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# SPECIAL PAIRS OF PYTHAGOREAN TRIANGLES AND HARSHAD NUMBERS 

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#### Abstract

We present pairs of Pythagorean triangles, such that in each pair, the difference between their perimeters is six times the Harshad number. Also we present the number of pairs of primitive and Nonprimitive Pythagorean triangles.


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## INTRODUCTION

The fascinating branch of mathematics is the theory of numbers where in Pythagorean triangles have been a matter of interest to various mathematicians and to the lovers of mathematics, because it is a treasure house in which the search for many hidden connection is a treasure hunt. For a rich variety of fascinating problems one may refer (Sierpinski, 2003; Gopalan and Janaki, 2008; Gopalan and Vijayashankar, 2010; Gopalan and Leelavathi, 2008 \& 2007; Gopalan and Gnanam, 2007; Gopalan and Devibala, 2006; Gopalan and Sivakami, 2013 \& 2012; Meena et al., 2014; Gopalan and Janaki, 2008; Gopalan and Sangeetha, 2010; Gopalan et al., 2010; Gopalan and V.Geetha, 2013). Apart from the other patterns we have some more fascinating patterns of numbers namely Jarasandha numbers, Nasty numbers and Dhurva numbers. These numbers have been presented in (Kapur, 1997; Bert Miller, 1980; Charles Bown, 1981; Sastry, 2001). In (Gopalan et al., 2013; Gopalan and Janaki, 2008; Gopalan and Janaki, 2008), special Pythagorean triangles connected with polygonal numbers and Nasty numbers are obtained. In (Mita Darbari, 2014), special Pythagorean triangles in connection with Hardy Ramanujan number 1729 are exhibited.

[^0]In (Janaki and Radha, 2016), special Pythagorean triangles connected with Harshad numbers. In (Janaki and Saranya, 2016), special pairs of Pythagorean triangles and Dhurva numbers are presented. Recently in, special pairs of Pythagorean triangles and Jarasandha numbers are presented. In this communication, we search for pairs of Pythagorean triangles, such that in each pair, the difference between their perimeters is six times the Harshad number.

## Basic Definitions

## Pythagorean Equation

The ternary quadratic Diophantine equation given by $x^{2}+y^{2}=z^{2}$ is known as Pythagorean equation where $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$ are natural numbers. The above equations are also referred to as Pythagorean triangle and denote it by $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z})$. Also, in Pythagorean triangle $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}): x^{2}+y^{2}=z^{2}, \mathrm{x}$ and y are called its legs and z its hypotenuse.

## Primitive

Most cited solution of the Pythagorean equation is $x=m^{2}-n^{2}, y=2 m n, z=m^{2}+n^{2}$ where $m>n>0$. This solution is called primitive, if $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{n}$ are of opposite parity and $\operatorname{gcd}(\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{n})$ $=1$.

Harshad Number: It is an integer that is divisible by the sum of its digits.

## Method of Analysis

Let $\mathrm{PT}_{1}, \mathrm{PT}_{2}$ be two distinct Pythagorean triangles with generators $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{q}(\mathrm{m}>\mathrm{q}>0)$, and $\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{q}(\mathrm{p}>\mathrm{q}>0)$ respectively, such that $\mathrm{m}+\mathrm{p}+\mathrm{q}=$ the three digit Harshad number 171. Let $\mathrm{P}_{1}, \mathrm{P}_{2}$ be the perimeters of $\mathrm{PT}_{1}, \mathrm{PT}_{2}$ such that $\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{P}_{2}=6$ times the 3-digit Harshad number 171.

The above relation leads to the equation
We have presented below in table 1 the values of $m, p, q, P_{1}$ and $\mathrm{P}_{2}$.

| S.No. | $m$ | $q$ | $p$ | $P_{1}$ | $P_{2}$ | $\frac{P_{1}-P_{2}}{6}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | 60 | 54 | 57 | 13680 | 12654 | 171 |
| 2. | 61 | 52 | 58 | 13786 | 12760 | 171 |
| 3. | 62 | 50 | 59 | 13888 | 12862 | 171 |
| 4. | 63 | 48 | 60 | 13986 | 12960 | 171 |
| 5. | 64 | 46 | 61 | 14080 | 13054 | 171 |
| 6. | 65 | 44 | 62 | 14170 | 13144 | 171 |
| 7. | 66 | 42 | 63 | 14256 | 13230 | 171 |
| 8. | 67 | 40 | 64 | 14338 | 13312 | 171 |
| 9. | 68 | 38 | 65 | 14416 | 13390 | 171 |
| $1($ | 69 | 36 | 66 | 14490 | 13464 | 171 |
| $1]$ | 70 | 34 | 67 | 14560 | 13534 | 171 |
| 12 | 71 | 32 | 68 | 14626 | 13600 | 171 |
| $1:$ | 72 | 30 | 69 | 14688 | 13662 | 171 |
| 14 | 73 | 28 | 70 | 14746 | 13720 | 171 |
| 15 | 74 | 26 | 71 | 14800 | 13774 | 171 |
| 14 | 75 | 24 | 72 | 14850 | 13824 | 171 |
| $1{ }^{\prime}$ | 76 | 22 | 73 | 14896 | 13870 | 171 |
| 18 | 77 | 20 | 74 | 14938 | 13912 | 171 |
| 15 | 78 | 18 | 75 | 14976 | 13950 | 171 |
| 21 | 79 | 16 | 76 | 15010 | 13984 | 171 |
| 21 | 80 | 14 | 77 | 15040 | 14014 | 171 |
| $2{ }^{\prime}$ | 81 | 12 | 78 | 15066 | 14040 | 171 |
| 2: | 82 | 10 | 79 | 15088 | 14062 | 171 |
| 2 | 83 | 8 | 80 | 15106 | 14080 | 171 |
| $2!$ | 84 | 6 | 81 | 15120 | 14094 | 171 |
| 21 | 85 | 4 | 82 | 15130 | 14104 | 171 |
| 2 | 86 | 2 | 83 | 15136 | 14110 | 171 |

Thus, it is seen that there are 27 pairs of Pythagorean triangles such that for each pair the difference in the perimeters is six times the 3-digit Harshad number 171. Out of these 27 pairs of Pythagorean triangles 10-pairs are non-primitive and in each of the remaining 17 pairs, one of the triangle is primitive and the other is non-primitive triangle.

A similar observation, regarding 4-digit ,5-digit and 6-digit Harshad numbers are exhibited in the table 2 below:

| Harshad <br> Number | Pairs of <br> Pythagorean <br> triangles | Pairs of non-primitive <br> Pythagorean triangles | Pairs of primitive and <br> non-primitive <br> Pythagorean triangles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3675 | 611 | 217 | 394 |
| 11025 | 1836 | 1163 | 673 |
| 155655 | 25940 | 10381 | 15559 |

## Conclusion

One may search for the connections between the pairs of Pythagorean triangles and other Harshad numbers and other number patterns.

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