

**POLYNOMIALS YIELDING QUADRUPLES  
WITH PROPERTY D(k)**

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**Abstract:** Let  $k$  be a natural number. Two integers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are said to have the property  $D(k)$  (resp.  $D(-k)$ ) if  $\alpha\beta+k$  (resp.  $\alpha\beta-k$ ) is a perfect square. The purpose of this paper is identification of polynomials producing quadruples with property  $D(k)$  for certain values of  $k$ . Incidentally the paper brings out an attribute of Ramanujan number 1729 in contributing two quadruples of polynomials with property  $D(k)$ .

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## 1. Introduction

The Greek mathematician Diophantus raised the question as to four numbers such that the product of any two increased by a given number shall be a square. M.Gardner [11] asked for a fifth number that can be added to the set  $\{1, 3, 8, 120\}$  without destroying the property that the product of any two integers is one less than a perfect square. For historical details of the problem, one may refer to J.Roberts [24] and the author [19].

It is seen that the polynomials  $x$ ,  $x+2$ ,  $4x+4$  have the property that the product of any two of them increased by 1 is a square. A fourth polynomial that works with these three is  $16x^3 + 48x^2 + 44x + 12$ . B.W.Jones [12, 13] considered polynomials for this problem. He found all polynomials that work with  $x$  and  $x+2$ . He defined

$$f_r(x) = \frac{\alpha^r - \beta^r}{\alpha - \beta} \text{ and } c_r(x) = 2f_r(x) f_{r+1}(x),$$

where  $\alpha(= \alpha(x))$  and  $\beta(= \beta(x))$  are the roots of the quadratic equation

$$w^2 - 2(x+1)w + 1 = 0.$$

He then showed that

$$x, x+2, c_r(x), c_{r+1}(x)$$

are such that the product of any two of them is one less than a square. Taking  $x = r = 1$ , we find  $\alpha = 2 + \sqrt{3}$ ,  $\beta = 2 - \sqrt{3}$ ,  $f_1(1) = 1$ ,  $f_2(1) = 4$ ,  $f_3(1) = 15$ ,  $c_1(1) = 8$ ,  $c_2(1) = 120$ . Thus, in this case, the quadruple  $\{x, x+2, c_1(1), c_2(1)\}$  becomes  $\{1, 3, 8, 120\}$ .

## 2. Definitions

Let  $N$  denote the set of all natural numbers. We recall the definitions furnished in [16].

**Definition 2.1** Let  $k$  be a given element of  $N$ . Two integers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are said to have the property  $p_k$  (resp.  $p_{-k}$ ) if  $\alpha\beta+k$  (resp.  $\alpha\beta-k$ ) is a perfect square.

**Definition 2.2** Let  $k$  be a given element of  $N$ . A set  $S$  of elements of  $N$  is said to be a  $P_k$  set or a set with property  $p_k$  if any two elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in  $S$  have the property  $p_k$ . A set with property  $p_k$  is also referred to as a set with property  $D(k)$  where  $D$  stands for Diophantus from whom the problem originated.

**Definition 2.3** A  $P_k$  set  $S$  is called extendable if, for some integer  $d$ ,  $d \notin S$ , the set  $S \cup \{d\}$  is a  $P_k$  set.

**Definition 2.4** A sequence of integers is said to be a  $P_{r,k}$  sequence if every  $r$  consecutive terms of the sequence constitute a  $P_k$  set. For the construction of a  $P_{3,k}$  sequence of integers, one may refer [16].

Following the concept of J. Arkin, V.E. Hoggatt and E.G. Strauss [1], we have a classification of triples and quadruples with property  $D(k)$  as detailed below:

**Definition 2.5** A triple  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  with property  $D(k)$ , where  $a_1 < a_2 < a_3$  is said to be regular if

$$(a_3 - a_2 - a_1)^2 = 4(a_1a_2 + k).$$

**Definition 2.6** A quadruple  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$  with property  $D(k)$ , where  $a_1 < a_2 < a_3 < a_4$  is said to be regular if

$$k(a_4 + a_3 - a_2 - a_1)^2 = 4(a_1a_2 + k)(a_3a_4 + k).$$

*It is seen that a regular quadruple with property  $D(k)$  can exist only if  $k$  is a square. A quadruple with property  $D(k)$  which is not regular is said to be irregular.*

### 3. Linkage with Pell's equation

Starting from a triple with property  $D(k)$ , one would like to extend it to a quadruple with property  $D(k)$ . In this process, there arises a system of Pell's equations as illustrated in several papers (see for e.g., [2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23]).

### 4. Overview of previous results

A. Baker and H. Davenport [2] dealt with the quadruple  $\{1, 3, 8, 120\}$  with property  $D(1)$  in which the first three terms are the Fibonacci numbers  $F_2, F_4$  and  $F_6$ . They proved that the set cannot be extended further. Their result was also proved later by P. Kanagasabapathy and T. Ponnudurai [14] employing a different method.

Let us consider the previous works pertaining to polynomials producing  $P_k$  sets.

**Theorem 4.1.** *(S.P. Mohanty and the Author [16]) If  $k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then there is no  $P_{r,k}$  sequence with  $r \geq 4$ .*

**Theorem 4.2.** *(A. Filipin and Y.Fujita [10]) Any polynomial quadruple with property  $D(4)$  is regular.*

*Several results on polynomials for sets of numbers with Diophantine property have been furnished by A.Dujella in [3, 5, 6, 7].*

### 5. Special kind of polynomials producing quadruples with Diophantine property

Consider the following sequences  $\{a_n\}$  with given  $k$  indicated against each: (the author [18])

- i.  $\{2t + 1, 11t^2 + 6t + 1, 33t^2 + 16t + 2, 88t^2 + 42t + 5, \dots\}$  with  $k = 121t^4 + 66t^3 - 7t^2 - 8t - 1, t \geq 1$
- ii.  $\{2t + 1, 33t^2 + 28t + 6, 99t^2 + 82t + 17, 264t^2 + 218t + 45, \dots\}$  with  $k = 1089t^4 + 1650t^3 + 917t^2 + 220t + 19, t \geq 0$
- iii.  $\{2t + 3, 3t^2 + 4t + 2, 9t^2 + 10t + 3, 24t^2 + 26t + 7, \dots\}$  with  $k = 9t^4 + 6t^3 - 19t^2 - 20t - 5, t \geq 1$
- iv.  $\{2t + 7, t^2 + 2t + 3, 3t^2 + 4t + 2, 8t^2 + 10t + 3, \dots\}$  with  $k = t^4 - 2t^3 - 19t^2 - 20t - 5, t \geq 1$ .

One can check that the set consisting of the first three terms of the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  has the property  $D(k)$ . The set consisting of the second, third and fourth terms of

the sequence also has the property  $D(k)$ . The terms of the sequence are defined by the relation

$$a_{n+2} = 3a_{n+1} - a_n$$

for  $n \geq 1$ . It is ascertained that each one of these sequences  $\{a_n\}$  is a  $P_{3,k}$  sequence. A special property of these sequences is that the fourth term also shares the property  $D(k)$  with the first term.

## 6. Theorems on polynomials

In the following theorems we give some polynomials which produce 4 numbers possessing the property  $D(k)$  for some integer  $k$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $t$  be a given integer  $\geq 2$ . Let  $d_1, d_2$  be two positive divisors of  $t^2 - 1$  such that  $d_1 < d_2$  and  $t^2 - 1 = d_1 d_2$ . Then the numbers  $\{d_1, d_2, d_1 + d_2 + 2t, 4t(d_1 + t)(d_2 + t)\}$  have the property  $D(1)$ .*

**Proof.** We have  $d_1 d_2 + 1 = t^2$ ,  $d_1(d_1 + d_2 + 2t) + 1 = (t + d_1)^2$ ,  
 $d_1 \cdot 4t(d_1 + t)(d_2 + t) + 1 = (2t^2 + 2d_1 t - 1)^2$ ,  
 $d_2(d_1 + d_2 + 2t) + 1 = (t + d_2)^2$ ,  $d_2 \cdot 4t(d_1 + t)(d_2 + t) + 1 = (2t^2 + 2d_2 t - 1)^2$ ,  
 $(d_1 + d_2 + 2t) \cdot 4t(d_1 + t)(d_2 + t) + 1 = (4t^2 + 2(d_1 + d_2)t - 1)^2$ .

**Corollary 6.2.** *The following are sets with property  $D(1)$  for all integers  $t \geq 0$ :*

$$\{t + 1, t + 3, 4t + 8, 16t^3 + 96t^2 + 128t + 120\},$$

$$\{1, t^2 + 4t + 3, t^2 + 6t + 8, 4t^4 + 40t^3 + 144t^2 + 220t + 120\},$$

$$\{t + 2, 4t + 4, 9t + 12, 144t^3 + 624t^2 + 892t + 420\}.$$

**Theorem 6.3.** *Let  $t$  be a given integer  $\geq 3$ . Let  $d_1, d_2$  be two positive divisors of  $t^2 - 4$  such that  $d_1 < d_2$  and  $t^2 - 4 = d_1 d_2$ . Then  $d_1, d_2, d_1 + d_2 + 2t, t(d_1 + t)(d_2 + t)$  have the property  $D(4)$ .*

**Proof.** It is seen that

$$d_1 d_2 + 4 = t^2, d_1(d_1 + d_2 + 2t) + 4 = (t + d_1)^2,$$

$$d_1 t(d_1 + t)(d_2 + t) + 4 = (2t^2 + 2d_1 t - 1)^2,$$

$$d_2(d_1 + d_2 + 2t) + 4 = (t + d_2)^2,$$

$$d_2 t(d_1 + t)(d_2 + t) + 4 = (2t^2 + 2d_2 t - 1)^2,$$

$$(d_1 + d_2 + 2t) \cdot t(d_1 + t)(d_2 + t) + 4 = (4t^2 + 2(d_1 + d_2)t - 1)^2.$$

**Corollary 6.4.**  $\{1, t^2 + 6t + 5, t^2 + 8t + 12, t^4 + 14t^3 + 69t^2 + 140t + 96\}$  and  $\{2t + 1, 2t + 5, 8t + 12, 32t^3 + 144t^2 + 208t + 96\}$  are sets with property  $D(4)$  where  $t \geq 0$ .

*This is a generalization of the result contained in [17] regarding the quadruple  $\{1, 5, 12, 96\}$  with property  $D(4)$ .*

**Theorem 6.5.** *The set  $\{1, 4t^4 + 24t^3 + 52t^2 + 48t + 16, 4t^6 + 36t^5 + 133t^4 + 258t^3 +$*

$273t^2 + 144t + 27, 16t^8 + 192t^7 + 1000t^6 + 2952t^5 + 5393t^4 + 6222t^3 + 4399t^2 + 1722t + 280\}$  has the property  $D((2t + 3)^2)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 6.6.** *The numbers  $\{1, 5(t + 1)^2, 5t^2 + 16t + 12, 45t^2 + 132t + 96\}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , have the property  $D(4(t + 1)^2)$ .*

*This is yet another generalization of the result in [17] concerning the quadruple  $\{1, 5, 12, 96\}$  with property  $D(4)$ .*

**Theorem 6.7.** *The numbers  $\{1, (m^2 + 2m)t^2, (m^2 + 2m)t^2 + (2m + 2)t + 1, (4m^4 + 16m^3 + 20m^2 + 8m)t^2 + (8m^3 + 24m^2 + 20m + 4)t + 4m^2 + 8m + 4\}$  have the property  $D(t^2)$  where  $m, t \geq 1$ .*

**Corollary 6.8.** *Given a natural number  $t$ , there exist an infinite number of sets of size 4 with property  $D(t^2)$ .*

**Theorem 6.9** *Let  $t$  be any given integer  $\geq 0$ . Then the numbers  $\{(t + 1)^2, 2t^3 + 7t^2 + 8t + 3, 4t^3 + 16t^2 + 20t + 8, 12t^3 + 80t^2 + 172t + 120\}$  have the property  $D((t + 1)^6)$ . This is a generalization of the result contained in [2] regarding the quadruple  $\{1, 3, 8, 120\}$  with property  $D(1)$ .*

## 7. Polynomials producing quadruples with property $D(k)$ , $k = 1, 4, 16, 64, 256$

Identification of polynomials that would lead to quadruples with property  $D(k)$  is an interesting as well as a challenging task. In this section, we consider the case when  $k$  is a square.

Let us recall the following result of Euler: If  $a_1a_2 + \lambda^2 = b^2$  for some  $\lambda \in N$ , then  $\left\{a_1, a_2, a_1 + a_2 + 2b, \frac{4b(a_1 + b)(a_2 + b)}{\lambda^2}\right\}$  is a quadruple with property  $D(\lambda^2)$ .

This result is used to construct quadruples consisting of polynomials with properties  $D(1)$ ,  $D(4)$ ,  $D(16)$ ,  $D(64)$  and  $D(256)$  which are presented in the sequel.

**Theorem 7.1.** *Let  $t$  be any integer  $\geq 0$ . The following polynomial quadruples have property  $D(1)$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} &\{4t + 4, 16t + 12, 36t + 30, 9216t^3 + 23808t^2 + 20464t + 5852\}, \\ &\{3t^2 + 4t + 1, 3t^2 + 10t + 8, 12t^2 + 28t + 15, 432t^6 + 3024t^5 + 8460t^4 + 12040t^3 + 9144t^2 + 3500t + 528\}, \\ &\{t^2 + 3t + 2, t^2 + 7t + 12, 4t^2 + 20t + 24, 16t^6 + 240t^5 + 1456t^4 + 4560t^3 + 7756t^2 + 6780t + 2380\}, \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Consider the quadruple  $\{4t + 4, 16t + 12, 36t + 30, 9216t^3 + 23808t^2 + 20464t + 5852\}$ .

We observe that  $(4t + 4).(16t + 12) + 1 = (8t + 7)^2$ ,

$(4t + 4).(36t + 30) + 1 = (12t + 11)^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
(4t + 4).(9216t^3 + 23808t^2 + 20464t + 5852) + 1 &= (192t^2 + 344t + 153)^2, \\
(16t + 12).(36t + 30) + 1 &= (24t + 19)^2, \\
(16t + 12).(9216t^3 + 23808t^2 + 20464t + 5852) + 1 &= (384t^2 + 640t + 265)^2, \\
(36t + 30).(9216t^3 + 23808t^2 + 20464t + 5852) + 1 &= (576t^2 + 984t + 419)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore it follows that  $\{4t+4, 16t+12, 36t+30, 9216t^3+23808t^2+20464t+5852\}$  is a  $P_1$  set of size 4. Other results can be checked similarly.

**Theorem 7.2.** *The following polynomial quadruples have property  $D(4)$  for  $t \geq 0$ :*

$$\begin{aligned}
\{2t + 1, 2t + 5, 8t + 12, 32t^3 + 144t^2 + 208t + 96\}, \\
\{2t + 5, 8t + 12, 18t + 33, 288t^3 + 1680t^2 + 3248t + 2080\}, \\
\{5t^2 + 6t + 1, 5t^2 + 16t + 12, 20t^2 + 44t + 21, 500t^6 + 3300t^5 + 8585t^4 + 11154t^3 + 7553t^2 + 2508t + 320\}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Take the quadruple  $\{2t + 1, 2t + 5, 8t + 12, 32t^3 + 144t^2 + 208t + 96\}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2t + 1).(2t + 5) + 4 &= (2t + 3)^2, \\
(2t + 1).(8t + 12) + 4 &= (4t + 4)^2, \\
(2t + 1).(32t^3 + 144t^2 + 208t + 96) + 4 &= (8t^2 + 20t + 10)^2, \\
(2t + 5).(8t + 12) + 4 &= (4t + 8)^2, \\
(2t + 5).(32t^3 + 144t^2 + 208t + 96) + 4 &= (8t^2 + 28t + 22)^2, \\
(8t + 12).(32t^3 + 144t^2 + 208t + 96) + 4 &= (16t^2 + 48t + 34)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, it is seen that  $\{2t + 1, 2t + 5, 8t + 12, 32t^3 + 144t^2 + 208t + 96\}$  is a  $P_4$  set of size 4. Other results follow similarly.

**Theorem 7.3.** *The following polynomial quadruples have property  $D(16)$  for  $t \geq 0$ :*

$$\begin{aligned}
\{2t + 1, 2t + 9, 8t + 20, 8t^3 + 60t^2 + 142t + 105\}, \\
\{2t + 9, 8t + 20, 18t + 57, 72t^3 + 732t^2 + 2462t + 2737\}, \\
\{12t^2 + 20t + 3, 12t^2 + 32t + 16, 48t^2 + 104t + 35, 1728t^6 + 11232t^5 + 27900t^4 + 33020t^3 + 19131t^2 + 5200t + 528\}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Consider the quadruple  $\{2t + 1, 2t + 9, 8t + 20, 8t^3 + 60t^2 + 142t + 105\}$ .

On computation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(2t + 1).(2t + 9) + 16 &= (2t + 5)^2, \\
(2t + 1).(8t + 20) + 16 &= (4t + 6)^2, \\
(2t + 1).(8t^3 + 60t^2 + 142t + 105) + 16 &= (4t^2 + 16t + 11)^2, \\
(2t + 9).(8t + 20) + 16 &= (4t + 14)^2, \\
(2t + 9).(8t^3 + 60t^2 + 142t + 105) + 16 &= (4t^2 + 24t + 31)^2, \\
(8t + 20).(8t^3 + 60t^2 + 142t + 105) + 16 &= (8t^2 + 40t + 46)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows that  $\{2t + 1, 2t + 9, 8t + 20, 8t^3 + 60t^2 + 142t + 105\}$  is a  $P_{16}$  set of size 4. Other results can be derived similarly.

**Theorem 7.4.** *The following polynomial quadruples have property  $D(64)$  for  $t \geq 0$ :*

$$\{12t^2 + 20t + 3, 12t^2 + 44t + 35, 48t^2 + 128t + 64, 432t^6 + 3456t^5 + 10728t^4 + 16256t^3 + 12459t^2 + 4552t + 624\},$$

$$\{80t^2 + 96t + 16, 80t^2 + 136t + 45, 320t^2 + 464t + 117, 128000t^6 + 556800t^5 + 943760t^4 + 785784t^3 + 334901t^2 + 69774t + 5621\},$$

$$\{20t^2 + 44t + 21, 20t^2 + 84t + 85, 80t^2 + 256t + 192, 2000t^6 + 19200t^5 + 74840t^4 + 151296t^3 + 167021t^2 + 95376t + 22016\}.$$

**Proof:** Take the quadruple

$$\{12t^2 + 20t + 3, 12t^2 + 44t + 35, 48t^2 + 128t + 64, 432t^6 + 3456t^5 + 10728t^4 + 16256t^3 + 12459t^2 + 4552t + 624\}.$$

It is observed that

$$(12t^2 + 20t + 3).(12t^2 + 44t + 35) + 64 = (12t^2 + 32t + 13)^2,$$

$$(12t^2 + 20t + 3).(48t^2 + 128t + 64) + 64 = (24t^2 + 52t + 16)^2,$$

$$(12t^2 + 20t + 3).(432t^6 + 3456t^5 + 10728t^4 + 16256t^3 + 12459t^2 + 4552t + 624) + 64 = (72t^4 + 348t^3 + 542t^2 + 297t + 44)^2,$$

$$(12t^2 + 44t + 35).(48t^2 + 128t + 64) + 64 = (24t^2 + 76t + 48)^2,$$

$$(12t^2 + 44t + 35).(432t^6 + 3456t^5 + 10728t^4 + 16256t^3 + 12459t^2 + 4552t + 624) + 64 = (72t^4 + 420t^3 + 830t^2 + 631t + 148)^2,$$

$$(48t^2 + 128t + 64).(432t^6 + 3456t^5 + 10728t^4 + 16256t^3 + 12459t^2 + 4552t + 624) + 64 = (144t^4 + 768t^3 + 1372t^2 + 928t + 200)^2.$$

**Theorem 7.5.** *The following polynomial quadruples have property  $D(256)$  with  $t \geq 0$ :*

$$\{320t^2 + 304t + 21, 320t^2 + 384t + 64, 1280t^2 + 1376t + 165, 2048000t^6 + 6604800t^5 + 7876160t^4 + 4212624t^3 + 993485t^2 + 103974t + 3965\},$$

$$\{48t^2 + 104t + 35, 48t^2 + 152t + 99, 192t^2 + 512t + 256, 6912t^6 + 55296t^5 + 174240t^4 + 273920t^3 + 224859t^2 + 91720t + 14640\},$$

$$\{16t^2 + 88t + 57, 16t^2 + 104t + 105, 64t^2 + 384t + 320, 256t^6 + 4608t^5 + 31456t^4 + 100992t^3 + 155905t^2 + 112902t + 30889\}.$$

**Proof.** Consider the quadruple  $\{320t^2 + 304t + 21, 320t^2 + 384t + 64, 1280t^2 + 1376t + 165, 2048000t^6 + 6604800t^5 + 7876160t^4 + 4212624t^3 + 993485t^2 + 103974t + 3965\}$ .

We observe that

$$(320t^2 + 304t + 21).(320t^2 + 384t + 64) + 256 = (320t^2 + 344t + 40)^2,$$

$$(320t^2 + 304t + 21).(1280t^2 + 1376t + 165) + 256 = (640t^3 + 648t + 61)^2,$$

$$(320t^2 + 304t + 21).(2048000t^6 + 6604800t^5 + 7876160t^4 + 4212624t^3 + 993485t^2 + 103974t + 3965) + 256 = (25600t^4 + 53440t^3 + 33504t^2 + 5863t + 289)^2,$$

$$(320t^2 + 384t + 64).(1280t^2 + 1376t + 165) + 256 = (640t^2 + 728t + 104)^2,$$

$$(320t^2 + 384t + 64).(2048000t^6 + 6604800t^5 + 7876160t^4 + 4212624t^3 + 993485t^2 + 103974t + 3965) + 256 = (25600t^4 + 56640t^3 + 38664t^2 + 8112t + 504)^2,$$

$$(1280t^2 + 1376t + 165)(2048000t^6 + 6604800t^5 + 7876160t^4 + 4212624t^3 + 993485t^2 +$$

$$103974t + 3965) + 256 = (51200t^4 + 110080t^3 + 72168t^2 + 13975t + 809)^2.$$

Therefore we see that

$\{320t^2 + 304t + 21, 320t^2 + 384t + 64, 1280t^2 + 1376t + 165, 2048000t^6 + 6604800t^5 + 7876160t^4 + 4212624t^3 + 993485t^2 + 103974t + 3965\}$  is a  $P_{256}$  set of size 4. Other results are got similarly.

## 8. Ramanujan's number in Diophantine quadruples

The number 1729 has acquired a special status in mathematics. It is referred to as Ramanujan number. There is a famous anecdote about this number. Ramanujan made a statement to G. H. Hardy that 1729 is the smallest number that can be expressed as a sum of two cubes in two different ways. We have the two expressions  $1729 = 9^3 + 10^3$  and  $1729 = 1^3 + 12^3$ . Thus 1729 is the smallest integral solution of the Diophantine equation  $A^3 + B^3 = C^3 + D^3$  (see for e.g., [21]).

From our work we observe another property of this number, namely it shares property  $D(64)$  with 9, 33 and 80. This leads to two quadruples of polynomials with property  $D(k)$  as brought out in the following:

**Theorem 8.1.** *The quadruple  $\{t + 9, 9t + 33, 16t + 80, 9t^3 + 159t^2 + 919t + 1729\}$  has the property  $D(64)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .*

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} (t + 9).(9t + 33) + 64 &= (3t + 19)^2, \\ (t + 9).(16t + 80) + 64 &= (4t + 28)^2, \\ (t + 9).(9t^3 + 159t^2 + 919t + 1729) + 64 &= (3t^2 + 40t + 125)^2, \\ (9t + 33).(16t + 80) + 64 &= (12t + 52)^2, \\ (9t + 33).(9t^3 + 159t^2 + 919t + 1729) + 64 &= (9t^2 + 96t + 239)^2, \\ (16t + 80).(9t^3 + 159t^2 + 919t + 1729) + 64 &= (12t^2 + 136t + 372)^2, \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 8.2.** *The quadruple  $\{4t^2 + 20t + 9, 4t^2 + 28t + 33, 16t^2 + 96t + 80, 16t^6 + 288t^5 + 1960t^4 + 6240t^3 + 9457t^2 + 6630t + 1729\}$  has property  $D(64)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .*

**Proof.** It is seen that

$$\begin{aligned} (4t^2 + 20t + 9).(4t^2 + 28t + 33) + 64 &= (4t^2 + 24t + 19)^2, \\ (4t^2 + 20t + 9).(16t^2 + 96t + 80) + 64 &= (8t^2 + 44t + 28)^2, \\ (4t^2 + 20t + 9).(16t^6 + 288t^5 + 1960t^4 + 6240t^3 + 9457t^2 + 6630t + 1729) + 64 &= (8t^4 + 92t^3 + 330t^2 + 377t + 125)^2, \\ (4t^2 + 28t + 33).(16t^2 + 96t + 80) + 64 &= (8t^2 + 52t + 52)^2, \\ (4t^2 + 28t + 33).(16t^6 + 288t^5 + 1960t^4 + 6240t^3 + 9457t^2 + 6630t + 1729) + 64 &= (8t^4 + 100t^3 + 402t^2 + 559t + 239)^2, \\ (16t^2 + 96t + 80).(16t^6 + 288t^5 + 1960t^4 + 6240t^3 + 9457t^2 + 6630t + 1729) + 64 &= (16t^4 + 192t^3 + 732t^2 + 936t + 372)^2. \end{aligned}$$



### 9. Polynomials producing quadruples with property $D(k)$ , $k$ being a square

Now we consider sets with property  $D(k)$  where  $k$  is a polynomial taking square values.

**Theorem 9.1.** *The quadruple  $\{1, 4t^2 + 12t + 9, 4t^6 + 36t^5 + 129t^4 + 234t^3 + 225t^2 + 108t + 20, 4t^6 + 44t^5 + 197t^4 + 460t^3 + 590t^2 + 392t + 105\}$  has property  $D((2t^2 + 6t + 4)^2)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .*

**Theorem 9.2.** *The quadruple  $\{1, 36t^2 + 32t + 7, 104976t^6 + 174960t^5 + 120528t^4 + 43920t^3 + 8892t^2 + 940t + 40, 104976t^6 + 244944t^5 + 229392t^4 + 110448t^3 + 28932t^2 + 3924t + 216\}$  has property  $D((18t^2 + 16t + 3)^2)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .*

**Theorem 9.3.** *The quadruple  $\{1, 36t^2 + 32t + 7, 104976t^6 + 314928t^5 + 384912t^4 + 244368t^3 + 84612t^2 + 15084t + 1080, 104976t^6 + 384912t^5 + 587088t^4 + 476784t^3 + 217404t^2 + 52756t + 5320\}$  has property  $D((18t^2 + 16t + 3)^2)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .*

### 10. Polynomials producing quadruples with property $D(k)$ where $k$ is not a square

**Theorem 10.1.** *The quadruple  $\{t + 1, 9t^3 + 33t^2 + 42t + 18, 9t^3 + 39t^2 + 57t + 29, 36t^3 + 144t^2 + 197t + 93\}$  has the property  $D(4t^2 + 10t + 7)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .*

**Proof.** It is seen that

$$\begin{aligned} (t + 1) \cdot (9t^3 + 33t^2 + 42t + 18) + (4t^2 + 10t + 7) &= (3t^2 + 7t + 5)^2, \\ (t + 1) \cdot (9t^3 + 39t^2 + 57t + 29) + (4t^2 + 10t + 7) &= (3t^2 + 8t + 6)^2, \\ (t + 1) \cdot (36t^3 + 144t^2 + 197t + 93) + (4t^2 + 10t + 7) &= (6t^2 + 15t + 10)^2, \\ (9t^3 + 33t^2 + 42t + 18) \cdot (9t^3 + 39t^2 + 57t + 29) + (4t^2 + 10t + 7) &= (9t^3 + 36t^2 + 49t + 23)^2, \\ (9t^3 + 33t^2 + 42t + 18) \cdot (36t^3 + 144t^2 + 197t + 93) + (4t^2 + 10t + 7) &= (18t^3 + 69t^2 + 91t + 41)^2, \\ (9t^3 + 39t^2 + 57t + 29) \cdot (36t^3 + 144t^2 + 197t + 93) + (4t^2 + 10t + 7) &= (18t^3 + 75t^2 + 106t + 52)^2. \end{aligned}$$

This theorem provides a generalization of the result contained in [20] concerning the quadruple  $\{1, 18, 29, 93\}$  with property  $D(7)$ .

**Theorem 10.2.** *The quadruple  $\{1, 3t^2 + 12t + 13, 3t^2 + 20t + 26, 12t^2 + 64t + 77\}$  has property  $D(13t^2 + 36t + 23)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .*

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot (3t^2 + 12t + 13) + (13t^2 + 36t + 23) &= (4t + 6)^2, \\ 1 \cdot (3t^2 + 20t + 26) + (13t^2 + 36t + 23) &= (4t + 7)^2, \\ 1 \cdot (12t^2 + 64t + 77) + (13t^2 + 36t + 23) &= (5t + 10)^2, \\ (3t^2 + 12t + 13) \cdot (3t^2 + 20t + 26) + (13t^2 + 36t + 23) &= (3t^2 + 16t + 19)^2, \\ (3t^2 + 12t + 13) \cdot (12t^2 + 64t + 77) + (13t^2 + 36t + 23) &= (6t^2 + 28t + 32)^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3t^2 + 20t + 26) \cdot (12t^2 + 64t + 77) + (13t^2 + 36t + 23) = (6t^2 + 36t + 45)^2.$$

**Theorem 10.3.** The quadruple  $\{1, 12t^2 + 144t + 433, 14t^2 + 168t + 484, 52t^2 + 624t + 1833\}$  has property  $D(t^4 + 24t^3 + 182t^2 + 456t + 192)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 10.4.** The quadruple  $\left\{1, \frac{t^3 + 11t}{3} + 6, \frac{4t^3 + 44t}{3} + 17, \frac{10t^3 + 110t}{3} + 45\right\}$  has property  $D\left(\frac{t^6}{4} + \frac{11t^4}{2} + \frac{14t^3}{3} + \frac{121t^2}{4} + \frac{154t}{3} + 19\right)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

This generalizes a result in [18] concerning the quadruple  $\{1, 6, 17, 45\}$  with property  $D(19)$ .

**Theorem 10.5.** The quadruple  $\{2t + 3, 19t^2 + 48t + 30, 57t^2 + 150t + 99, 152t^2 + 394t + 255\}$  has property  $D(361t^4 + 1862t^3 + 3601t^2 + 3096t + 999)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 10.6.** The quadruple  $\{2t+7, 3t^2+12t+10, 9t^2+42t+51, 24t^2+106t+115\}$  has property  $D(9t^4 + 78t^3 + 253t^2 + 372t + 219)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 10.7.** The quadruple  $\{2t + 15, t^2 + 6t + 3, 3t^2 + 24t + 54, 8t^2 + 58t + 99\}$  has property  $D(t^4 + 14t^3 + 73t^2 + 192t + 279)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 10.8.** The quadruple  $\{8t+4, 216t^2+128t+18, 432t^2+272t+44, 1296t^2+792t+120\}$  has property  $D(11664t^4 + 12960t^3 + 5112t^2 + 840t + 49)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 10.9.** The quadruple  $\{8t + 20, 32t^2 + 72t + 34, 64t^2 + 160t + 108, 192t^2 + 456t + 264\}$  has property  $D(256t^4 + 1024t^3 + 1248t^2 + 448t + 49)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

## 11. Conclusion

In this paper we have provided several quadruples with property  $D(k)$  in terms of polynomials which serve as a generalization of various specific cases. We have obtained expressions for various polynomials providing quadruples of regular and irregular types. These polynomials are expected to provide a basis for research workers in future to identify various interesting attributes of numbers with property  $D(k)$ .

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