

# Two divisors of $(n^2 + 1)/2$ summing up to $\delta n + \varepsilon$ , for $\delta$ and $\varepsilon$ even

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The first few values of number  $n$ , which we get from  $U_1, U_2, U_3$ , are

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It remains to compute the corresponding values of  $n$  which arise from

$$X = (16d - 2)n + 4d\varepsilon, \quad X = \frac{1}{4}(\varepsilon^2 - 2\varepsilon + 16)W.$$

We obtain

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- We have proved that for every  $\varepsilon \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$  there exists at least one odd integer  $n$  which satisfies the conditions of this Theorem.
- Our goal is to prove that there exist infinitely many such integers  $n$  that satisfy the properties of this Theorem.

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Therefore, by

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we get infinitely many integers  $n$  with the required properties. It is easy to see that number  $n$  defined in this way is odd. Indeed, we have  $16d - 2g \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $X_0 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and since (12) implies that  $U_0$  is odd and  $V_0$  is even, we get from (13) that

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### Proposition

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We will use the next lemma, which is Criterion 1 from [3] to check if there exists a solution for (15).

### Lemma

*Let  $a > 1, b$  be positive integers such that  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $D = ab$  is not a perfect square. Moreover, let  $(u_0, v_0)$  denote the least positive integer solution of the Pell equation*

$$u^2 - Dv^2 = 1.$$

*Then equation  $ax^2 - by^2 = 1$  has a solution in positive integers  $x, y$  if and only if*

$$2a|(u_0 + 1) \text{ and } 2b|(u_0 - 1).$$

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which has infinitely many solutions  $n = U_m, y = V_m, m \in \mathbb{N}_0$   
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$$U_0 = 1, U_1 = 3, U_{m+2} = 6U_{m+1} - U_m,$$
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*Let  $\delta \geq 6$  be a positive integer such that  $\delta = 4k + 2$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there does not exist a positive odd integer  $n$  with the property that there exists a pair of positive divisors  $d_1, d_2$  of  $\frac{n^2+1}{2}$  such that  $d_1 + d_2 = \delta n$ .*

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