

**MA 453**  
**Week 0b**

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2. a)  $a, b, c, d = 1, 6, 8, 9$

b)  $a, b, c, d = 10, 9, 12, 1$

3. Suppose that  $a, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

So,  $2ak \in \mathbb{Z}$

Similarly,  $k^2 - a^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

So,  $(2ak)^2 + (k^2 - a^2)^2 = 4a^2k^2 - k^2a^2 + k^4 - a^2k^2 + a^4 = k^4 + 2k^2a^2 + a^4 = (k^2 + a^2)^2$

So,  $k^2 + a^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

and by definition,  $\{2ak, k^2 - a^2, k^2 + a^2\}$  is a Pythagorean triple.

4. Suppose there are some nonnegative integer sequences  $\{a_n\}, \{k_n\}$  so that,  $x_n = 2a_nk_n, y_n = a_n^2 - k_n^2, z_n = a_n^2 + k_n^2$

So,  $(x_n, y_n, z_n)$  is always a Pythagorean triple by exercise 3.

Let  $P_n$  be a point s.t  $P_n = (\frac{x_n}{z_n}, \frac{y_n}{z_n})$

which is in the unit circle because  $(\frac{x_n}{z_n})^2 + (\frac{y_n}{z_n})^2 = 1$

So,  $P_n = (\frac{x_n}{z_n}, \frac{y_n}{z_n}) = (\frac{2a_nk_n}{a_n^2+k_n^2}, \frac{a_n^2-k_n^2}{a_n^2+k_n^2})$

and let  $P$  be a point in the unit circle s.t  $P = (x, y) = (\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \frac{2t}{1+t^2})$  for some  $t = \tan(\frac{\theta}{2})$

So,  $t$  is real and thus there is some sequence  $\frac{a_n}{k_n} \rightarrow t$

So,  $P_n = (\frac{1-(\frac{k_n}{a_n})^2}{1+(\frac{k_n}{a_n})^2}, \frac{2(\frac{k_n}{a_n})}{1+(\frac{k_n}{a_n})^2})$

$\frac{k_n}{a_n} \rightarrow t \Rightarrow P_n = (\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \frac{2t}{1+t^2}) = (x, y) = P$