

**THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PRIMES AND OTHER  
INTEGERS WITHIN THE MODULAR RING  $\mathbb{Z}_4$   
AND IN CLASS  $\bar{1}$**

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**ABSTRACT**

The integer structure of Class  $\bar{1}$  in the modular ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  has been analysed in detail. Most integers of this category equal a sum of two squares ( $x^2 + y^2$ ). Those that do not are non-primes. The primes are distinguished by having a unique  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair that has no common factors. Other integers in Class  $\bar{1}$  have multiple values of  $\langle x, y \rangle$  or more rarely a single  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair with common factors. Methods of estimating  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pairs are given. These are based on the class structure within  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  and the right-most end digit characteristics. The identification of primes is consequently facilitated.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The modular ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  has been described in detail elsewhere [1]. Briefly, each integer,  $n$ , within this ring satisfies the relationship

$$n = 4r_i + i \quad (1.1)$$

where  $i$  is the class,  $\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}$  or  $\bar{3}$  and  $r$  is the row within the class; classes  $\bar{1}$  and  $\bar{3}$  contain the odd numbers.

Primes,  $p$ , and non-primes,  $m$ , are easily sorted using the relationship deduced previously [2] to identify  $m$ , namely

$$m = (2(s+t)-1)(2t+1) \quad (1.2)$$

where  $s$  and  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, s = 0$  gives a square.

In the present paper we shall confine our analysis to class  $\bar{1}$ . This class has the distinction that it contains primes that follow:

$$p = x^2 + y^2 \quad (1.3)$$

where  $x$  is even and  $y$  odd. Class  $\bar{3}$  contains no such primes, and integers in this class will be discussed in a later paper.

As noted previously [1] the largest component of a primitive Pythagorean triple equals the sum of squares and hence is confined to class  $\bar{1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ .

Not all integers in class  $\bar{1}$  equal the sum of squares and such integers, which are non-primes, can only be one of the minor components of a Pythagorean triple. For example, 77 falls in class  $\bar{1}$  and in row 19 and is not equal to a sum of squares; it appears as the second largest component in the triple  $< 85, 77, 36 >$ .

When  $n$  is a prime only one set of  $x, y$  occurs. If  $n$  equals a sum of squares and  $x$  and  $y$  can have more than one value, then  $n$  must be a non-prime. However, a few non-primes have unique  $x, y$  values or none at all so that it is important to characterise the integers precisely so that a given number  $n$  can be identified as a prime or not. We shall first examine the non-primes in some detail.

## 2. NON-PRIMES IN CLASS $\bar{1}$

The class of a non-prime odd number,  $m$ , will depend on the classes of  $s$  and  $t$  (equation 1.2). If  $s$  and  $t$  are both even,  $m$  falls in class  $\bar{3}$ . If  $s$  falls in class  $\bar{0}$ , the row is odd, whereas  $s$  in class  $\bar{2}$  finds  $m$  in an even row. When  $t$  is odd, the parity of the rows reverse.

When  $s$  is odd,  $m$  falls in class  $\bar{1}$ . With  $s$  in class  $\bar{1}$ , the rows are all even, but if  $s$  falls in class  $\bar{3}$ , the rows are all odd (Table 2.1).

Since  $x$  is even and  $y$  odd, the  $< x, y >$  class pairs  $< \bar{2}, \bar{1} >$ ,  $< \bar{2}, \bar{3} >$  and  $< \bar{0}, \bar{1} >$ ,  $< \bar{0}, \bar{3} >$  need to be considered. The first two pairs give an odd row for  $m$  so that we shall consider these first.

CLASS of $m$					
$t$	$s$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{3}$		$\bar{1}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{3}$		$\bar{1}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$		$\bar{1}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{3}$		$\bar{1}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$
	$t$ even, rows odd, $t$ odd, rows even	rows all even	$t$ even, rows even, $t$ odd, rows odd		rows all odd

TABLE 2.1: Non-prime integer distribution

## 2.1 Odd rows for $m$ in class $\bar{1}$ .

Tables 2.2 and 2.3 show an array of numbers in the  $\langle x, y \rangle$  class pairs of  $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$ . The bracketed values are primes. All integers that are perfect squares or have a factor of 5 or 3 are easily distinguished from primes so that only the other values of  $m$  are considered.

It is found that all except five of these latter integers, which equal the sum of squares can be accommodated in the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pairs of  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{0} \rangle$  or  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{2} \rangle$ . For the  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{0} \rangle$  pair,  $s = 4r_3 + 3$  and  $t = 4r_0$  so that equation (1.2) becomes

$$m = (8(r_3 + r_0) + 5)(8r_0 + 1) \quad (2.1)$$

In this case factors for  $m$  will include 17, 41, 49, 61, ... whilst for the  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{2} \rangle$  set,  $s = 4r_3 + 3$  and  $t = 4r_2 + 2$ , so that

$$m = (8(r_3 + r_2) + 9)(8r_2 + 5) \quad (2.2)$$

and factors will include 13, 29, 37, 53, ... .

$r_2$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$r_1$	(5)	(37)	(101)	(197)	325	485	(677)	901	1157	1445	1765
0	(29)	(61)	125	221	(349)	(509)	(701)	925	(1181)	1469	(1789)
1	85	117	(181)	(277)	405	565	(757)	981	(1237)	1525	1845
2	(173)	205	(269)	365	493	(653)	845	(1069)	1325	(1613)	(1933)
3	(293)	325	(389)	485	(613)	(773)	965	1189	1445	(1733)	(2053)
4	445	477	(541)	637	765	925	(1117)	1341	(1597)	1885	2205
5	629	(661)	725	(821)	949	(1109)	(1301)	1525	1781	(2069)	(2389)
6	845	(877)	(941)	1037	1165	1325	1517	(1741)	(1997)	2285	2605
7	(1093)	1125	1189	1285	1413	1573	1765	1989	2245	2533	2853
8	(1373)	1405	1469	1565	(1693)	1853	2045	(2269)	2525	2813	3133
9	1685	1717	1781	(1877)	2005	2165	(2357)	2581	(2837)	3125	3445
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TABLE 2.2:  $\langle x, y \rangle$  Class pair  $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$

$m$  values prime to 3 and 5 and not perfect squares have been taken from Tables (2.2) and (2.3) and are listed in Table 2.4 (the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{0} \rangle$ ) or in Table 2.5 (the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{2} \rangle$ ). We have taken the smallest of the two factors (a prime) as  $(2t + 1)$ , that is  $(8r_0 + 1)$  or  $(8r_2 + 5)$ .

As can be seen, all values of  $m$  have two values of  $\langle x, y \rangle$ . This distinguishes them from the primes which have unique values for  $\langle x, y \rangle$ .

$r_2$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$r_3$	(13)	45	(109)	205	333	493	685	909	1165	(1453)	1773
0	(53)	85	(149)	245	(373)	533	725	949	1205	(1493)	1813
1	125	(157)	221	(317)	445	605	(797)	(1021)	(1277)	1565	1885
2	(229)	261	325	(421)	549	(709)	901	1125	(1381)	(1669)	1989
3	365	(397)	(461)	(557)	685	845	1037	1261	1517	1805	2125
4	533	565	629	725	(853)	(1013)	1205	(1429)	1685	(1973)	(2293)
5	(733)	765	(829)	925	1053	(1213)	1405	1629	1885	2173	2493
6	965	(997)	(1061)	1157	1285	1445	(1637)	(1861)	2117	2405	2725
7	(1229)	1261	1325	1421	(1549)	(1709)	(1901)	2125	(2381)	2669	2989
8	1525	1557	(1621)	1717	1845	2005	2197	2421	(2677)	2965	3285
9	1853	1885	(1949)	2045	2173	(2333)	2525	(2749)	3005	3293	(3613)
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TABLE 2.3:  $\langle x, y \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$

$m$	Factors	$r_3$	$r_0$	$s$	$t$	$x$	$y$	$\langle x, y \rangle$ Class
493	$29 \times 17$	1	2	7	8	18	13	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						22	3	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
629	$37 \times 17$	2	2	11	8	2	25	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						10	23	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
901	$53 \times 17$	4	2	19	8	30	1	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						26	15	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1037	$61 \times 17$	5	2	23	8	26	19	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						14	29	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
1717	$101 \times 17$	10	2	43	8	6	41	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						14	39	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1853	$109 \times 17$	11	2	47	8	2	43	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						22	37	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2173	$53 \times 41$	1	5	7	20	38	27	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						18	43	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
2533	$149 \times 17$	16	2	67	8	38	33	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						18	47	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
2669	$157 \times 17$	17	2	71	8	38	35	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						50	13	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$

TABLE 2.4:  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle 3, 0 \rangle$  (equation 2.1)

$m$	Factors	$r_3$	$r_2$	$s$	$t$	$x$	$y$	$\langle x, y \rangle$ Class
221	$17 \times 13$	0	1	3	6	14	5	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						10	11	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
533	$41 \times 13$	3	1	15	6	22	7	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						2	23	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
949	$73 \times 13$	7	1	31	6	18	25	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						30	7	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1157	$89 \times 13$	9	1	39	6	34	1	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						14	31	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1189	$41 \times 29$	1	3	7	14	10	33	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						30	17	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
1261	$97 \times 13$	10	1	43	6	30	19	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						6	35	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1469	$113 \times 13$	12	1	51	6	10	37	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						38	5	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
1517	$41 \times 37$	0	4	3	18	26	29	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						34	19	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1781	$137 \times 13$	15	1	63	6	10	41	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						34	25	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2117	$73 \times 29$	5	3	23	14	34	31	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						46	1	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2197	$169 \times 13$	19	1	79	6	26	39	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						46	9	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2581	$89 \times 29$	7	3	31	14	30	41	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						50	9	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2813	$97 \times 29$	8	3	35	14	2	53	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						38	37	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
3133	$241 \times 13$	28	1	115	6	42	37	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						18	53	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
3293	$89 \times 37$	6	4	27	18	22	53	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						38	43	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$

TABLE 2.5:  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{2} \rangle$  (equation 2.2)

The five remaining non-primes, 637, 1421, 1573, 1813 and 2989 fall in either

$$\langle s, t \rangle = \langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$$

or  $\langle s, t \rangle = \langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$ .

For the  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  class pair  $m = (8(r_3 + r_1) + 7)(8r_1 + 3)$  (2.3)

which gives the lowest factor for  $m$  of 11, 19, 43, ....

For the  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$  class pair

$$m = (8(r_3 + r_3') + 11)(8r_3 + 7) \quad (2.4)$$

which gives the lowest factors for  $m$  as 7, 23, 31, ....

The characteristics of these integers are given in Table 2.6

$\langle x, y \rangle$ class pair $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{k} \rangle$	$\langle s, t \rangle$ class pair $\langle \bar{i}, \bar{j} \rangle$	$m$	Factors	$r_i$	$r_j$	$r_2$	$r_k$	$s$	$t$
$\bar{2}, \bar{1}$	$\bar{3}, \bar{1}$	1573	$143 \times 11$	16	1	5	8	67	5
	$\bar{3}, \bar{3}$	637	$91 \times 7$	10	0	3	5	43	3
$\bar{2}, \bar{3}$	$\bar{3}, \bar{1}$	nil							
	$\bar{3}, \bar{3}$	1421	$203 \times 7$	24	0	3	8	99	3
		1813	$259 \times 7$	31	0	10	1	127	3
		2989	$427 \times 7$	52	0	10	8	211	3

TABLE 2.6: Characteristics of integers

Other values of  $m$  for these two  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pairs  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  are given in Table 2.7. Like the integers in Table 2.6, a few of the integers in Table 2.7 which are underlined (45, 117 and 1053) equal a sum of squares with unique values for  $x$  and  $y$ . However, they are divisible by 3 as are the  $m$  values. The other integers in Table 2.7 are not equal to a sum of squares and these could never be the major component in a primitive Pythagorean triple.

$r_1$	$m$						$r'_3$	$m$					
	$r_3$	0	1	2	3	4	5	$r_3$	0	1	2	3	4
0	21	45	69	93	117	141	0	77	285	621	1085	1677	2397
1	165	253	341	429	517	605	1	133	405	805	1333	1989	2773
2	437	589	741	893	1045	1197	2	189	525	989	1581	2301	3149
3	837	1053	1269	1485	1701	1917	3	245	645	1173	1829	2613	3525
4	1365	1645	1925	2205	2485	2765	4	301	765	1357	2077	2925	3901
5	2021	2365	2709	3053	3397	3741	5	357	885	1541	2325	3237	4277

(a)  $\langle s, t \rangle = \langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  (equation 2.3) (b)  $\langle s, t \rangle = \langle 3, 3 \rangle$  (equation 2.4)

TABLE 2.7

### 3. PRIMES IN CLASS $\bar{1}$ AND IN ODD ROWS

The above  $m$  functions have the general form

$$m = (8(r_i + r_j) + (g+4))(8r_i + g) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $g = 1, 3, 5$  or  $7$ .

Equation (3.1) expands to

$$m = 64r_i(r_i + r_j) + 16(g+2)r_i + 8gr_j + g(g+4) \quad (3.2)$$

and since  $g(g+4) = 5 + 8h$ , with  $h = 0, 2, 5$  or  $9$ ,

$$m = 8R_3' + 5 \quad (3.3)$$

where  $R_3' = (8r_i(r_i + r_j) + 2(g+2)r_i + gr_j + h)$ . (3.4)

If  $m$  reduces to a prime, the term  $(8r_i + g)$  from equation (3.1) would equal unity; that is  $r_i = (1 - g)/8$ , so that  $r_i$  equals zero or a negative fraction.

Substitution into equation (3.4) shows that

$$R_3' = r_j \quad (3.5)$$

since  $(5 - g^2 - 4g)/8 + h = 0$ . Hence

$$p = 4(2R_3' + 1) + 1 \quad (3.6)$$

which is consistent with  $p$  being in class  $\bar{1}$ , in an odd row. For the  $\langle x, y \rangle$  set in  $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$ , that is with  $y = 4R_1 + 1$ , it is found that  $R_3'$  and  $R_1$  occupy the same relative classes. The same applies for the  $\langle x, y \rangle$  class pair in  $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$  (Table 3.1). Consequently,  $y$  follows the function

$$y = 16\bar{r}_i + q \quad (3.7)$$

where  $\bar{r}_i$  is the row for  $R_1$  or  $R_3$ ,  $q$  values are listed in Table 3.1.

In order to make the function for  $y$  more specific, consider the right-most digit (RMD) of the integers and use the fact that even squares must end in 0, 4 or 6 whilst odd squares end in 1, 5 or 9.

	$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$		$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$	
$R_3'$	$R_1$	$q_1$	$R_3$	$q_3$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	1	$\bar{3}$	15
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{2}$	9	$\bar{1}$	7
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$	5	$\bar{2}$	11
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{3}$	13	$\bar{0}$	3

TABLE 3.1: Class Structures

An asterisk indicates that the right-most digit of the quantity is being considered (Table 3.2). We have included  $n^* = 5$ , but since integers not prime to 5 (except 5) are distinct from odd primes they will not feature in our present analysis.

If  $y^* = 1$  then  $y = 1, 11, 21, 31, \dots$ . However, if  $y$  is in class  $\bar{1}$ , only the values 1, 21, 41..., apply; whilst if  $y$  is in class  $\bar{3}$ , the values 11, 31, 51, ... apply. Hence, in general.

$$y = y_0 + 20\bar{t}. \quad (3.8)$$

Equating equations (3.7) and (3.8) we obtain

$$\bar{t} = (4\bar{r}_i + (q - y_0)/4)/5 \quad (3.9)$$

which, with the above data, reduces to

$$\bar{t} = \bar{t}_0 + 8\bar{s}, \quad (3.10)$$

so that

$$y = (y_0 + 20\bar{t}_0) + 160\bar{s}. \quad (3.11)$$

Values of  $y_0$  and  $\bar{t}_0$  for the different  $\bar{r}_i$  are given in Tables 3.3 and 3.4. Maximum  $y$  will, of course, be  $(n - 4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

$n^*$	$x^{2^*}$	$x^*$	$y^{2^*}$	$y^*$
1	0	0	1	9, 1
	6	4, 6	5	5
3	4	2, 8	9	7, 3
5	0	0	5	5
	4	2, 8	1	1, 9
	6	4, 6	9	7, 3
7	6	4, 6	1	1, 9
9	0	0	9	7, 3
	4	2, 8	5	5

TABLE 3.2: Development of Equation (3.7)

$y^*$	$y_0$	$\bar{r}_0^*$	$\bar{t}_{00}$	$\bar{r}_2^*$	$\bar{t}_{02}$	$\bar{r}_1^*$	$\bar{t}_{01}$	$\bar{r}_3^*$	$\bar{t}_{03}$
1	11	8, 3	6, 2	0, 5	0, 4	4, 9	3, 7	6, 1	5, 1
9	19	6, 1	4, 0	8, 3	6, 2	2, 7	1, 5	4, 9	3, 7
5	15	2, 7	1, 5	4, 9	3, 7	8, 3	6, 2	0, 5	0, 4
7	7	4, 9	3, 7	6, 1	5, 1	0, 5	0, 4	2, 7	2, 6
3	3	0, 5	0, 4	2, 7	2, 6	6, 1	5, 1	8, 3	7, 3

TABLE 3.3: Class couple  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$

$y^*$	$y_0$	$\bar{r}_0^*$	$\bar{t}_{00}$	$\bar{r}_2^*$	$\bar{t}_{02}$	$\bar{r}_1^*$	$\bar{t}_{01}$	$\bar{r}_3^*$	$\bar{t}_{03}$
1	1	0, 5	0, 4	2, 7	2, 6	6, 1	5, 1	8, 3	7, 3
9	9	8, 3	6, 2	0, 5	0, 4	4, 9	3, 7	6, 1	5, 1
5	5	4, 9	3, 7	6, 1	5, 1	0, 5	0, 4	2, 7	2, 6
7	17	6, 1	4, 0	8, 3	6, 2	2, 7	1, 5	4, 9	3, 7
3	13	2, 7	1, 5	4, 9	3, 7	8, 3	6, 2	0, 5	0, 4

TABLE 3.4: Class couple  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$

Examples of integer analysis using equation (3.11) and the above tables are summarised in Tables 3.5 to 3.7. The primes have a unique value for  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , whereas the majority of non-primes either have multiple values, or none at all. The fifth listed integer is an example of the latter.

Such integers fall in  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pairs  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  or  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$ . For class pair  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  possible factors are obtained from  $(8r_1 + 3)$ . Discarding values not prime to 3 and 5 we get 11, 19, 43, 59, 67, 83, 91, 107, 131, .... The maximum must be less than  $m^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . For the class pair  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$  possible factors are obtained from  $(8r_3 + 7)$ , excluding those not prime to 3 or 5. This gives 23, 31, 47, 71, 79, 87, 103, 119, 127, .... The factors for 113053 are  $863 \times 131$ , so that combining the factors for class couples  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$  in increasing numerical order we obtain eighteen possible factors. The results show that the required integer lies in the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  couple class of  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  with  $r_1 = 16$  and  $r_3 = 91$  with  $s = 367$  and  $t = 65$ . The integer 1421 has only one set of  $\langle x, y \rangle$  values, but it is not prime to 7, and thus it falls in  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class couple  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$ , with factors  $203 \times 7$  and  $r_3 = 0, r_3' = 24$  and  $\langle s, t \rangle = \langle 99, 3 \rangle$ .

$N_0$	$n$	$R_3'$	CLASSES		
			$R_3'$	$R_1$	$R_3$
1	13949	1743	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$
2	107269	13408	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{3}$
3	108277	13534	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{1}$
4	3613	451	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$
5	113053	14131	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$
6	1421	177	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$

TABLE 3.5: Classes for Table 3.1

No	$n$	$y^*$	$\langle x, y \rangle$ couple in $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$				$\langle x, y \rangle$ couple in $\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$			
			$y_0$	$\bar{t}_0$	$y_0 + 20\bar{t}_0$	$\max \bar{s}$	$y_0$	$\bar{t}_0$	$y_0 + 20\bar{t}_0$	$\max \bar{s}$
1	9	7	17	1,5	37,117	1,1	7	5,1	107,27	0,1
		3	13	6,2	133,53	1,1	3	2,6	43,123	0,1
		5	5	0,4	5,85	0,0	15	3,7	75,155	1,1
2	9	7	17	4,0	97,17	1,1	7	2,6	47,127	1,1
		3	13	1,5	33,113	1,1	3	7,3	143,63	1,1
		5	5	3,7	65,145	1,1	15	0,4	15,95	1,1
3	7	9	9	0,4	9,89	2,1	19	1,5	39,119	1,1
		1	1	2,6	41,121	1,0	11	3,7	71,151	1,1
4	3	7	17	1,5	37,117	0,0	7	5,1	107,27	0,0
		3	13	6,2	133,53	0,0	3	2,6	43,123	0,0
5	3	7	17	1,5	37,117	1,1	7	5,1	107,27	1,1
		3	13	6,2	133,53	1,1	3	2,6	43,123	1,1
6	1	9	9	5,1	109,29	0,0	19	4,0	99,19	0,0
		1	1	7,3	141,61	0,0	11	6,2	131,51	0,0
		5	5	2,6	45,125	0,0	15	1,5	35,115	0,0

TABLE 3.6:  $y_0, \bar{t}_0$  from Tables 3.3 and 3.4

No	$x$	$y$	$\langle x, y \rangle$ Class	Integer
1	118	5	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$ couple	non-prime
	110	43	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$	
	50	107	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$	
	82	85	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$	
2	238	225	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$	prime
3	6	329	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$	non-prime
	306	121	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$	
4	42	43	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$	prime
5	nil	nil	none	non-prime belongs in the $\langle s, t \rangle$ class couple $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$ , see text
6	14 $(7 \times 2)$	35 $(7 \times 5)$	$\langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$	non-prime belongs in the $\langle s, t \rangle$ class couple $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$ , see text

TABLE 3.7:  $x = [n - y^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

#### 4. EVEN ROWS FOR $n$ IN CLASS $\bar{1}$

Equating  $n = 4r_1 + 1$  to  $x^2 + y^2$  with even class functions for  $x$  and odd class functions for  $y$ , we find that  $r_1$  will be even when  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$  or  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$ . Table 2.1 shows that the  $(s, t)$  class couples, when  $n$  is in an even row, are  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{0} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{1} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{2} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{3} \rangle$ .

Tables 4.1 and 4.2 list integers for the  $\langle x, y \rangle$  class couples  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$  respectively. The primes are bracketed and, as for the odd row case, we shall not concern ourselves with integers divisible by 5 or 3 or which are perfect squares. Tables 4.3 and 4.4 give a description of the non-primes. All have two or more values for the  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair, and, for the integers considered, the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{2} \rangle$  dominates.

Only two of the non-primes (2009 and 833, from  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$ ) fall in the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{3} \rangle$ ; none fall in the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{1} \rangle$ .

Substituting in the class function for the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  couples, gives equation (1.2) as

$$m = (8(r_i + r_j) + g)(8r_i + g) \quad (4.1)$$

where  $g = 1, 3, 5$  or  $7$  for  $\langle \bar{j}, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle \bar{1}, \bar{0} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{1} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{2} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{3} \rangle$ , respectively.

Expanding equation (4.1) we find that

$$m = 64r_i(r_i + r_j) + 16gr_i + 8gr_j + g^2 \quad (4.2)$$

so that

$$m = 8R_1' + 1 \quad (4.3)$$

where

$$R_1' = (8r_i(r_i + r_j) + 2gr_i + gr_j + (g^2 - 1)/8) \quad (4.4)$$

When  $m$  reduces to a prime, then  $r_i = (1 - g)/8$  as for the odd row case.

$r_0$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$r_1$											
0	1	(17)	65	145	(257)	(401)	(577)	785	1025	(1297)	(1601)
1	25	{41}	(89)	169	{281}	425	{601}	(809)	(1049)	{1321}	1625
2	81	{97}	145	225	{337}	481	657	865	1105	1377	1681
3	169	185	(233)	(313)	425	(569)	745	(953)	(1193)	1465	1769
4	289	305	(353)	(433)	545	689	865	1073	1313	1585	(1889)
5	441	(457)	505	585	697	841	1017	1225	1465	1737	2041
6	625	{641}	689	(769)	(881)	1025	(1201)	(1409)	1649	1921	2225
7	841	(857)	905	985	(1097)	1241	1417	1625	1865	(2137)	(2441)
8	1089	1105	(1153)	1233	1345	(1489)	1665	(1873)	(2113)	2385	(2689)
9	1369	1385	{1433}	1513	1625	1769	1945	{2153}	{2393}	2665	(2969)
10	1681	(1697)	1745	1825	1937	(2081)	2257	2465	2705	2977	3281

TABLE 4.1:  $\langle x, y \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$

$r_0$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$r_1$											
0	9	25	(73)	153	265	{409}	585	793	(1033)	1305	(1609)
1	49	65	(113)	(193)	305	{449}	625	833	1073	1345	1649
2	121	(137)	185	265	377	{521}	697	905	1145	1417	(1721)
3	225	(241)	289	369	481	625	801	(1009)	(1249)	1521	1825
4	361	377	425	505	(617)	(761)	(937)	1145	1385	(1657)	1961
5	529	545	(593)	(673)	785	{929}	1105	1313	(1553)	1825	(2129)
6	729	745	793	873	985	{1129}	1305	1513	(1753)	2025	2329
7	961	(977)	1025	1105	(1217)	{1361}	1537	1745	1985	2257	2561
8	1225	1241	(1289)	1369	(1481)	1625	(1801)	2009	2249	(2521)	2825
9	1521	1537	1585	1665	(1777)	1921	2097	2305	2545	2817	(3121)
10	1849	1865	(1913)	(1993)	2105	2249	2425	(2633)	2873	3145	{3449}

TABLE 4.2:  $\langle x, y \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$

$m$	Factors	$r_1$	$r_2$	$s$	$t$	$x$	$y$	$\langle x, y \rangle$ class pair
377	$29 \times 13$	2	1	9	6	16	11	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						4	19	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
481	$37 \times 13$	4	1	13	6	16	15	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						20	9	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
689	$53 \times 13$	5	1	21	6	20	17	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						8	25	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
793	$61 \times 13$	6	1	25	6	8	27	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						28	3	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1073	$37 \times 29$	1	3	5	14	28	17	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						32	7	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1313	$101 \times 13$	11	1	45	6	32	17	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						28	23	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1417	$109 \times 13$	12	1	49	6	24	29	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						36	11	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1537	$53 \times 29$	3	3	13	14	24	31	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						4	39	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
1769	$61 \times 29$	4	3	17	14	40	13	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						20	37	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
1937	$149 \times 13$	17	1	69	6	16	41	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						44	1	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
1961	$53 \times 37$	2	4	9	18	40	19	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						44	5	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2041	$157 \times 13$	18	1	73	6	4	45	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						40	21	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2249	$173 \times 13$	20	1	81	6	32	35	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						20	43	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
2257	$61 \times 37$	3	4	13	18	24	41	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						36	31	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
2561	$197 \times 13$	23	1	93	6	40	31	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						44	25	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2873	$221 \times 13$	26	1	105	6	32	43	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$
						52	13	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						8	53	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
2977	$229 \times 13$	27	1	109	6	36	41	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$
						24	49	$\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$

TABLE 4.3:  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{2} \rangle$

$m$	Factors	$r_1$	$r_0$	$s$	$t$	$x$	$y$	$\langle x, y \rangle$ class pair
697	$41 \times 17$	3	2	13	8	16	21	$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$
					24	11		$\bar{0}, \bar{3}$
1241	$73 \times 17$	7	2	29	8	4	35	$\bar{0}, \bar{3}$
					20	29		$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$
1513	$89 \times 17$	9	2	37	8	28	27	$\bar{0}, \bar{3}$
					12	37		$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$
1649	$97 \times 17$	10	2	41	8	40	7	$\bar{0}, \bar{3}$
					32	25		$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$
1921	$113 \times 17$	12	2	49	8	20	39	$\bar{0}, \bar{3}$
					36	25		$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$
2329	$137 \times 17$	15	2	61	8	48	5	$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$
					40	27		$\bar{0}, \bar{3}$
3281	$193 \times 17$	22	2	89	8	16	55	$\bar{0}, \bar{3}$
					40	41		$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$

TABLE 4.4:  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{0} \rangle$

$R_1'$	$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$				$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$			
	$R_0$ even		$R_0$ odd		$R_0$ even		$R_0$ odd	
	$R_1$	$q_{e1}$	$R_1$	$q_{o1}$	$R_3$	$q_{e3}$	$R_3$	$q_{o3}$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	1	$\bar{2}$	9	$\bar{3}$	15	$\bar{1}$	7
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{3}$	13	$\bar{1}$	5	$\bar{0}$	3	$\bar{2}$	11
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{2}$	9	$\bar{0}$	1	$\bar{1}$	7	$\bar{3}$	15
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{1}$	5	$\bar{3}$	13	$\bar{2}$	11	$\bar{0}$	3

TABLE 4.5: Some class relationships

		(a)				
$R'_1$	$y^*$	1	9	5	7	3
	$y_0$	1	9	5	17	13
$\bar{0}$ or $\bar{2}$	$\bar{t}_0$	0, 4	6, 2	3, 7	4, 0	1, 5
		2, 6	0, 4	5, 1	6, 2	3, 7
$\bar{1}$ or $\bar{3}$	$\bar{t}_0$	5, 1	3, 7	0, 4	1, 5	6, 2
		7, 3	5, 1	2, 6	3, 7	0, 4
(b)						
$R'_1$	$y^*$	1	9	5	7	3
	$y_0$	11	19	15	7	3
$\bar{0}$ or $\bar{2}$	$\bar{t}_0$	3, 7	1, 5	6, 2	0, 4	5, 1
		5, 1	3, 7	0, 4	2, 6	7, 3
$\bar{1}$ or $\bar{3}$	$\bar{t}_0$	6, 2	4, 0	1, 5	3, 7	0, 4
		0, 4	6, 2	3, 7	5, 1	2, 6

TABLE 4.6:  $\langle x, y \rangle$  class pairs : (a)  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$ , (b)  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$

Substituting this value of  $r_i$  into equation (4.4) we see that

$$R'_1 = r_j \quad (4.5)$$

thus,

$$p = 4(R'_1) + 1, \quad (4.6)$$

which is consistent with  $p$  being in class  $\bar{1}$  and in an even row.

The class relationships between the rows for  $y = 4R_1 + 1$  ( $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$ ) and  $y = 4R_3 + 3$  ( $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$ ) and the quantity  $R'_1$  are shown in Table 4.5. These are more complex than for the odd row case (Sections 2 and 3). However, since equations (3.7) to (3.11) still apply and the values of  $y_0$  and  $\bar{t}_0$  in Table 3.3 (for  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$ ) and Table 3.4 (for  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$ ) apply (Table 4.6), the procedure for estimating  $x$  and  $y$  is the same as before, except that two  $\bar{r}_i$  values have to be considered instead of one. Since the maximum  $y = (n - 4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  only a few  $\bar{t}_0$  values need to be considered, unless  $n$  is very large, so that the calculation of  $\langle x, y \rangle$  class couples is very rapid.

As an example, consider the two non-primes for  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$ , 833 and 2009 mentioned above. These fall in the  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{3} \rangle$ . Data used are from Tables 3.2 and 4.6. Consider 833 in Table 4.7.

Class of $\langle x, y \rangle$	$n^*$	Class of $R'_1$	Max $y$	$y* = 7$		$y* = 3$	
$\bar{0}, \bar{3}$	3	$\bar{0}$	27	$y_0 = 7$	$y$	$y_0 = 3$	$y$
				$\bar{t}_0 \ 0, 4$ 2, 6	7 —	$\bar{t}_0 \ 5, 1$ 7, 3	23 —
$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$				$y_0 = 17$		$y_0 = 13$	
				$\bar{t}_0 \ 4, 0$ 6, 2	17 —	$\bar{t}_0 \ 1, 5$ 3, 7	— —

TABLE 4.7: Example with 833.

There are three possible values of  $y$ , namely 7, 17, and 23, but only 7 gives an integer value for  $x$ , that is, 28.

For  $m = 2009$ , there are 7 possible values for  $y$ , namely 35, 27, 3, 43, 5, 37, and 13. However, only 35 gives an integer value for  $x$ , that is, 28. Whilst these non-primes have a unique  $\langle x, y \rangle$  value,  $x$  and  $y$  have a common factor, 7, which shows that  $m$  cannot be a prime.

The results here parallel those for the odd row case (Sections 2 and 3) with  $\langle s, t \rangle$  classes  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{1} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{1}, \bar{3} \rangle$  being similar to  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$  in that the non-primes do not have multiple values of  $x$  and  $y$ , but have a common factor for  $x$  and  $y$ . As can be seen from Table 2.1, the different characteristics occur when both  $s$  and  $t$  are odd in contrast to  $s$  and  $t$  being odd, even, respectively.

## 5. FINAL COMMENTS

We have analysed the number structure of Class  $\bar{1}$  in the modular ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  in detail and this has shown up the characteristics of primes in this ring so that they can be easily identified directly.

In summary, when given an integer in class  $\bar{1}$  that is prime to 3 and 5 and not a square, one first determines whether the integer is in an odd or even row within class  $\bar{1}$ . If in an odd row, it will follow  $(8R'_3 + 5)$ , and  $R'_3$  can be easily calculated so that the class of the rows ( $\bar{r}_i$ ) of  $y$  (the odd component in the  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair) can be deduced from Table 3.1 and  $y_0, \bar{t}_0$  obtained from Table 3.4 using  $n^*, y^*$  data from Table 3.2. Hence possible  $y$  values can be estimated. If  $(n - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is an integer, then the  $y$  is acceptable. If only one value of the  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair is obtained and  $x, y$  have no common factors, then the integer must be a prime (see Tables 3.5-3.7).

If the integer lies in an even row it will follow  $(8R_1' + 1)$  so that  $R_1'$  can easily be determined, and hence  $y_0$  and  $\bar{t}_0$ , and thence  $y$  can be found for Table 4.6 using  $y^*$  from Table 3.2. If  $(n - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is integer than the  $y$  value is acceptable. The same criteria as for the odd row applies for a prime (see Table 4.7).

The number of possible  $y$  values will naturally increase as  $n$  increases. The worst case will be when  $y^*$  has three values ( $n^*$  is 1 or 9) and the row for the integer is even in class  $\bar{1}$ . In this case, for an integer of the order of  $10^6$  the maximum number of possible  $y$  values will be 72 for each of the  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pairs  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$  and  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{3} \rangle$ . For example, 1014721 has only one  $y$  value that gives an integer  $x$  (even though there are 144 possible values for  $y$ ). Since  $x, y$  have no common factors, this integer is therefore a prime with  $\langle x, y \rangle$  in  $\langle \bar{0}, \bar{1} \rangle$  and  $x = 660, y = 761$ .

For the best case, when the integer falls in an odd row in class  $\bar{1}$  with  $n^* = 3$  or 7, there are only two values of  $y^*$  and twenty-six possible values of  $y$  in each of  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{2}, \bar{1} \rangle$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \bar{2}, \bar{3} \rangle$ .

For example, 1014733 has no values of  $y$  that yield an integer  $x$  and hence is a non-prime that must fall in  $\langle s, t \rangle$  class pair  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{1} \rangle$  or  $\langle \bar{3}, \bar{3} \rangle$ . Thus the factors will be 11, 19, 43, ... or 7, 23, 31, .... The factors are 19 and 53407 (both primes) so that 1014733 falls in  $\langle s, t \rangle = \langle 3, 1 \rangle$  and  $s = 26695, t = 9$ .

The main result here is that a single value of  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , when  $x$  and  $y$  have no common factors, indicates a prime. Faster methods of estimating  $x$  and  $y$  can always be used (if available) for very large integers. In such cases the interested reader could see [3] for recent algorithmic advancements.

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