

On t -Balancers, t -Balancing Numbers and Lucas t -Balancing Numbers

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Abstract: In this work, we determined the general terms of t -balancers, t -balancing numbers and Lucas t -balancing numbers in terms of balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers by solving the Pell equation $2x^2 - y^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1$ for some integer $t \geq 1$.

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1 Introduction

A positive integer n is called a balancing number ([2]) if the Diophantine equation

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + (n - 1) = (n + 1) + (n + 2) + \cdots + (n + r) \quad (1.1)$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called balancer corresponding to n . If n is a balancing number with balancer r , then from (1.1)

$$n^2 = \frac{(n + r)(n + r + 1)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 + 1}}{2}. \quad (1.2)$$

From (1.2), they noted that n is a balancing number if and only if n^2 is a triangular number and $8n^2 + 1$ is a perfect square. Though the definition of balancing numbers suggests that no balancing number should be less than 2. But from (1.2), Behera and Panda noted that $8(0)^2 + 1 = 1$ and $8(1)^2 + 1 = 3^2$ are perfect squares. So they accepted 0 and 1 to be balancing numbers. Let B_n denote the n^{th} balancing number. Then $B_0 = 0$, $B_1 = 1$, $B_2 = 6$ and $B_{n+1} = 6B_n - B_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 2$.

Later Panda and Ray ([12]) defined that a positive integer n is called a cobalancing number if the Diophantine equation

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n = (n + 1) + (n + 2) + \cdots + (n + r) \quad (1.3)$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called cobalancer corresponding to n . If n is a cobalancing number with cobalancer r , then from (1.3)

$$n(n + 1) = \frac{(n + r)(n + r + 1)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 + 8n + 1}}{2}. \quad (1.4)$$

From (1.4), they noted that n is a cobalancing number if and only if $n(n+1)$ is a triangular number and $8n^2 + 8n + 1$ is a perfect square. Since $8(0)^2 + 8(0) + 1 = 1$ is a perfect square, they accepted 0 to be a cobalancing number just like Behera and Panda accepted 0 and 1 to be balancing numbers. Let b_n denote the n^{th} cobalancing number. Then $b_0 = b_1 = 0, b_2 = 2$ and $b_{n+1} = 6b_n - b_{n-1} + 2$ for $n \geq 2$.

It is clear from (1.1) and (1.3) that every balancing number is a cobalancer and every cobalancing number is a balancer, that is, $B_n = r_{n+1}$ and $R_n = b_n$ for $n \geq 1$, where R_n is the n^{th} the balancer and r_n is the n^{th} cobalancer. Since $R_n = b_n$, we get from (1.1) that

$$b_n = \frac{-2B_n - 1 + \sqrt{8B_n^2 + 1}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad B_n = \frac{2b_n + 1 + \sqrt{8b_n^2 + 8b_n + 1}}{2}. \quad (1.5)$$

Thus from (1.5), B_n is a balancing number if and only if $8B_n^2 + 1$ is a perfect square and b_n is a cobalancing number if and only if $8b_n^2 + 8b_n + 1$ is a perfect square. Thus

$$C_n = \sqrt{8B_n^2 + 1} \quad \text{and} \quad c_n = \sqrt{8b_n^2 + 8b_n + 1} \quad (1.6)$$

are integers which are called the n^{th} Lucas-balancing number and n^{th} Lucas-cobalancing number, respectively (Note that $C_0 = c_0 = 1$).

Let $\alpha = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ and $\beta = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ be the roots of the characteristic equation for Pell numbers which are the numbers defined by $P_0 = 0, P_1 = 1$ and $P_n = 2P_{n-1} + P_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 2$. Ray ([17]) derived some nice results on balancing numbers and Pell numbers his Phd thesis. Since x is a balancing number if and only if $8x^2 + 1$ is a perfect square, he set $8x^2 + 1 = y^2$ for some integer $y \geq 1$. Then he get

$$y^2 - 8x^2 = 1 \quad (1.7)$$

which is a Pell equation ([1, 3, 9]). The fundamental solution of (1.7) is $(y_1, x_1) = (3, 1)$. So $y_n + x_n\sqrt{8} = (3 + \sqrt{8})^n$ for $n \geq 1$ and similarly $y_n - x_n\sqrt{8} = (3 - \sqrt{8})^n$. Let $\gamma = 3 + \sqrt{8}$ and $\delta = 3 - \sqrt{8}$. Then he get $x_n = \frac{\gamma^n - \delta^n}{\gamma - \delta}$ which is the Binet formula for balancing numbers, that is, $B_n = \frac{\gamma^n - \delta^n}{\gamma - \delta}$. Since $\alpha^2 = \gamma$ and $\beta^2 = \delta$, he conclude that the Binet formula for balancing numbers is

$$B_n = \frac{\alpha^{2n} - \beta^{2n}}{4\sqrt{2}}.$$

Similarly

$$b_n = \frac{\alpha^{2n-1} - \beta^{2n-1}}{4\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2}, C_n = \frac{\alpha^{2n} + \beta^{2n}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad c_n = \frac{\alpha^{2n-1} + \beta^{2n-1}}{2}$$

for $n \geq 1$ (see also [4, 10, 11, 15]).

Balancing numbers and their generalizations have been investigated by several authors from many aspects. In [7], Liptai proved that there is no Fibonacci balancing number except 1 and in [8] he proved that there is no Lucas balancing number. In [19], Szalay considered the same problem and obtained some nice results by a different method. In [5], Kovács, Liptai and Olajos extended the concept of balancing numbers to the (a, b) -balancing numbers defined as follows: Let $a > 0$ and $b \geq 0$ be coprime integers. If

$$(a + b) + \cdots + (a(n - 1) + b) = (a(n + 1) + b) + \cdots + (a(n + r) + b)$$

for some integers $n, r \geq 1$, then $an + b$ is an (a, b) -balancing number. The sequence of (a, b) -balancing numbers is denoted by $B_m^{(a,b)}$ for $m \geq 1$. In [6], Liptai, Luca, Pintér and Szalay generalized the notion of balancing numbers to numbers defined as follows: Let $y, k, l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $y \geq 4$. Then a positive integer x with $x \leq y - 2$ is called a (k, l) -power numerical center for y if $1^k + \cdots + (x - 1)^k = (x + 1)^l + \cdots + (y - 1)^l$. They studied the number of solutions of the equation above and proved several effective and ineffective finiteness results for (k, l) -power numerical centers. For integers $k, x \geq 1$, let

$$\Pi_k(x) = x(x + 1) \cdots (x + k - 1).$$

Then it was proved in [5] that the equation $B_m = \Pi_k(x)$ for fixed integer $k \geq 2$ has only infinitely many solutions and for $k \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ all solutions were determined. In [21] Tengely, considered the case $k = 5$, that is, $B_m = x(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)(x + 4)$ and proved that this Diophantine equation has no solution for $m \geq 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. In [14], Panda, Komatsu and Davala considered the reciprocal sums of sequences involving balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers. In [16], Patel, Irmak and Ray considered incomplete balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers and in [18], Ray considered the sums of balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers by matrix methods.

Recently, almost balancing numbers first defined by Panda and Panda in [13]. A natural number n is called an almost balancing number if the Diophantine equation

$$|[(n + 1) + (n + 2) + \cdots + (n + r)] - [1 + 2 + \cdots + (n - 1)]| = 1$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called the almost balancer. In [20], the first author derived some new results on almost balancing numbers, triangular numbers and square triangular numbers.

2 t -Balancing numbers.

In this section we try to determine the general terms of all t -balancers, t -balancing numbers and Lucas t -balancing numbers.

Let $t \geq 1$ be an integer. Then by considering (1.1), a positive integer n is called a t -balancing number if the Diophantine equation

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 = (n + 1 + t) + (n + 2 + t) + \cdots + (n + r + t) \quad (2.1)$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called t -balancer corresponding to n .

Let B_n^t denote the n^{th} t -balancing number and let R_n^t denote the n^{th} t -balancer. Then from (2.1), we get

$$R_n^t = \frac{-2B_n^t - 2t - 1 + \sqrt{8(B_n^t)^2 + 8tB_n^t + (2t + 1)^2}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad (2.2)$$

$$B_n^t = \frac{2R_n^t + 1 + \sqrt{8(R_n^t)^2 + 8(t + 1)R_n^t + 1}}{2}. \quad (2.3)$$

From (2.2), we note that B_n^t is a t -balancing number if and only if $8(B_n^t)^2 + 8tB_n^t + (2t + 1)^2$ is a perfect square. Thus

$$C_n^t = \sqrt{8(B_n^t)^2 + 8tB_n^t + (2t + 1)^2} \quad (2.4)$$

is an integer which is called Lucas t -balancing number.

In order to determine the general terms of t -balancers, t -balancing numbers and Lucas t -balancing numbers, we have to determine the set of all (positive) integer solutions of the Pell equation

$$2x^2 - y^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1. \quad (2.5)$$

We see from (2.3) that R_n^t is a t -balancer if and only if $8(R_n^t)^2 + 8(t + 1)R_n^t + 1$ is a perfect square. So we set

$$8(R_n^t)^2 + 8(t + 1)R_n^t + 1 = y^2 \quad (2.6)$$

for some integer $y \geq 1$. Then $2(2R_n^t + t + 1)^2 - y^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1$ and putting

$$x = 2R_n^t + t + 1, \quad (2.7)$$

we get the Pell equation defined in (2.5).

Now let Δ be a non-square discriminant. Then the Δ -order O_Δ is defined to be the ring $O_\Delta = \{x + y\rho_\Delta : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, where $\rho_\Delta = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{4}}$ if $\Delta \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or $\frac{1+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$ if $\Delta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. So O_Δ is a subring of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}) = \{x + y\sqrt{\Delta} : x, y \in \mathbb{Q}\}$. The unit group O_Δ^u is defined to be the group of units of the ring O_Δ .

Let $F(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ be an indefinite integral quadratic form ([3]) of discriminant $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$. Then we can rewrite $F(x, y) = ((xa + y\frac{b+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2})(xa + y\frac{b-\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}))/a$. So the module M_F of F is

$$M_F = \{xa + y\frac{b+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2} : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}).$$

Therefore we get $(u + v\rho_\Delta)(xa + y\frac{b+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}) = x'a + y'\frac{b+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$, where

$$[x' \ y'] = \begin{cases} [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} u - \frac{b}{2}v & av \\ -cv & u + \frac{b}{2}v \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } \Delta \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} u + \frac{1-b}{2}v & av \\ -cv & u + \frac{1+b}{2}v \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } \Delta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

Let m be any integer and let Ω denote the set of all integer solutions of $F(x, y) = m$, that is, $\Omega = \{(x, y) : F(x, y) = m\}$. Then there is a bijection

$$\Psi : \Omega \rightarrow \{\gamma \in M_F : N(\gamma) = am\}.$$

The action of $O_{\Delta,1}^u = \{\alpha \in O_\Delta^u : N(\alpha) = 1\}$ on the set Ω is most interesting when Δ is a positive non-square since $O_{\Delta,1}^u$ is infinite. Therefore the orbit of each solution will be infinite and so the set Ω is either empty or infinite. Since $O_{\Delta,1}^u$ can be explicitly determined, the set Ω is satisfactorily described by the representation of such a list, called a set of representatives of the orbits. Let ε_Δ be the smallest unit of O_Δ that is greater than 1 and let $\tau_\Delta = \varepsilon_\Delta$ if $N(\varepsilon_\Delta) = 1$ or ε_Δ^2 if $N(\varepsilon_\Delta) = -1$. Then every $O_{\Delta,1}^u$ orbit of integral solutions of $F(x, y) = m$ contains a solution $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ such that $0 \leq y \leq U$, where $U = |\frac{am\tau_\Delta}{\Delta}|^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - \frac{1}{\tau_\Delta})$ if $am > 0$ or $U = |\frac{am\tau_\Delta}{\Delta}|^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 + \frac{1}{\tau_\Delta})$ if $am < 0$. So for finding a set of representatives of the $O_{\Delta,1}^u$ orbits of integral solutions of $F(x, y) = m$, we must find for each integer y_0 in the range $0 \leq y_0 \leq U$, whether $\Delta y_0^2 + 4am$ is a perfect square or not since

$$ax_0^2 + bx_0y_0 + cy_0^2 = m \Leftrightarrow \Delta y_0^2 + 4am = (2ax_0 + by_0)^2. \quad (2.9)$$

If $\Delta y_0^2 + 4am$ is a perfect square, then from (2.9) we get

$$x_0 = \frac{-by_0 \pm \sqrt{\Delta y_0^2 + 4am}}{2a}.$$

So there is a set of representatives $\text{Rep} = \{[x_0 \ y_0]\}$. Consequently for the matrix M defined in (2.8), the set of all integer solutions of $F(x, y) = m$ is $\Omega = \{\pm(x, y) : [x \ y] = [x_0 \ y_0]M^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. If $\Delta y_0^2 + 4am$ is not a perfect square, then there are no integer solutions.

For the set of all integer solutions of (2.5), the indefinite form is $F(x, y) = 2x^2 - y^2$ of discriminant $\Delta = 8$. So $\tau_8 = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$ and

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.10)$$

from (2.8). Here we have two cases: $2t^2 + 4t + 1$ is a perfect square or not for $t \geq 1$.

2.1 Case 1: $2t^2 + 4t + 1$ is a perfect square.

In this case, we can give the following theorem first.

Theorem 2.1. *The quadratic Diophantine equation $2t^2 + 4t + 1 = h^2$ is satisfied for $(t, h) = (P_{2n-1} - 1, c_n)$ for $n \geq 2$.*

Proof. Let $2t^2 + 4t + 1 = h^2$ for some integer $h \geq 1$. Then $2(t+1)^2 - h^2 = 1$ and taking $t+1 = w$, we get the Pell equation $2w^2 - h^2 = 1$. The set of representatives is $\text{Rep} = \{[\pm 1 \ 1]\}$ and in this case $[1 \ -1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (w_n, h_n) for $n \geq 1$ for $M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. It can be easily seen that $M^n = \begin{bmatrix} C_n & 4B_n \\ 2B_n & C_n \end{bmatrix}$ for $n \geq 1$. So the set of all integer solutions of $2w^2 - h^2 = 1$ is $\{(-2B_n + C_n, 4B_n - C_n) : n \geq 1\}$. But we notice that $-2B_n + C_n = P_{2n-1}$ and $4B_n - C_n = c_n$. So the quadratic equation $2t^2 + 4t + 1 = h^2$ is satisfied for $(t, h) = (P_{2n-1} - 1, c_n)$. \square

For the set of all integer solutions of (2.5) and the general terms of all t -balancers, t -balancing numbers and Lucas t -balancing numbers, we have two cases: $\#\text{Rep} = 4$ or $\#\text{Rep} > 4$.

Theorem 2.2. *If $\#\text{Rep} = 4$, then*

1. *the set of all integer solutions is $\Omega = \{(x_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}) : n \geq 0\} \cup \{(x_{3n-1}, y_{3n-1}), (x_{3n}, y_{3n}) : n \geq 1\}$, where*

$$\begin{aligned} (x_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}) &= (2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n + C_n) \\ (x_{3n-1}, y_{3n-1}) &= (-2hB_n + hC_n, 4hB_n - hC_n) \\ (x_{3n}, y_{3n}) &= (-2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n - C_n). \end{aligned}$$

2. *the general terms of t -balancers, t -balancing numbers and Lucas t -balancing numbers are*

$$\begin{aligned} R_{3n}^t &= \frac{2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ R_{3n-1}^t &= \frac{-2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ R_{3n-2}^t &= \frac{-2hB_n + hC_n - t - 1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{3n}^t &= \frac{(4t+6)B_n + (t+2)C_n - t}{2} \\
 B_{3n-1}^t &= \frac{(4t+2)B_n + tC_n - t}{2} \\
 B_{3n-2}^t &= \frac{2hB_n - t}{2} \\
 C_{3n}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{3n}^t)^2 + 8tB_{3n}^t + (2t+1)^2} \\
 C_{3n-1}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{3n-1}^t)^2 + 8tB_{3n-1}^t + (2t+1)^2} \\
 C_{3n-2}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{3n-2}^t)^2 + 8tB_{3n-2}^t + (2t+1)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 1$.

Proof. **(1)** Let $\# \text{Rep} = 4$. Then the set of representations is

$$\text{Rep} = \{[\pm(t+1) \ 1], [\pm h \ h]\},$$

and in this case

1. $[t+1 \ 1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (x_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}) for $n \geq 0$,
2. $[t+1 \ -1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (x_{3n}, y_{3n}) for $n \geq 1$,
3. $[h \ -h]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (x_{3n-1}, y_{3n-1}) for $n \geq 1$.

Thus the set of all integer solutions is $\Omega = \{(2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n + C_n) : n \geq 0\} \cup \{(-2hB_n + hC_n, 4hB_n - hC_n), (-2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n - C_n) : n \geq 1\}$.

(2) Note that $x = 2R_n^t + t + 1$ from (2.7). So

$$R_{3n}^t = \frac{2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2}$$

and from (2.3) and (2.6), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{3n}^t &= \frac{2R_{3n}^t + 1 + \sqrt{8(R_{3n}^t)^2 + 8(t+1)R_{3n}^t + 1}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1 + 1 + (4t+4)B_n + C_n}{2} \\
 &= \frac{(4t+6)B_n + (t+2)C_n - t}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$C_{3n}^t = \sqrt{8(B_{3n}^t)^2 + 8tB_{3n}^t + (2t+1)^2}$$

by (2.4). The other cases can be proved similarly. □

Theorem 2.3. *If $\#Rep = 2k > 4$, then*

1. *the set of all integer solutions is*

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega = \{ & (x_{(2k-1)n+1}, y_{(2k-1)n+1}), (x_{(2k-1)n+i+1}, y_{(2k-1)n+i+1}), \\ & (x_{(2k-1)n+k}, y_{(2k-1)n+k}) : n \geq 0\} \cup \\ & \{(x_{(2k-1)n}, y_{(2k-1)n}), (x_{(2k-1)n-i}, y_{(2k-1)n-i}) : n \geq 1\},\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}(x_{(2k-1)n+1}, y_{(2k-1)n+1}) &= (2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n + C_n) \\ (x_{(2k-1)n+i+1}, y_{(2k-1)n+i+1}) &= (2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n, 4t_{2i-1}B_n + t_{2i}C_n) \\ (x_{(2k-1)n+k}, y_{(2k-1)n+k}) &= (2hB_n + hC_n, 4hB_n + hC_n) \\ (x_{(2k-1)n}, y_{(2k-1)n}) &= (-2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n - C_n) \\ (x_{(2k-1)n-i}, y_{(2k-1)n-i}) &= (-2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n, 4t_{2i-1}B_n - t_{2i}C_n).\end{aligned}$$

2. *the general terms of t -balancers, t -balancing numbers and Lucas t -balancing numbers are*

$$\begin{aligned}R_{(2k-1)n}^t &= \frac{2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ R_{(2k-1)n-1}^t &= \frac{-2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ R_{(2k-1)n-i-1}^t &= \frac{-2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ B_{(2k-1)n}^t &= \frac{(4t+6)B_n + (t+2)C_n - t}{2} \\ B_{(2k-1)n-1}^t &= \frac{(4t+2)B_n + tC_n - t}{2} \\ B_{(2k-1)n-i-1}^t &= \frac{(-2t_{2i} + 4t_{2i-1})B_n + (t_{2i-1} - t_{2i})C_n - t}{2} \\ C_{(2k-1)n}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{(2k-1)n}^t)^2 + 8tB_{(2k-1)n}^t + (2t+1)^2} \\ C_{(2k-1)n-1}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{(2k-1)n-1}^t)^2 + 8tB_{(2k-1)n-1}^t + (2t+1)^2} \\ C_{(2k-1)n-i-1}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{(2k-1)n-i-1}^t)^2 + 8tB_{(2k-1)n-i-1}^t + (2t+1)^2}\end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned}R_{(2k-1)n+i}^t &= \frac{2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ R_{(2k-1)n+k-1}^t &= \frac{2hB_n + hC_n - t - 1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{(2k-1)n+i}^t &= \frac{(2t_{2i} + 4t_{2i-1})B_n + (t_{2i-1} + t_{2i})C_n - t}{2} \\
 B_{(2k-1)n+k-1}^t &= \frac{6hB_n + 2hC_n - t}{2} \\
 C_{(2k-1)n+i}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{(2k-1)n+i}^t)^2 + 8tB_{(2k-1)n+i}^t + (2t+1)^2} \\
 C_{(2k-1)n+k-1}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{(2k-1)n+k-1}^t)^2 + 8tB_{(2k-1)n+k-1}^t + (2t+1)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 0$,

where t_{2i-1} and t_{2i} are positive integers such that $2t_{2i-1}^2 - t_{2i}^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-2$, $t+1 < t_1 < t_3 < \dots < t_{2k-5} < h$ and $1 < t_2 < t_4 < \dots < t_{2k-4} < h$.

Proof. (1) Let $\#\text{Rep} > 4$. Then the set of representations is

$$\text{Rep} = \{[\pm(t+1) \ 1], [\pm t_{2i-1} \ t_{2i}], [\pm h \ h]\},$$

where t_{2i-1} and t_{2i} are positive integers such that $2t_{2i-1}^2 - t_{2i}^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-2$, $t+1 < t_1 < t_3 < \dots < t_{2k-5} < h$ and $1 < t_2 < t_4 < \dots < t_{2k-4} < h$. Here

1. $[t+1 \ 1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions $(x_{(2k-1)n+1}, y_{(2k-1)n+1})$ for $n \geq 0$,
2. $[t_{2i-1} \ t_{2i}]M^n$ generates all integer solutions $(x_{(2k-1)n+i+1}, y_{(2k-1)n+i+1})$ for $n \geq 0$,
3. $[h \ h]M^n$ generates all integer solutions $(x_{(2k-1)n+k}, y_{(2k-1)n+k})$ for $n \geq 0$,
4. $[t+1 \ -1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions $(x_{(2k-1)n}, y_{(2k-1)n})$ for $n \geq 1$,
5. $[t_{2i-1} \ -t_{2i}]M^n$ generates all integer solutions $(x_{(2k-1)n-i}, y_{(2k-1)n-i})$ for $n \geq 1$.

Thus the set of all integer solutions is $\Omega = \{(2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n + C_n), (2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n, 4t_{2i-1}B_n + t_{2i}C_n), (2hB_n + hC_n, 4hB_n + hC_n) : n \geq 0\} \cup \{(-2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n - C_n), (-2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n, 4t_{2i-1}B_n - t_{2i}C_n) : n \geq 1\}$.

(2) It can be proved as in the same way that Theorem 2.2 was proved. \square

When $\#\text{Rep} = 2k > 4$, it is impossible to determine the set of representatives and $\#\text{Rep}$ in terms of t . For example in Table 1, the set of representatives is given for some values of t . That is why we assume that the set of representatives is $\text{Rep} = \{[\pm(t+1) \ 1], [\pm t_{2i-1} \ t_{2i}], [\pm h \ h]\}$, where t_{2i-1} and t_{2i} are positive integers such that $2t_{2i-1}^2 - t_{2i}^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-2$, $t+1 < t_1 < t_3 < \dots < t_{2k-5} < h$ and $1 < t_2 < t_4 < \dots < t_{2k-4} < h$.

Table 1.

t	set of representatives
984	$\{[\pm 985 \ 1], [\pm 995 \ 199], [\pm 1025 \ 401],$ $[\pm 1267 \ 1127], [\pm 1393 \ 1393]\}$
5740	$\{[\pm 5741 \ 1], [\pm 6001 \ 2471], [\pm 6739 \ 4991],$ $[\pm 6805 \ 5167], [\pm 8119 \ 8119]\}$
33460	$\{[\pm 33461 \ 1], [\pm 35155 \ 15247], [\pm 38935 \ 28153],$ $[\pm 40409 \ 32039], [\pm 47321 \ 47321]\}$
195024	$\{[\pm 195025 \ 1], [\pm 195083 \ 6767], [\pm 195257 \ 13457],$ $[\pm 197005 \ 39401], [\pm 197743 \ 46207], [\pm 199547 \ 59737],$ $[\pm 202985 \ 79601], [\pm 205933 \ 93527], [\pm 205973 \ 93703],$ $[\pm 207607 \ 100657], [\pm 209405 \ 107849], [\pm 211327 \ 115103],$ $[\pm 219883 \ 143623], [\pm 222425 \ 151249], [\pm 227837 \ 166583],$ $[\pm 236623 \ 189503], [\pm 243355 \ 205849], [\pm 243443 \ 206057],$ $[\pm 246977 \ 214303], [\pm 250747 \ 222887], [\pm 254665 \ 231601],$ $[\pm 271133 \ 266377], [\pm 275807 \ 275807]\}$

2.2 Case 2: $2t^2 + 4t + 1$ is not a perfect square.

In this case we again two cases: $\#Rep = 2$ or $\#Rep > 2$.

Theorem 2.4. *If $\#Rep = 2$, then*

1. *the set of all integer solutions is $\Omega = \{(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) : n \geq 0\} \cup \{(x_{2n}, y_{2n}) : n \geq 1\}$, where*

$$\begin{aligned}(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) &= (2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n + C_n) \\ (x_{2n}, y_{2n}) &= (-2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n - C_n).\end{aligned}$$

2. *the general terms of t -balancers, t -balancing numbers and Lucas t -balancing numbers are*

$$\begin{aligned}R_{2n}^t &= \frac{2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ R_{2n-1}^t &= \frac{-2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ B_{2n}^t &= \frac{t(c_{n+1} - 1) + 2B_{n+1}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{2n-1}^t &= \frac{t(c_{n+1} - 1) + 2B_n}{2} \\ C_{2n}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{2n}^t)^2 + 8tB_{2n}^t + (2t + 1)^2} \\ C_{2n-1}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{2n-1}^t)^2 + 8tB_{2n-1}^t + (2t + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 1$.

Proof. (1) Let $\#Rep = 2$. Then the set of representatives is

$$Rep = \{[\pm(t+1) \ 1]\}.$$

In this case $[t+1 \ -1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) for $n \geq 0$ and $[t+1 \ -1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (x_{2n}, y_{2n}) for $n \geq 1$. Thus the set of all integer solutions is $\Omega = \{(2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n + C_n) : n \geq 0\} \cup \{(-2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n - C_n) : n \geq 1\}$.

(2) From (1), we observe that

$$R_{2n}^t = \frac{2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2}.$$

Hence from (2.3) and (2.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} B_{2n}^t &= \frac{2R_{2n}^t + 1 + \sqrt{8(R_{2n}^t)^2 + 8(t+1)R_{2n}^t + 1}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1 + 1 + (4t+4)B_n + C_n}{2} \\ &= \frac{t(4B_n + C_n - 1) + 6B_n + 2C_n}{2} \\ &= \frac{t\left(4\left(\frac{\alpha^{2n} - \beta^{2n}}{4\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{\alpha^{2n} + \beta^{2n}}{2} - 1\right) + 6\left(\frac{\alpha^{2n} - \beta^{2n}}{4\sqrt{2}}\right) + 2\left(\frac{\alpha^{2n} + \beta^{2n}}{2}\right)}{2} \\ &= \frac{t\left(\alpha^{2n}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \beta^{2n}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - 1\right) + \alpha^{2n}\left(\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} + 1\right) + \beta^{2n}\left(\frac{-3}{2\sqrt{2}} + 1\right)}{2} \\ &= \frac{t\left(\frac{\alpha^{2n+1} + \beta^{2n+1}}{2} - 1\right) + 2\left(\frac{\alpha^{2n+2} - \beta^{2n+2}}{4\sqrt{2}}\right)}{2} \\ &= \frac{t(c_{n+1} - 1) + 2B_{n+1}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$C_{2n}^t = \sqrt{8(B_{2n}^t)^2 + 8tB_{2n}^t + (2t + 1)^2}$$

by (2.4). The others can be proved similarly. \square

Theorem 2.5. *If $\#Rep = 2k > 2$, then*

1. *the set of all integer solutions is $\Omega = \{(x_{2kn+1}, y_{2kn+1}), (x_{2kn+i+1}, y_{2kn+i+1}) : n \geq 0\} \cup \{(x_{2kn}, y_{2kn}), (x_{2kn-i}, y_{2kn-i}) : n \geq 1\}$, where*

$$\begin{aligned} (x_{2kn+1}, y_{2kn+1}) &= (2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n + C_n) \\ (x_{2kn+i+1}, y_{2kn+i+1}) &= (2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n, 4t_{2i-1}B_n + t_{2i}C_n) \\ (x_{2kn}, y_{2kn}) &= (-2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n - C_n) \\ (x_{2kn-i}, y_{2kn-i}) &= (-2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n, 4t_{2i-1}B_n - t_{2i}C_n). \end{aligned}$$

2. *the general terms of t -balancers, t -balancing numbers and Lucas t -balancing numbers are*

$$\begin{aligned} R_{2kn}^t &= \frac{2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ R_{2kn-1}^t &= \frac{-2B_n + (t+1)C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ R_{2kn-i-1}^t &= \frac{-2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ B_{2kn}^t &= \frac{t(c_{n+1} - 1) + 2B_{n+1}}{2} \\ B_{2kn-1}^t &= \frac{t(c_{n+1} - 1) + 2B_n}{2} \\ B_{2kn-i-1}^t &= \frac{(-2t_{2i} + 4t_{2i-1})B_n + (t_{2i-1} - t_{2i})C_n - t}{2} \\ C_{2kn}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{2kn}^t)^2 + 8tB_{2kn}^t + (2t+1)^2} \\ C_{2kn-1}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{2kn-1}^t)^2 + 8tB_{2kn-1}^t + (2t+1)^2} \\ C_{2kn-i-1}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{2kn-i-1}^t)^2 + 8tB_{2kn-i-1}^t + (2t+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} R_{2kn+i}^t &= \frac{2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n - t - 1}{2} \\ B_{2kn+i}^t &= \frac{(2t_{2i} + 4t_{2i-1})B_n + (t_{2i-1} + t_{2i})C_n - t}{2} \\ C_{2kn+i}^t &= \sqrt{8(B_{2kn+i}^t)^2 + 8tB_{2kn+i}^t + (2t+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 0$,

where t_{2i-1} and t_{2i} are positive integers such that $2t_{2i-1}^2 - t_{2i}^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$, $t+1 < t_1 < t_3 < \dots < t_{2k-3}$ and $1 < t_2 < t_4 < \dots < t_{2k-2}$.

Proof. (1) Let $\#Rep = 2k > 2$. Then the set of representatives is

$$Rep = \{[\pm(t+1) \ 1], [\pm t_{2i-1} \ t_{2i}]\},$$

where t_{2i-1} and t_{2i} are positive integers such that $2t_{2i-1}^2 - t_{2i}^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$, $t+1 < t_1 < t_3 < \dots < t_{2k-3}$ and $1 < t_2 < t_4 < \dots < t_{2k-2}$. Here

1. $[t+1 \ 1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (x_{2kn+1}, y_{2kn+1}) for $n \geq 0$,
2. $[t+1 \ -1]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (x_{2kn}, y_{2kn}) for $n \geq 1$,
3. $[t_{2i-1} \ t_{2i}]M^n$ generates all integer solutions $(x_{2kn+i+1}, y_{2kn+i+1})$ for $n \geq 0$,
4. $[t_{2i-1} \ -t_{2i}]M^n$ generates all integer solutions (x_{2kn-i}, y_{2kn-i}) for $n \geq 1$.

Thus the set of all integer solutions is $\Omega = \{(2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n + C_n), (2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n, 4t_{2i-1}B_n + t_{2i}C_n) : n \geq 0\} \cup \{(-2B_n + (t+1)C_n, (4t+4)B_n - C_n), (-2t_{2i}B_n + t_{2i-1}C_n, 4t_{2i-1}B_n - t_{2i}C_n) : n \geq 1\}$.

(2) It can be proved as in the same way that Theorem 2.4 was proved. \square

Again when $\#Rep = 2k > 2$, it is impossible to determine the set of representatives and $\#Rep$ in terms of t . For example in Table 2, the set of representatives is given for some values of t .

Table 2.

t	set of representatives
11	$\{[\pm 12 \ 1], [\pm 16 \ 15]\}$
28	$\{[\pm 29 \ 1], [\pm 41 \ 41]\}$
43	$\{[\pm 44 \ 1], [\pm 46 \ 19], [\pm 56 \ 49]\}$
57	$\{[\pm 58 \ 1], [\pm 62 \ 31], [\pm 74 \ 65]\}$
36	$\{[\pm 37 \ 1], [\pm 41 \ 25], [\pm 43 \ 31], [\pm 47 \ 41]\}$
53	$\{[\pm 54 \ 1], [\pm 56 \ 21], [\pm 60 \ 37], [\pm 70 \ 63]\}$

That is why we assume that the set of representatives is $Rep = \{[\pm(t+1) \ 1], [\pm t_{2i-1} \ t_{2i}]\}$, where t_{2i-1} and t_{2i} are positive integers such that $2t_{2i-1}^2 - t_{2i}^2 = 2t^2 + 4t + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$, $t+1 < t_1 < t_3 < \dots < t_{2k-3}$ and $1 < t_2 < t_4 < \dots < t_{2k-2}$.

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