

# On the extension of $D(-8k^2)$ -triple $\{1, 8k^2, 8k^2 + 1\}$

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We will show that this extension is possible if and only if  $24k^2 + 1$  is a square ( $d$  can only be  $32k^2 + 1$ ).

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$$\begin{aligned}z_{n+1} &= (16k^2 + 1)z_n + 4k(16k^2 + 2)y_n, & z_0 &= 16k^2 + 1, & z_{-1} &= 1 \\y_{n+1} &= (16k^2 + 1)y_n + 4kz_n, & y_0 &= 4k, & y_{-1} &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

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When is  $X_n = \square$ ?

$X_{2n+1} = 2y_{2n+1}^2 - 8k^2 + 1$  is never a square.

$$y_{2n+1} = 2y_n z_n$$

$$\begin{aligned}X_{2n+1} &= 2y_{2n+1}^2 - 8k^2 + 1 \\&= 2(2y_n z_n)^2 - 8k^2 + 1 \\&= 8y_n^2 z_n^2 - 8k^2 + 1 \quad (z_n^2 = (16k^2 + 2)y_n^2 + 1) \\&= 8y_n^2(1 + (16k^2 + 2)y_n^2) - 8k^2 + 1 \\&= 8y_n^2 + 16(8k^2 + 1)y_n^4 - 8k^2 + 1 \\&= (4y_n^2 + 1)(32y_n^2 k^2 + 4y_n^2 - 8k^2 + 1).\end{aligned}$$

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Hence,  $p \mid k^2$ , so  $p \mid k$ .

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We conclude that  $4y_n^2 + 1$  and  $32y_n^2k^2 + 4y_n^2 - 8k^2 + 1$  don't have prime factors in common.

Even indices are resolved similarly, except for 0.

When  $n = 0$ , i.e.  $X_0 = \frac{z_0 - 8k^2}{8k^2 + 1} \cdot (z_0 + 8k^2) = 24k^2 + 1$  is a square.

$D(-8k^2)$ -triple  $\{1, 8k^2, 8k^2 + 1\}$  has at most one extension.

Extension exists when  $24k^2 + 1$  is a square.

In that case  $d = 32k^2 + 1$ .