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Given a triangle with one angle is θ , $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$. If all sides are integers, find all solutions.

$$c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab \cos \theta \Rightarrow c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab \times \frac{3}{5}$$

$$5c^{2} = 5a^{2} - 10ab + 5b^{2} + 4ab$$

$$5[c^{2} - (a - b)^{2}] = 4ab$$

$$\frac{5(c + a - b)}{b} = \frac{4a}{c - a + b} = k$$

$$c = b - a + \frac{bk}{5} \quad \dots (1) \text{ and } 4a = kc - ka + kb \cdot \dots (2)$$

Sub. (1) into (2):
$$4a = \left(b - a + \frac{bk}{5}\right)k - ak + bk$$

$$20a = 10bk - 10ak + bk^2$$

$$(10k + 20)a = (k^2 + 10k)b$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{k^2 + 10k}{10k + 20}$$

Let
$$a = (k^2 + 10k)p$$
, $b = (10k + 20)p$

$$c = b - a + \frac{bk}{5} = [10k + 20 - k^2 - 10k + (2k + 4)k]p = (k^2 + 4k + 20)p$$
. Let $p = 1$.

k	$a = k^2 + 10k$	b = 10k + 20	$c = k^2 + 4k + 20$	Remark
1	11	30	25	
2	24	40	32	3-4-5
3	39	50	41	
4	56	60	52	13-14-15

Given a triangle with one angle is θ , $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$. If all sides are integers, find all solutions.

$$c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab \cos \theta \Rightarrow c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab \times \frac{4}{5}$$
$$5c^{2} = 5a^{2} - 10ab + 5b^{2} + 2ab$$
$$5[c^{2} - (a - b)^{2}] = 2ab$$

$$\frac{5(c+a-b)}{b} = \frac{2a}{c-a+b} = k$$

$$c = b - a + \frac{bk}{5}$$
(1) and $2a = kc - ka + kb$ (2)

Sub. (1) into (2):
$$2a = \left(b - a + \frac{bk}{5}\right)k - ak + bk$$

$$10a = 10bk - 10ak + bk^2$$

$$(10k+10)a = (k^2+10k)b$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{k^2 + 10k}{10k + 10}$$

Let
$$a = (k^2 + 10k)p$$
, $b = (10k + 10)p$

$$c = b - a + \frac{bk}{5} = [10k + 10 - k^2 - 10k + (2k + 2)k]p = (k^2 + 2k + 10)p$$
. Let $p = 1$.

k	$a = k^2 + 10k$	b = 10k + 10	$c = k^2 + 2k + 10$	Remark
1	11	20	13	
2	24	30	18	3-4-5
3	39	40	25	
4	56	50	34	17-25-28
5	75	60	45	3-4-5
6	96	70	58	29-35-48

Given a triangle with one angle is θ , $\cos \theta = \frac{7}{25}$. If all sides are integers, find all solutions.

$$c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab \cos \theta \Rightarrow c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab \times \frac{7}{25}$$

$$25c^{2} = 25a^{2} - 50ab + 25b^{2} + 36ab$$

$$25[c^{2} - (a - b)^{2}] = 36ab$$

$$\frac{25(c + a - b)}{b} = \frac{36a}{c - a + b} = k$$

$$c = b - a + \frac{bk}{25} \quad \dots (1) \text{ and } 36a = kc - ka + kb \cdot \dots (2)$$

Sub. (1) into (2):
$$36a = \left(b - a + \frac{bk}{25}\right)k - ak + bk$$

$$900a = 50bk - 50ak + bk^2$$
$$(50k + 900)a = (k^2 + 50k)b$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{k^2 + 50k}{50k + 900}$$

Let
$$a = (k^2 + 50k)p$$
, $b = (50k + 900)p$

$$c = b - a + \frac{bk}{25} = [50k + 900 - k^2 - 50k + (2k + 36)k]p = (k^2 + 36k + 900)p$$
. Let $p = 1$.

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k	$a = k^2 + 50k$	b = 50k + 900	$c = k^2 + 36k + 900$	Remark
1	51	950	937	
2	104	1000	976	13-122-125
3	159	1050	1017	
4	216	1100	1060	54-275-265
5	275	1150	1105	55-221-230
6	336	1200	1152	7-24-25
7	399	1250	1201	
8	464	1300	1252	116-313-325
9	531	1350	1305	59-145-150
10	600	1400	1360	15-34-35
11	671	1450	1417	
12	744	1500	1476	62-123-125
13	819	1550	1537	
14	896	1600	1600	14-25-25
15	975	1650	1665	65-110-111
16	1056	1700	1732	264-425-433
17	1139	1750	1801	
18	1224	1800	1872	17-25-26
19	1311	1850	1945	
20	1400	1900	2020	70-95-101

Given that the three sides of a triangle are positive integers.

Let θ be an acute angle such that $\sin \theta = \frac{p}{r}$, $\cos \theta = \frac{q}{r}$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{p}{q}$ are rational numbers in their simplest forms.

Then (p, q, r) is a primitive Pythagorean triple. $(p, q, r) = (2uv, u^2 - v^2, u^2 + v^2)$ or $(u^2 - v^2, 2uv, u^2 + v^2)$. Let ABC be a triangle (BC = a, AC = b, AB = c). $\angle ACB = \theta$.

Area of $\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin C = \frac{1}{2}bc\sin A = \frac{1}{2}ca\sin B$, which must be rational

Denote the area of $\triangle ABC$ by S, then $\sin A = \frac{2S}{hc}$, $\sin B = \frac{2S}{ca}$ and $\sin C = \frac{2S}{ah}$ which are also rational.

By cosine formula,
$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$
, $\cos B = \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ac}$, $\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} \Rightarrow \cos A$, $\cos B$, $\cos C \in \mathbb{Q}$

 $\tan A = \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$, $\tan B = \frac{\sin B}{\cos B}$, $\tan C = \frac{\sin C}{\cos C}$ which are still rational. Find all integral solutions for a, b and c.

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \Rightarrow c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cdot \frac{q}{r}$$

Case 1
$$q = 2uv$$

 $(u^2 + v^2)c^2 = (u^2 + v^2)a^2 + (u^2 + v^2)b^2 - 4abuv$
 $(u^2 + v^2)[c^2 - (a^2 - 2ab + b^2)] = -4abuv + 2ab(u^2 + v^2)$
 $(u^2 + v^2)(c + a - b)(c - a + b) = 2ab(u - v)^2$
 $\frac{(u^2 + v^2)(c + a - b)}{b} = \frac{2(u - v)^2 a}{c - a + b} = k$

$$c + a - b = \frac{bk}{u^2 + v^2} \cdot \dots \cdot (1), c - a + b = \frac{2(u - v)^2 a}{k} \cdot \dots \cdot (2)$$

(1) – (2):
$$2(a-b) = \frac{bk}{u^2 + v^2} - \frac{2(u-v)^2 a}{k}$$

$$2(a-b)(u^2+v^2)k = bk^2 - 2a(u-v)^2(u^2+v^2)$$

$$2(u^2+v^2)ka + 2(u-v)^2(u^2+v^2)a = 2(u^2+v^2)kb + k^2b$$

$$2(u^{2} + v^{2})ka + 2(u - v)^{2}(u^{2} + v^{2})a = 2(u^{2} + v^{2})kb + k^{2}b$$

$$(2u^{2} + 2v^{2} + k)k$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\left(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k\right)k}{2\left(u^2 + v^2\right)\left[\left(u - v\right)^2 + k\right]} \Rightarrow a = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k, b = 2(u^2 + v^2)\left[(u - v)^2 + k\right]$$
Subject to (2): $a = (2v^2 + 2v^2 + k)k$, $a = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k$, $a = (2v^2 + 2v^2 + k)k$.

Sub. into (2):
$$c = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k - 2(u^2 + v^2)[(u - v)^2 + k] + 2(u - v)^2(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)$$

 $= k^2 + (2u^2 + 2v^2)k - 2(u^2 + v^2)(u - v)^2 - 2(u^2 + v^2)k + 4(u - v)^2(u^2 + v^2) + 2(u - v)^2k$
 $= k^2 + 2(u - v)^2k + 2(u - v)^2(u^2 + v^2) = k^2 + 2(u - v)^2(u^2 + v^2 + k)$

k	и	v	$a = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k$	$b = 2(u^2 + v^2)[(u - v)^2 + k]$	$c = k^2 + 2(u - v)^2(u^2 + v^2 + k)$	$\cos C = \frac{2uv}{u^2 + v^2}$
1	2	1	11	20	13	$\frac{4}{5}$
1	3	1	21	100	89	$\frac{6}{10} = \frac{3}{5}$
1	3	2	27	52	29	$\frac{12}{13}$
1	4	1	35	340	325	$\frac{8}{17}$
1	4	3	51	100	53	$\frac{24}{25}$
3	2	1	39	40	25	$\frac{4}{5}$

Note that u > v are relatively prime positive integers. $\cos C = \frac{2uv}{u^2 + v^2} > 0$ and so $\angle C$ must be acute.

Area of
$$\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C = \frac{1}{2}(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k \cdot 2(u^2 + v^2)\left[(u - v)^2 + k\right] \cdot \frac{u^2 - v^2}{u^2 + v^2}$$

= $k(u^2 - v^2)(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)[(u - v)^2 + k]$, which is an integer

Case 2
$$p = 2uv$$
, $\cos \theta = \frac{q}{r} = \frac{u^2 - v^2}{u^2 + v^2}$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \Rightarrow c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cdot \frac{u^2 - v^2}{u^2 + v^2}$$

$$(u^2 + v^2)c^2 = (u^2 + v^2)(a^2 - 2ab + b^2) + 2ab(u^2 + v^2) - 2ab(u^2 - v^2)$$

$$(u^2 + v^2)(c + a - b)(c - a + b) = 4v^2ab$$

$$\frac{(u^2 + v^2)(c + a - b)}{b} = \frac{4av^2}{c - a + b} = k$$

$$c + a - b = \frac{bk}{u^2 + v^2}$$
(1) and $c - a + b = \frac{4av^2}{k}$ (2)

$$(1) - (2): 2(a - b) = \frac{bk}{u^2 + v^2} - \frac{4av^2}{k}$$

$$2k(u^2 + v^2)a - 2k(u^2 + v^2)b = k^2b - 4v^2(u^2 + v^2)a$$

$$2(u^2 + v^2)(k + 2v^2)a = [k^2 + 2(u^2 + v^2)k]b$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{k^2 + 2(u^2 + v^2)k}{2(u^2 + v^2)(k + 2v^2)} \Rightarrow a = k^2 + 2(u^2 + v^2)k, b = 2(u^2 + v^2)(k + 2v^2)$$

Sub. into (2):
$$c = k^2 + 2(u^2 + v^2)k - 2(u^2 + v^2)(k + 2v^2) + 4v^2[k + 2(u^2 + v^2)]$$

= $k^2 + 4v^2(u^2 + v^2) + 4v^2k = k^2 + 4v^2(u^2 + v^2 + k)$

$\frac{-k + 4v(u + v) + 4vk - k + 4v(u + v + k)}{-k + 4v(u + v) + 4vk - k + 4v(u + v + k)}$						
k	и	v	$a = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k$	$b = 2(u^2 + v^2)(2v^2 + k)$	$c = k^2 + 4v^2(u^2 + v^2 + k)$	$\cos C = \frac{u^2 - v^2}{u^2 + v^2}$
1	1	2	11	90	97	$-\frac{3}{5}$
1	2	1	11	30	25	$\frac{3}{5}$
1	2	3	27	494	505	$-\frac{5}{13}$
1	3	2	27	234	225	$\frac{5}{13}$
1	4	1	35	102	73	$\frac{15}{17}$
1	4	3	51	950	937	$\frac{7}{25}$
3	2	1	39	50	41	$\frac{3}{5}$

Note that *u*, *v* are distinct relatively prime positive integers.

If u > v, then $\cos C = \frac{u^2 - v^2}{u^2 + v^2} > 0$ and so C is acute. If u < v, then $\cos C = \frac{u^2 - v^2}{u^2 + v^2} < 0$ and so C is obtuse.

Area of
$$\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin C = \frac{1}{2}(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k \cdot 2(u^2 + v^2)(2v^2 + k) \cdot \frac{2uv}{u^2 + v^2}$$

= $2kuv(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)(2v^2 + k)$, which is an integer

Given that the three sides of a triangle ACB are positive integers. $\angle ACB = \theta$ such that $\sin \theta = \frac{p}{r}$, $\cos \theta = \frac{q}{r}$ and

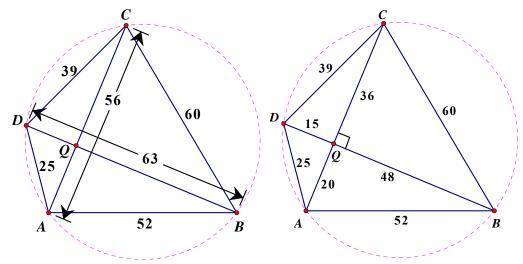
 $\tan \theta = \frac{p}{q}$ are all rational numbers. If (p, q, r) is a Pythagorean triple, from the above analysis,

$$(a,b,c) = ((2u^2+2v^2+k)k,2(u^2+v^2)[(u-v)^2+k],k^2+2(u-v)^2(u^2+v^2+k)) \text{ or } ((2u^2+2v^2+k)k,2(u^2+v^2)(2v^2+k),k^2+4v^2(u^2+v^2+k))$$

where $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, u, v are distinct relatively prime positive integers.

In this section, we are going to find a cyclic quadrilateral for which all sides and all diagonals are integers.

Idea: On February 2008, I asked Dr. Man Keung Siu in the University of Hong Kong about how to find a solution to the above question. He quoted a paper "Normal Trigrade and cyclic quadrilateral with integral sides and diagonals" from April, 1951 American Mathematical Monthly. I didn't understand the content of the paper. However, the author gave an example of integral cyclic quadrilateral ABCD, AB = 52, BC = 60, CD = 39, DA = 25, AC = 56, BD = 63.



It takes me years of time to investigate how to find another integral cyclic quadrilateral. Still, I failed to find any other solutions. After retirement, I use cosine formula to find $\cos \angle ACB$.

$$\cos \angle ACB = \frac{56^2 + 60^2 - 52^2}{2 \times 56 \times 60} = \frac{3}{5}$$
 and so $\sin \angle ACB = \frac{4}{5}$, $\tan \angle ACB = \frac{4}{3}$ which are all rational.

I started to investigate a triangle with integral sides and rational sines of each angle.

Suppose the diagonals intersect at Q. Let $\angle BQC = \theta$. It can be proved that $\tan \theta = \frac{4\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)}}{a^2+c^2-b^2-d^2}$

where
$$a = 52$$
, $b = 60$, $c = 39$, $d = 25$, $s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c+d)$.

$$a^2 + c^2 - b^2 - d^2 = 52^2 + 39^2 - 60^2 - 39^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{denominator} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ$$

$$CQ = BC \cos \angle BCQ = 60 \times \frac{3}{5} = 36, BQ = BC \sin \angle BCQ = 48. \Delta BCQ \text{ is a 3-4-5 } \Delta.$$

$$\therefore DQ = BD - BQ = 63 - 48 = 15, AQ = AC - CQ = 56 - 36 = 20.$$

$$\triangle ABQ$$
 is a 5-12-13 \triangle . $\triangle ADQ$ is a 3-4-5 \triangle . $\triangle CDQ$ is a 5-12-13 \triangle .

This is a **special case** of integral cyclic quadrilateral.

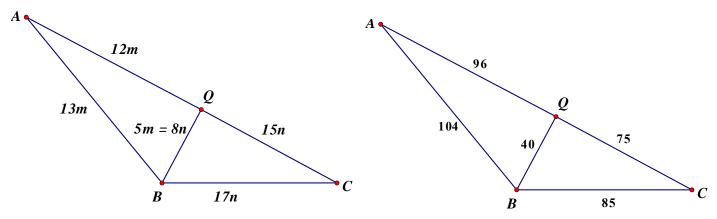
Will there be any other example(s) of integral cyclic quadrilateral ABCD with perpendicular diagonals?

$$\angle ACB = \angle ADB$$
, $\angle CAD = \angle CBD$, $\angle ACD = \angle ABD$, $\angle BDC = \angle BAC$ (\angle s in the same segment)

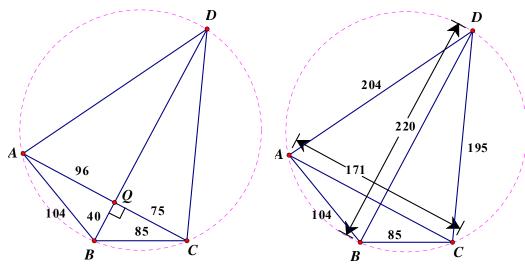
 $\therefore \Delta ABQ \sim \Delta DCQ, \Delta BCQ \sim \Delta ADQ$ (equiangular)

We try to find two pairs of right-angled triangles with common sides.

If $\triangle ABQ$ is a 5-12-13 \triangle , $\triangle BCQ$ is a 8-15-17 \triangle . AQ = 12m, BQ = 5m, AB = 13m, BQ = 8n, CQ = 15n, BC = 17n.



$$BC = 5m = 8n$$
, let $m = 8$, $n = 5$, then $AB = 13 \times 8 = 104$, $AQ = 12 \times 8 = 96$, $BC = 17 \times 5 = 85$, $CQ = 15 \times 5 = 75$



Construct the circumscribed circle ABC. Extend BQ to cut the circumscribed circle at D.

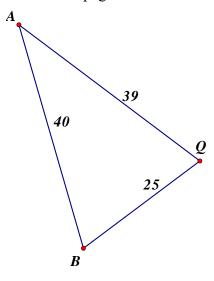
$$\Delta DCQ \sim \Delta ABQ$$
 which are 5-12-13 $\Delta s. DQ = \frac{75}{5} \times 12 = 180, CD = \frac{75}{5} \times 13 = 195.$

$$\triangle ADQ \sim \triangle BCQ$$
 which are 8-15-17 \(\Delta s.\) $DQ = \frac{96}{8} \times 15 = 180, AD = \frac{96}{8} \times 17 = 204.$

:. ABCD is another integral cyclic quadrilateral with

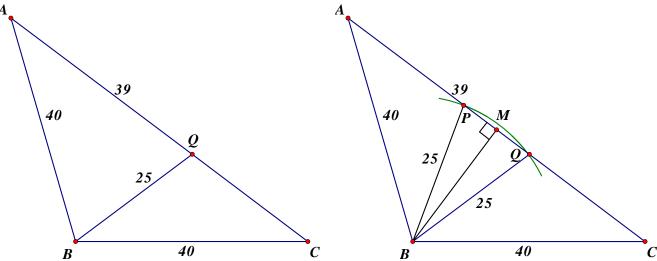
$$AB = 104$$
, $BC = 85$, $CD = 195$, $DA = 204$, $AC = 96 + 75 = 171$, $BD = 40 + 180 = 220$.

Question: Can we find an integral cyclic quadrilateral ABCD so that the diagonals are not necessarily perpendicular? We see from page 3 the last line that 25-39-40 is an integral triangle $\triangle ABQ$.



$$\cos \angle BAQ = \frac{40^2 + 39^2 - 25^2}{2 \times 40 \times 39} = \frac{4}{5}.$$

We find another triangle $\triangle BCQ$ so that BC = 40 and A, Q, C are collinear.



Draw a circular arc with B as centre, radius BQ, cutting AQ at P. BP = BQ = 25 (radii) Let M be the foot of perpendicular from B to PQ. $\triangle BPM \cong \triangle BQM$ (R.H.S.)

$$AM = AB \cos \angle BAQ = 40 \times \frac{4}{5} = 32$$
, $QM = AQ - AM = 39 - 32 = 7 = PM$ (corr. sides, $\cong \Delta s$)

$$AP = AQ - QM - PM = 39 - 7 - 7 = 25$$

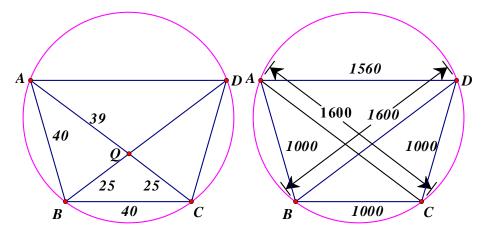
$$\angle BAC = \angle BCA$$
, $\angle BPQ = \angle BQP$ (base \angle s, isos. \triangle)

$$\angle APB = 180^{\circ} - \angle BPM = 180^{\circ} - \angle BQM = \angle BQC \text{ (adj. } \angle s \text{ on st. line)}$$

$$\triangle ABP \cong \triangle CBQ (A.A.S.)$$

$$CQ = AP = 25$$
 (corr. sides, $\cong \Delta s$)

Construct a circumscribed circle through A, B and C. Extend BQ to cut the circle again at D. Join AD and CD.



It is easy to show that $\triangle ABQ \cong \triangle DCQ$ (A.A.S.)

$$DQ = AQ = 39$$
, $DC = AB = 40$ (corr. sides, $\cong \Delta s$)

 $\Delta ADQ \sim \Delta BCQ$ (equiangular)

$$\frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{AQ}{BQ}$$
 (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

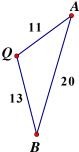
$$AD = 40 \times \frac{39}{25} = \frac{1560}{25}$$

Multiply every sides by 25 to give integral sides. AB = BC = CD = 1000, AD = 1560, BD = AC = 1600.

Again this is a special case for three equal adjacent sides of integral cyclic quadrilateral.

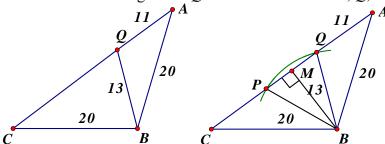
Second example:

We see from page 3 the first line in the table that 11-13-20 is an integral triangle $\triangle ABQ$.



$$\cos \angle BAQ = \frac{11^2 + 20^2 - 13^2}{2 \times 11 \times 20} = \frac{4}{5}.$$

We find another triangle $\triangle BCQ$ so that BC = 20 and A, Q, C are collinear.



Draw a circular arc with B as centre, radius BQ, cutting AQ at P. BP = BQ = 25 (radii) Let M be the foot of perpendicular from B to PQ. $\triangle BPM \cong \triangle BQM$ (R.H.S.)

$$AM = AB \cos \angle BAQ = 20 \times \frac{4}{5} = 16$$
, $QM = AM - AQ = 16 - 11 = 5 = PM$ (corr. sides, $\cong \Delta s$)

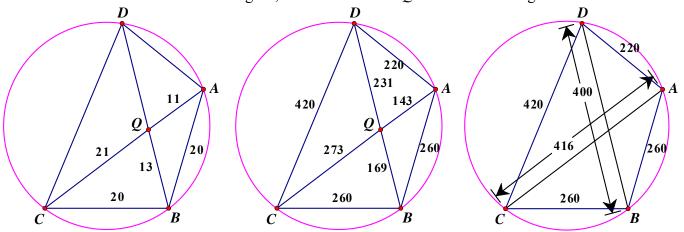
$$AP = AM + PM = 16 + 5 = 21$$

$$\angle BAC = \angle BCA$$
, $\angle BPQ = \angle BQP$ (base \angle s, isos. \triangle)

$$\triangle ABP \cong \triangle CBQ \text{ (A.A.S.)}$$

$$CQ = AP = 21$$
 (corr. sides, $\cong \Delta s$)

Construct a circumscribed circle through A, B and C. Extend BQ to cut the circle again at D. Join AD and CD.



It is easy to show that $\triangle ABQ \sim \triangle DCQ$ (equiangular)

$$\frac{DQ}{AO} = \frac{CQ}{BO} = \frac{CD}{AB}$$
 (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

$$DQ = 11 \times \frac{21}{13} = \frac{231}{13}$$
, $CQ = 20 \times \frac{21}{13} = \frac{420}{13}$, $AC = 11 + 21 = 32$, $BD = 13 + \frac{231}{13} = \frac{400}{13}$

 $\Delta ADQ \sim \Delta BCQ$ (equiangular)

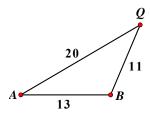
$$\frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{AQ}{BO}$$
 (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

$$AD = 20 \times \frac{11}{13} = \frac{220}{13}$$

Multiply every sides by 13 to give integral sides. AB = BC = 260, CD = 420, AD = 220, AC = 416, BD = 400. Again this is a **special case** for **two equal adjacent sides of integral cyclic quadrilateral**.

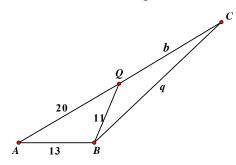
Question: Can find find an integral cyclic quadrilateral ABCD so that all adjacent sides are unequal?

We see from page 3 the first line in the table that 11-13-20 is an integral triangle $\triangle ABQ$.



$$\cos \angle AQB = \frac{11^2 + 20^2 - 13^2}{2 \times 11 \times 20} = \frac{4}{5}.$$

We find another triangle $\triangle BCQ$ so that BC = q, QC = b and A, Q, C are collinear.



$$\cos \angle BQC = \cos(180^{\circ} - \angle AQB) = -\cos \angle AQB = -\frac{4}{5}$$

Apply cosine rule on $\triangle BCQ$: $q^2 = b^2 + 11^2 + 22b \times \frac{4}{5}$

$$5q^2 = 5(b^2 + 22b + 11^2) - 110b + 88b$$

$$22b = 5[(b+11)^2 - q^2] = 5(b+q+11)(b-q+11)$$

$$\frac{b+q+11}{b} = \frac{22}{5(b-q+11)} = t$$

$$b+q+11=bt\cdots(1), b-q+11=\frac{22}{5t}\cdots(2)$$

$$(1) + (2): 2b + 22 = bt + \frac{22}{5t}$$

$$10tb + 110t = 5t^2b + 22$$

$$110t - 22 = (5t^2 - 10t)b$$

$$b = \frac{22(5t-1)}{5t(t-2)}$$

$$(1) - (2): 2q = bt - \frac{22}{5t} = \frac{22t(5t-1)}{5t(t-2)} - \frac{22}{5t}$$

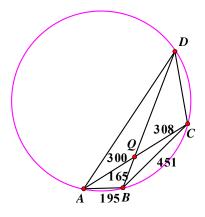
$$q = 11 \cdot \frac{t(5t-1) - (t-2)}{5t(t-2)} = 11 \cdot \frac{5t^2 - 2t + 2}{5t(t-2)}$$

Put
$$t = 3$$
, $b = \frac{22 \times 14}{15} = \frac{308}{15}$, $q = 11 \times \frac{41}{15} = \frac{451}{15}$

Multiply every sides by 15 to give integral sides.

$$AB = 13 \times 15 = 195, BQ = 11 \times 15 = 165, AQ = 20 \times 15 = 300.$$

Construct a circumscribed circle through A, B and C. Extend BQ to cut the circle again at D. Join AD and CD.



It is easy to show that $\triangle ABQ \sim \triangle DCQ$ (equiangular)

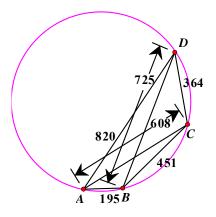
$$\frac{DQ}{AQ} = \frac{CQ}{BQ} = \frac{CD}{AB}$$
 (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

$$DQ = 300 \times \frac{308}{165} = 560$$
, $CD = 195 \times \frac{308}{165} = 364$, $AC = 300 + 308 = 608$, $BD = 165 + 560 = 725$

 $\Delta ADQ \sim \Delta BCQ$ (equiangular)

$$\frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{AQ}{BQ}$$
 (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

$$AD = 451 \times \frac{300}{165} = 820$$



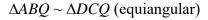
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Question: Can we find a general formula for integral cyclic quadrilateral for which the diagonals are not necessarily perpendicular and the adjacent sides are not necessarily equal?

Let the cyclic quadrilateral be ABCD. The diagonals AC and BD intersect at Q.

Let AQ = a, BQ = b, AB = c, DQ = d, CQ = e, CD = f, AD = g, BC = h as shown in the figure.



$$\frac{a}{d} = \frac{b}{e} = \frac{c}{f} = m$$
, where m is a constant (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

$$a = dm, b = em, c = fm$$

 $\Delta ADQ \sim \Delta BCQ$ (equiangular)

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{d}{e} = \frac{g}{h} = n$$
, where *n* is a constant. (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

$$a = bn = dmn, d = en, g = hn$$

There are five variables e, f, h, m, n in the figure.

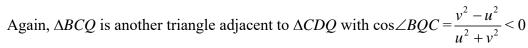
Let $\triangle BCQ$ be an obtuse-angled triangle with $\angle BQC > 90^{\circ}$.

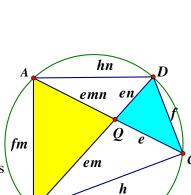
Then $\triangle CDQ$ is an acute-angled triangle.

By the formula on Page 4, the only possible solution for ΔCDQ is:

$$CD = k^2 + 4v^2(u^2 + v^2 + k), CQ = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k, DQ = 2(u^2 + v^2)(2v^2 + k)$$

 $\cos \angle CQD = \frac{u^2 - v^2}{u^2 + v^2} > 0$, where u > v are distinct relatively prime positive integers





The roles of u and v are interchanged.

$$BC = h = k^2 + 4u^2(u^2 + v^2 + k), BQ = em = 2(u^2 + v^2)(2u^2 + k)$$

$$n = \frac{en}{e} = \frac{DQ}{CQ} = \frac{2(u^2 + v^2)(2v^2 + k)}{(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k}$$

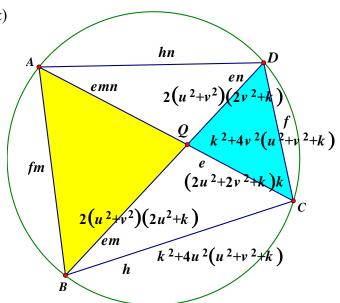
$$AQ = emn = BQ \times n$$

$$=2(u^{2}+v^{2})(2u^{2}+k)\cdot\frac{2(u^{2}+v^{2})(2v^{2}+k)}{(2u^{2}+2v^{2}+k)k}$$

$$=4 \cdot \frac{\left(u^2 + v^2\right)^2 \left(2u^2 + k\right) \left(2v^2 + k\right)}{\left(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k\right)k}$$

$$AD = hn = \left[k^2 + 4u^2\left(u^2 + v^2 + k\right)\right] \cdot \frac{2(u^2 + v^2)(2v^2 + k)}{(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k}$$

$$m = \frac{em}{e} = \frac{BQ}{CQ} = \frac{2(u^2 + v^2)(2u^2 + k)}{(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k}$$



$$AB = fm = \left[k^2 + 4v^2\left(u^2 + v^2 + k\right)\right] \cdot \frac{2(u^2 + v^2)(2u^2 + k)}{(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k}$$

Multiply every sides by $(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k$ to give integral sides:

$$CQ = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)^2k^2$$
, $CD = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k[k^2 + 4v^2(u^2 + v^2 + k)]$, $DQ = 2k(u^2 + v^2)(2v^2 + k)(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)$

$$BC = (2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k[k^2 + 4u^2(u^2 + v^2 + k)], BQ = 2(u^2 + v^2)(2u^2 + k)(2u^2 + 2v^2 + k)k$$

$$AQ = 4(u^2 + v^2)^2(2u^2 + k)(2v^2 + k), AD = 2(u^2 + v^2)(2v^2 + k)[k^2 + 4u^2(u^2 + v^2 + k)]$$

$$AB = 2(u^2 + v^2)(2u^2 + k)[k^2 + 4v^2(u^2 + v^2 + k)]$$

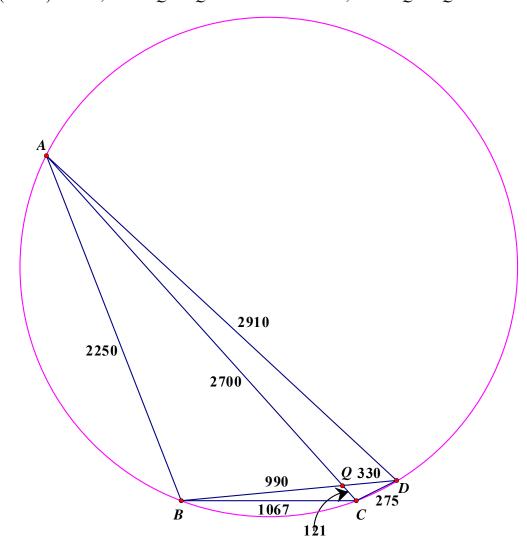
For example, take k = 1, u = 2, v = 1:

$$CQ = 121$$
, $CD = 11 \times (1+4\times6) = 275$, $DQ = 2\times5\times3\times11 = 330$

$$BC = 11 \times (1+16 \times 6) = 1067, BQ = 2 \times 5 \times 9 \times 11 = 990$$

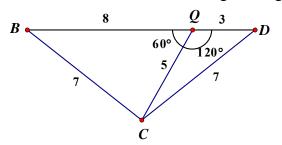
$$AQ = 4 \times 5^2 \times 9 \times 3 = 2700, AD = 2 \times 5 \times 3 \times (1 + 16 \times 6) = 2910$$

$$AB = 2 \times 5 \times 9 \times (1 + 4 \times 6) = 2250, AC = AQ + CQ = 2700 + 121 = 2821, BD = BQ + DQ = 990 + 330 = 1320$$



Think further: From the document: https://twhung78.github.io/Number Theory/120triangle.pdf, we know that 3-5-7 is a 120° triangle, whereas 5-7-8 is a 60° triangle.

Combine the common side '5' to give a bigger triangle as shown:



$$\cos \angle CQD = \frac{3^2 + 5^2 - 7^2}{2 \times 3 \times 5} = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \angle CQD = 120^{\circ}$$

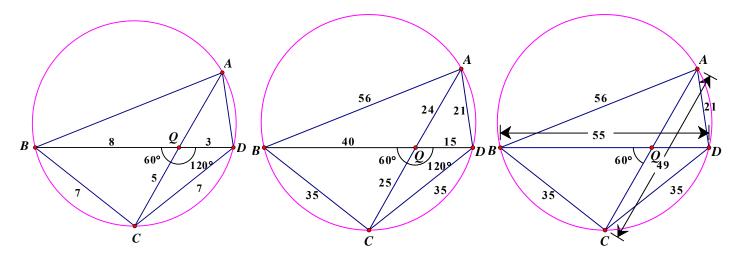
$$\cos \angle BQC = \frac{8^2 + 5^2 - 7^2}{2 \times 5 \times 8} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \angle BQC = 60^{\circ}$$

$$\angle BQC + \angle CQD = 60^{\circ} + 120^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\angle BQC + \angle CQD = 60^{\circ} + 120^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$$

 \therefore B, Q, D are collinear.

Construct a circumscribed circle through B, C and D. Extend CQ to cut the circle again at A. Join AB and AD.



It is easy to show that $\triangle ABQ \sim \triangle DCQ$ (equiangular)

$$\frac{DQ}{AO} = \frac{CQ}{BO} = \frac{CD}{AB}$$
 (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

$$AQ = 3 \times \frac{8}{5} = \frac{24}{5}$$
, $AB = 7 \times \frac{8}{5} = \frac{56}{5}$, $AC = \frac{24}{5} + 5 = \frac{49}{5}$, $BD = 8 + 3 = 11$

 $\triangle ADQ \sim \triangle BCQ$ (equiangular)

$$\frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{AQ}{BQ}$$
 (corr. sides, $\sim \Delta s$)

$$AD = 7 \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{21}{5}$$

Multiply every sides by 5 to give integral sides. BC = CD = 35, AD = 21, AB = 56, AC = 49, BD = 55.

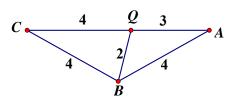
... We can construct another integral cyclic quadrilateral with a simplier formula, but the area of each smaller traingle inside (and hence the cyclic quadrilateral) are not integers.

Again this is a special case for two equal adjacent sides of integral cyclic quadrilateral and the angle between the two diagonals is 60°.

Question: Given any triangle $\triangle ABQ$ with integral sides, can we construct an integral cyclic quadrilateral, while the angle between the diagonals are not necessarily 60° using a similar method?

Let $\triangle ABC$ be a 2-3-4 triangle with AB = 4, BQ = 2, CQ = 3.

We can construct (method on page 9) another triangle $\triangle BCQ$ (with common sides BQ) so that BC = 4, CQ = 4.



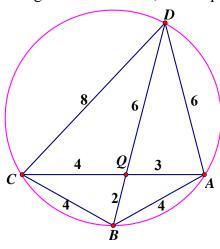
$$\cos \angle AQB = \frac{2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2}{2 \times 2 \times 3} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\cos \angle BQC = \frac{2^2 + 4^2 - 4^2}{2 \times 2 \times 4} = \frac{1}{4} = -\cos \angle AQB$$

$$\angle AQB + \angle BQC = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\therefore A, Q, C \text{ are collinear.}$$

Construct a circumscribed circle through A, B and C. Extend BQ to cut the circle again at D. Join AD and CD. Using a similar method, we can prove that DQ = 6, AD = 6, CD = 8.



In this case, AB = BC = 4 (two equal adjacent sides, whereas the angle between the diagonals $\neq 60^{\circ}$.)

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