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**Representation of integers
by cyclotomic binary forms**

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Abstract

The homogeneous form $\Phi_n(X, Y)$ of degree $\varphi(n)$ which is associated with the cyclotomic polynomial $\phi_n(t)$ is dubbed a cyclotomic binary form. A positive integer $m \geq 1$ is said to be representable by a cyclotomic binary form if there exist integers n, x, y with $n \geq 3$ and $\max\{|x|, |y|\} \geq 2$ such that $\Phi_n(x, y) = m$. These definitions give rise to a number of questions that we plan to address.

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Generalization to CM fields (Györy, 1977)

Let K be a CM field of degree d over \mathbb{Q} . Let $\alpha \in K$ be such that $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$; let f be the irreducible polynomial of α over \mathbb{Q} and let $F(X, Y) = Y^d f(X/Y)$ the associated homogeneous binary form :

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The upper bound

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for $\Phi_n(x, y) = m$ is equivalent to the following result :

For $n \geq 3$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

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The sequence $(c_n)_{n \geq 3}$

$$c_n = \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \phi_n(t) \quad (n \geq 3).$$

Let $n \geq 3$. Write

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(i) For $r = 0$, we have $e_0 \geq 2$ and $c_n = c_{2^{e_0}} = 1$.

(ii) For $r \geq 1$ we have

$$c_n = c_{p_1 \cdots p_r} \geq p_1^{-2^{r-2}}.$$

End of the proof of $\phi_n(t) \geq \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{\varphi(n)}$.

Lemma. For any odd squarefree integer $n = p_1 \cdots p_r$ with $p_1 < p_2 < \cdots < p_r$ satisfying $n \geq 11$ and $n \neq 15$, we have

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OEIS A299214

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Number of representations of integers by cyclotomic binary forms.

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0, 0, 8, 16, 8, 0, 24, 4, 16, 8, 8, 12, 40, 0, 0, 40, 16, 4, 24, 8, 24,
0, 0, 0, 24, 8, 12, 24, 8, 0, 32, 8, 0, 8, 0, 16, 32, 0, 24, 8, 8, 0, 32,
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OEIS A296095

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Integers represented by cyclotomic binary forms.

$a_m \neq 0$ for $m =$

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28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 45, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53,
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Integers not represented by cyclotomic binary forms.

$a_m = 0$ for $m =$

1, 2, 6, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 30, 33, 35, 38, 42, 44, 46, 47, 51, 54,
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$$\beta \frac{N}{(\log N)^{\frac{3}{4}}} + O\left(\frac{N}{(\log N)^{\frac{7}{4}}}\right).$$

The Landau–Ramanujan constant



Edmund Landau
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Srinivasa Ramanujan
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OEIS A064533

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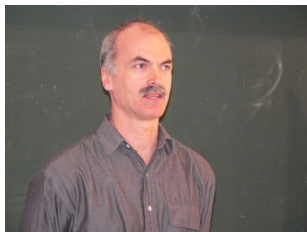
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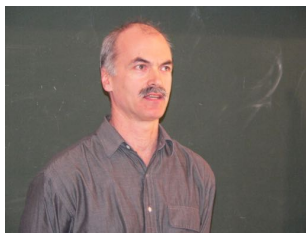
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For $Z > 0$ denote by $N_F(Z)$ the number of $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ such that $0 < |F(x, y)| \leq Z$.

Then

$$N_F(Z) = A_F Z^{2/d} + O(Z^{1/(d-1)})$$

as $Z \rightarrow \infty$.

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If a positive integer m is a sum of two squares, there are many such representations.

Indeed, the number of (x, y) in $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ with $x^2 + y^2 \leq N$ is asymptotic to πN , while the number of values $\leq N$ taken by the quadratic form Φ_4 is asymptotic to $\alpha_4 N / \sqrt{\log N}$ where α_4 is the Landau–Ramanujan constant. Hence Φ_4 takes each of these values with a high multiplicity, on the average $(\pi/\alpha)\sqrt{\log N}$.

On the opposite, it is extremely rare that a positive integer is a sum of two biquadrates in more than one way (not counting symmetries).

$$635\,318\,657 = 158^4 + 59^4 = 134^4 + 133^4.$$



Leonhard Euler

1707 – 1783

The smallest integer represented by $x^4 + y^4$ in two essentially different ways was found by Euler, it is

$$635318657 = 41 \times 113 \times 241 \times 569.$$

[OEIS A216284] Number of solutions to the equation $x^4 + y^4 = n$ with $x \geq y > 0$.

An infinite family with one parameter is known for non trivial solutions to $x_1^4 + x_2^4 = x_3^4 + x_4^4$.

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/DiophantineEquation4thPowers.html>

Sums of k -th powers

One conjectures that given $k \geq 5$, if an integer is of the form $x^k + y^k$, there is essentially a unique such representation. But there is no value of k for which this has been proved.

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[OEIS A006686] primes of the form $x^8 + y^8$,

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Primes of the form $X^2 + Y^4$



John Friedlander



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