

(8) (i) Find 3 positive solutions of the Diophantine eqn.
Pell's Eqn $x^2 - 15y^2 = 1$ (Hint: $\sqrt{15} = [3; \overline{6}]$)

the convergents of $\sqrt{15}$ are $\frac{3}{1}, \frac{4}{1}, \frac{27}{7}, \text{etc.}$ $\frac{31}{8}, \frac{213}{55}, \frac{244}{63}$

the period of expansion is 2 so all pos. solns are

$$x = p_{2n-1}, y = q_{2n-1} \quad \text{ie } x = p_1, p_3, p_5, \dots$$

$$y = q_1, q_3, q_5, \dots$$

so $(4, 1), (31, 8), (244, 63)$

(ii) For each of these numbers determine whether or not it can be written as sum of 2 squares.

- (a) $3000 = 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5$ CAN'T
 (b) $3050 = 2 \times 5 \times 5 \times 61$ CAN
 (c) $3100 = 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 31$ CAN'T

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So we try to write 3050 as the sum of 2 squares.

$$\left(\frac{2 \times 5 \times 5}{7^2 + 1^2} \right) \times 61 = 5^2 + 6^2$$

$$= (75 + 16)^2 + (76 - 15)^2$$

$$= \frac{41^2 + 37^2}{2}$$

this uses $(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = (ac + bd)^2 + (ad - bc)^2$

(9) (i) Want a Turing machine input (m,n) out put scanning 1 on otherwise blank tape.

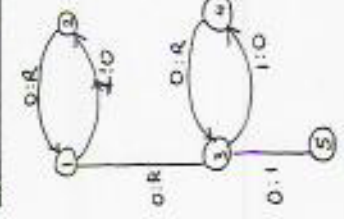
(a) Why are these NOT suitable?



① left scanning 0

② moves to the left forever

(b) Give a suitable machine.



Often a simple change will do.

(ii) Want an Abacus machine program to effect:

$$|x-y| = \begin{cases} x-y & \text{if } x \geq y \\ y-x & \text{if } x < y \end{cases}$$

[q] = 0 initially

