

Diophantine Kites: Rational Diagonals and Integer Area Constructions

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Abstract:

In this paper, we aim to collect all kites with certain fixed sides in integers, rational diagonals and integer areas. We develop mathematical procedure and python programming to collect all those kites. Also, experimental analyses are done by means of examples.

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1. Introduction

Geometry is one of the most interesting areas of mathematics. The basic geometry covers a range of shapes and deals with their properties along with the applications. In earlier days itself, Mathematicians involved themselves in finding some parameters regarding such shapes. Some basic shapes are square, triangle, rectangle, and circle. Area and perimeter are the most used parameters by common people.

To make the process of finding the area and perimeter much easier, early Mathematicians launched formulas using the terms which are needed to construct that particular shape. For example, if the side of a square is a , then its area is a^2 and perimeter is $4a$. So many regular shapes are seen along with those formulas.

As an extension, researchers constructed some new shapes by adjoining existing known shapes. Also, they paved an unchallenging way to calculate its area. One such shape is Kite. It looks like the joining of two triangles under some considerations. Using diagonals of kites, we can easily calculate its area. But here the task is to find the area of the kite by splitting it into two isosceles triangles, then find those triangle's area, and adding them up. Heron's formula is used to find the area of those triangles, which is stated as "If a, b and c are sides of a triangle, then its area is given as $\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$ where $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$ ".

In [14], (Rusin, 1998) collected rational triangles with equal area. Inspired by his work, this paper was developed. Also in [3], (Dickson, 2013) provided some key ideas for the creation of this problem. Also [(Aassila, 2001), (Hendrik W. Lenstra, 2002), (Nelsen, 2020), (Robin McLean, 1988), (Robin McLean, 1988), (Rusin, 1998), (Gopalan, Kannan, Manju, & Raja, 2016), (Manju, Kannan, & Raja, 2017), (Mahalakshmi, Kannan, & Narasimman, 2022), (Kannan & Mahalakshmi, Some Annotations on Almost And Pseudo Almost Equilateral Rational Rectangles, 2022)] are considered as roots for this paper.

To do our work, we demand the need of classical branch of Mathematics, the Number Theory. Throughout this paper, the vast research area Diophantine Analysis, the study of Diophantine equations, its solutions and its applications, is employed (Dickson, 2013). Especially, the well-known Pythagorean equations and its solutions are used to collect the required kites.

In this paper, we work on four types of kites (based on sides). In section 2, we display the preliminary concepts needed for this work. Section 3 collects all kites with sides n and $n + 1$ and having rational diagonal and integer area whereas in section 4, kites with sides n and $n - 1$ and with integer area are gathered. In sections 5 and 6, we focus on the same but with sides $n, n \pm r$ respectively. In each section, we include python coding to collect all required kites along with the output and experimental analysis by an example.

2. Preliminaries

Pythagorean equations are among the most pre-eminent Diophantine equations. These equations are of the form $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$. (Titu, Dorin, & Ion, 2010) Depicts that the general solution of the Pythagorean equation $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ over integers is of the form $x = k(m^2 - l^2)$, $y = 2kml$ and $z = k(m^2 + l^2)$ where $k, m, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m > l$.

A quadrilateral known as a kite has four sides that are grouped into two adjacent pairs of equal-length sides, and the diagonals cross each other at right angles.

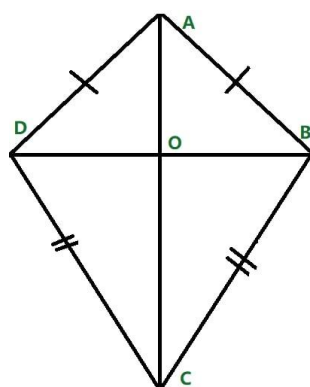


Figure 1: Example of a Kite

Note 2.1.: Throughout this paper, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $r \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}$.

3. Kite with Sides $n, n + 1$

We address the kites with sides n and $n + 1$ in this part and gather all kites with rational diagonal and integer area by employing the Pythagorean equation and its solutions.

Let us consider a kite ABCD with sides n and $n + 1$ (Figure 2).

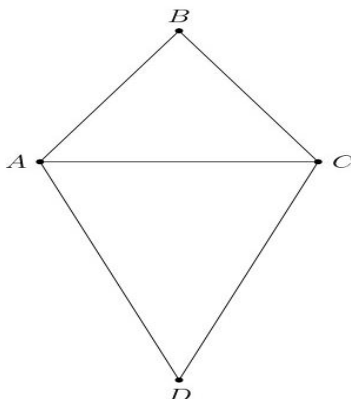


Figure 2: Kite Used in Sections 3 and 5

Take $AB = n = BC$ and $AD = n + 1 = DC$. Let $AC = d$. Then the kite ABCD can be split into two isosceles triangles ABC and ADC. Thus

$$\text{Area of } ABCD = \text{Area of } \triangle ABC + \text{Area of } \triangle ADC$$

The semi perimeter for $\triangle ABC$ is $s = \frac{n+n+d}{2} = \frac{2n+d}{2}$. Thus by applying Heron's formula, we obtain

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{d}{4} \sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} \tag{1}$$

The semi perimeter for $\triangle ADC$ is $s = \frac{n+1+n+1+d}{2} = \frac{2n+2+d}{2}$. Thus by applying Heron's formula, we obtain

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ADC = \frac{d}{4} \sqrt{(2n + 2)^2 - d^2} \tag{2}$$

This implies the fact that the Area of ABCD $\in \mathbb{Z}$, if and only if the Area of $\triangle ABD$ and Area of $\triangle ADC$ both must be rational numbers.

Area of $\triangle ABC$ over \mathbb{Q}

“Equation (1)” implies that Area of $\triangle ABC \in \mathbb{Q}$ if $4n^2 - d^2 = t_l^2$ for some $t_l \in \mathbb{Q}$. Now we reduced the problem of finding rational area for $\triangle ABC$ to solve the equation $t_l^2 + d^2 = (2n)^2$ over \mathbb{Q} . Let's first solve the equation $t_l^2 + d^2 = l$ over \mathbb{Q} to get started.

Assume that $t_l = \frac{p}{q}$ and $d = \frac{r}{s}$ for some $p, q, r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then we acquire the Pythagorean type equation $(ps)^2 + (qr)^2 = (qs)^2$. This equation has to be solved over integers.

From section 2, we have $t_l = \frac{p}{q} = \frac{m^2-l^2}{m^2+l^2}$ and $d = \frac{r}{s} = \frac{2ml}{m^2+l^2}$ for some $m, l \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence the rational solutions for the equation $t_l^2 + d^2 = (2n)^2$ are $t_l = 2n \left(\frac{m^2-l^2}{m^2+l^2} \right)$ and $d = 4n \left(\frac{ml}{m^2+l^2} \right)$ for some $m, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m > l$.


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Enter maximum range:10
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      2      1      3      1      3      4      24/5      12.0
      2      1      6      2      3      4      24/5      12.0
      2      1      9      3      3      4      24/5      12.0
      4      1      9      2      9      10     144/17      72.0
      3      2      7      4      14     15     336/13     168.0
      4      2      6      2      3      4      24/5      12.0
      4      2      9      3      3      4      24/5      12.0
      8      2      9      2      9      10     144/17      72.0
      4      3      6      3      5      6      48/5      24.0
      4      3      6      4     25     26      48     408.0
      4      3      8      4      5      6      48/5      24.0
      4      3     10      5      5      6      48/5      24.0
      4      3      9      6     25     26      48     408.0
      6      3      9      3      3      4      24/5      12.0
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      6      4      7      4     14     15     336/13     168.0
      7      4      8      4     13     14     112/5     168.0
      7      4     10      5     13     14     112/5     168.0
      6      5     10      8     122    123     240     5880.0
      7      5     10      7     148    149     280     13860.0
      7      6      8      6     34     35     336/5     504.0
      8      6      9      6     25     26      48     408.0
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Figure 4: Output: Coding 1

3.2. Experimental Analysis by an Example

Usual formula for area of kite is $\frac{1}{2}dd_1$, where d and d_1 are diagonals. In figure 1, take the diagonals as $BD(= d)$, $AC(= d_1)$ and the sides as $AD = n = AB$ and $BC = n + l = CD$. Applying Pythagoras theorem for $\triangle AOB$ and $\triangle BOC$, we get $OA = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4n^2 - d^2}$ and $OC = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4(n + l)^2 - d^2}$ respectively.

This gives $d_1 = OA + OC = \frac{1}{2}[\sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} + \sqrt{4(n + l)^2 - d^2}]$.

So the area is $\frac{1}{4}d[\sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} + \sqrt{4(n + l)^2 - d^2}]$.

Now, let us verify this by an example. Take $n = 20$ and $d = \frac{840}{29}$. Then we obtain $d_1 = 29$. This gives the area 420, is same as the one found from the python coding.

4. Kite with sides $n, n - l$

Utilizing the Pythagorean equation and its solutions, we examine the kites with sides n and $n - l$ in this section and generate all kites with integer area.

Let us consider a kite $ABCD$ with sides n and $n - l$ (Figure 5).

Take $AB = n = BC$ and $AD = n - l = DC$. Let $AC = d$. Then the kite $ABCD$ can be split into two isosceles triangles ABC and ADC .

Thus, $\text{Area of } ABCD = \text{Area of } \triangle ABC + \text{Area of } \triangle ADC$

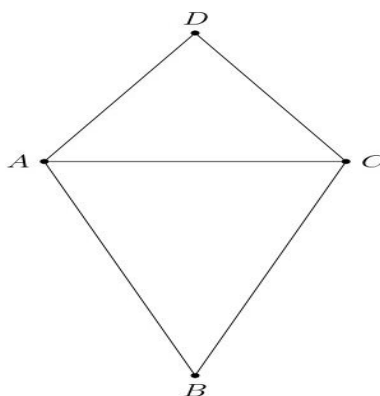


Figure 5: Kite Used in Sections 4 and 6

The semi perimeter for ΔABC is $s = \frac{n+n+d}{2} = \frac{2n+d}{2}$. Thus by applying Heron's formula, we obtain

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{d}{4} \sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} \tag{3}$$

The semi perimeter for ΔADC is $s = \frac{n-l+n-l+d}{2} = \frac{2n-2+l+d}{2}$. Thus by applying Heron's formula, we obtain

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ADC = \frac{d}{4} \sqrt{(2n-2)^2 - d^2} \tag{4}$$

This implies the fact that the Area of $ABCD \in \mathbb{Z}$, if and only if the Area of ΔABD and Area of ΔADC both must be rational numbers.

Area of ΔABC over \mathbb{Q}

“Equation (3)” implies that Area of $\Delta ABC \in \mathbb{Q}$ if $t_1 = 2n \left(\frac{m^2-l^2}{m^2+l^2} \right)$ and $d = 4n \left(\frac{ml}{m^2+l^2} \right)$ for some $m, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m > l$.

Area of ΔADC over \mathbb{Q}

“Equation (4)” implies that Area of $\Delta ADC \in \mathbb{Q}$ if $(2n-2)^2 - d^2 = t_2^2$ for some $t_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$. As in the above case, we have $t_2 = (2n-2) \left(\frac{a^2-b^2}{a^2+b^2} \right)$ and $d = (2n-2) \left(\frac{2ab}{a^2+b^2} \right)$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a > b$.

To find required n

Since the value d is equal in both the areas, we can equate them and find n as

$$n = \frac{ab(m^2 + l^2)}{ab(m^2 + l^2) - ml(a^2 + b^2)}$$

4.1. Python coding for generation of required kites with sides n and $n - 1$

In this section we display python coding to collect kites with sides $n, n - l$, rational diagonals and integer area followed by its output.

Figure 6: Coding 2: Kite with sides $n, n - l$

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#kite with sides n,n-1
import math
from fractions import Fraction as frac
def kite():
    print('\tm\tl\ta\tb\tm\tl\tArea')
    for l in range(1,k+1):
        for m in range(l+1,k+1):
            for b in range(l,k+1):
                for a in range(b+1,k+1):
                    x = (a*b)*(m**2 + l**2)
                    y = (a*b)*(m**2+l**2)-(m*l)*(a**2+b**2)
                    if y > 0:
                        if x % y ==0:
                            n = x//y
                            d = frac(4*n*m*l,m**2+l**2)
                            p = math.sqrt((4*(n**2)*(d**2))-d**4)
                            q = math.sqrt((d**2)*(2*n -2)**2- d**4)
                            if (p+q)% 4 ==0:
                                area = (p+q)//4
                                print('\t',m, '\t',l, '\t',a, '\t',b, '\t',n, '\t',n-1, '\t',d, '\t',area)
k=int(input("Enter maximum range:"))
#k is the maximum range for m,l,a,b
kite()
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Figure 7: Output: Coding 2

m	l	a	b	n	n-1	d	Area
2	1	4	3	6	5	48/5	24.0
2	1	7	4	14	13	112/5	168.0
2	1	8	6	6	5	48/5	24.0
3	1	2	1	4	3	24/5	12.0
3	1	4	2	4	3	24/5	12.0
3	1	6	3	4	3	24/5	12.0
3	1	8	4	4	3	24/5	12.0
3	2	4	3	26	25	48	408.0
3	2	8	6	26	25	48	408.0
4	2	4	3	6	5	48/5	24.0
4	2	7	4	14	13	112/5	168.0
4	2	8	6	6	5	48/5	24.0
5	2	7	3	21	20	840/29	420.0
6	2	4	2	4	3	24/5	12.0
6	2	6	3	4	3	24/5	12.0
6	2	8	4	4	3	24/5	12.0
4	3	7	6	35	34	336/5	504.0
6	3	4	3	6	5	48/5	24.0
6	3	7	4	14	13	112/5	168.0
6	3	8	6	6	5	48/5	24.0
5	4	6	5	123	122	240	5880.0
6	4	8	6	26	25	48	408.0
7	4	6	4	15	14	336/13	168.0
8	4	7	4	14	13	112/5	168.0
8	4	8	6	6	5	48/5	24.0
7	6	8	7	340	339	672	32592.0
8	6	7	6	35	34	336/5	504.0

4.2. Experimental Analysis by an Example

In figure 1, take the diagonals as $BD(= d)$, $AC(= d_1)$ and the sides as $CB = n = CD$ and $AD = n - l = AB$. Doing the same procedure as in subsection 3.2, we get

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{2} [\sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} + \sqrt{4(n - l)^2 - d^2}]. \text{ So the area is } \frac{1}{4} d [\sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} + \sqrt{4(n - l)^2 - d^2}].$$

Now, let us verify this by an example. Take $n = 4$ and $d = \frac{24}{5}$. Then we obtain $d_1 = 5$. This gives the area 12, is same as the one found from the python coding.

5. Kite with Sides $n, n + r$

In this section, we work on kites with sides n and $n + r$, as above. Let us consider a kite $ABCD$ with sides n and $n + r$. In fig 2, take $AB = n = BC$ and $AD = n + r = DC$. Let $AC = d$. Then the kite $ABCD$ can be split into two isosceles triangles ABC and ADC .

Thus,

$$\text{Area of } ABCD = \text{Area of } \Delta ABC + \text{Area of } \Delta ADC$$

As in the previous sections, we get ΔABC

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{d}{4} \sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} \tag{5}$$

The semi perimeter for ΔADC is $s = \frac{n+r+n+r+d}{2} = \frac{2n+2r+d}{2}$. Thus by applying Heron's formula, we obtain,

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ADC = \frac{d}{4} \sqrt{(2n + 2r)^2 - d^2} \tag{6}$$

This implies the fact that the Area of $ABCD \in \mathbb{Z}$, if and only if the Area of ΔABC and Area of ΔADC both must be rational numbers.

Area of ΔABC over \mathbb{Q}

“Equation (5)” implies that Area of $\Delta ABC \in \mathbb{Q}$ if $t_1 = 2n \left(\frac{m^2 - l^2}{m^2 + l^2} \right)$ and $d = 4n \left(\frac{ml}{m^2 + l^2} \right)$ for some $m, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m > l$.

Area of ΔADC over \mathbb{Q}

“Equation (6)” implies that Area of $\Delta ADC \in \mathbb{Q}$ if $(2n + 2r)^2 - d^2 = t_2^2$ for some $t_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$. As in the above case, we have $t_2 = (2n + 2r) \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right)$ and $d = (2n + 2r) \left(\frac{2ab}{a^2 + b^2} \right)$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a > b$.

To find required n

Since the value d is equal in both the areas, we can equate them and find n as

$$n = \frac{rab(m^2 + l^2)}{ml(a^2 + b^2) - ab(m^2 + l^2)}$$

5.1. Python coding for generation of required kites with sides n and $n + r$

In this section we display python coding to collect kites with sides $n, n + r$, rational diagonals and integer area followed by its output.

Now, let us verify this by an example. Take $n = 50$, $r = 10$ and $d = 96$. Then we obtain $d_1 = 50$. This gives the area 2400, is same as the one found from the python coding.

6. Kite with sides $n, n - r$

In this section, we on kites with sides $n - r$, as above. Let us consider a kite $ABCD$ with sides n and $n - r$. In figure 5, take $AB = n = BC$ and $AD = n - r = DC$.

Let $AC = d$. Then the kite $ABCD$ can be split into two isosceles triangles ABC and ADC .

Thus,
$$\text{Area of } ABCD = \text{Area of } \triangle ABC + \text{Area of } \triangle ADC$$

$$\text{As in previous sections, we get Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{d}{4} \sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} \tag{7}$$

and

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ADC = \frac{d}{4} \sqrt{(2n + 2r)^2 - d^2} \tag{8}$$

This implies the fact that the Area of $ABCD \in \mathbb{Z}$, if and only if the Area of $\triangle ABD$ and Area of $\triangle ADC$ both must be rational numbers.

Area of $\triangle ABC$ over \mathbb{Q}

“Equation (7)” implies that Area of $\triangle ABC \in \mathbb{Q}$ if $t_1 = 2n \left(\frac{m^2 - l^2}{m^2 + l^2} \right)$ and $d = 4n \left(\frac{ml}{m^2 + l^2} \right)$ for some $m, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m > l$.

Area of $\triangle ADC$ over \mathbb{Q}

“Equation (8)” implies that Area of $\triangle ADC \in \mathbb{Q}$ if $(2n - 2r)^2 - d^2 = t_2^2$ for some $t_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$.

As in the above case, we have $t_2 = (2n - 2r) \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right)$ and $d = (2n - 2r) \left(\frac{2ab}{a^2 + b^2} \right)$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a > b$.

To find required n

Since the value d is equal in both the areas, we can equate them and find n as

$$n = \frac{rab(m^2 + l^2)}{ab(m^2 + l^2) - ml(a^2 + b^2)}$$

6.1. Python coding for generation of required kites with sides n and $n - r$

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So the area is $\frac{1}{4}d \left[\sqrt{4n^2 - d^2} + \sqrt{4(n-r)^2 - d^2} \right]$.

Now, let us verify this by an example. Take $n = 375$, $r = 6$ and $d = 720$. Then we obtain $d_1 = 186$. This gives the area 66960, is same as the one found from the python coding.

7. Conclusion

In this paper, some particular choices of kites with sides $n, n \pm l$ and $n, n \pm r$ having integer area and rational diagonal are collected mathematically as well as through Python programming. These types of concepts may be applied in the field of architecture. In future, this thought may extend to other geometrical shapes also.

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