



## Observations on the Surd Equation

$$\sqrt{2z-4} = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}} + \sqrt{x - \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}} \quad (m \neq 0)$$

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### Abstract:

In this paper, non-zero integer solutions to the surd equation with three unknowns

given by  $\sqrt{2z-4} = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}} + \sqrt{x - \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}}$  are obtained.

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### Introduction:

Diophantine equations have an unlimited field of research by reason of their variety. Most of the Diophantine problems are algebraic equations [1,2]. In [3-18], the integral solutions of transcendental equations involving surds are analyzed for their respective integer solutions.

This communication analyses a transcendental equation with three unknowns given by

$\sqrt{2z-4} = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}} + \sqrt{x - \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}}$ . Infinitely many non-zero integer triples  $(x, y, z)$  satisfying the above equation are obtained.

Notations:

$$t_{3,n} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$P_n^5 = \frac{n^2(n+1)}{2}$$

$$CP_n^3 = \frac{n(n^2 + 1)}{2}$$

$$CP_n^5 = \frac{n(5n^2 + 1)}{6}$$

### Method of analysis:

The surd equation to be solved is

$$\sqrt{2z-4} = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}} + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}} \quad (m \neq 0) \quad (1)$$

On squaring both sides of (1), it simplifies to

$$z = 2 + x + \sqrt{x^2 - (m^2 + 4)y^2} \quad (2)$$

To start with, observe that the square root on the R.H.S. of (2) is removed by choosing

$$x = k(m^2 + 2), \quad y = km \quad k \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

and from (2)

$$z = k(m^2 + 4) + 2 \quad (4)$$

A few numerical solutions are presented in Table:1 below

**Table:1 Numerical solutions**

K	m	x	y	z
1	1	3	1	7
2	2	12	4	18
3	2	18	6	26
4	5	108	20	118

### Observations :

1. When k and m are both odd, the values of x ,y ,z are odd
2.  $m(z - x - 2) = 2y$
3.  $m(2z - x - 4) = (m^2 + 6)y$
4.  $2(z - 2) = (m^2 + 4)(x - my)$

- 5.  $(z - x - 1)^2 = 1 + 8t_{3,k}$
- 6.  $y + z = 2 + 4k + 2kt_{3,m}$
- 7.  $6k(x + 2y - k)$  is a nasty number
- 8.  $y(m - 4) + m(z - 2) = 2kP_m^5$
- 9.  $y(x - k) = 2k^2CP_m^3$
- 10.  $y(5x - 10k) = 6k^2CP_m^5$

However, there are other choices of  $m, x, y$  for eliminating the square-root on the R.H.S. of (2).

The corresponding values of  $m, x, y$  along with  $z$  are exhibited in Table:2 below:

**Table: 2 Choices of  $m, x, y, z$**

$m$	$x$	$y$	$z$
$m$	$(m^2 + 5)k$	$2k$	$2((m^2 + 4)k + 1)$
$2k + 1$	$(2k^2 + 2k + 3)s$	$s$	$2 + (4k^2 + 4k + 5)s$
$m$	$(m^2 + 4)p^2 + q^2$	$2pq$	$2((m^2 + 4)p^2 + 1)$
$m$	$m^{k+2} + 2m^k$	$m^{k+1}$	$m^{k+2} + 4m^k + 2$

**Conclusion:**

In this paper, we have presented integer solutions to the surd equation

$$\sqrt{2z - 4} = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}} + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{(m^2 + 4)y}} \quad (m \neq 0)$$

. To conclude one may attempt to find integer solutions to other choices of surd equations .

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