) such that the equation $y^2 = x^3 + k$ has at least 12 integer solutions (x, y) .
8. Let $R(x) = c \prod_{i=1}^s (x - \rho_i)^{q_i}$, where $q_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $c \neq 0$, be a rational function. Prove that

$$\frac{R'(x)}{R(x)} = \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{q_i}{x - \rho_i}.$$

9. Prove that Davenport's theorem 16.13 also holds if the condition that f and g are relatively prime is omitted.
10. Prove that from the *abc* conjecture, it follows that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a constant $c(\varepsilon)$ such that for all positive integers x, y with $x^3 \neq y^2$,

$$|x^3 - y^2| \geq c(\varepsilon)x^{1/2-\varepsilon}$$

(Hall's conjecture).

11. Prove the following identity

$$(z^2 + 6z + 4)^3 - (z^2 + 1)(z^2 + 9z + 19)^2 = -27(2z + 11).$$

By using Pell's equation $z^2 - 5w^2 = -1$ and this identity, prove that there are infinitely many pairs of positive integers (x, y) such that

$$|x^3 - y^2| < \sqrt{x}$$

(Danilov, 1982).

12. Determine the coordinates of the points $P \pm S$ on the elliptic curve

$$y^2 = (ax + 1)(bx + 1)(cx + 1)$$

for P and S as in (16.17).

13. Let $ab + 1 = r^2$, $ac + 1 = s^2$, $bc + 1 = t^2$. Prove that the points $S = (1/abc, rst/abc)$, $R = ((rs+rt+st+1)/abc, (r+s)(r+t)(s+t)/abc)$ on the elliptic curve $y^2 = (ax+1)(bx+1)(cx+1)$ satisfy that $2R = S$.
14. Determine the rank of the elliptic curve

$$y^2 = (x+1)(3x+1)(8x+1).$$
15. Find three distinct positive rational numbers x_1, x_2, x_3 such that the numbers $x_i + 1$, $3x_i + 1$ and $8x_i + 1$ are squares of rational numbers ($i = 1, 2, 3$).
16. By using the construction from Proposition 16.14, extend the original rational quadruple $\{1/16, 33/16, 17/4, 105/16\}$ found by Diophantus to a rational Diophantine quintuple.
17. Prove that the elliptic curve induced by the rational Diophantine triple $\{3/4, -4/3, -7/12\}$ has torsion group $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$.
18. Prove that the $D(-1)$ -triple $\{1, 5, 10\}$ cannot be extended to a $D(-1)$ -quadruple.
19. Find positive integers $1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$ such that the $D(1)$ -triple $\{4, 12, 420\}$ is also a $D(n_i)$ -triple for $i = 2, 3, 4$.
20. Find positive integers $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4 < n_5$ such that $\{6, 48, 720\}$ is a $D(n_i)$ -triple for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$.
21. Find positive integers $n_1 \neq n_2$ such that $\{-1, 7, 64, 119\}$ is a $D(n_i)$ -quadruple for $i = 1, 2$.
22. Let p be an odd prime. Determine the number of Diophantine pairs and Diophantine triples in $\mathbb{F}_p$, depending on whether p is congruent to 1 or 3 modulo 4 (see [141]).