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Pythagorean triples $Z(x^2 + y^2 - z^2)(\mathbb{N})$

Definition. Pythagorean triples

A **Pythagorean triple** is an element

$$(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^3$$

such that

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

Euclid's formula

- We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 - a^2 &= b^2 \\ (c + a)(c - a) &= b^2 \\ \frac{c + a}{b} &= \frac{b}{c - a} \\ &= \frac{m}{n} \text{ (say, in lowest terms)} \\ \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{b} &= \frac{m}{n}, \frac{c}{b} - \frac{a}{b} = \frac{n}{m} \\ \frac{c}{b} &= \frac{m^2 + n^2}{2mn}, \frac{a}{b} = \frac{m^2 - n^2}{2mn} \end{aligned}$$

- Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ be coprime and thus pairwise coprime. As a, b are coprime, at least one of them is odd, say a .
 - Then if b were also odd, c would be even, then $c^2 \bmod 4 \equiv 0$ but
$$a^2 + b^2 \equiv 2 \bmod 4$$
because odd square is congruent to 1 modulo 4. Thus b is even and c is odd.
 - Then in
$$\frac{c}{b} = \frac{m^2 + n^2}{2mn}, \frac{a}{b} = \frac{m^2 - n^2}{2mn}$$
as m/n is reduced, m, n are coprime so they cannot both be even.
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The Pythagorean triples a, b, c are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} a &= m^2 - n^2 \\ b &= 2mn \\ c &= m^2 + n^2 \end{aligned}$$

for any $(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^2, m > n$.

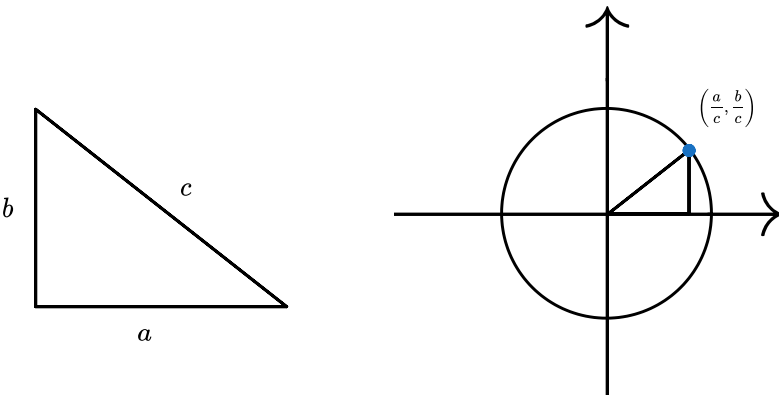
rational parameterization of circle

Intuition

As $c \neq 0$, a tiple $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ is Pythagorean $\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{b}{c}\right)^2 = 1$

$$\iff$$

$\left(\frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{c}\right)$ is a rational point on the circle, that is, an element of $V_{\mathbb{Q}}(X^2 + Y^2 - 1)$



In particular, the primitive Pythagorean triples are bijective with rational points on the circle

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{primitive Pythagorean triples}\} &\leftrightarrow V_{\mathbb{Q}}(X^2 + Y^2 - 1) \\ (a, b, c) &\leftrightarrow \left(\frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{c}\right) \end{aligned}$$

To find such points, we use the

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a rational t maps to a rational if

$$t(x, y) := \frac{y}{x + 1} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

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And it has 17 siblings.

- [squishy](#)
 - [Polynomials](#)
 - $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$
 - $8X^3 + 4X^2 - 4X - 1$
 - $x^2 + y^2 - 3$
 - [Folium of Descartes](#)

$$X^3 + Y^3 - 3aXY$$

- $X^3 + Y^3 - a$
- $3X^3 + 10X^2 + 3 - Y^2$
- $3X^8 + 10X^4 + 3 - Y^2$
- $XYZ - 1$
- [Pythagorean triples](#)
- [Bolza curve](#)

- Irreducible polynomials in $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$
- Polynomial maps $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ of degree at most d
- Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind
- Logistic map
- Dynamics of the map $z^2 + c$
- $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} (1 + xy)^3 z + y^2(1 + xy)(4 + 3xy) \\ y + 3x(1 + xy)^2 z + 3xy^2(4 + 3xy) \\ 2x - 3x^2 y - x^3 z \end{pmatrix}$
- $(w^2 - 1)^2$