

# Pell's Equation

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## Abstract

This article gives the basic theory of Pell's equation  $x^2 = 1 + Dy^2$ , where  $D \in \mathbb{N}$  is a parameter and  $x, y$  are integer variables.

The main result that is proven is the following: If  $D$  is not a perfect square, then there exists a *fundamental solution*  $(x_0, y_0)$  that is not the trivial solution  $(1, 0)$  and which generates all other solutions  $(x, y)$  in the sense that there exists some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x| + |y|\sqrt{D} = (x_0 + y_0\sqrt{D})^n$ . This also implies that the set of solutions is infinite, and it gives us an explicit and executable characterisation of all the solutions.

Based on this, simple executable algorithms for computing the fundamental solution and the infinite sequence of all non-negative solutions are also provided.

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theory Efficient-Discrete-Sqrt
imports
  Complex-Main
  HOL-Computational-Algebra.Computational-Algebra
  HOL-Library.Discrete-Functions
  HOL-Library.Tree
  HOL-Library.IArray
begin

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## 1 Efficient Algorithms for the Square Root on $\mathbb{N}$

### 1.1 A Discrete Variant of Heron's Algorithm

An algorithm for calculating the discrete square root, taken from Cohen [2]. This algorithm is essentially a discretised variant of Heron's method or Newton's method specialised to the square root function.

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lemma sqrt-eq-floor-sqrt: floor-sqrt  $n = \text{nat } \lfloor \text{sqrt } n \rfloor$ 
proof -
  have real  $((\text{nat } \lfloor \text{sqrt } n \rfloor)^2) = (\text{real } (\text{nat } \lfloor \text{sqrt } n \rfloor))^2$ 
    by simp
  also have  $\dots \leq \text{sqrt } (\text{real } n) ^ 2$ 
    by (intro power-mono) auto
  also have  $\dots = \text{real } n$  by simp
  finally have  $(\text{nat } \lfloor \text{sqrt } n \rfloor)^2 \leq n$ 
    by (simp only: of-nat-le-iff)
  moreover have  $n < (\text{Suc } (\text{nat } \lfloor \text{sqrt } n \rfloor))^2$  proof -
    have  $(1 + \lfloor \text{sqrt } n \rfloor)^2 > n$ 
      using floor-correct[of sqrt n] real-le-rsqrt[of 1 + floor n]
        of-int-less-iff[of n (1 + floor n)^2] not-le
      by fastforce
    then show ?thesis
      using le-nat-floor[of Suc (nat floor n) sqrt n]
        of-nat-le-iff[of (Suc (nat floor n))^2 n] real-le-rsqrt[of - n] not-le
      by fastforce
    qed
  ultimately show ?thesis using floor-sqrt-unique by fast
qed

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fun newton-sqrt-aux ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat}$  where
  newton-sqrt-aux  $x$   $n =$ 
    (let  $y = (x + n \text{ div } x) \text{ div } 2$ 
      in if  $y < x$  then newton-sqrt-aux  $y$   $n$  else  $x$ )

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declare newton-sqrt-aux.simps [simp del]

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lemma newton-sqrt-aux-simps:
   $(x + n \text{ div } x) \text{ div } 2 < x \implies \text{newton-sqrt-aux } x \ n = \text{newton-sqrt-aux } ((x + n \text{ div }$ 

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$x \text{ div } 2 \text{ ) } n$   
 $(x + n \text{ div } x) \text{ div } 2 \geq x \implies \text{newton-sqrt-aux } x \ n = x$   
**by** (*subst newton-sqrt-aux.simps; simp add: Let-def*)**+**

**lemma** *heron-step-real*:  $\llbracket t > 0; n \geq 0 \rrbracket \implies (t + n/t) / 2 \geq \text{sqrt } n$   
**using** *arith-geo-mean-sqrt[of t n/t]* **by** *simp*

**lemma** *heron-step-div-eq-floored*:

$(t::\text{nat}) > 0 \implies (t + (n::\text{nat}) \text{ div } t) \text{ div } 2 = \text{nat } \lfloor (t + n/t) / 2 \rfloor$

**proof**  $-$

**assume**  $t > 0$

**then have**  $\lfloor (t + n/t) / 2 \rfloor = \lfloor (t*t + n) / (2*t) \rfloor$

**by** (*simp add: mult-divide-mult-cancel-right[of t t + n/t 2, symmetric]*  
*algebra-simps*)

**also have**  $\dots = (t*t + n) \text{ div } (2*t)$

**using** *floor-divide-of-nat-eq* **by** *blast*

**also have**  $\dots = (t*t + n) \text{ div } t \text{ div } 2$

**by** (*simp add: div-mult2-eq ac-simps*)

**also have**  $\dots = (t + n \text{ div } t) \text{ div } 2$

**by** (*simp add: <0 < t> power2-eq-square*)

**finally show** *?thesis* **by** *simp*

**qed**

**lemma** *heron-step*:  $t > 0 \implies (t + n \text{ div } t) \text{ div } 2 \geq \text{floor-sqrt } n$

**proof**  $-$

**assume**  $t > 0$

**have**  $\text{floor-sqrt } n = \text{nat } \lfloor \text{sqrt } n \rfloor$  **by** (*rule sqrt-eq-floor-sqrt*)

**also have**  $\dots \leq \text{nat } \lfloor (t + n/t) / 2 \rfloor$

**using** *heron-step-real[of t n] <t > 0>* **by** *linarith*

**also have**  $\dots = (t + n \text{ div } t) \text{ div } 2$

**using** *heron-step-div-eq-floored[OF <t > 0>]* **by** *simp*

**finally show** *?thesis* **.**

**qed**

**lemma** *newton-sqrt-aux-correct*:

**assumes**  $x \geq \text{floor-sqrt } n$

**shows**  $\text{newton-sqrt-aux } x \ n = \text{floor-sqrt } n$

**using** *assms*

**proof** (*induction x n rule: newton-sqrt-aux.induct*)

**case**  $(1 \ x \ n)$

**show** *?case*

**proof** (*cases x = floor-sqrt n*)

**case** *True*

**then have**  $(x \wedge 2) \text{ div } x \leq n \text{ div } x$  **by** (*intro div-le-mono*) *simp-all*

**also have**  $(x \wedge 2) \text{ div } x = x$  **by** (*simp add: power2-eq-square*)

**finally have**  $(x + n \text{ div } x) \text{ div } 2 \geq x$  **by** *linarith*

**with** *True* **show** *?thesis* **by** (*auto simp: newton-sqrt-aux-simps*)

**next**

**case** *False*

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with 1.premis have x-gt-sqrt:  $x > \text{floor-sqrt } n$  by auto
with le-floor-sqrt-iff[of x n] have  $n < x^2$  by simp
have  $x * (n \text{ div } x) \leq n$  using mult-div-mod-eq[of x n] by linarith
also have  $\dots < x^2$  using le-floor-sqrt-iff[of x n] and x-gt-sqrt by simp
also have  $\dots = x * x$  by (simp add: power2-eq-square)
finally have  $n \text{ div } x < x$  by (subst (asm) mult-less-cancel1) auto
then have step-decreasing:  $(x + n \text{ div } x) \text{ div } 2 < x$  by linarith
with x-gt-sqrt have step-ge-sqrt:  $(x + n \text{ div } x) \text{ div } 2 \geq \text{floor-sqrt } n$ 
  by (simp add: heron-step)
from step-decreasing have newton-sqrt-aux  $x \ n = \text{newton-sqrt-aux } ((x + n \text{ div } x) \text{ div } 2) \ n$ 
  by (simp add: newton-sqrt-aux-simps)
also have  $\dots = \text{floor-sqrt } n$ 
  by (intro 1.IH step-decreasing step-ge-sqrt) simp-all
finally show ?thesis .
qed
qed

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definition newton-sqrt :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  nat where
  newton-sqrt n = newton-sqrt-aux n n

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declare floor-sqrt-code [code del]

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theorem Discrete-sqrt-eq-newton-sqrt [code]: floor-sqrt n = newton-sqrt n
  unfolding newton-sqrt-def by (simp add: newton-sqrt-aux-correct floor-sqrt-le)

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## 1.2 Square Testing

Next, we implement an algorithm to determine whether a given natural number is a perfect square, as described by Cohen [2]. Essentially, the number first determines whether the number is a square. Essentially

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definition q11 :: nat set
  where q11 = {0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 9}

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definition q63 :: nat set
  where q63 = {0, 1, 4, 7, 9, 16, 28, 18, 22, 25, 36, 58, 46, 49, 37, 43}

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definition q64 :: nat set
  where q64 = {0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 17, 25, 36, 33, 49, 41, 57}

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definition q65 :: nat set
  where q65 = {0, 1, 4, 10, 14, 9, 16, 26, 30, 25, 29, 40, 56, 36, 49, 61, 35,
51, 39, 55, 64}

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definition q11-array where
  q11-array = IArray [True, True, False, True, True, True, False, False, False, True, False]

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definition q63-array where
  q63-array = IArray [True, True, False, False, True, False, False, True, False, True, False, False,
False, False, False, False, True, False, True, False, False, False, True, False, False, True, False,
False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, False, False,

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*False, True, False, False, True, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, True, True, False, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, True, True, False, False, False, False, True, False, True, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, True, False, False, True, False]*

**definition** *q64-array where*

*q64-array = IArray [True, True, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False]*

**definition** *q65-array where*

*q65-array = IArray [True, True, False, False, True, False, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, False, True, False, True, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, True, True, False, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, True, True, False, False, False, False, True, True, False, False, True, True, False, False, True, True, False, False, True, True, False, True, False]*

**lemma** *sub-q11-array:  $i \in \{..<11\} \implies IArray.sub\ q11-array\ i \longleftrightarrow i \in q11$*

*by (simp add: lessThan-nat-numeral lessThan-Suc q11-def q11-array-def, elim disjE; simp)*

**lemma** *sub-q63-array:  $i \in \{..<63\} \implies IArray.sub\ q63-array\ i \longleftrightarrow i \in q63$*

*by (simp add: lessThan-nat-numeral lessThan-Suc q63-def q63-array-def, elim disjE; simp)*

**lemma** *sub-q64-array:  $i \in \{..<64\} \implies IArray.sub\ q64-array\ i \longleftrightarrow i \in q64$*

*by (simp add: lessThan-nat-numeral lessThan-Suc q64-def q64-array-def, elim disjE; simp)*

**lemma** *sub-q65-array:  $i \in \{..<65\} \implies IArray.sub\ q65-array\ i \longleftrightarrow i \in q65$*

*by (simp add: lessThan-nat-numeral lessThan-Suc q65-def q65-array-def, elim disjE; simp)*

**lemma** *in-q11-code:  $x \bmod 11 \in q11 \longleftrightarrow IArray.sub\ q11-array\ (x \bmod 11)$*

*by (subst sub-q11-array) auto*

**lemma** *in-q63-code:  $x \bmod 63 \in q63 \longleftrightarrow IArray.sub\ q63-array\ (x \bmod 63)$*

*by (subst sub-q63-array) auto*

**lemma** *in-q64-code:  $x \bmod 64 \in q64 \longleftrightarrow IArray.sub\ q64-array\ (x \bmod 64)$*

*by (subst sub-q64-array) auto*

**lemma** *in-q65-code:  $x \bmod 65 \in q65 \longleftrightarrow IArray.sub\ q65-array\ (x \bmod 65)$*

*by (subst sub-q65-array) auto*

**definition** *square-test :: nat  $\implies$  bool where*

*square-test n =*

$(n \bmod 64 \in q64 \wedge (\text{let } r = n \bmod 45045 \text{ in } r \bmod 63 \in q63 \wedge r \bmod 65 \in q65 \wedge r \bmod 11 \in q11 \wedge n = (\text{floor-sqrt } n)^2))$

**lemma** *square-test-code* [code]:

*square-test*  $n =$   
 $(IArray.sub\ q64\text{-array}\ (n \bmod 64) \wedge (\text{let } r = n \bmod 45045 \text{ in } IArray.sub\ q63\text{-array}\ (r \bmod 63) \wedge IArray.sub\ q65\text{-array}\ (r \bmod 65) \wedge IArray.sub\ q11\text{-array}\ (r \bmod 11) \wedge n = (\text{floor-sqrt } n)^2))$   
**using** *in-q11-code* [symmetric] *in-q63-code* [symmetric]  
*in-q64-code* [symmetric] *in-q65-code* [symmetric]  
**by** (*simp add: Let-def square-test-def*)

**lemma** *square-mod-lower*:  $m > 0 \implies (q^2 :: \text{nat}) \bmod m = a \implies \exists q' < m. q'^2 \bmod m = a$

**using** *mod-less-divisor mod-mod-trivial power-mod* **by** *blast*

**lemma** *q11-upto-def*:  $q11 = (\lambda k. k^2 \bmod 11) \text{ ‘ } \{..<11\}$

**by** (*simp add: q11-def lessThan-nat-numeral lessThan-Suc insert-commute*)

**lemma** *q11-infinite-def*:  $q11 = (\lambda k. k^2 \bmod 11) \text{ ‘ } \{0..\}$

**unfolding** *q11-upto-def image-def* **proof** (*auto, goal-cases*)

**case** (*1 xa*)

**show** *?case*

**using** *square-mod-lower[of 11 xa xa^2 mod 11]*

*ex-nat-less-eq[of 11 λx. xa^2 mod 11 = x^2 mod 11]*

**by** *auto*

**qed**

**lemma** *q63-upto-def*:  $q63 = (\lambda k. k^2 \bmod 63) \text{ ‘ } \{..<63\}$

**by** (*simp add: q63-def lessThan-nat-numeral lessThan-Suc insert-commute*)

**lemma** *q63-infinite-def*:  $q63 = (\lambda k. k^2 \bmod 63) \text{ ‘ } \{0..\}$

**unfolding** *q63-upto-def image-def* **proof** (*auto, goal-cases*)

**case** (*1 xa*)

**show** *?case*

**using** *square-mod-lower[of 63 xa xa^2 mod 63]*

*ex-nat-less-eq[of 63 λx. xa^2 mod 63 = x^2 mod 63]*

**by** *auto*

**qed**

**lemma** *q64-upto-def*:  $q64 = (\lambda k. k^2 \bmod 64) \text{ ‘ } \{..<64\}$

**by** (*simp add: q64-def lessThan-nat-numeral lessThan-Suc insert-commute*)

**lemma** *q64-infinite-def*:  $q64 = (\lambda k. k^2 \bmod 64) \text{ ‘ } \{0..\}$

**unfolding** *q64-upto-def image-def* **proof** (*auto, goal-cases*)

**case** (*1 xa*)

**show** *?case*

**using** *square-mod-lower[of 64 xa xa^2 mod 64]*

$ex\text{-}nat\text{-}less\text{-}eq[of\ 64\ \lambda x. xa^2\ mod\ 64 = x^2\ mod\ 64]$   
 by *auto*  
**qed**

**lemma** *q65-upto-def*:  $q65 = (\lambda k. k^2\ mod\ 65) \text{ ‘ } \{..<65\}$   
 by (*simp add: q65-def lessThan-nat-numeral lessThan-Suc insert-commute*)

**lemma** *q65-infinite-def*:  $q65 = (\lambda k. k^2\ mod\ 65) \text{ ‘ } \{0..\}$   
**unfolding** *q65-upto-def image-def* **proof** (*auto, goal-cases*)  
**case** (*1 xa*)  
**show** *?case*  
 using *square-mod-lower[of 65 xa xa^2 mod 65]*  
 $ex\text{-}nat\text{-}less\text{-}eq[of\ 65\ \lambda x. xa^2\ mod\ 65 = x^2\ mod\ 65]$   
 by *auto*  
**qed**

**lemma** *square-mod-existence*:  
**fixes**  $n\ k :: nat$   
**assumes**  $\exists q. q^2 = n$   
**shows**  $\exists q. n\ mod\ k = q^2\ mod\ k$   
**using** *assms* **by** *auto*

**theorem** *square-test-correct*:  $square\text{-}test\ n \longleftrightarrow is\text{-}square\ n$   
**proof** *cases*

**assume** *is-square n*  
**hence** *rhs:  $\exists q. q^2 = n$*  **by** (*auto elim: is-nth-powerE*)  
**note** *sq-mod = square-mod-existence[OF this]*  
**have** *q64-member:  $n\ mod\ 64 \in q64$*  **using** *sq-mod[of 64]*  
**unfolding** *q64-infinite-def image-def* **by** *simp*  
**let**  $?r = n\ mod\ 45045$   
**have** *11 dvd (45045::nat) 63 dvd (45045::nat) 65 dvd (45045::nat)* **by** *force+*  
**then have** *mod-45045:  $?r\ mod\ 11 = n\ mod\ 11\ ?r\ mod\ 63 = n\ mod\ 63\ ?r\ mod\ 65 = n\ mod\ 65$*   
**using** *mod-mod-cancel[of - 45045 n]* **by** *presburger+*  
**then have**  *$?r\ mod\ 11 \in q11\ ?r\ mod\ 63 \in q63\ ?r\ mod\ 65 \in q65$*   
**using** *sq-mod[of 11] sq-mod[of 63] sq-mod[of 65]*  
**unfolding** *q11-infinite-def q63-infinite-def q65-infinite-def image-def mod-45045*  
**by** *fast+*  
**then show** *?thesis* **unfolding** *square-test-def Let-def* **using** *q64-member rhs* **by**  
*auto*  
**next**  
**assume** *not-rhs:  $\neg is\text{-}square\ n$*   
**hence**  $\nexists q. q^2 = n$  **by** *auto*  
**then have**  $(floor\text{-}sqrt\ n)^2 \neq n$  **by** *simp*  
**then show** *?thesis* **unfolding** *square-test-def* **by** (*auto simp: is-nth-power-def*)  
**qed**

**definition** *get-nat-sqrt* ::  $nat \Rightarrow nat\ option$



**where**  $get\text{-}nat\text{-}sqrt\ n = (if\ is\text{-}square\ n\ then\ Some\ (floor\text{-}sqrt\ n)\ else\ None)$

**lemma**  $get\text{-}nat\text{-}sqrt\text{-}code$  [code]:

$get\text{-}nat\text{-}sqrt\ n =$   
 $(if\ IArray.sub\ q64\text{-}array\ (n\ mod\ 64) \wedge (let\ r = n\ mod\ 45045\ in$   
 $\quad IArray.sub\ q63\text{-}array\ (r\ mod\ 63) \wedge$   
 $\quad IArray.sub\ q65\text{-}array\ (r\ mod\ 65) \wedge$   
 $\quad IArray.sub\ q11\text{-}array\ (r\ mod\ 11))\ then$   
 $\quad (let\ x = floor\text{-}sqrt\ n\ in\ if\ x^2 = n\ then\ Some\ x\ else\ None)\ else\ None)$   
**unfolding**  $get\text{-}nat\text{-}sqrt\text{-}def\ square\text{-}test\text{-}correct$  [symmetric]  $square\text{-}test\text{-}def$   
**using**  $in\text{-}q11\text{-}code$  [symmetric]  $in\text{-}q63\text{-}code$  [symmetric]  
 $in\text{-}q64\text{-}code$  [symmetric]  $in\text{-}q65\text{-}code$  [symmetric]  
**by** (*auto split: if-splits simp: Let-def*)

**end**

## 2 Pell's equation

**theory**  $Pell$

**imports**

$Complex\text{-}Main$

$HOL\text{-}Computational\text{-}Algebra.Computational\text{-}Algebra$

**begin**

Pell's equation has the general form  $x^2 = 1 + Dy^2$  where  $D \in \mathbf{N}$  is a parameter and  $x, y$  are  $\mathbf{Z}$ -valued variables. As we will see, that case where  $D$  is a perfect square is trivial and therefore uninteresting; we will therefore assume that  $D$  is not a perfect square for the most part.

Furthermore, it is obvious that the solutions to Pell's equation are symmetric around the origin in the sense that  $(x, y)$  is a solution iff  $(\pm x, \pm y)$  is a solution. We will therefore mostly look at solutions  $(x, y)$  where both  $x$  and  $y$  are non-negative, since the remaining solutions are a trivial consequence of these.

Information on the material treated in this formalisation can be found in many textbooks and lecture notes, e.g. [3, 1].

### 2.1 Preliminary facts

**lemma**  $gcd\text{-}int\text{-}nonpos\text{-}iff$  [simp]:  $gcd\ x\ (y :: int) \leq 0 \longleftrightarrow x = 0 \wedge y = 0$

**proof**

**assume**  $gcd\ x\ y \leq 0$

**with**  $gcd\text{-}ge\text{-}0\text{-}int[of\ x\ y]$  **have**  $gcd\ x\ y = 0$  **by** *linarith*

**thus**  $x = 0 \wedge y = 0$  **by** *auto*

**qed** *auto*

**lemma**  $minus\text{-}in\text{-}Ints\text{-}iff$  [simp]:

$-x \in \mathbf{Z} \longleftrightarrow x \in \mathbf{Z}$

**using** *Ints-minus[of x] Ints-minus[of -x]* **by** *auto*

A (positive) square root of a natural number is either a natural number or irrational.

**lemma** *nonneg-sqrt-nat-or-irrat*:

**assumes**  $x^2 = \text{real } a$  **and**  $x \geq 0$

**shows**  $x \in \mathbb{N} \vee x \notin \mathbb{Q}$

**proof** *safe*

**assume**  $x \notin \mathbb{N}$  **and**  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$

**from** *Rats-abs-nat-div-natE[OF this(2)]*

**obtain**  $p \ q :: \text{nat}$  **where**  $q \neq 0$  **and**  $\text{abs } x = p / q$  **and** *coprime*: *coprime p q* .

**with**  $\langle x \geq 0 \rangle$  **have**  $x = p / q$

**by** *simp*

**with** *assms* **have**  $(q^2) * \text{real } a = \text{real } (p^2)$

**by** (*simp add: field-simps*)

**also** **have**  $\text{real } (q^2) * \text{real } a = \text{real } (q^2 * a)$

**by** *simp*

**finally** **have**  $p^2 = q^2 * a$

**by** (*subst (asm) of-nat-eq-iff*) *auto*

**hence**  $q^2 \text{ dvd } p^2$

**by** *simp*

**hence**  $q \text{ dvd } p$

**by** *simp*

**with** *coprime* **have**  $q = 1$

**by** *auto*

**with**  $x$  **and**  $\langle x \notin \mathbb{N} \rangle$  **show** *False*

**by** *simp*

**qed**

A square root of a natural number is either an integer or irrational.

**corollary** *sqrt-nat-or-irrat*:

**assumes**  $x^2 = \text{real } a$

**shows**  $x \in \mathbb{Z} \vee x \notin \mathbb{Q}$

**proof** (*cases x ≥ 0*)

**case** *True*

**with** *nonneg-sqrt-nat-or-irrat[OF assms this]*

**show** *?thesis* **by** (*auto simp: Nats-altdef2*)

**next**

**case** *False*

**from** *assms* **have**  $(-x)^2 = \text{real } a$

**by** *simp*

**moreover** **from** *False* **have**  $-x \geq 0$

**by** *simp*

**ultimately** **have**  $-x \in \mathbb{N} \vee -x \notin \mathbb{Q}$

**by** (*rule nonneg-sqrt-nat-or-irrat*)

**thus** *?thesis*

**by** (*auto simp: Nats-altdef2*)

**qed**

**corollary** *sqrt-nat-or-irrat'*:

*sqrt (real a) ∈ ℕ ∨ sqrt (real a) ∉ ℚ*  
**using** *nonneg-sqrt-nat-or-irrat*[of *sqrt a a*] **by** *auto*

The square root of a natural number  $n$  is again a natural number iff  $n$  is a perfect square.

**corollary** *sqrt-nat-iff-is-square*:

*sqrt (real n) ∈ ℕ ↔ is-square n*

**proof**

**assume** *sqrt (real n) ∈ ℕ*

**then obtain**  $k$  **where** *sqrt (real n) = real k* **by** (*auto elim!*: *Nats-cases*)

**hence** *sqrt (real n) ^ 2 = real (k ^ 2)* **by** (*simp only*: *of-nat-power*)

**also have** *sqrt (real n) ^ 2 = real n* **by** *simp*

**finally have**  $n = k ^ 2$  **by** (*simp only*: *of-nat-eq-iff*)

**thus** *is-square n* **by** *blast*

**qed** (*auto elim!*: *is-nth-powerE*)

**corollary** *irrat-sqrt-nonsquare*:  $\neg is-square n \implies sqrt (real n) \notin \mathbb{Q}$

**using** *sqrt-nat-or-irrat*'[of  $n$ ] **by** (*auto simp*: *sqrt-nat-iff-is-square*)

## 2.2 The case of a perfect square

As we have noted, the case where  $D$  is a perfect square is trivial: In fact, we will show that the only solutions in this case are the trivial solutions  $(x, y) = (\pm 1, 0)$  if  $D$  is a non-zero perfect square, or  $(\pm 1, y)$  for arbitrary  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$  if  $D = 0$ .

**context**

**fixes**  $D :: nat$

**assumes** *square-D*: *is-square D*

**begin**

**lemma** *pell-square-solution-nat-aux*:

**fixes**  $x y :: nat$

**assumes**  $D > 0$  **and**  $x ^ 2 = 1 + D * y ^ 2$

**shows**  $(x, y) = (1, 0)$

**proof** –

**from** *assms* **have** *x-nz*:  $x > 0$  **by** (*auto intro!*: *Nat.gr0I*)

**from** *square-D* **obtain**  $d$  **where** [*simp*]:  $D = d^2$

**by** (*auto elim*: *is-nth-powerE*)

**have**  $int x ^ 2 = int (x ^ 2)$  **by** *simp*

**also note** *assms*(2)

**also have**  $int (1 + D * y ^ 2) = 1 + int D * int y ^ 2$  **by** *simp*

**finally have**  $(int x + int d * int y) * (int x - int d * int y) = 1$

**by** (*simp add*: *algebra-simps power2-eq-square*)

**hence**  $*$ :  $int x + int d * int y = 1 \wedge int x - int d * int y = 1$

**using** *x-nz* **by** (*subst (asm) pos-zmult-eq-1-iff*) (*auto intro*: *add-pos-nonneg*)

**from**  $*$  **have** [*simp*]:  $x = 1$  **by** *simp*

moreover from  $*$  and  $assms(1)$  have  $y = 0$  by *auto*  
ultimately show *?thesis* by *simp*  
qed

**lemma** *pell-square-solution-int-aux*:

**fixes**  $x\ y :: int$   
**assumes**  $D > 0$  **and**  $x^2 = 1 + D * y^2$   
**shows**  $x \in \{-1, 1\} \wedge y = 0$

**proof** –

**define**  $x'\ y'$  **where**  $x' = nat\ |x|$  **and**  $y' = nat\ |y|$   
**have**  $x : x = sgn\ x * x'$  **and**  $y : y = sgn\ y * y'$   
**by** (*auto simp: sgn-if x'-def y'-def*)  
**have** *zero-iff*:  $x = 0 \longleftrightarrow x' = 0$   $y = 0 \longleftrightarrow y' = 0$   
**by** (*auto simp: x'-def y'-def*)  
**note**  $assms(2)$   
**also have**  $x^2 = int\ (x'^2)$   
**by** (*subst x*) (*auto simp: sgn-if zero-iff*)  
**also have**  $1 + D * y^2 = int\ (1 + D * y'^2)$   
**by** (*subst y*) (*auto simp: sgn-if zero-iff*)  
**also note** *of-nat-eq-iff*  
**finally have**  $x'^2 = 1 + D * y'^2$  .  
**from**  $\langle D > 0 \rangle$  **and this have**  $(x', y') = (1, 0)$   
**by** (*rule pell-square-solution-nat-aux*)  
**thus** *?thesis* **by** (*auto simp: x'-def y'-def*)

qed

**lemma** *pell-square-solution-nat-iff*:

**fixes**  $x\ y :: nat$   
**shows**  $x^2 = 1 + D * y^2 \longleftrightarrow x = 1 \wedge (D = 0 \vee y = 0)$   
**using** *pell-square-solution-nat-aux*[*of x y*] **by** (*cases D = 0*) *auto*

**lemma** *pell-square-solution-int-iff*:

**fixes**  $x\ y :: int$   
**shows**  $x^2 = 1 + D * y^2 \longleftrightarrow x \in \{-1, 1\} \wedge (D = 0 \vee y = 0)$   
**using** *pell-square-solution-int-aux*[*of x y*] **by** (*cases D = 0*) (*auto simp: power2-eq-1-iff*)

end

## 2.3 Existence of a non-trivial solution

Let us now turn to the case where  $D$  is not a perfect square.

We first show that Pell's equation always has at least one non-trivial solution (apart from the trivial solution  $(1, 0)$ ). For this, we first need a lemma about the existence of rational approximations of real numbers.

The following lemma states that for any positive integer  $s$  and real number  $x$ , we can find a rational approximation  $t / u$  to  $x$  with an error of most  $1 / (u * s)$  where the denominator  $u$  is at most  $s$ .

**lemma** *pell-approximation-lemma*:

```

fixes  $s :: \text{nat}$  and  $x :: \text{real}$ 
assumes  $s : s > 0$ 
shows  $\exists u :: \text{nat}. \exists t :: \text{int}. u > 0 \wedge \text{coprime } u \ t \wedge 1 / s \in \{|t - u * x| < .. 1 / u\}$ 
proof -
define  $f$  where  $f = (\lambda u. \lceil u * x \rceil)$ 
define  $g :: \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{int}$  where  $g = (\lambda u. \lfloor \text{frac } (u * x) * s \rfloor)$ 
{
  fix  $u :: \text{nat}$  assume  $u : u \leq s$ 
  hence  $\text{frac } (u * x) * \text{real } s < 1 * \text{real } s$ 
    using  $s$  by (intro mult-strict-right-mono) (auto simp: frac-lt-1)
  hence  $g \ u < \text{int } s$  by (auto simp: floor-less-iff g-def)
}
hence  $g \ \{..s\} \subseteq \{0..<s\}$ 
  by (auto simp: g-def floor-less-iff)
hence  $\text{card } (g \ \{..s\}) \leq \text{card } \{0..<\text{int } s\}$ 
  by (intro card-mono) auto
also have  $\dots < \text{card } \{..s\}$  by simp
finally have  $\neg \text{inj-on } g \ \{..s\}$  by (rule pigeonhole)
then obtain  $a \ b$  where  $ab : a \leq s \ b \leq s \ a \neq b \ g \ a = g \ b$ 
  by (auto simp: inj-on-def)
define  $u1$  and  $u2$  where  $u1 = \max \ a \ b$  and  $u2 = \min \ a \ b$ 
have  $u12 : u1 \leq s \ u2 \leq s \ u2 < u1 \ g \ u1 = g \ u2$ 
  using  $ab$  by (auto simp: u1-def u2-def)

define  $u \ t$  where  $u = u1 - u2$  and  $t = \lfloor u1 * x \rfloor - \lfloor u2 * x \rfloor$ 
have  $u : u > 0 \ |u| \leq s$ 
  using  $u12$  by (simp-all add: u-def)

from  $\langle g \ u1 = g \ u2 \rangle$  have  $|\text{frac } (u2 * x) * s - \text{frac } (u1 * x) * s| < 1$ 
  unfolding  $g\text{-def}$  by linarith
also have  $|\text{frac } (u2 * x) * s - \text{frac } (u1 * x) * s| =$ 
   $|\text{real } s| * |\text{frac } (u2 * x) - \text{frac } (u1 * x)|$ 
  by (subst abs-mult [symmetric]) (simp add: algebra-simps)
finally have  $|t - u * x| * s < 1$  using  $\langle u1 > u2 \rangle$ 
  by (simp add: g-def u-def t-def frac-def algebra-simps of-nat-diff)
with  $\langle s > 0 \rangle$  have less:  $|t - u * x| < 1 / s$  by (simp add: divide-simps)

define  $d$  where  $d = \text{gcd } (\text{nat } |t|) \ u$ 
define  $t' :: \text{int}$  and  $u' :: \text{nat}$  where  $t' = t \ \text{div} \ d$  and  $u' = u \ \text{div} \ d$ 
from  $u$  have  $d \neq 0$ 
  by (intro notI) (auto simp: d-def)
have  $\text{int } (\text{gcd } (\text{nat } |t|) \ u) = \text{gcd } |t| \ (\text{int } u)$ 
  by simp
hence  $t' \cdot u' : t = t' * d \ u = u' * d$ 
  by (auto simp: t'-def u'-def d-def nat-dvd-iff)

from  $\langle d \neq 0 \rangle$  have  $|t' - u' * x| * 1 \leq |t' - u' * x| * |\text{real } d|$ 
  by (intro mult-left-mono) auto
also have  $\dots = |t - u * x|$  by (subst abs-mult [symmetric]) (simp add: alge-

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bra-simps t'-u')
also note less
finally have |t' - u' * x| < 1 / s by simp
moreover {
  from ⟨s > 0⟩ and u have 1 / s ≤ 1 / u
  by (simp add: divide-simps u-def)
  also have ... = 1 / u' / d by (simp add: t'-u' divide-simps)
  also have ... ≤ 1 / u' / 1 using ⟨d ≠ 0⟩ by (intro divide-left-mono) auto
  finally have 1 / s ≤ 1 / u' by simp
}
ultimately have 1 / s ∈ {|t' - u' * x| < .. 1 / u'} by auto
moreover from ⟨u > 0⟩ have u' > 0 by (auto simp: t'-u')
moreover {
  have gcd u t = gcd t' u' * int d
  by (simp add: t'-u' gcd-mult-right gcd.commute)
  also have int d = gcd u t
  by (simp add: d-def gcd.commute)
  finally have gcd u' t' = 1 using u by (simp add: gcd.commute)
}
ultimately show ?thesis by blast
qed

```

As a simple corollary of this, we can show that for irrational  $x$ , there is an infinite number of rational approximations  $t / u$  to  $x$  whose error is less than  $1 / u^2$ .

**corollary** *pell-approximation-corollary*:

```

fixes x :: real
assumes x ∉ ℚ
shows infinite {(t :: int, u :: nat). u > 0 ∧ coprime u t ∧ |t - u * x| < 1 / u}
(is infinite ?A)
proof
  assume fin: finite ?A
  let ?f = λ(t :: int, u :: nat). |t - u * x|
  from fin have fin': finite (insert 1 (?f ' ?A)) by blast
  have Min (insert 1 (?f ' ?A)) > 0
  proof (subst Min-gr-iff)
    have a ≠ b * x if b > 0 for a :: int and b :: nat
    proof
      assume a = b * x
      with ⟨b > 0⟩ have x = a / b by (simp add: field-simps)
      with ⟨x ∉ ℚ⟩ and ⟨b > 0⟩ show False by (auto simp: Rats-eq-int-div-nat)
    qed
    thus ∀x ∈ insert 1 (?f ' ?A). x > 0 by auto
  qed (insert fin', simp-all)
  also note real-arch-inverse
  finally obtain M :: nat where M: M ≠ 0 inverse M < Min (insert 1 (?f ' ?A))
  by blast
  hence M > 0 by simp

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from pell-approximation-lemma[OF this, of x] obtain  $u :: \text{nat}$  and  $t :: \text{int}$ 
  where  $ut: u > 0$  coprime u t 1 / real M  $\in \{?f (t, u) <..1 / u\}$  by auto
from  $ut$  have  $?f (t, u) < 1 / \text{real } M$  by simp
also from  $M$  have  $\dots < \text{Min} (\text{insert } 1 (?f ' ?A))$ 
  by (simp add: divide-simps)
also from  $ut$  have  $\text{Min} (\text{insert } 1 (?f ' ?A)) \leq ?f (t, u)$ 
  by (intro Min.coboundedI fin') auto
finally show False by simp
qed

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```

locale pell =
  fixes  $D :: \text{nat}$ 
  assumes nonsquare-D:  $\neg$ is-square D
begin

```

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lemma D-gt-1: D > 1
proof -
  from nonsquare-D have  $D \neq 0$   $D \neq 1$  by (auto intro!: Nat.gr0I)
  thus ?thesis by simp
qed

```

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lemma D-pos: D > 0
  using nonsquare-D by (intro Nat.gr0I) auto

```

With the above corollary, we can show the existence of a non-trivial solution. We restrict our attention to solutions  $(x, y)$  where both  $x$  and  $y$  are non-negative.

```

theorem pell-solution-exists:  $\exists (x::\text{nat}) (y::\text{nat}). y \neq 0 \wedge x^2 = 1 + D * y^2$ 
proof -
  define  $S$  where  $S = \{(t :: \text{int}, u :: \text{nat}). u > 0 \wedge \text{coprime } u \ t \wedge |t - u * \text{sqrt } D| < 1 / u\}$ 
  let  $?f = \lambda(t :: \text{int}, u :: \text{nat}). t^2 - u^2 * D$ 
  define  $M$  where  $M = \lfloor 1 + 2 * \text{sqrt } D \rfloor$ 
  have infinite:  $\neg$ finite S unfolding S-def
    by (intro pell-approximation-corollary irrat-sqrt-nonsquare nonsquare-D)

  have subset:  $?f ' S \subseteq \{-M..M\}$ 
proof safe
  fix  $u :: \text{nat}$  and  $t :: \text{int}$ 
  assume  $tu: (t, u) \in S$ 
  from  $tu$  have [simp]:  $u > 0$  by (auto simp: S-def)
  have  $|t + u * \text{sqrt } D| = |t - u * \text{sqrt } D + 2 * u * \text{sqrt } D|$  by simp
  also have  $\dots \leq |t - u * \text{sqrt } D| + |2 * u * \text{sqrt } D|$ 
    by (rule abs-triangle-ineq)
  also have  $|2 * u * \text{sqrt } D| = 2 * u * \text{sqrt } D$  by simp
  also have  $|t - u * \text{sqrt } D| \leq 1 / u$ 
    using  $tu$  by (simp add: S-def)
  finally have  $le: |t + u * \text{sqrt } D| \leq 1 / u + 2 * u * \text{sqrt } D$  by simp

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**have**  $|t^2 - u^2 * D| = |t - u * \text{sqrt } D| * |t + u * \text{sqrt } D|$   
**by** (*subst abs-mult [symmetric]*) (*simp add: algebra-simps power2-eq-square*)  
**also have**  $\dots \leq 1 / u * (1 / u + 2 * u * \text{sqrt } D)$   
**using** *tu* **by** (*intro mult-mono le*) (*auto simp: S-def*)  
**also have**  $\dots = 1 / \text{real } u ^ 2 + 2 * \text{sqrt } D$   
**by** (*simp add: algebra-simps power2-eq-square*)  
**also from**  $\langle u > 0 \rangle$  **have**  $\text{real } u \geq 1$  **by** *linarith*  
**hence**  $1 / \text{real } u ^ 2 \leq 1 / 1 ^ 2$   
**by** (*intro divide-left-mono power-mono*) *auto*  
**finally have**  $|t^2 - u^2 * D| \leq 1 + 2 * \text{sqrt } D$  **by** *simp*  
**hence**  $t^2 - u^2 * D \geq -M$   $t^2 - u^2 * D \leq M$  **unfolding** *M-def* **by** *linarith+*  
**thus**  $t^2 - u^2 * D \in \{-M..M\}$  **by** *simp*  
**qed**  
**hence** *fin*: *finite* (*?f ' S*) **by** (*rule finite-subset*) *auto*

**from** *pigeonhole-infinite*[*OF infinite fin*]  
**obtain** *z* **where**  $z \in S$  *infinite*  $\{z' \in S. ?f z' = ?f z\}$  **by** *blast*  
**define** *k* **where**  $k = ?f z$   
**with** *subset* **and** *z* **have**  $k \in \{-M..M\}$  *infinite*  $\{z \in S. ?f z = k\}$   
**by** (*auto simp: k-def*)

**have** *k-nz*:  $k \neq 0$

**proof**

**assume** [*simp*]:  $k = 0$

**note** *k(2)*

**also have**  $?f z \neq 0$  **if**  $z \in S$  **for** *z*

**proof**

**assume** \*:  $?f z = 0$

**obtain** *t u* **where** [*simp*]:  $z = (t, u)$  **by** (*cases z*)

**from** \* **have**  $t ^ 2 = \text{int } u ^ 2 * \text{int } D$  **by** *simp*

**hence**  $\text{int } u ^ 2 \text{ dvd } t ^ 2$  **by** *simp*

**hence**  $\text{int } u \text{ dvd } t$  **by** *simp*

**then obtain** *k* **where** [*simp*]:  $t = \text{int } u * k$  **by** (*auto elim!: dvdE*)

**from** \* **and**  $\langle z \in S \rangle$  **have**  $k ^ 2 = \text{int } D$

**by** (*auto simp: power-mult-distrib S-def*)

**also have**  $k ^ 2 = \text{int } (\text{nat } |k| ^ 2)$  **by** *simp*

**finally have**  $D = \text{nat } |k| ^ 2$  **by** (*simp only: of-nat-eq-iff*)

**hence** *is-square* *D* **by** *auto*

**with** *nonsquare-D* **show** *False* **by** *contradiction*

**qed**

**hence**  $\{z \in S. ?f z = k\} = \{\}$  **by** *auto*

**finally show** *False* **by** *simp*

**qed**

**let** *?h* =  $\lambda(t :: \text{int}, u :: \text{nat}). (t \bmod (\text{abs } k), u \bmod (\text{abs } k))$

**have** *?h* '  $\{z \in S. ?f z = k\} \subseteq \{0..<\text{abs } k\} \times \{0..<\text{abs } k\}$

**using** *k-nz* **by** (*auto simp: case-prod-unfold*)

**hence** *finite* (*?h* '  $\{z \in S. ?f z = k\}$ ) **by** (*rule finite-subset*) *auto*



**from** *pigeonhole-infinite*[*OF*  $k(2)$  *this*] **obtain**  $z'$   
**where**  $z': z' \in S \text{ ?}f z' = k \text{ infinite } \{z'' \in \{z \in S. \text{ ?}f z = k\}. \text{ ?}h z'' = \text{ ?}h z'\}$   
**by** *blast*  
**define**  $l1$  **and**  $l2$  **where**  $l1 = fst (\text{ ?}h z')$  **and**  $l2 = snd (\text{ ?}h z')$   
**define**  $S'$  **where**  $S' = \{(t,u) \in S. \text{ ?}f (t,u) = k \wedge t \text{ mod } abs k = l1 \wedge u \text{ mod } abs k = l2\}$   
**note**  $z'(\mathcal{I})$   
**also have**  $\{z'' \in \{z \in S. \text{ ?}f z = k\}. \text{ ?}h z'' = \text{ ?}h z'\} = S'$   
**by** (*auto simp: l1-def l2-def case-prod-unfold S'-def*)  
**finally have** *infinite: infinite S' .*

**from**  $z'(1)$  **and**  $k\text{-nz}$  **have**  $l12: l1 \in \{0..<abs k\} \ l2 \in \{0..<abs k\}$   
**by** (*auto simp: l1-def l2-def case-prod-unfold*)

**from** *infinite-arbitrarily-large*[*OF* *infinite*]  
**obtain**  $X$  **where**  $X: \text{finite } X \text{ card } X = 2 \ X \subseteq S'$  **by** *blast*  
**from** *finite-distinct-list*[*OF* *this(1)*] **obtain**  $xs$  **where**  $xs: \text{set } xs = X \ \text{distinct } xs$   
**by** *blast*  
**with**  $X$  **have**  $\text{length } xs = 2$  **using** *distinct-card*[*of*  $xs$ ] **by** *simp*  
**then obtain**  $z1 \ z2$  **where** [*simp*]:  $xs = [z1, z2]$   
**by** (*auto simp: length-Suc-conv eval-nat-numeral*)  
**from**  $X \ xs$  **have**  $S': z1 \in S' \ z2 \in S'$  **and** *neg: z1 ≠ z2* **by** *auto*  
**define**  $t1 \ u1 \ t2 \ u2$  **where**  $t1 = fst \ z1$  **and**  $u1 = snd \ z1$  **and**  $t2 = fst \ z2$  **and**  
 $u2 = snd \ z2$   
**have** [*simp*]:  $z1 = (t1, u1) \ z2 = (t2, u2)$   
**by** (*simp-all add: t1-def u1-def t2-def u2-def*)

**from**  $S'$  **have** \* [*simp*]:  $t1 \text{ mod } abs k = l1 \ t2 \text{ mod } abs k = l1 \ u1 \text{ mod } abs k = l2$   
 $u2 \text{ mod } abs k = l2$   
**by** (*simp-all add: S'-def*)  
**define**  $x$  **where**  $x = (t1 * t2 - D * u1 * u2) \text{ div } k$   
**define**  $y$  **where**  $y = (t1 * u2 - t2 * u1) \text{ div } k$

**from**  $S'$  **have**  $(t1^2 - u1^2 * D) = k \ (t2^2 - u2^2 * D) = k$   
**by** (*auto simp: S'-def*)  
**hence**  $(t1^2 - u1^2 * D) * (t2^2 - u2^2 * D) = k \wedge 2$   
**unfolding** *power2-eq-square* **by** *simp*  
**also have**  $(t1^2 - u1^2 * D) * (t2^2 - u2^2 * D) =$   
 $(t1 * t2 - D * u1 * u2) \wedge 2 - D * (t1 * u2 - t2 * u1) \wedge 2$   
**by** (*simp add: power2-eq-square algebra-simps*)  
**finally have** *eq: (t1 \* t2 - D \* u1 \* u2)<sup>2</sup> - D \* (t1 \* u2 - t2 \* u1)<sup>2</sup> = k<sup>2</sup> .*

**have**  $(t1 * u2 - t2 * u1) \text{ mod } abs k = (l1 * l2 - l1 * l2) \text{ mod } abs k$   
**using**  $l12$  **by** (*intro mod-diff-cong mod-mult-cong*) (*auto simp: mod-pos-pos-trivial*)  
**hence** *dvd1: k dvd t1 \* u2 - t2 \* u1* **by** (*simp add: mod-eq-0-iff-dvd*)

**have**  $k^2 \text{ dvd } k^2 + D * (t1 * u2 - t2 * u1)^2$   
**using** *dvd1* **by** (*intro dvd-add*) *auto*  
**also from** *eq* **have**  $\dots = (t1 * t2 - D * u1 * u2)^2$

by (*simp add: algebra-simps*)  
**finally have**  $dvd2: k \text{ dvd } t1 * t2 - D * u1 * u2$   
 by *simp*

**note** *eq*  
**also from**  $dvd2$  **have**  $t1 * t2 - D * u1 * u2 = k * x$   
 by (*simp add: x-def*)  
**also from**  $dvd1$  **have**  $t1 * u2 - t2 * u1 = k * y$   
 by (*simp add: y-def*)  
**also have**  $(k * x)^2 - D * (k * y)^2 = k^2 * (x^2 - D * y^2)$   
 by (*simp add: power-mult-distrib algebra-simps*)  
**finally have**  $eq': x^2 - D * y^2 = 1$   
 using *k-nz* by *simp*  
**hence**  $x^2 = 1 + D * y^2$  by *simp*  
**also have**  $x^2 = \text{int } (\text{nat } |x| \wedge 2)$  by *simp*  
**also have**  $1 + D * y^2 = \text{int } (1 + D * \text{nat } |y| \wedge 2)$  by *simp*  
**also note** *of-nat-eq-iff*  
**finally have**  $eq'': (\text{nat } |x|)^2 = 1 + D * (\text{nat } |y|)^2$  .

**have**  $t1 * u2 \neq t2 * u1$   
**proof**  
 assume \*:  $t1 * u2 = t2 * u1$   
**hence**  $|t1| * |u2| = |t2| * |u1|$  by (*simp only: abs-mult [symmetric]*)  
**moreover from**  $S'$  **have** *coprime u1 t1 coprime u2 t2*  
 by (*auto simp: S'-def S-def*)  
**ultimately have**  $eq: |t1| = |t2| \wedge u1 = u2$   
 by (*subst (asm) coprime-crossproduct-int*) (*auto simp: S'-def S-def gcd.commute coprime-commute*)  
**moreover from**  $S'$  **have**  $u1 \neq 0 \ u2 \neq 0$  by (*auto simp: S'-def S-def*)  
**ultimately have**  $t1 = t2$  using \* by *auto*  
**with** *eq* **and** *neq* **show** *False* by *auto*  
**qed**  
**with**  $dvd1$  **have**  $y \neq 0$   
 by (*auto simp add: y-def dvd-div-eq-0-iff*)  
**hence**  $\text{nat } |y| \neq 0$  by *auto*  
**with**  $eq''$  **show**  $\exists x \ y. y \neq 0 \wedge x^2 = 1 + D * y^2$  by *blast*  
**qed**

## 2.4 Definition of solutions

We define some abbreviations for the concepts of a solution and a non-trivial solution.

**definition** *solution* ::  $('a \times 'a :: \text{comm-semiring-1}) \Rightarrow \text{bool}$  **where**  
*solution* =  $(\lambda(a, b). a^2 = 1 + \text{of-nat } D * b^2)$

**definition** *nontriv-solution* ::  $('a \times 'a :: \text{comm-semiring-1}) \Rightarrow \text{bool}$  **where**  
*nontriv-solution* =  $(\lambda(a, b). (a, b) \neq (1, 0) \wedge a^2 = 1 + \text{of-nat } D * b^2)$

**lemma** *nontriv-solution-altdef*:  $\text{nontriv-solution } z \longleftrightarrow \text{solution } z \wedge z \neq (1, 0)$

by (auto simp: solution-def nontriv-solution-def)

**lemma** solution-trivial-nat [simp, intro]: solution (Suc 0, 0)  
by (simp add: solution-def)

**lemma** solution-trivial [simp, intro]: solution (1, 0)  
by (simp add: solution-def)

**lemma** solution-uminus-left [simp]: solution (-x, y :: 'a :: comm-ring-1)  $\longleftrightarrow$  solution (x, y)  
by (simp add: solution-def)

**lemma** solution-uminus-right [simp]: solution (x, -y :: 'a :: comm-ring-1)  $\longleftrightarrow$  solution (x, y)  
by (simp add: solution-def)

**lemma** solution-0-snd-nat-iff [simp]: solution (a :: nat, 0)  $\longleftrightarrow$  a = 1  
by (auto simp: solution-def)

**lemma** solution-0-snd-iff [simp]: solution (a :: 'a :: idom, 0)  $\longleftrightarrow$  a  $\in$  {1, -1}  
by (auto simp: solution-def power2-eq-1-iff)

**lemma** no-solution-0-fst-nat [simp]:  $\neg$ solution (0, b :: nat)  
by (auto simp: solution-def)

**lemma** no-solution-0-fst-int [simp]:  $\neg$ solution (0, b :: int)  
**proof** –  
have 1 + int D \* b<sup>2</sup> > 0 by (intro add-pos-nonneg) auto  
thus ?thesis by (auto simp add: solution-def)  
**qed**

**lemma** solution-of-nat-of-nat [simp]:  
solution (of-nat a, of-nat b :: 'a :: {comm-ring-1, ring-char-0})  $\longleftrightarrow$  solution (a, b)  
by (simp only: solution-def prod.case of-nat-power [symmetric]  
of-nat-1 [symmetric, where ?'a = 'a] of-nat-add [symmetric]  
of-nat-mult [symmetric] of-nat-eq-iff of-nat-id)

**lemma** solution-of-nat-of-nat' [simp]:  
solution (case z of (a, b)  $\Rightarrow$  (of-nat a, of-nat b :: 'a :: {comm-ring-1, ring-char-0}))  
 $\longleftrightarrow$   
solution z  
by (auto simp: case-prod-unfold)

**lemma** solution-nat-abs-nat-abs [simp]:  
solution (nat |x|, nat |y|)  $\longleftrightarrow$  solution (x, y)  
**proof** –  
define x' and y' where x' = nat |x| and y' = nat |y|  
have x: x = sgn x \* x' and y: y = sgn y \* y'

**by** (*auto simp: x'-def y'-def sgn-if*)  
**have** [*simp*]:  $x = 0 \longleftrightarrow x' = 0 \ y = 0 \longleftrightarrow y' = 0$   
**by** (*auto simp: x'-def y'-def*)  
**show** *solution*  $(x', y') \longleftrightarrow \textit{solution} (x, y)$   
**by** (*subst x, subst y*) (*auto simp: sgn-if*)  
**qed**

**lemma** *nontriv-solution-of-nat-of-nat* [*simp*]:  
 $\textit{nontriv-solution} (\textit{of-nat} a, \textit{of-nat} b :: 'a :: \{\textit{comm-ring-1}, \textit{ring-char-0}\}) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $\textit{nontriv-solution} (a, b)$   
**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef*)

**lemma** *nontriv-solution-of-nat-of-nat'* [*simp*]:  
 $\textit{nontriv-solution} (\textit{case} z \textit{ of} (a, b) \Rightarrow (\textit{of-nat} a, \textit{of-nat} b :: 'a :: \{\textit{comm-ring-1},$   
 $\textit{ring-char-0}\})) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $\textit{nontriv-solution} z$   
**by** (*auto simp: case-prod-unfold*)

**lemma** *nontriv-solution-imp-solution* [*dest*]:  $\textit{nontriv-solution} z \Longrightarrow \textit{solution} z$   
**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef*)

## 2.5 The Pell valuation function

Solutions  $(x, y)$  have an interesting correspondence to the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$  via the map  $(x, y) \mapsto x + y\sqrt{D}$ . We call this map the *Pell valuation function*. It is obvious that this map is injective, since  $\sqrt{D}$  is irrational.

**definition** *pell-valuation* ::  $\textit{int} \times \textit{int} \Rightarrow \textit{real}$  **where**  
 $\textit{pell-valuation} = (\lambda(a, b). a + b * \textit{sqrt} D)$

**lemma** *pell-valuation-nonneg* [*simp*]:  $\textit{fst} z \geq 0 \Longrightarrow \textit{snd} z \geq 0 \Longrightarrow \textit{pell-valuation} z \geq 0$   
**by** (*auto simp: pell-valuation-def case-prod-unfold*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-uminus-uminus* [*simp*]:  $\textit{pell-valuation} (-x, -y) = -\textit{pell-valuation} (x, y)$   
**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-eq-iff* [*simp*]:  
 $\textit{pell-valuation} z1 = \textit{pell-valuation} z2 \longleftrightarrow z1 = z2$

**proof**

**assume** \*:  $\textit{pell-valuation} z1 = \textit{pell-valuation} z2$

**obtain**  $a b$  **where** [*simp*]:  $z1 = (a, b)$  **by** (*cases z1*)

**obtain**  $u v$  **where** [*simp*]:  $z2 = (u, v)$  **by** (*cases z2*)

**have**  $b = v$

**proof** (*rule ccontr*)

**assume**  $b \neq v$

**with** \* **have**  $\textit{sqrt} D = (u - a) / (b - v)$

**by** (*simp add: field-simps pell-valuation-def*)

**also have**  $\dots \in \mathbb{Q}$  **by** *auto*

finally show *False* using *irrat-sqrt-nonsquare nonsquare-D* by *blast*  
 qed  
 moreover from *this* and *\** have  $a = u$   
 by (*simp add: pell-valuation-def*)  
 ultimately show  $z1 = z2$  by *simp*  
 qed *auto*

## 2.6 Linear ordering of solutions

Next, we show that solutions are linearly ordered w. r. t. the pointwise order on products. This means that for two different solutions  $(a, b)$  and  $(x, y)$ , we always either have  $a < x$  and  $b < y$  or  $a > x$  and  $b > y$ .

**lemma** *solutions-linorder*:

fixes  $a b x y :: \text{nat}$   
 assumes *solution*  $(a, b)$  *solution*  $(x, y)$   
 shows  $a \leq x \wedge b \leq y \vee a \geq x \wedge b \geq y$   
**proof** –  
 have  $b \leq y$  if  $a \leq x$  *solution*  $(a, b)$  *solution*  $(x, y)$  for  $a b x y :: \text{nat}$   
**proof** –  
 from *that* have  $a^2 \leq x^2$  by (*intro power-mono*) *auto*  
 with *that* and *D-gt-1* have  $b^2 \leq y^2$   
 by (*simp add: solution-def*)  
 thus  $b \leq y$   
 by (*simp add: power2-nat-le-eq-le*)  
 qed  
 from *this*[of  $a x b y$ ] and *this*[of  $x a y b$ ] and *assms* show *?thesis*  
 by (*cases a ≤ x*) *auto*  
 qed

**lemma** *solutions-linorder-strict*:

fixes  $a b x y :: \text{nat}$   
 assumes *solution*  $(a, b)$  *solution*  $(x, y)$   
 shows  $(a, b) = (x, y) \vee a < x \wedge b < y \vee a > x \wedge b > y$   
**proof** –  
 have  $b = y$  if  $a = x$   
 using *that* *assms* and *D-gt-1* by (*simp add: solution-def*)  
 moreover have  $a = x$  if  $b = y$   
**proof** –  
 from *that* and *assms* have  $a^2 = \text{Suc } (D * y^2)$   
 by (*simp add: solution-def*)  
 also from *that* and *assms* have  $\dots = x^2$   
 by (*simp add: solution-def*)  
 finally show  $a = x$  by *simp*  
 qed  
 ultimately have [*simp*]:  $a = x \longleftrightarrow b = y$  ..  
 show *?thesis* using *solutions-linorder*[*OF assms*]  
 by (*cases a x rule: linorder-cases; cases b y rule: linorder-cases*) *simp-all*  
 qed

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lemma solutions-le-iff-pell-valuation-le:
  fixes  $a\ b\ x\ y :: \text{nat}$ 
  assumes  $\text{solution } (a, b)\ \text{solution } (x, y)$ 
  shows  $a \leq x \wedge b \leq y \longleftrightarrow \text{pell-valuation } (a, b) \leq \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$ 
proof
  assume  $a \leq x \wedge b \leq y$ 
  thus  $\text{pell-valuation } (a, b) \leq \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$ 
    unfolding pell-valuation-def prod.case using D-gt-1
    by (intro add-mono mult-right-mono) auto
next
  assume *:  $\text{pell-valuation } (a, b) \leq \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$ 
  from assms have  $a \leq x \wedge b \leq y \vee x \leq a \wedge y \leq b$ 
    by (rule solutions-linorder)
  thus  $a \leq x \wedge b \leq y$ 
proof
  assume  $x \leq a \wedge y \leq b$ 
  hence  $\text{pell-valuation } (a, b) \geq \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$ 
    unfolding pell-valuation-def prod.case using D-gt-1
    by (intro add-mono mult-right-mono) auto
  with * have  $\text{pell-valuation } (a, b) = \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$  by linarith
  hence  $(a, b) = (x, y)$  by simp
  thus  $a \leq x \wedge b \leq y$  by simp
qed auto
qed

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lemma solutions-less-iff-pell-valuation-less:
  fixes  $a\ b\ x\ y :: \text{nat}$ 
  assumes  $\text{solution } (a, b)\ \text{solution } (x, y)$ 
  shows  $a < x \wedge b < y \longleftrightarrow \text{pell-valuation } (a, b) < \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$ 
proof
  assume  $a < x \wedge b < y$ 
  thus  $\text{pell-valuation } (a, b) < \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$ 
    unfolding pell-valuation-def prod.case using D-gt-1
    by (intro add-strict-mono mult-strict-right-mono) auto
next
  assume *:  $\text{pell-valuation } (a, b) < \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$ 
  from assms have  $(a, b) = (x, y) \vee a < x \wedge b < y \vee x < a \wedge y < b$ 
    by (rule solutions-linorder-strict)
  thus  $a < x \wedge b < y$ 
proof (elim disjE)
  assume  $x < a \wedge y < b$ 
  hence  $\text{pell-valuation } (a, b) > \text{pell-valuation } (x, y)$ 
    unfolding pell-valuation-def prod.case using D-gt-1
    by (intro add-strict-mono mult-strict-right-mono) auto
  with * have False by linarith
  thus ?thesis ..
qed (insert *, auto)
qed

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## 2.7 The fundamental solution

The *fundamental solution* is the non-trivial solution  $(x, y)$  with non-negative  $x$  and  $y$  for which the Pell valuation  $x + y\sqrt{D}$  is minimal, or, equivalently, for which  $x$  and  $y$  are minimal.

**definition** *fund-sol* ::  $\text{nat} \times \text{nat}$  **where**

*fund-sol* = (THE  $z :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$ . *is-arg-min* (*pell-valuation* ::  $\text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$ ) *nontriv-solution*  $z$ )

The well-definedness of this follows from the injectivity of the Pell valuation and the fact that smaller Pell valuation of a solution is smaller than that of another iff the components are both smaller.

**theorem** *fund-sol-is-arg-min*:

*is-arg-min* (*pell-valuation* ::  $\text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$ ) *nontriv-solution* *fund-sol*

**unfolding** *fund-sol-def*

**proof** (rule *theI'*)

**show**  $\exists! z :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$ . *is-arg-min* (*pell-valuation* ::  $\text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$ ) *nontriv-solution*  $z$

**proof** (rule *ex-ex1I*)

**fix**  $z1\ z2 :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$

**assume** *is-arg-min* (*pell-valuation* ::  $\text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$ ) *nontriv-solution*  $z1$

*is-arg-min* (*pell-valuation* ::  $\text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$ ) *nontriv-solution*  $z2$

**hence** *pell-valuation*  $z1$  = *pell-valuation*  $z2$

**by** (*cases*  $z1$ , *cases*  $z2$ , *intro antisym*) (*auto simp: is-arg-min-def not-less*)

**thus**  $z1 = z2$  **by** (*auto split: prod.splits*)

**next**

**define**  $y$  **where**  $y = (\text{LEAST } y. y > 0 \wedge \text{is-square } (1 + D * y^2))$

**have**  $\exists y > 0$ . *is-square*  $(1 + D * y^2)$

**using** *pell-solution-exists* **by** (*auto simp: eq-commute[of - Suc -]*)

**hence**  $y: y > 0 \wedge \text{is-square } (1 + D * y^2)$

**unfolding** *y-def* **by** (rule *LeastI-ex*)

**have** *y-le*:  $y \leq y'$  **if**  $y' > 0$  *is-square*  $(1 + D * y'^2)$  **for**  $y'$

**unfolding** *y-def* **using** *that* **by** (*intro Least-le*) *auto*

**from**  $y$  **obtain**  $x$  **where**  $x: x^2 = 1 + D * y^2$

**by** (*auto elim: is-nth-powerE*)

**with**  $y$  **have** *nontriv-solution*  $(x, y)$

**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-def*)

**have** *is-arg-min* (*pell-valuation* ::  $\text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$ ) *nontriv-solution*  $(x, y)$

**unfolding** *is-arg-min-linorder*

**proof** *safe*

**fix**  $a\ b :: \text{nat}$

**assume**  $*$ : *nontriv-solution*  $(a, b)$

**hence**  $b > 0$  **and** *Suc*  $(D * b^2) = a^2$

**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-def intro!: Nat.gr0I*)

**hence** *is-square*  $(1 + D * b^2)$

**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-def*)

**from**  $\langle b > 0 \rangle$  **and** *this* **have**  $y \leq b$  **by** (rule *y-le*)

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with ⟨nontriv-solution (x, y)⟩ and * have x ≤ a
using solutions-linorder-strict[of x y a b] by (auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef)
with ⟨y ≤ b⟩ show pell-valuation (int x, int y) ≤ pell-valuation (int a, int b)
unfolding pell-valuation-def prod.case by (intro add-mono mult-right-mono)
auto
qed fact+
thus ∃ z. is-arg-min (pell-valuation :: nat × nat ⇒ real) nontriv-solution z ..
qed
qed

```

**corollary**

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  fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution: nontriv-solution fund-sol
and fund-sol-minimal:
  nontriv-solution (a, b) ⇒ pell-valuation fund-sol ≤ pell-valuation (int a,
int b)
and fund-sol-minimal':
  nontriv-solution (z :: nat × nat) ⇒ pell-valuation fund-sol ≤ pell-valuation
z
using fund-sol-is-arg-min by (auto simp: is-arg-min-linorder case-prod-unfold)

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**lemma** fund-sol-minimal'':

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assumes nontriv-solution z
shows fst fund-sol ≤ fst z ∧ snd fund-sol ≤ snd z
proof –
have pell-valuation (fst fund-sol, snd fund-sol) ≤ pell-valuation (fst z, snd z)
using fund-sol-minimal'[OF assms] by (simp add: case-prod-unfold)
hence fst fund-sol ≤ fst z ∧ snd fund-sol ≤ snd z
using assms fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution
by (subst solutions-le-iff-pell-valuation-le) (auto simp: case-prod-unfold)
thus fst fund-sol ≤ fst z ∧ snd fund-sol ≤ snd z by blast+
qed

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## 2.8 Group structure on solutions

As was mentioned already, the Pell valuation function provides an injective map from solutions of Pell's equation into the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$ . We shall see now that the solutions are actually a subgroup of the multiplicative group of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$  via the valuation function as a homomorphism:

- The trivial solution  $(1, 0)$  has valuation 1, which is the neutral element of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]^*$
- Multiplication of two solutions  $a+b\sqrt{D}$  and  $x+y\sqrt{D}$  leads to  $\bar{x}+\bar{y}\sqrt{D}$  with  $\bar{x} = xa + ybD$  and  $\bar{y} = xb + ya$ , which is again a solution.
- The conjugate  $(x, -y)$  of a solution  $(x, y)$  is an inverse element to this multiplication operation, since  $(x + y\sqrt{D})(x - y\sqrt{D}) = 1$ .



**definition** *pell-mul* :: ('a :: comm-semiring-1 × 'a) ⇒ ('a × 'a) ⇒ ('a × 'a)  
**where**

*pell-mul* = (λ(a,b) (x,y). (x \* a + y \* b \* of-nat D, x \* b + y \* a))

**definition** *pell-cnj* :: ('a :: comm-ring-1 × 'a) ⇒ 'a × 'a **where**

*pell-cnj* = (λ(a,b). (a, -b))

**lemma** *pell-cnj-snd-0* [simp]: *snd* z = 0 ⇒ *pell-cnj* z = z

**by** (cases z) (simp-all add: *pell-cnj-def*)

**lemma** *pell-mul-commutes*: *pell-mul* z1 z2 = *pell-mul* z2 z1

**by** (auto simp: *pell-mul-def algebra-simps case-prod-unfold*)

**lemma** *pell-mul-assoc*: *pell-mul* z1 (*pell-mul* z2 z3) = *pell-mul* (*pell-mul* z1 z2) z3

**by** (auto simp: *pell-mul-def algebra-simps case-prod-unfold*)

**lemma** *pell-mul-trivial-left* [simp]: *pell-mul* (1, 0) z = z

**by** (auto simp: *pell-mul-def algebra-simps case-prod-unfold*)

**lemma** *pell-mul-trivial-right* [simp]: *pell-mul* z (1, 0) = z

**by** (auto simp: *pell-mul-def algebra-simps case-prod-unfold*)

**lemma** *pell-mul-trivial-left-nat* [simp]: *pell-mul* (Suc 0, 0) z = z

**by** (auto simp: *pell-mul-def algebra-simps case-prod-unfold*)

**lemma** *pell-mul-trivial-right-nat* [simp]: *pell-mul* z (Suc 0, 0) = z

**by** (auto simp: *pell-mul-def algebra-simps case-prod-unfold*)

**definition** *pell-power* :: ('a :: comm-semiring-1 × 'a) ⇒ nat ⇒ ('a × 'a) **where**

*pell-power* z n = ((λz'. *pell-mul* z' z)  $\overset{\sim}{\sim}$  n) (1, 0)

**lemma** *pell-power-0* [simp]: *pell-power* z 0 = (1, 0)

**by** (simp add: *pell-power-def*)

**lemma** *pell-power-one* [simp]: *pell-power* (1, 0) n = (1, 0)

**by** (induction n) (auto simp: *pell-power-def*)

**lemma** *pell-power-one-right* [simp]: *pell-power* z 1 = z

**by** (simp add: *pell-power-def*)

**lemma** *pell-power-Suc*: *pell-power* z (Suc n) = *pell-mul* z (*pell-power* z n)

**by** (simp add: *pell-power-def pell-mul-commutes*)

**lemma** *pell-power-add*: *pell-power* z (m + n) = *pell-mul* (*pell-power* z m) (*pell-power* z n)

**by** (induction m arbitrary: z)

(simp-all add: *funpow-add o-def pell-power-Suc pell-mul-assoc*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-mult* [simp]:

$pell\text{-}valuation\ (pell\text{-}mul\ z1\ z2) = pell\text{-}valuation\ z1 * pell\text{-}valuation\ z2$   
**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def pell-mul-def case-prod-unfold algebra-simps*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-mult-nat* [*simp*]:  
 $pell\text{-}valuation\ (case\ pell\text{-}mul\ z1\ z2\ of\ (a,\ b) \Rightarrow (int\ a,\ int\ b)) =$   
 $pell\text{-}valuation\ z1 * pell\text{-}valuation\ z2$   
**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def pell-mul-def case-prod-unfold algebra-simps*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-trivial* [*simp*]:  $pell\text{-}valuation\ (1,\ 0) = 1$   
**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-trivial-nat* [*simp*]:  $pell\text{-}valuation\ (Suc\ 0,\ 0) = 1$   
**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-cnj*:  $pell\text{-}valuation\ (pell\text{-}cnj\ z) = fst\ z - snd\ z * sqrt\ D$   
**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def pell-cnj-def case-prod-unfold*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-snd-0* [*simp*]:  $pell\text{-}valuation\ (a,\ 0) = of\text{-}int\ a$   
**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-0-iff* [*simp*]:  $pell\text{-}valuation\ z = 0 \longleftrightarrow z = (0,\ 0)$   
**proof**  
**assume**  $*$ :  $pell\text{-}valuation\ z = 0$   
**have**  $snd\ z = 0$   
**proof** (*rule ccontr*)  
**assume**  $snd\ z \neq 0$   
**with**  $*$  **have**  $sqrt\ D = -fst\ z / snd\ z$   
**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def case-prod-unfold field-simps*)  
**also** **have**  $\dots \in \mathbb{Q}$  **by** *auto*  
**finally** **show** *False* **using** *nonsquare-D irrat-sqrt-nonsquare* **by** *blast*  
**qed**  
**with**  $*$  **have**  $fst\ z = 0$  **by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def case-prod-unfold*)  
**with**  $\langle snd\ z = 0 \rangle$  **show**  $z = (0,\ 0)$  **by** (*cases z*) *auto*  
**qed** (*auto simp: pell-valuation-def*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-solution-pos-nat*:  
**fixes**  $z :: nat \times nat$   
**assumes** *solution z*  
**shows**  $pell\text{-}valuation\ z > 0$   
**proof** –  
**from** *assms* **have**  $z \neq (0,\ 0)$  **by** (*intro notI*) *auto*  
**hence**  $pell\text{-}valuation\ z \neq 0$  **by** (*auto split: prod.splits*)  
**moreover** **have**  $pell\text{-}valuation\ z \geq 0$  **by** (*intro pell-valuation-nonneg*) (*auto split: prod.splits*)  
**ultimately** **show** *?thesis* **by** *linarith*  
**qed**

**lemma**  
**assumes** *solution z*

**shows** *pell-mul-cnj-right*:  $\text{pell-mul } z (\text{pell-cnj } z) = (1, 0)$   
**and** *pell-mul-cnj-left*:  $\text{pell-mul } (\text{pell-cnj } z) z = (1, 0)$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*auto simp: pell-mul-def pell-cnj-def solution-def power2-eq-square*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-cnj-solution*:

**fixes**  $z :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$

**assumes** *solution*  $z$

**shows**  $\text{pell-valuation } (\text{pell-cnj } z) = 1 / \text{pell-valuation } z$

**proof** –

**have**  $\text{pell-valuation } (\text{pell-cnj } z) * \text{pell-valuation } z = \text{pell-valuation } (\text{pell-mul } (\text{pell-cnj } z) z)$

**by** *simp*

**also from** *assms* **have**  $\text{pell-mul } (\text{pell-cnj } z) z = (1, 0)$

**by** (*subst pell-mul-cnj-left*) (*auto simp: case-prod-unfold*)

**finally show** *?thesis* **using** *pell-valuation-solution-pos-nat* [*OF assms*]

**by** (*auto simp: divide-simps*)

**qed**

**lemma** *pell-valuation-power* [*simp*]:  $\text{pell-valuation } (\text{pell-power } z n) = \text{pell-valuation } z ^ n$

**by** (*induction n*) (*simp-all add: pell-power-Suc*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-power-nat* [*simp*]:

$\text{pell-valuation } (\text{case } \text{pell-power } z n \text{ of } (a, b) \Rightarrow (\text{int } a, \text{int } b)) = \text{pell-valuation } z ^ n$

**by** (*induction n*) (*simp-all add: pell-power-Suc*)

**lemma** *pell-valuation-fund-sol-ge-2*:  $\text{pell-valuation } \text{fund-sol} \geq 2$

**proof** –

**obtain**  $x y$  **where** [*simp*]:  $\text{fund-sol} = (x, y)$  **by** (*cases fund-sol*)

**from** *fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution* **have**  $\text{eq}: x^2 = 1 + D * y^2$

**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-def*)

**consider**  $y > 0 \mid y = 0 \ x \neq 1$

**using** *fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution* **by** (*force simp: nontriv-solution-def*)

**thus** *?thesis*

**proof** *cases*

**assume**  $y > 0$

**hence**  $1 + 1 * 1 \leq 1 + D * y^2$

**using** *D-pos* **by** (*intro add-mono mult-mono*) *auto*

**also from** *eq* **have**  $\dots = x^2$  **..**

**finally have**  $x^2 > 1^2$  **by** *simp*

**hence**  $x > 1$  **by** (*rule power2-less-imp-less*) *auto*

**with**  $\langle y > 0 \rangle$  **have**  $x + y * \text{sqrt } D \geq 2 + 1 * 1$

**using** *D-pos* **by** (*intro add-mono mult-mono*) *auto*

**thus** *?thesis* **by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def*)

**next**

**assume** [*simp*]:  $y = 0$  **and**  $x \neq 1$

**with** *eq* **have**  $x \neq 0$  **by** (*intro notI*) *auto*

**with**  $\langle x \neq 1 \rangle$  **have**  $x \geq 2$  **by** *simp*  
**thus** *?thesis* **by** (*auto simp: pell-valuation-def*)  
**qed**  
**qed**

**lemma** *solution-pell-mul* [*intro*]:  
**assumes** *solution z1 solution z2*  
**shows** *solution (pell-mul z1 z2)*  
**proof** –  
**obtain** *a b* **where** [*simp*]:  $z1 = (a, b)$  **by** (*cases z1*)  
**obtain** *c d* **where** [*simp*]:  $z2 = (c, d)$  **by** (*cases z2*)  
**from** *assms* **show** *?thesis*  
**by** (*simp add: solution-def pell-mul-def case-prod-unfold power2-eq-square alge-bra-simps*)  
**qed**

**lemma** *solution-pell-cnj* [*intro*]:  
**assumes** *solution z*  
**shows** *solution (pell-cnj z)*  
**using** *assms* **by** (*auto simp: solution-def pell-cnj-def*)

**lemma** *solution-pell-power* [*simp, intro*]: *solution z*  $\implies$  *solution (pell-power z n)*  
**by** (*induction n*) (*auto simp: pell-power-Suc*)

**lemma** *pell-mul-eq-trivial-nat-iff*:  
 $pell-mul\ z1\ z2 = (Suc\ 0,\ 0) \iff z1 = (Suc\ 0,\ 0) \wedge z2 = (Suc\ 0,\ 0)$   
**using** *D-gt-1* **by** (*cases z1; cases z2*) (*auto simp: pell-mul-def*)

**lemma** *nontriv-solution-pell-nat-mul1*:  
*solution (z1 :: nat × nat)*  $\implies$  *nontriv-solution z2*  $\implies$  *nontriv-solution (pell-mul z1 z2)*  
**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef pell-mul-eq-trivial-nat-iff*)

**lemma** *nontriv-solution-pell-nat-mul2*:  
*nontriv-solution (z1 :: nat × nat)*  $\implies$  *solution z2*  $\implies$  *nontriv-solution (pell-mul z1 z2)*  
**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef pell-mul-eq-trivial-nat-iff*)

**lemma** *nontriv-solution-power-nat* [*intro*]:  
**assumes** *nontriv-solution (z :: nat × nat) n > 0*  
**shows** *nontriv-solution (pell-power z n)*  
**proof** –  
**have** *nontriv-solution (pell-power z n)  $\vee$  n = 0*  
**by** (*induction n*)  
*(insert assms(1), auto intro: nontriv-solution-pell-nat-mul1 simp: pell-power-Suc)*  
**with** *assms(2)* **show** *?thesis* **by** *auto*  
**qed**

## 2.9 The different regions of the valuation function

Next, we shall explore what happens to the valuation function for solutions  $(x, y)$  for different signs of  $x$  and  $y$ :

- If  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ , we have  $x + y\sqrt{D} > 1$ .
- If  $x > 0$  and  $y < 0$ , we have  $0 < x + y\sqrt{D} < 1$ .
- If  $x < 0$  and  $y > 0$ , we have  $-1 < x + y\sqrt{D} < 0$ .
- If  $x < 0$  and  $y < 0$ , we have  $x + y\sqrt{D} < -1$ .

In particular, this means that we can deduce the sign of  $x$  and  $y$  if we know in which of these four regions the valuation lies.

**lemma**

**assumes**  $x > 0$   $y > 0$  *solution*  $(x, y)$

**shows** *pell-valuation-pos-pos*: *pell-valuation*  $(x, y) > 1$

**and** *pell-valuation-pos-neg-aux*: *pell-valuation*  $(x, -y) \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**proof** –

**from** *D-gt-1 assms* **have**  $x + y * \text{sqrt } D \geq 1 + 1 * 1$

**by** (*intro add-mono mult-mono*) *auto*

**hence** *gt-1*:  $x + y * \text{sqrt } D > 1$  **by** *simp*

**thus** *pell-valuation*  $(x, y) > 1$  **by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def*)

**from** *assms* **have**  $1 = x^2 - D * y^2$  **by** (*simp add: solution-def*)

**also** **have** *of-int*  $\dots = (x - y * \text{sqrt } D) * (x + y * \text{sqrt } D)$

**by** (*simp add: field-simps power2-eq-square*)

**finally** **have** *eq*:  $(x - y * \text{sqrt } D) = 1 / (x + y * \text{sqrt } D)$

**using** *gt-1* **by** (*simp add: field-simps*)

**note** *eq*

**also** **from** *gt-1* **have**  $1 / (x + y * \text{sqrt } D) < 1 / 1$

**by** (*intro divide-strict-left-mono*) *auto*

**finally** **have**  $x - y * \text{sqrt } D < 1$  **by** *simp*

**note** *eq*

**also** **from** *gt-1* **have**  $1 / (x + y * \text{sqrt } D) > 0$

**by** (*intro divide-pos-pos*) *auto*

**finally** **have**  $x - y * \text{sqrt } D > 0$  .

**with**  $\langle x - y * \text{sqrt } D < 1 \rangle$  **show** *pell-valuation*  $(x, -y) \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**by** (*simp add: pell-valuation-def*)

**qed**

**lemma** *pell-valuation-pos-neg*:

**assumes**  $x > 0$   $y < 0$  *solution*  $(x, y)$

**shows** *pell-valuation*  $(x, y) \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**using** *pell-valuation-pos-neg-aux*[*of*  $x - y$ ] *assms* **by** *simp*

**lemma** *pell-valuation-neg-neg*:  
**assumes**  $x < 0 \ y < 0$  *solution*  $(x, y)$   
**shows** *pell-valuation*  $(x, y) < -1$   
**using** *pell-valuation-pos-pos*[of  $-x -y$ ] *assms* **by** *simp*

**lemma** *pell-valuation-neg-pos*:  
**assumes**  $x < 0 \ y > 0$  *solution*  $(x, y)$   
**shows** *pell-valuation*  $(x, y) \in \{-1 < .. < 0\}$   
**using** *pell-valuation-pos-neg*[of  $-x -y$ ] *assms* **by** *simp*

**lemma** *pell-valuation-solution-gt1D*:  
**assumes** *solution*  $z$  *pell-valuation*  $z > 1$   
**shows**  $\text{fst } z > 0 \wedge \text{snd } z > 0$   
**using** *pell-valuation-pos-pos*[of  $\text{fst } z \ \text{snd } z$ ] *pell-valuation-pos-neg*[of  $\text{fst } z \ \text{snd } z$ ]  
*pell-valuation-neg-pos*[of  $\text{fst } z \ \text{snd } z$ ] *pell-valuation-neg-neg*[of  $\text{fst } z \ \text{snd } z$ ]  
*assms*  
**by** (*cases*  $\text{fst } z \ 0$  :: *int* *rule*: *linorder-cases*;  
*cases*  $\text{snd } z \ 0$  :: *int* *rule*: *linorder-cases*;  
*cases*  $z$ ) *auto*

## 2.10 Generating property of the fundamental solution

We now show that the fundamental solution generates the set of the (non-negative) solutions in the sense that each solution is a power of the fundamental solution. Combined with the symmetry property that  $(x, y)$  is a solution iff  $(\pm x, \pm y)$  is a solution, this gives us a complete characterisation of all solutions of Pell's equation.

**definition** *nth-solution* ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$  **where**  
*nth-solution*  $n = \text{pell-power fund-sol } n$

**lemma** *pell-valuation-nth-solution* [*simp*]:  
*pell-valuation* (*nth-solution*  $n$ ) = *pell-valuation fund-sol*  $\wedge^n$   
**by** (*simp* *add*: *nth-solution-def*)

**theorem** *nth-solution-inj*: *inj* *nth-solution*

**proof**

**fix**  $m \ n$  :: *nat*  
**assume** *nth-solution*  $m = \text{nth-solution } n$   
**hence** *pell-valuation* (*nth-solution*  $m$ ) = *pell-valuation* (*nth-solution*  $n$ )  
**by** (*simp* *only*: )  
**also have** *pell-valuation* (*nth-solution*  $m$ ) = *pell-valuation fund-sol*  $\wedge^m$   
**by** *simp*  
**also have** *pell-valuation* (*nth-solution*  $n$ ) = *pell-valuation fund-sol*  $\wedge^n$   
**by** *simp*  
**finally show**  $m = n$   
**using** *pell-valuation-fund-sol-ge-2* **by** (*subst* (*asm*) *power-inject-exp*) *auto*  
**qed**

**theorem** *nth-solution-sound* [*intro*]: *solution* (*nth-solution* *n*)  
**using** *fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution* **by** (*auto simp: nth-solution-def*)

**theorem** *nth-solution-sound'* [*intro*]:  $n > 0 \implies \text{nontriv-solution } (\text{nth-solution } n)$   
**using** *fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution* **by** (*auto simp: nth-solution-def*)

**theorem** *nth-solution-complete*:  
**fixes**  $z :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$   
**assumes** *solution*  $z$   
**shows**  $z \in \text{range } \text{nth-solution}$   
**proof** (*cases*  $z = (1, 0)$ )  
**case** *True*  
**hence**  $z = \text{nth-solution } 0$  **by** (*simp add: nth-solution-def*)  
**thus** *?thesis* **by** *auto*  
**next**  
**case** *False*  
**with** *assms* **have** *nontriv-solution*  $z$  **by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef*)  
**show** *?thesis*  
**proof** (*rule ccontr*)  
**assume**  $\neg ?thesis$   
**hence**  $*$ : *pell-power fund-sol*  $n \neq z$  **for**  $n$  **unfolding** *nth-solution-def* **by** *blast*

**define**  $u$  **where**  $u = \text{pell-valuation fund-sol}$   
**define**  $v$  **where**  $v = \text{pell-valuation } z$   
**define**  $n$  **where**  $n = \text{nat } \lfloor \log u \ v \rfloor$   
**have** *u-ge-2*:  $u \geq 2$  **using** *pell-valuation-fund-sol-ge-2* **by** (*auto simp: u-def*)  
**have** *v-pos*:  $v > 0$  **unfolding** *v-def* **using** *assms*  
**by** (*intro pell-valuation-solution-pos-nat*) *auto*  
**have** *u-le-v*:  $u \leq v$  **unfolding** *u-def v-def* **by** (*rule fund-sol-minimal'*) *fact*

**have** *u-power-neq-v*:  $u^k \neq v$  **for**  $k$   
**proof**  
**assume**  $u^k = v$   
**also** **have**  $u^k = \text{pell-valuation } (\text{pell-power fund-sol } k)$   
**by** (*simp add: u-def*)  
**also** **have**  $\dots = v \iff \text{pell-power fund-sol } k = z$   
**unfolding** *v-def* **by** (*subst pell-valuation-eq-iff*) (*auto split: prod.splits*)  
**finally** **show** *False* **using**  $*$  **by** *blast*  
**qed**

**from** *u-le-v v-pos u-ge-2* **have** *log-ge-1*:  $\log u \ v \geq 1$   
**by** (*subst one-le-log-cancel-iff*) *auto*

**define**  $z'$  **where**  $z' = \text{pell-mul } z \ (\text{pell-power } (\text{pell-cnj fund-sol } n))$   
**define**  $x$  **and**  $y$  **where**  $x = \text{nat } \lfloor \text{fst } z' \rfloor$  **and**  $y = \text{nat } \lfloor \text{snd } z' \rfloor$   
**have** *solution*  $z'$  **using** *assms fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution* **unfolding** *z'-def*  
**by** (*intro solution-pell-mul solution-pell-power solution-pell-cnj*) (*auto simp: case-prod-unfold*)

**have**  $u \wedge n < v$   
**proof** –  
**from** *u-ge-2* **have**  $u \wedge n = u \text{ powr real } n$  **by** (*subst powr-realpow*) *auto*  
**also have**  $\dots \leq u \text{ powr log } u v$  **using** *u-ge-2 log-ge-1*  
**by** (*intro powr-mono*) (*auto simp: n-def*)  
**also have**  $\dots = v$   
**using** *u-ge-2 v-pos* **by** (*subst powr-log-cancel*) *auto*  
**finally have**  $u \wedge n \leq v$  .  
**with** *u-power-neq-v[of n]* **show** *?thesis* **by** *linarith*  
**qed**  
**moreover have**  $v < u \wedge \text{Suc } n$   
**proof** –  
**have**  $v = u \text{ powr log } u v$   
**using** *u-ge-2 v-pos* **by** (*subst powr-log-cancel*) *auto*  
**also have**  $\text{log } u v \leq 1 + \text{real-of-int } \lfloor \text{log } u v \rfloor$  **by** *linarith*  
**hence**  $u \text{ powr log } u v \leq u \text{ powr real } (\text{Suc } n)$  **using** *u-ge-2 log-ge-1*  
**by** (*intro powr-mono*) (*auto simp: n-def*)  
**also have**  $\dots = u \wedge \text{Suc } n$  **using** *u-ge-2* **by** (*subst powr-realpow*) *auto*  
**finally have**  $u \wedge \text{Suc } n \geq v$  .  
**with** *u-power-neq-v[of Suc n]* **show** *?thesis* **by** *linarith*  
**qed**  
**ultimately have**  $v / u \wedge n \in \{1 <.. < u\}$   
**using** *u-ge-2* **by** (*simp add: field-simps*)  
**also have**  $v / u \wedge n = \text{pell-valuation } z'$   
**using** *fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution*  
**by** (*auto simp add: z'-def u-def v-def pell-valuation-cnj-solution field-simps*)  
**finally have** *val: pell-valuation z' ∈ {1 <.. < u}* .  
  
**from** *val* **and**  $\langle \text{solution } z' \rangle$  **have** *nontriv-solution z'*  
**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef*)  
**from**  $\langle \text{solution } z' \rangle$  **and** *val* **have**  $\text{fst } z' > 0 \wedge \text{snd } z' > 0$   
**by** (*intro pell-valuation-solution-gt1D*) *auto*  
  
**hence** [*simp*]:  $z' = (\text{int } x, \text{int } y)$   
**by** (*auto simp: x-def y-def*)  
  
**from**  $\langle \text{nontriv-solution } z' \rangle$  **have**  $\text{pell-valuation } (\text{int } x, \text{int } y) \geq u$   
**unfolding** *u-def* **by** (*intro fund-sol-minimal*) *auto*  
**with** *val* **show** *False* **by** *simp*  
**qed**  
**qed**

**corollary** *solution-iff-nth-solution*:  
**fixes**  $z :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$   
**shows**  $\text{solution } z \iff z \in \text{range } \text{nth-solution}$   
**using** *nth-solution-sound nth-solution-complete* **by** *blast*

**corollary** *solution-iff-nth-solution'*:  
**fixes**  $z :: \text{int} \times \text{int}$



shows  $\text{solution } (a, b) \longleftrightarrow (\text{nat } |a|, \text{nat } |b|) \in \text{range } \text{nth-solution}$   
**proof** –  
 have  $\text{solution } (a, b) \longleftrightarrow \text{solution } (\text{nat } |a|, \text{nat } |b|)$   
 by *simp*  
 also have  $\dots \longleftrightarrow (\text{nat } |a|, \text{nat } |b|) \in \text{range } \text{nth-solution}$   
 by (*rule solution-iff-nth-solution*)  
 finally show *?thesis* .  
**qed**

**corollary** *infinite-solutions*:  $\text{infinite } \{z :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}. \text{solution } z\}$   
**proof** –  
 have *infinite* (*range nth-solution*)  
 by (*intro range-inj-infinite nth-solution-inj*)  
 also have  $\text{range } \text{nth-solution} = \{z :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}. \text{solution } z\}$   
 by (*auto simp: solution-iff-nth-solution*)  
 finally show *?thesis* .  
**qed**

**corollary** *infinite-solutions'*:  $\text{infinite } \{z :: \text{int} \times \text{int}. \text{solution } z\}$   
**proof**  
 assume *finite*  $\{z :: \text{int} \times \text{int}. \text{solution } z\}$   
 hence *finite* (*map-prod* (*nat*  $\circ$  *abs*) (*nat*  $\circ$  *abs*) ‘ $\{z :: \text{int} \times \text{int}. \text{solution } z\}$ )  
 by (*rule finite-imageI*)  
 also have (*map-prod* (*nat*  $\circ$  *abs*) (*nat*  $\circ$  *abs*) ‘ $\{z :: \text{int} \times \text{int}. \text{solution } z\}$ ) =  
 $\{z :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}. \text{solution } z\}$   
 by (*auto simp: map-prod-def image-iff intro!: exI[of - int x for x]*)  
 finally show *False* using *infinite-solutions* by *contradiction*  
**qed**

**lemma** *strict-mono-pell-valuation-nth-solution*: *strict-mono* (*pell-valuation*  $\circ$  *nth-solution*)  
 using *pell-valuation-fund-sol-ge-2*  
 by (*auto simp: strict-mono-def intro!: power-strict-increasing*)

**lemma** *strict-mono-nth-solution*:  
*strict-mono* (*fst*  $\circ$  *nth-solution*) *strict-mono* (*snd*  $\circ$  *nth-solution*)  
**proof** –  
 let *?g* = *nth-solution*  
 have  $\text{fst } (?g \ m) < \text{fst } (?g \ n) \wedge \text{snd } (?g \ m) < \text{snd } (?g \ n)$  **if**  $m < n$  **for**  $m \ n$   
 using *pell-valuation-fund-sol-ge-2* *that*  
 by (*subst solutions-less-iff-pell-valuation-less*) *auto*  
 thus *strict-mono* (*fst*  $\circ$  *nth-solution*) *strict-mono* (*snd*  $\circ$  *nth-solution*)  
 by (*auto simp: strict-mono-def*)  
**qed**

**end**

## 2.11 The case of an “almost square” parameter

If  $D$  is equal to  $a^2 - 1$  for some  $a > 1$ , we have a particularly simple case where the fundamental solution is simply  $(1, a)$ .

**context**

**fixes**  $a :: nat$   
**assumes**  $a: a > 1$

**begin**

**lemma** *pell-square-minus1*:  $pell (a^2 - Suc\ 0)$

**proof**

**show**  $\neg is-square (a^2 - Suc\ 0)$

**proof**

**assume**  $is-square (a^2 - Suc\ 0)$

**then obtain**  $k$  **where**  $k^2 = a^2 - 1$  **by** (*auto elim: is-nth-powerE*)

**with**  $a$  **have**  $a^2 = Suc (k^2)$  **by** *simp*

**hence**  $a = 1$  **using** *pell-square-solution-nat-iff*[*of 1 a k*] **by** *simp*

**with**  $a$  **show** *False* **by** *simp*

**qed**

**qed**

**interpretation** *pell*  $a^2 - Suc\ 0$

**by** (*rule pell-square-minus1*)

**lemma** *fund-sol-square-minus1*:  $fund-sol = (a, 1)$

**proof** –

**from**  $a$  **have**  $sol: nontriv-solution (a, 1)$

**by** (*simp add: nontriv-solution-def*)

**from**  $sol$  **have**  $snd\ fund-sol \leq 1$

**using** *fund-sol-minimal'*[*of (a, 1)*] **by** *auto*

**with** *solutions-linorder-strict*[*of a 1 fst fund-sol snd fund-sol*]

*fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution sol*

**show**  $fund-sol = (a, 1)$

**by** (*cases fund-sol*) (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef*)

**qed**

**end**

## 2.12 Alternative presentation of the main results

**theorem** *pell-solutions*:

**fixes**  $D :: nat$

**assumes**  $\nexists k. D = k^2$

**obtains**  $x_0\ y_0 :: nat$

**where**  $\forall (x::int) (y::int).$

$x^2 - D * y^2 = 1 \iff$

$(\exists n::nat. nat\ |x| + sqrt\ D * nat\ |y| = (x_0 + sqrt\ D * y_0) \wedge n)$

**proof** –

**from** *assms* **interpret** *pell*

```

    by unfold-locales (auto simp: is-nth-power-def)
  show ?thesis
proof (rule that[of fst fund-sol snd fund-sol], intro allI, goal-cases)
  case (1 x y)
  have  $(x^2 - \text{int } D * y^2 = 1) \longleftrightarrow \text{solution } (x, y)$ 
    by (auto simp: solution-def)
  also have  $\dots \longleftrightarrow (\exists n. (\text{nat } |x|, \text{nat } |y|) = \text{nth-solution } n)$ 
    by (subst solution-iff-nth-solution) blast
  also have  $(\lambda n. (\text{nat } |x|, \text{nat } |y|) = \text{nth-solution } n) =$ 
     $(\lambda n. \text{pell-valuation } (\text{nat } |x|, \text{nat } |y|) = \text{pell-valuation } (\text{nth-solution } n))$ 
    by (subst pell-valuation-eq-iff) (auto simp add: case-prod-unfold prod-eq-iff
fun-eq-iff)
  also have  $\dots = (\lambda n. \text{nat } |x| + \text{sqrt } D * \text{nat } |y| = (\text{fst fund-sol} + \text{sqrt } D * \text{snd}$ 
fund-sol) ^ n)
    by (subst pell-valuation-nth-solution)
    (simp add: pell-valuation-def case-prod-unfold mult-ac)
  finally show ?case .
qed
qed

```

```

corollary pell-solutions-infinite:
  fixes  $D :: \text{nat}$ 
  assumes  $\nexists k. D = k^2$ 
  shows infinite  $\{(x :: \text{int}, y :: \text{int}). x^2 - D * y^2 = 1\}$ 
proof -
  from assms interpret pell
  by unfold-locales (auto simp: is-nth-power-def)
  have  $\{(x :: \text{int}, y :: \text{int}). x^2 - D * y^2 = 1\} = \{z. \text{solution } z\}$ 
    by (auto simp: solution-def)
  also have infinite  $\dots$  by (rule infinite-solutions')
  finally show ?thesis .
qed
end

```

## 2.13 Executable code

```

theory Pell-Algorithm
imports
  Pell
  Efficient-Discrete-Sqrt
  HOL-Library.Discrete-Functions
  HOL-Library.While-Combinator
  HOL-Library.Stream
begin

```

### 2.13.1 Efficient computation of powers by squaring

The following is a tail-recursive implementation of exponentiation by squaring. It works for any binary operation  $f$  that fulfils  $f x (f x z) = f (f x x) z$ , i. e. some weak form of associativity.

**context**

**fixes**  $f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a$

**begin**

**function**  $efficient-power :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'a$  **where**

$efficient-power\ y\ x\ 0 = y$

|  $efficient-power\ y\ x\ (Suc\ 0) = f\ x\ y$

|  $n \neq 0 \implies even\ n \implies efficient-power\ y\ x\ n = efficient-power\ y\ (f\ x\ x)\ (n\ div\ 2)$

|  $n \neq 1 \implies odd\ n \implies efficient-power\ y\ x\ n = efficient-power\ (f\ x\ y)\ (f\ x\ x)\ (n\ div\ 2)$

**by**  $force+$

**termination by**  $(relation\ measure\ (snd\ \circ\ snd))\ (auto\ elim:\ oddE)$

**lemma**  $efficient-power-code$  [code]:

$efficient-power\ y\ x\ n =$

(if  $n = 0$  then  $y$

else if  $n = 1$  then  $f\ x\ y$

else if even  $n$  then  $efficient-power\ y\ (f\ x\ x)\ (n\ div\ 2)$

else  $efficient-power\ (f\ x\ y)\ (f\ x\ x)\ (n\ div\ 2)$ )

**by**  $(induction\ y\ x\ n\ rule:\ efficient-power.induct)\ auto$

**lemma**  $efficient-power-correct$ :

**assumes**  $\bigwedge x\ z. f\ x\ (f\ x\ z) = f\ (f\ x\ x)\ z$

**shows**  $efficient-power\ y\ x\ n = (f\ x\ \overset{\sim}{\sim} n)\ y$

**proof** –

**have** [simp]:  $f\ \overset{\sim}{\sim} 2 = (\lambda x. f\ (f\ x))$  **for**  $f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a$

**by**  $(simp\ add:\ eval-nat-numeral\ o-def)$

**show** ?thesis

**by**  $(induction\ y\ x\ n\ rule:\ efficient-power.induct)$

$(auto\ elim!\ evenE\ oddE\ simp:\ funpow-mult\ [symmetric]\ funpow-Suc-right$

$assms$

$simp\ del:\ funpow.simps(2))$

**qed**

**end**

### 2.13.2 Multiplication and powers of solutions

We define versions of Pell solution multiplication and exponentiation specialised to natural numbers, both for efficiency reasons and to circumvent the problem of generating code for definitions made inside locales.

**fun**  $pell-mul-nat :: nat \Rightarrow nat \times nat \Rightarrow -$  **where**

$pell-mul-nat\ D\ (a,\ b)\ (x,\ y) = (a * x + D * b * y,\ a * y + b * x)$

**lemma** (in *pell*) *pell-mul-nat-correct* [*simp*]: *pell-mul-nat*  $D = \text{pell.pell-mul } D$   
**by** (*auto simp add: pell-mul-def fun-eq-iff*)

**definition** *efficient-pell-power* ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$  **where**  
*efficient-pell-power*  $D z n = \text{efficient-power } (\text{pell-mul-nat } D) (1, 0) z n$

**lemma** *efficient-pell-power-correct* [*simp*]:  
*efficient-pell-power*  $D z n = (\text{pell-mul-nat } D z \hat{\sim} n) (1, 0)$   
**unfolding** *efficient-pell-power-def*  
**by** (*intro efficient-power-correct*) (*auto simp: algebra-simps*)

### 2.13.3 Finding the fundamental solution

In the following, we set up a very simple algorithm for computing the fundamental solution  $(x, y)$ . We try increasing values for  $y$  until  $1 + Dy^2$  is a perfect square, which we check using an efficient square-detection algorithm. This is efficient enough to work on some interesting small examples.

Much better algorithms (typically based on the continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{D}$ ) are available, but they are also considerably more complicated.

**lemma** *Discrete-sqrt-square-is-square*:  
**assumes** *is-square*  $n$   
**shows** *floor-sqrt*  $n \hat{\sim} 2 = n$   
**using** *assms* **unfolding** *is-nth-power-def* **by** *force*

**definition** *find-fund-sol-step* ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \times \text{nat} + \text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow -$  **where**  
*find-fund-sol-step*  $D = (\lambda \text{Inl } (y, y') \Rightarrow$   
*(case get-nat-sqrt*  $y'$  *of*  
*Some*  $x \Rightarrow \text{Inr } (x, y)$   
 $|\ \text{None} \Rightarrow \text{Inl } (y + 1, y' + D * (2 * y + 1))$ *))*

**definition** *find-fund-sol* **where**  
*find-fund-sol*  $D =$   
*(if square-test*  $D$  *then*  
 $(0, 0)$   
*else*  
 $\text{sum.projr } (\text{while sum.isl } (\text{find-fund-sol-step } D) (\text{Inl } (1, 1 + D)))$ *)*

**lemma** *fund-sol-code*:  
**assumes**  $\neg \text{is-square } (D :: \text{nat})$   
**shows** *pell.fund-sol*  $D = \text{sum.projr } (\text{while isl } (\text{find-fund-sol-step } D) (\text{Inl } (\text{Suc } 0, \text{Suc } D)))$

**proof** –

**from** *assms* **interpret** *pell*  $D$  **by** *unfold-locales*

**note** [*simp*] = *find-fund-sol-step-def*

**define**  $f$  **where**  $f = \text{find-fund-sol-step } D$

**define**  $P :: \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$  **where**  $P = (\lambda y. y > 0 \wedge \text{is-square } (y^2 * D + 1))$

**define**  $Q :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$  **where**

$Q = (\lambda(x,y). P y \wedge (\forall y' \in \{0 < .. < y\}. \neg P y') \wedge x = \text{floor-sqrt } (y^2 * D + 1))$   
**define**  $R :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat} + \text{nat} \times \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$   
**where**  $R = (\lambda s. \text{case } s \text{ of}$   
 $\quad \text{Inl } (m, m') \Rightarrow m > 0 \wedge (m' = m^2 * D + 1) \wedge (\forall y \in \{0 < .. < m\}. \neg \text{is-square } (y^2 * D + 1))$   
 $\quad | \text{Inr } x \Rightarrow Q x)$   
**define**  $\text{rel} :: ((\text{nat} \times \text{nat} + \text{nat} \times \text{nat}) \times (\text{nat} \times \text{nat} + \text{nat} \times \text{nat})) \text{ set}$   
**where**  $\text{rel} = \{(A,B). (\text{case } (A, B) \text{ of}$   
 $\quad (\text{Inl } (m, -), \text{Inl } (m', -)) \Rightarrow m' > 0 \wedge m > m' \wedge m \leq \text{snd fund-sol}$   
 $\quad | (\text{Inr } -, \text{Inl } (m', -)) \Rightarrow m' \leq \text{snd fund-sol}$   
 $\quad | - \Rightarrow \text{False}) \wedge A = f B\}$   
**obtain**  $x y$  **where**  $xy: \text{sum.projr } (\text{while } \text{isl } f (\text{Inl } (\text{Suc } 0, \text{Suc } D))) = (x, y)$   
**by**  $(\text{cases } \text{sum.projr } (\text{while } \text{isl } f (\text{Inl } (\text{Suc } 0, \text{Suc } D))))$   
**have**  $\text{neq-fund-solI}: y \neq \text{snd fund-sol}$  **if**  $\neg \text{is-square } (\text{Suc } (y^2 * D))$  **for**  $y$   
**proof**  
**assume**  $y = \text{snd fund-sol}$   
**with**  $\text{fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution}$  **have**  $\text{Suc } (y^2 * D) = \text{fst fund-sol} \wedge 2$   
**by**  $(\text{simp add: nontriv-solution-def case-prod-unfold})$   
**hence**  $\text{is-square } (\text{Suc } (y^2 * D))$  **by**  $\text{simp}$   
**with that show**  $\text{False}$  **by**  $\text{contradiction}$   
**qed**  
**have**  $\text{case-sum } (\lambda -. \text{False}) Q (\text{while } \text{sum.isl } f (\text{Inl } (m, m^2 * D + 1)))$   
**if**  $\forall y \in \{0 < .. < m\}. \neg \text{is-square } (y^2 * D + 1) \wedge m > 0$  **for**  $m$   
**proof**  $(\text{rule } \text{while-rule}[\text{where } b = \text{sum.isl}])$   
**show**  $R (\text{Inl } (m, m^2 * D + 1))$   
**using that by**  $(\text{auto simp: } R\text{-def})$   
**next**  
**fix**  $s$  **assume**  $R s \text{isl } s$   
**thus**  $R (f s)$   
**by**  $(\text{auto simp: not-less-less-Suc-eq } Q\text{-def } P\text{-def } R\text{-def } f\text{-def } \text{get-nat-sqrt-def}$   
 $\quad \text{power2-eq-square algebra-simps split: sum.splits prod.splits})$   
**next**  
**fix**  $s$  **assume**  $R s \neg \text{isl } s$   
**thus**  $\text{case } s \text{ of } \text{Inl } - \Rightarrow \text{False} \mid \text{Inr } x \Rightarrow Q x$   
**by**  $(\text{auto simp: } R\text{-def split: sum.splits})$   
**next**  
**fix**  $s$  **assume**  $s: R s \text{isl } s$   
**show**  $(f s, s) \in \text{rel}$   
**proof**  $(\text{cases } s)$   
**case**  $[\text{simp}]: (\text{Inl } s')$   
**obtain**  $a b$  **where**  $[\text{simp}]: s' = (a, b)$  **by**  $(\text{cases } s')$   
**from**  $s$  **have**  $*$ :  $a > 0 \wedge b = \text{Suc } (a^2 * D) \wedge y. y \in \{0 < .. < a\} \implies \neg \text{is-square}$   
 $(\text{Suc } (y^2 * D))$   
**by**  $(\text{auto simp: } R\text{-def})$   
**have**  $a < \text{snd fund-sol}$  **if**  $*$ :  $\neg \text{is-square } (\text{Suc } (a^2 * D))$

**proof** –  
**from** *neq-fund-solI* **have**  $y' \neq \text{snd fund-sol}$  **if**  $y' \in \{0 < .. < \text{Suc } a\}$  **for**  $y'$   
**using** \* \*\* **that** **by** (*cases*  $y' = a$ ) *auto*  
**moreover** **have**  $\text{snd fund-sol} \neq 0$  **using** *fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution*  
**by** (*intro notI, cases fund-sol*) (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef*)  
**ultimately** **have**  $\forall y' \leq a. y' \neq \text{snd fund-sol}$  **by** (*auto simp: less-Suc-eq-le*)  
**thus**  $\text{snd fund-sol} > a$  **by** (*cases a < snd fund-sol*) (*auto simp: not-less*)  
**qed**  
**moreover** **have**  $a \leq \text{snd fund-sol}$   
**proof** –  
**have**  $\forall y' \in \{0 < .. < a\}. y' \neq \text{snd fund-sol}$  **using** *neq-fund-solI* \*  
**by** (*auto simp: less-Suc-eq-le*)  
**moreover** **have**  $\text{snd fund-sol} \neq 0$  **using** *fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution*  
**by** (*intro notI, cases fund-sol*) (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef*)  
**ultimately** **have**  $\forall y' < a. y' \neq \text{snd fund-sol}$  **by** (*auto simp: less-Suc-eq-le*)  
**thus**  $\text{snd fund-sol} \geq a$  **by** (*cases a \leq snd fund-sol*) (*auto simp: not-less*)  
**qed**  
**ultimately** **show** *?thesis* **using** \*  
**by** (*auto simp: f-def get-nat-sqrt-def rel-def*)  
**qed** (*insert s, auto*)  
**next**  
**define** *rel'*  
**where**  $\text{rel}' = \{(y, x). (\text{case } x \text{ of } \text{Inl } (m, -) \Rightarrow m \leq \text{snd fund-sol} \mid \text{Inr } - \Rightarrow \text{False}) \wedge y = f x\}$   
**have** *wf rel'* **unfolding** *rel'-def*  
**by** (*rule wf-if-measure[where f = \lambda z. case z of Inl (m, -) \Rightarrow Suc (snd fund-sol) - m \mid - \Rightarrow 0]*)  
*(auto split: prod.splits sum.splits simp: f-def get-nat-sqrt-def)*  
**moreover** **have**  $\text{rel} \subseteq \text{rel}'$   
**proof** *safe*  
**fix**  $w z$  **assume**  $(w, z) \in \text{rel}$   
**thus**  $(w, z) \in \text{rel}'$  **by** (*cases w; cases z*) (*auto simp: rel-def rel'-def*)  
**qed**  
**ultimately** **show** *wf rel* **by** (*rule wf-subset*)  
**qed**  
**from** *this[of 1]* **and**  $xy$  **have** \*:  $Q(x, y)$   
**by** (*auto split: sum.splits*)  
  
**from** \* **have** *is-square* ( $\text{Suc } (y^2 * D)$ ) **by** (*simp add: Q-def P-def*)  
**with** \* **have**  $x^2 = \text{Suc } (y^2 * D)$   $y > 0$   
**by** (*auto simp: Q-def P-def Discrete-sqrt-square-is-square*)  
**hence** *nontriv-solution*  $(x, y)$   
**by** (*auto simp: nontriv-solution-def*)  
**from** *this* **have**  $\text{snd fund-sol} \leq \text{snd } (x, y)$   
**by** (*rule fund-sol-minimal''*)  
**moreover** **have**  $\text{snd fund-sol} \geq y$   
**proof** –  
**from** \* **have**  $(\forall y' \in \{0 < .. < y\}. \neg \text{is-square } (\text{Suc } (y'^2 * D)))$   
**by** (*simp add: Q-def P-def*)

**with** *neq-fund-solI* **have**  $(\forall y' \in \{0 < \dots < y\}. y' \neq \text{snd fund-sol})$   
**by** *auto*  
**moreover** **have**  $\text{snd fund-sol} \neq 0$   
**using** *fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution*  
**by** *(cases fund-sol) (auto intro!: Nat.gr0I simp: nontriv-solution-altdef)*  
**ultimately** **have**  $(\forall y' < y. y' \neq \text{snd fund-sol})$  **by** *auto*  
**thus**  $\text{snd fund-sol} \geq y$  **by** *(cases snd fund-sol  $\geq y$ ) (auto simp: not-less)*  
**qed**  
**ultimately** **have**  $\text{snd fund-sol} = y$  **by** *simp*  
**with** *solutions-linorder-strict[of x y fst fund-sol snd fund-sol]*  
*fund-sol-is-nontriv-solution  $\langle \text{nontriv-solution } (x, y) \rangle$*   
**have**  $\text{fst fund-sol} = x$  **by** *(cases fund-sol) (auto simp: nontriv-solution-altdef)*  
**with**  $\langle \text{snd fund-sol} = y \rangle$  **have**  $\text{fund-sol} = (x, y)$   
**by** *(cases fund-sol) simp*  
**with** *xy* **show** *?thesis* **by** *(simp add: f-def)*  
**qed**

**lemma** *find-fund-sol-correct*:  $\text{find-fund-sol } D = (\text{if is-square } D \text{ then } (0, 0) \text{ else } \text{pell.fund-sol } D)$   
**by** *(simp add: find-fund-sol-def fund-sol-code square-test-correct)*

#### 2.13.4 The infinite list of all solutions

**definition** *pell-solutions* ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow (\text{nat} \times \text{nat}) \text{ stream}$  **where**  
*pell-solutions*  $D = (\text{let } z = \text{find-fund-sol } D \text{ in siterate } (\text{pell-mul-nat } D \ z) \ (1, 0))$

**lemma** **(in** *pell***)** *snth*  $(\text{pell-solutions } D) \ n = \text{nth-solution } n$   
**by** *(simp add: pell-solutions-def Let-def find-fund-sol-correct nonsquare-D nth-solution-def pell-power-def pell-mul-commutes[of - fund-sol])*

#### 2.13.5 Computing the $n$ -th solution

**definition** *find-nth-solution* ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \times \text{nat}$  **where**  
*find-nth-solution*  $D \ n =$   
*(if is-square } D \ \text{then } (0, 0) \ \text{else}*  
*let } z = \text{sum.projr } (\text{while isl } (\text{find-fund-sol-step } D) \ (Inl \ (\text{Suc } 0, \ \text{Suc } D)))*  
*in } \text{efficient-pell-power } D \ z \ n)*

**lemma** **(in** *pell***)** *find-nth-solution-correct*:  $\text{find-nth-solution } D \ n = \text{nth-solution } n$   
**by** *(simp add: find-nth-solution-def nonsquare-D nth-solution-def fund-sol-code pell-power-def pell-mul-commutes[of - projr -])*

**end**

#### 2.13.6 Tests

**theory** *Pell-Algorithm-Test*  
**imports**  
*Pell-Algorithm*  
*HOL-Library.Code-Target-Numeral*



```
HOL–Library.Code-Lazy
begin

code-lazy-type stream

value find-fund-sol 73
value find-fund-sol 106

value stake 100 (pell-solutions 73)
value snth (pell-solutions 73) 600

value find-nth-solution 73 600
value find-nth-solution 106 10

end
```

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