

2012.3 Question 5

1. (a) An integer point: $(0, 1)$. A non-integer point: $(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$.
 (b) An integer rational point: $(1, 1)$. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos \theta + \sqrt{m} \sin \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta - \sqrt{m} \cos \theta)^2 \\ &= \cos^2 \theta + 2\sqrt{m} \sin \theta \cos \theta + m \sin^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta - 2\sqrt{m} \sin \theta \cos \theta + m \cos^2 \theta \\ &= (m+1)(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= m+1. \end{aligned}$$

Consider letting $x = \cos \theta + \sqrt{m} \sin \theta$, and $y = \sin \theta - \sqrt{m} \cos \theta$. Let $m = 1$, and we have $x = \cos \theta + \sin \theta$ and $y = \sin \theta - \cos \theta$, with $x^2 + y^2 = m+1 = 2$.

Let $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$, and $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$. We have

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{7}{5}, \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

is a non-integer rational point.

2. (a) An integer 2-rational point: $(1, \sqrt{2})$.

For the non-integer 2-rational point, let $m = \sqrt{2}$ in the previous question, and we have

$$(\cos \theta + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta - \sqrt{2} \cos \theta)^2 = 2 + 1 = 3.$$

Now, let $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$. Let $x = \cos \theta + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta = \frac{3}{5} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5}$ and $y = \sin \theta - \sqrt{2} \cos \theta = \frac{4}{5} - \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$. We must have $x^2 + y^2 = 3$, and

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{3}{5} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5}, \frac{4}{5} - \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \right)$$

is a non-integer 2-rational point on $x^2 + y^2 = 3$.

- (b) Consider $x = a \cos \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sin \theta$ and $y = a \sin \theta - b\sqrt{m} \cos \theta$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= (a \cos \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sin \theta)^2 + (a \sin \theta - b\sqrt{m} \cos \theta)^2 \\ &= a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 m \sin^2 \theta + 2ab\sqrt{m} \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &\quad + a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 m \cos^2 \theta - 2ab\sqrt{m} \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= (a^2 + b^2 m) \cos^2 \theta + (a^2 + b^2 m) \sin^2 \theta \\ &= (a^2 + b^2 m)(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= a^2 + b^2 m. \end{aligned}$$

We set $m = 2$, and hence we would like $a^2 + 2b^2 = 11$. Consider $a = 3$ and $b = 1$, and set $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ and $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$. Hence,

$$x = a \cos \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sin \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{4}{5} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{12}{5} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5},$$

and

$$y = a \sin \theta - b\sqrt{m} \cos \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{5} - 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{9}{5} - \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5},$$

and we must have $x^2 + y^2 = 3^2 + 1^2 \cdot 2 = 11$. Therefore,

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{12}{5} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5}, \frac{9}{5} - \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

is a non-integer 2-rational point on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 11$.

(c) Consider $x = a \sec \theta + b\sqrt{m} \tan \theta$ and $y = a \tan \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sec \theta$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 - y^2 &= (a \sec \theta + b\sqrt{m} \tan \theta)^2 - (a \tan \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sec \theta)^2 \\
 &= a^2 \sec^2 \theta + b^2 m \tan^2 \theta + 2ab\sqrt{m} \sec \theta \tan \theta \\
 &\quad - a^2 \tan^2 \theta - b^2 m \sec^2 \theta - 2ab\sqrt{m} \sec \theta \tan \theta \\
 &= a^2 (\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta) - b^2 m (\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta) \\
 &= a^2 - b^2 m.
 \end{aligned}$$

We set $m = 2$, and hence we would like $a^2 - 2b^2 = 7$. Consider $a = 3$ and $b = 1$, and set $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ and $\sec \theta = \frac{5}{4}$. Hence,

$$x = a \sec \theta + b\sqrt{m} \tan \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{5}{4} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{15}{4} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4},$$

and

$$y = a \tan \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sec \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{4} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{9}{4} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4},$$

and we must have $x^2 - y^2 = 3^2 - 1^2 \cdot 2 = 7$. Therefore,

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{15}{4} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4}, \frac{9}{4} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4} \right)$$

is a non-integer 2-rational point on the hyperbola $x^2 - y^2 = 7$.