DIOPHANTINE D(n)-QUADRUPLES IN $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{4k+2}]$

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ABSTRACT. Let d be a square-free integer and $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ a quadratic ring of integers. For a given $n \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, a set of m non-zero distinct elements in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ is called a Diophantine D(n)-m-tuple (or simply D(n)-m-tuple) in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ if product of any two of them plus n is a square in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. Assume that $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ is a positive integer such that $x^2 - dy^2 = -1$ and $x^2 - dy^2 = 6$ are solvable in integers. In this paper, we prove the existence of infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ for $n = 4m + 4k\sqrt{d}$ with $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying $m \not\equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ and $k \not\equiv 3 \pmod{6}$. Moreover, we prove the same for $n = (4m + 2) + 4k\sqrt{d}$ when either $m \not\equiv 9 \pmod{12}$ and $k \not\equiv 3 \pmod{6}$, or $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{12}$ and $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{6}$. At the end, some examples supporting the existence of quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ with the property D(n) for the above exceptional n's are provided for d = 10.

1. INTRODUCTION

A set $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m\}$ of *m* distinct positive integers is called a Diophantine *m*-tuple with the property D(n) (or simply D(n)-*m*-tuple) for a given non-zero integer *n*, if $a_i a_j + n$ is a perfect square for all $1 \le i < j \le m$. For n = 1, such an *m*-tuple is called Diophantine *m*-tuple instead of Diophantine *m*-tuple with the property D(1). The question of constructing such tuples was first studied by Diophantus of Alexandria, who found a Diophantine quadruple of rationals $\{1/16, 33/16, 17/4, 105/16\}$ with the property D(1). However, it was Fermat who first found a Diophantine quadruple $\{1, 3, 8, 120\}$ in integers. Later, Baker and Davenport [3] proved that Fermat's quadruple can not be extended to Diophantine quintuple. Dujella [12] proved the nonexistence of Diophantine sextuple and that there are at most finitely many integer Diophantine quintuples. Recently, He, Togbé and Ziegler [24] proved

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the non-existence of integer Diophantine quintuples, and in this way, they solved a long-standing open problem. On the other hand, Bonciocat, Cipu and Mignotte [5] proved a conjecture of Dujella [9], which states that there are no D(-1)-quadruples. It is also known due to Trebješanin and Filipin [4] that there do not exist D(4)-quintuples. A brief survey on this topic can be found in [15]. We also refer [6, 8, 13, 14, 16] to the reader for more information about D(n)-m-tuples.

Let \mathcal{R} be a commutative ring with unity. For a given $n \in \mathcal{R}$, a set $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m\} \subset \mathcal{R} \setminus \{0\}$ is called a Diophantine *m*-tuple with the property D(n) in \mathcal{R} (or simply D(n)-m-tuple in \mathcal{R}), if $a_i a_j + n$ is a perfect square in \mathcal{R} for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$. Let K be an imaginary quadratic number field and \mathcal{O}_K be its ring of integers. In 2019, Adžaga [2] proved that there are no D(1)-m-tuples in \mathcal{O}_K when $m \geq 42$. Recently, Gupta [23] proved that there do not exist D(-1)-m-tuple for $m \geq 37$. It is interesting to note that D(n)quadruples are related to the representations of n by the binary quadratic form $x^2 - y^2$. In particular, Dujella [9] proved that a D(n)-quadruple in integers exists if and only if n can be written as a difference of two squares, up to finitely many exceptions. Later, Dujella [11] proved the above fact in Gaussian integers. Further, the above fact also holds for the ring of integers of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ for certain $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ (see, [1, 17–19, 21, 26]). These results motivated Franušić and Jadrijević to post the following conjecture.

CONJECTURE 1.1 ([22, Conjecture 1]). Let \mathcal{R} be a commutative ring with unity 1 and $n \in \mathcal{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Then a D(n)-quadruple exists if and only if n can be written as a difference of two squares in \mathcal{R} , up to finitely many exceptions of n.

This conjecture was verified for rings of integers of certain number fields (cf. [1, 17-22, 25, 26]).

The following notation will be followed throughout the paper.

• $(a,b) = a + b\sqrt{d}$,

•
$$k(a,b) = (ka,kb)$$
 for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

k(a,b) = (ka,kb) for k ∈ Z,
Let α = (a,b). The norm Nm of α is given by

$$Nm(\alpha) := (a, b)(a, -b),$$

• $(x,y) \equiv (a,b) \pmod{(c,e)}$ means that $x \equiv a \pmod{c}$ and $y \equiv b$ $(\mod e).$

In the rest of paper, we fix $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ to be a square-free positive integer. We set S and T in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ as follows:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{S} &:= \{(4m,4k+1),(4m,4k+2),(4m,4k+3),(4m+1,4k+1),\\ &(4m+1,4k+3),(4m+2,4k+1),(4m+2,4k+3),(4m+3,4k+1),\\ &(4m+3,4k+3)\}, \end{split}$$

$$\mathcal{T} := \{(4m, 4k), (4m+1, 4k), (4m+1, 4k+2), (4m+2, 4k), (4m+2, 4k+2), (4m+3, 4k), (4m+3, 4k+2)\},\$$

where $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$. It is easy to check that if $n \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ then $n \in S \cup T$. In [17], Franušić proved that there does not exist any D(n)-quadruple in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ for $n \in S$.

Thus, it is natural to ask 'whether there exists any Diophantine quadruple in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ for $n \in \mathcal{T}$ '. Very recently, in [7] the present authors answered this question for $n \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{(4m, 4k), (4m + 2, 4k)\}$. More precisely, the authors proved the following result.

THEOREM A ([7, Theorem 1.1]). Assume that $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ is a squarefree positive integer and the equations (1.1) and (1.2) are solvable. Then there exist infinity many quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ with the property D(n) when $n \in \{(4m+1) + 4k\sqrt{d}, (4m+1) + (4k+2)\sqrt{d}, (4m+3) + 4k\sqrt{d}, (4m+3) + (4k+2)\sqrt{d}, (4m+2) + (4k+2)\sqrt{d}\}$ with $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

As a consequence of Theorem A, we were able to construct some counter examples of Conjecture 1.1. Namely, if d = 10 and $n = 26 + 6\sqrt{10}$ or d = 58 and $n = 18 + 2\sqrt{58}$, one can easily see that n can not be represented as a difference of two squares in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, but there exists a D(n)-quadruple in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

In this paper, we consider the above mentioned problem for the remaining values of n. Let $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ be a square-free positive integer such that

(1.1)
$$x^2 - dy^2 = -1$$

and

(1.2)
$$x^2 - dy^2 = 6$$

are solvable in integers. We prove the following results.

THEOREM 1.2. Let $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ be a square-free positive integer such that (1.1) and (1.2) are solvable in integers. Let n = (4m, 4k) with $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(m, k) \not\equiv (5, 3) \pmod{(6, 6)}$. Then there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

THEOREM 1.3. Let d be as in Theorem 1.2. Then for n = (4m + 2, 4k)with $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ such that $(m, k) \not\equiv (9, 3), (0, 0) \pmod{(12, 6)}$.

In 1996, Dujella [10] obtained several two-parameter polynomial families for quadruples with the property D(n). Our proofs use the technique presented in [10].

2. Preliminaries

We begin this section with the following lemma that follows from the definition of D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

LEMMA 2.1. Let $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$ be a D(n)-quadruple. Then for any nonzero $w \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, with a square-free integer d, the set $\{wa_1, wa_2, wa_3, wa_4\}$ is a $D(w^2n)$ -quadruple in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

The next lemma helps us to find the conditions under which the set $\{a, b, a+b+2r, a+4b+4r\}$ forms a D(n)-quadruple in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

LEMMA 2.2 ([7, Lemma 2.5]). The set $\{a, b, a+b+2r, a+4b+4r\}$ of nonzero and distinct elements is a D(n)-quadruple in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, if $ab + n = r^2$ and $3n = \alpha_1 \alpha_2$ with $\alpha_1 = a + 2r + \alpha$ and $\alpha_2 = a + 2r - \alpha$, for some $a, b, r, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

The next two lemmas help us to apply Lemma 2.2 in the proofs of Theorems 1.2 and 1.3. Lemma 2.3 is useful for the factorization of 3n in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, while Lemma 2.4 is useful to verify that the elements thus found are distinct and non-zero.

LEMMA 2.3 ([7, Lemma 3.1]). Let $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ be a square-free integer such that (1.1) and (1.2) are solvable in integers. Then in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, the following statements hold:

- (i) elements of norm 1 have the form $(6a_1 \pm 1, 6b_1)$ and there are infinitely many of them;
- (ii) elements of norm -1 have the form $(6a_1 \pm 3, 6b_1 \pm 1)$ and there are infinitely many such elements;
- (iii) $d \equiv 10 \pmod{48};$
- (iv) elements of norm 6 have the form $(12M \pm 4, 6N \pm 1)$ and there are infinitely many such elements;
- (v) elements of norm -6 have the form $(12M \pm 2, 6N \pm 1)$ and there are infinitely many such elements;

where a_1, b_1, M and $N \in \mathbb{Z}$.

LEMMA 2.4 ([7, Lemma 2.4]). Assume that $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2, d_1, d_2, e_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a_1, a_2, b_1 \neq 0$. Then the following system of simultaneous equations

$$\begin{cases} a_1x^2 + b_1y^2 + c_1x + d_1y + e_1 = 0, \\ a_2xy + b_2x + c_2y + d_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

has only finitely many solutions in integers.

3. Proof of Theorem 1.2

We first factorize 3n by using Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3. We then use this factorization together with Lemma 2.2 to construct Diophantine quadruples

of certain forms with the property D(n) under the condition of non-zero and distinctness. Finally these conditions are verified by using Lemma 2.4.

Here, n = (4m, 4k) with $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus 3n = 3(4m, 4k) = 6(2m, 2k)and we choose $\alpha_1 = 6$ and $\alpha_2 = (2m, 2k)$ (α_1 and α_2 as in Lemma 2.2). Now Lemma 2.2 entails,

$$(3.1) a + 2r = (m+3,k)$$

We divide the proof into four cases based on the parity of m and k.

Case I: Both m and k are even. Let $a = (6a_1 + 1, 6b_1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that Nm(a) = 1. Then by (i) of Lemma 2.3, there exist infinitely many such a's, and (3.1) can be written as

$$r = (m/2 + 1 - 3a_1, k/2 - 3b_1).$$

As both m and k are even, so $r \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. We employ these a and r in the equation $ab + n = r^2$ (as in Lemma 2.2) to get:

$$b = \left((m/2 + 1 - 3a_1)^2 + d(k/2 - 3b_1)^2 - 4m, 2(m/2 + 1 - 3a_1)(k/2 - 3b_1) - 4k \right) \times (6a_1 + 1, -6b_1).$$

These choices of a, b and r give us infinitely many D(n)-quadruples $\{a, b, a + b + 2r, a + 4b + 4r\}$ in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. Non-zero and distinctness of these elements can easily be verified by Lemma 2.4.

Case II: m is odd and k is even. As in Case I, we choose $a = 2(6a_1+1, 6b_1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 4. Then (3.1) gives,

$$2r = (m+1 - 12a_1, k - 12b_1).$$

We write $m = 2m_1 + 1$ and $k = 2k_1$ for some $m_1, k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$r = (m_1 + 1 - 6a_1, k_1 - 6b_1),$$

which gives

$$b = \frac{1}{2} ((m_1 + 1 - 6a_1)^2 + d(k_1 - 6b_1)^2 - 4m,$$

$$2(m_1 + 1 - 6a_1)(k_1 - 6b_1) - 4k) \times (6a_1 + 1, -6b_1).$$

We are looking for b satisfying $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, so that m_1 should be odd and k_1 should be even. These choices of a, b and r provide infinitely many D(n)-quadruples of the form $\{a, b, a + b + 2r, a + 4b + 4r\}$ in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

On the other hand for even m_1 , we choose $a = 4(6a_1 + 1, 6b_1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 16. Then as before we get

$$r = (m_1 - 12a_1, k_1 - 12b_1),$$

which provides

$$b = \frac{1}{4} \left((m_1 - 12a_1)^2 + d(k_1 - 12b_1)^2 - 4m, 2(m_1 - 12a_1)(k_1 - 12b_1) - 4k \right)$$

 $\times (6a_1 + 1, -6b_1).$

Clearly $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ when k_1 is even. These give the required elements a, b and r. Utilizing Lemma 2.2, this implies that the set $\mathcal{A} = \{a, b, a + b + 2r, a + 4b + 4r\}$ forms a Diophantine quadruple in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ with the property D(n), under the condition that all the elements of \mathcal{A} must be non-zero and distinct from each other. These conditions can be verified by using Lemma 2.4, except $a + 4b + 4r \neq 0$ and $a + 2r \neq 0$. We handle these exceptions separately since they do not fit into Lemma 2.4. We first consider a + 2r = 0. This gives $m_1 = -2$ and $k_1 = 0$. This gives n = -12. Now if a + 4b + 4r = 0, then $(m_1, k_1) = (0, 0)$ or $(m_1, k_1) = (4, 0)$. This gives n = 1, 36, which are already known.

The case n = -12 gives $3n = -18 \times 2$. We now choose $\alpha_1 = -18$ and $\alpha_2 = 2$. As before, we choose $a = 4(6a_1 + 1, 6b_1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 16, and thus $r = (-2 - 12a_1, -12b_1)$. This gives

$$b = ((1+6a_1, 6b_1)^2 + 3)(6a_1 + 1, -6b_1).$$

Owing to the guaranteed existence of infinitely many a's, there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples.

The possibility of m_1 even and k_1 odd needs to be examined. In this case $n = (16m + 4, 16k + 8) = 2^2(4m + 1, 4k + 2)$, and thus the existence of infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ is guaranteed by [7, Theorem 1.1] and Lemma 2.1.

Case III: m is even and k is odd. In this case, we consider $a = (6a_1 + 3, 6b_1 + 1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = -1. This provides us

$$b = ((m/2 - 3a_1)^2 + d((k-1)/2 - 3b_1)^2 - 4m, 2(m/2 - 3a_1)((k-1)/2 - 3b_1) - 4k) \times (-6a_1 - 3, 6b_1 + 1),$$

(for the value of r we use (3.1)). As dealt with in the previous cases, these values of a, b, r will guarantee infinitely many D(n)- quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

Case IV: Both m and k are odd. This case is bit more involved. Clearly n can be expressed as $n = (8m_1 + 4, 8k_1 + 4)$ for some $m_1, k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$3n = 6(4m_1 + 2, 4k_1 + 2).$$

Let $\alpha_1 = 6$ and $\alpha_2 = (4m_1 + 2, 4k_1 + 2)$. That would imply (by Lemma 2.2)

$$(3.2) a + 2r = (2m_1 + 4, 2k_1 + 1)$$

In what follows we will apply Lemma 2.3 (iv), (v), with $M, N \in \mathbb{Z}$. First, set a = (12M + 4, 6N + 1), with Nm(a) = 6. Thus (3.2) implies that

$$r = (m_1 - 6M, k_1 - 3N).$$

Employing $ab + n = r^2$ and $d \equiv 10 \pmod{48}$ (see, (iii) of Lemma 2.3), we get

$$b = \frac{1}{6} \left((m_1 - 6M)^2 + d(k_1 - 3N)^2 - 8m_1 - 4, \\ 2(m_1 - 6M)(k_1 - 3N) - 8k_1 - 4 \right) \times (12M + 4, -6N - 1)$$

To ensure the existence of b in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, we must have,

$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (0, 0), (0, 1), (2, 0), (2, 2), (4, 1), (4, 2) \pmod{(6, 3)}$$

As before, we assume a = (12M + 4, 6N - 1), with Nm(a) = 6. Then we arrive at

$$b = \frac{1}{6} \left((m_1 - 6M)^2 + d(k_1 - 3N + 1)^2 - 8m_1 - 4, \\ 2(m_1 - 6M)(k_1 - 3N + 1) - 8k_1 - 4 \right) \times (12M + 4, -6N + 1).$$

As $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, so that we have additional cases of (m_1, k_1) , where

$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (0, 2), (4, 0) \pmod{(6, 3)}.$$

Similarly, we set a = (12M + 2, 6N + 1) with Nm(a) = -6 to get

$$b = -\frac{1}{6} \left((m_1 + 1 - 6M)^2 + d(k_1 - 3N)^2 - 8m_1 - 4, \\ 2(m_1 + 1 - 6M)(k_1 - 3N) - 8k_1 - 4 \right) \times (12M + 2, -6N - 1).$$

For b to be in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$,

$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (1, 0), (1, 1), (3, 2), (5, 0), (5, 2) \pmod{(6, 3)}.$$

Again we choose a = (12M + 2, 6N - 1), with Nm(a) = -6, which gives

$$b = -\frac{1}{6} \left((m_1 - 6M + 1)^2 + d(k_1 - 3N + 1)^2 - 8m_1 - 4, \\ 2(m_1 - 6M + 1)(k_1 - 3N + 1) - 8k_1 - 4 \right) \times (12M + 2, -6N + 1).$$

Thus for $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$,

$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (1, 2), (3, 0), (3, 1) \pmod{(6, 3)}.$$

Finally for a = (12M - 2, 6N - 1) one gets the same values for (m_1, k_1) as in the case a = (12M + 2, 6N + 1). This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

4. Proof of Theorem 1.3

The proof of Theorem 1.3 goes along the lines of that of Theorem 1.2, except the factorization of 3n. However, we provide the outlines of the proof for convenience to the readers. The notations α_1 and α_2 are as in §3. Assume that n = (4m + 2, 4k), where $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Case I: Both m and k are even. Let $M, N \in \mathbb{Z}$, and let

(4.1)
$$3n = 6(2m + 1, 2k)$$

= $(12M + 4, -6N - 1)(12M + 4, 6N + 1)(2m + 1, 2k)$
(Using Lemma 2.3(iv))
= $\alpha_1 \alpha_2$,

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= (12M+4, -6N-1), \\ \alpha_2 &= (24Mm+12M+8m+4+d(12Nk+2k), \\ &\quad 24Mk+8k+12Nm+2m+6N+1). \end{aligned}$$

Now, $a = 4(6a_1 + 1, 6b_1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 16, which gives $r = (6Mm + 6M + 2m + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 12a_1, 6Mk + 2k + 3Nm + m/2 - 12b_1)$ and

$$b = \frac{1}{4} \Big((6Mm + 6M + 2m + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 12a_1)^2 \\ + d(6Mk + 2k + 3Nm + m/2 - 12b_1)^2 - 4m - 2, \\ 2(6Mm + 6M + 2m + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 12a_1) \\ \times (6Mk + 2k + 3Nm + m/2 - 12b_1) - 4k \Big) \\ \times (6a_1 + 1, -6b_1).$$

Now for $r,b\in\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}],$ since $d\equiv 2\pmod{4},$ we must have $m\equiv 2\pmod{4}.$ Assume that

$$(\alpha,\beta) = (6Mm + 6M + 2m + (d/2)(6Nk + k), 6Mk + 2k + 3Nm + m/2).$$

Then $r = (\alpha - 12a_1, \beta - 12b_1).$

Now if a + 4b + 4r = 0, then

$$4 + \alpha^2 + d\beta^2 - 4m - 2 + 4\alpha = 0,$$

$$2\alpha\beta - 4k + 4\beta = 0.$$

By Lemma 2.4, we conclude that there exist only finitely many α and β which satisfy the above system of equations. We now rewrite α and β as follows,

$$\begin{split} \alpha &= 6M(m+1) + N(3dk) + 2m + (d/2)k \\ \beta &= 6Mk + 3Nm + (m/2) + 2k. \end{split}$$

These can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha - 2m - (d/2)k \\ \beta - (m/2) - 2k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6(m+1) & 3dk \\ 6k & 3m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 6(m+1) & 3dk \\ 6k & 3m \end{pmatrix}$$

is non-zero. As we have infinitely many choices for M and N, so that there exist infinitely many α and β for which $a + 4b + 4r \neq 0$. Hence we can take such M and N for which $a + 4b + 4r \neq 0$. Using these values of a, b and r, we can get infinitely many quadruples with the property D(n) from Lemma 2.2, since we have infinitely many choices of a, by using Lemma 2.3 (i) and for checking the condition of non-zero and distinct elements of the set $\{a, b, a + b + 2r, a + 4b + 4r\}$ (given in Lemma 2.2), we use Lemma 2.4.

In the case $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, we replace n by $n = (16m_1 + 2, 8k_1)$ and then consider (4.1) with

$$\alpha_1 = (-12M - 2, 6N + 1),$$

$$\alpha_2 = (96Mm_1 + 12M + 16m_1 + 2 + d(24Nk_1 + 4k_1),$$

$$48Mk_1 + 8k_1 + 48Nm_1 + 8m_1 + 6N + 1),$$

where $m_1, k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. This gives by utilizing $a = (12a_1+4, 6b_1+1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 6,

$$r = (24Mm_1 + 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 - 2,$$

$$12Mk_1 + 2k_1 + 12Nm_1 + 2m_1 + 3N - 3b_1)$$

and

$$b = \frac{1}{6} \Big((24Mm_1 + 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 - 2)^2 \\ + d(12Mk_1 + 2k_1 + 12Nm_1 + 2m_1 + 3N - 3b_1)^2 - 16m_1 - 2, \\ 2(24Mm_1 + 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 - 2) \\ \times (12Mk_1 + 2k_1 + 12Nm_1 + 2m_1 + 3N - 3b_1) - 8k_1 \Big) \\ \times (12a_1 + 4, -6b_1 - 1).$$

Using $d \equiv 10 \pmod{48}$ (from Lemma 2.3(iii)), these further imply that

$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (2, 2) \pmod{(3, 3)}$$

Similarly, for $a = (12a_1 - 4, 6b_1 + 1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 6, we have

$$r = (24Mm_1 + 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 + 2, 12Mk_1 + 2k_1 + 12Nm_1 + 2m_1 + 3N - 3b_1)$$

and

$$b = \frac{1}{6} \Big((24Mm_1 + 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 + 2)^2 \Big)$$

$$+ d(12Mk_1 + 2k_1 + 12Nm_1 + 2m_1 + 3N - 3b_1)^2 - 16m_1 - 2,$$

$$2(24Mm_1 + 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 + 2)$$

$$\times (12Mk_1 + 2k_1 + 12Nm_1 + 2m_1 + 3N - 3b_1) - 8k_1)$$

$$\times (12a_1 - 4, -6b_1 - 1).$$

For b to be in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$,

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$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (1, 2) \pmod{(3, 3)}.$$

The factorization (4.1) with

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= (12M+2, 6N+1), \\ \alpha_2 &= \left(-96Mm_1 - 12M - 16m_1 - 2 + d(24Nk_1 + 4k_1), \\ &- 48Mk_1 - 8k_1 + 48m_1N + 8m_1 + 6N + 1\right), \end{aligned}$$
as well as $a = (12a_1 + 4, 6b_1 - 1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\operatorname{Nm}(a) = 6$ provides

$$= \left(-24Mm_1 - 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 - 2, -12Mk_1 - 2k_1 + 12m_1N + 2m_1 + 3N + 1 - 3b_1\right)$$

and

$$b = \frac{1}{6} \Big((-24Mm_1 - 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 - 2)^2 \\ + d(-12Mk_1 - 2k_1 + 12m_1N + 2m_1 + 3N + 1 - 3b_1)^2 - 16m_1 - 2, \\ 2(-24Mm_1 - 4m_1 + d(6Nk_1 + k_1) - 6a_1 - 2) \\ \times (-12Mk_1 - 2k_1 + 12m_1N + 2m_1 + 3N + 1 - 3b_1) - 8k_1 \Big) \\ \times (12a_1 + 4, -6b_1 + 1).$$

For $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}],$
 $(m_1, k_1) \equiv (2, 1) \pmod{(3, 3)}.$

Finally, owing to Lemma 2.3, there are infinitely many choices of M and N, and hence there are infinitely many choices for such a, b and r.

To conclude this case, we have covered all possibilities for (m_1, k_1) , except $(m_1, k_1) \not\equiv (0, 0) \pmod{(3, 3)}$. Hence, there exist infinitely many Diophantine quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ with the property $D(16m_1 + 2, 8k_1)$, where $(m_1, k_1) \not\equiv (0, 0) \pmod{(3, 3)}$.

Case II: m is even and k is odd. In this case too we work with the factorization (4.1). We use

$$\alpha_1 = (12M + 4, -6N - 1),$$

$$\alpha_2 = (24Mm + 12M + 8m + 4 + d(12Nk + 2k),$$

$$24Mk + 8k + 12Nm + 2m + 6N + 1)$$

and $a = 2(6a_1 + 1, 6b_1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 4. These provide us

$$r = (6Mm + 6M + 2m + 2 + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 6a_1 - 1, 6Mk + 2k + 3Nm + (m/2) - 6b_1)$$

and

$$b = \frac{1}{2} \Big((6Mm + 6M + 2m + 2 + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 6a_1 - 1)^2 \\ + d(6Mk + 2k + 3Nm + m/2 - 6b_1)^2 - 4m - 2, \\ 2(6Mm + 6M + 2m + 2 + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 6a_1 - 1) \\ \times (6Mk + 2k + 3Nm + m/2 - 6b_1) - 4k \Big) \\ \times (6a_1 + 1, -6b_1).$$

Case III: m is odd and k is even. Here, we use (4.1) with

$$\alpha_1 = (-12M - 2, 6N + 1),$$

$$\alpha_2 = (24Mm + 12M + 4m + 2 + d(12Nk + 2k),$$

$$24Mk + 4k + 12Nm + 2m + 6N + 1).$$

Then, $a = 2(6a_1 + 1, 6b_1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 4 gives

$$r = (12Mm + 2m + d(6Nk + k), 12Mk + 2k + 6Nm + m + 6N + 1)$$

and

$$b = \frac{1}{2} \Big((12Mm + 2m + d(6Nk + k))^2 \\ + d(12Mk + 2k + 6Nm + m + 6N + 1)^2 - 4m - 2, \\ 2(12Mm + 2m + d(6Nk + k)) \\ \times (12Mk + 2k + 6Nm + m + 6N + 1) - 4k \Big) \\ \times (6a_1 + 1, -6b_1).$$

Case IV: Both m and k are odd. The choices of α_1 and α_2 as in Case III work in this case too. We set $a = 4(6a_1 + 1, 6b_1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = 16 to get

$$r = (6Mm + m + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 12a_1 - 2, 6Mk + k + 3Nm + (m+1)/2 + 3N - 12b_1)$$

and

$$b = \frac{1}{4} \Big((6Mm + m + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 12a_1 - 2)^2 \\ + d(6Mk + k + 3Nm + (m+1)/2 + 3N - 12b_1)^2 - 4m - 2, \\ 2(6Mm + m + (d/2)(6Nk + k) - 12a_1 - 2) \Big)$$

×
$$(6Mk + k + 3Nm + (m+1)/2 + 3N - 12b_1) - 4k)$$

× $(6a_1 + 1, -6b_1).$

These would imply $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ whenever $r, b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. The existence of infinitely many quadruples can be seen by similar argument of n = (4m+2, 4k) in Case I with $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ and even k.

The next case is $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and here *n* can be replaced by $n = (16m_1 + 6, 8k_1 + 4)$ with $m_1, k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. The factorization uses in this case is:

$$(4.2) 3n = \alpha_1 \alpha_2,$$

where,

$$\alpha_1 = (12M + 4, -6N - 1),$$

$$\alpha_2 = (96Mm_1 + 36M + 32m_1 + 12 + d(24Nk_1 + 12N + 4k_1 + 2),$$

$$48Mk_1 + 24M + 16k_1 + 11 + 48Nm_1 + 18N + 8m_1).$$

We set $a = (12a_1 + 2, 6b_1 + 1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = -6, which gives $r = (24Mm_1 + 12M + 8m_1 + 4 + (d/2)(12Nk_1 + 6N + 2k_1 + 1) - 6a_1 - 1,$ $12Mk_1 + 6M + 4k_1 - 3a_1 + 2 + 12Nm_1 + 3N + 2m_1)$

and

$$b = -\frac{1}{6} \Big((24Mm_1 + 12M + 8m_1 + 4) \\ + (d/2)(12Nk_1 + 6N + 2k_1 + 1) - 6a_1 - 1)^2 \\ + d(12Mk_1 + 6M + 4k_1 - 3a_1 + 2 + 12Nm_1 + 3N + 2m_1)^2 - 16m_1 - 6, \\ 2(24Mm_1 + 12M + 8m_1 + 4 + (d/2)(12Nk_1 + 6N + 2k_1 + 1) - 6a_1 - 1) \\ \times (12Mk_1 + 6M + 4k_1 - 3a_1 + 2 + 12Nm_1 + 3N + 2m_1) - 8k_1 - 4 \Big) \\ \times (12a_1 + 2, -6b_1 - 1).$$

Now, using $d \equiv 10 \pmod{48}$ (from Lemma 2.3(iii)),

$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 0), (2, 2) \pmod{(3, 3)},$$

for $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

Similarly, $a = (12a_1 - 2, 6b_1 + 1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = -6 provides $r = (24Mm_1 + 12M + 8m_1 + 5 + (d/2)(12Nk_1 + 6N + 2k_1 + 1) - 6a_1,$ $12Mk_1 + 6M + 4k_1 + 2 + 12Nm_1 + 3N + 2m_1 - 3b_1)$

and

$$b = -\frac{1}{6} \Big((24Mm_1 + 12M + 8m_1 + 5 + (d/2)(12Nk_1 + 6N + 2k_1 + 1) - 6a_1)^2 \\ + d(12Mk_1 + 6M + 4k_1 + 2 + 12Nm_1 + 3N + 2m_1 - 3b_1)^2 - 16m_1 - 6, \Big)$$

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$$\begin{split} & 2(24Mm_1+12M+8m_1+5+(d/2)(12Nk_1+6N+2k_1+1)-6a_1) \\ & \times \left(12Mk_1+6M+4k_1+2+12Nm_1+3N+2m_1-3b_1\right)-8k_1-4 \right) \\ & \times \left(12a_1-2,-6b_1-1\right). \end{split}$$

For $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$,

$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (0, 2) \pmod{(3, 3)}$$

Again, we use (4.2) by taking

$$\alpha_1 = (12M + 4, 6N + 1),$$

$$\alpha_2 = (96Mm_1 + 36M + 32m_1 + 12 + d(-24Nk_1 - 12N - 4k_1 - 2),$$

$$48Mk_1 + 24M + 16k_1 + 8 - 48Nm_1 - 18N - 8m_1 - 3).$$

Then we choose $a = (12a_1 + 2, 6b_1 - 1)$ with $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and Nm(a) = -6, which gives

$$r = (24Mm_1 + 12M + 8m_1 + 3 + (d/2)(-12Nk_1 - 6N - 2k_1 - 1) - 6a_1, 12Mk_1 + 6M + 4k_1 + 2 - 12Nm_1 - 3N - 2m_1 - 3b_1)$$

and

$$b = -\frac{1}{6} \Big((24Mm_1 + 12M + 8m_1 + 3) \\ + (d/2)(-12Nk_1 - 6N - 2k_1 - 1) - 6a_1)^2 \\ + d(12Mk_1 + 6M + 4k_1 + 2 - 12Nm_1 - 3N - 2m_1 - 3b_1)^2 - 16m_1 - 6a_1) \\ 2(24Mm_1 + 12M + 8m_1 + 3 + (d/2)(-12Nk_1 - 6N - 2k_1 - 1) - 6a_1) \\ \times (12Mk_1 + 6M + 4k_1 + 2 - 12Nm_1 - 3N - 2m_1 - 3b_1) - 8k_1 - 4 \Big) \\ \times (12a_1 + 2, -6b_1 + 1).$$

For $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$,

$$(m_1, k_1) \equiv (1, 0) \pmod{(3, 3)}$$

The existence of infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ is guaranteed by the above choices of a, b and r in each case.

To conclude this case, we have covered all possibilities for (m_1, k_1) except $(m_1, k_1) \not\equiv (2, 1) \pmod{(3, 3)}$. Therefore, there exist infinitely many Diophantine quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ with the property $D(16m_1 + 6, 8k_1 + 4)$, where $(m_1, k_1) \not\equiv (2, 1) \pmod{(3, 3)}$.

5. Concluding Remarks

Given a square-free integer $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, the existence of D(n)-quadruples in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ has been investigated in [7,17]. We investigate this problem for the remaining values of n. However, our method does not work for a few values of n, i.e., $n \in \{4(12r+5, 6s+3), 4(12r+11, 6s+3), (48r+38, 24s+12), (48r+2, 24s)\}$ with $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We discuss some examples for the existence of D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ for these exceptions. We first shorten these exceptions with the help of [7, Theorem 1.1], and then we provide some examples for the remaining cases.

Let d = 2N such that (1.1) and (1.2) are solvable in integers, where $N \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume that n = 4(12m + 5, 6k + 3) with $m = \alpha N + \beta$ and $k = \alpha_1 N + \beta_1$, where $\alpha, \beta, \alpha_1, \beta_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $n = 4(12\alpha N + 12\beta + 5, 6\alpha_1 N + 6\beta_1 + 3)$. Utilizing (iii) of Lemma 2.3, we get $2, 3 \nmid N$ and thus we can choose β, β_1 such that $12\beta + 5$ and $6\beta_1 + 3$ are of the form $N\gamma$ and $N\gamma_1$, respectively with odd integers γ and γ_1 . Thus $n = 2N(24\alpha + 2\gamma, 12\alpha_1 + 2\gamma_1)$, since $2\gamma, 2\gamma_1 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, so that $24\alpha + 2\gamma$ and $12\alpha_1 + 2\gamma_1$ are of the form $4t_1 + 2$ for some integer $t_1 \geq 1$.

Again 2N is square in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, and thus [7, Theorem 1.1] and Lemma 2.1 together show that there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. Analogously, we can draw a similar conclusion for n = 4(12m + 11, 6k + 3). We now consider n = (4(12m + 9) + 2, 4(6k + 3)). As in the above, $n = 2(24N\alpha + 24\beta + 19, 12N\alpha_1 + 12\beta_1 + 6)$. Since $2,3 \nmid N$, so that we can choose β, β_1 such that $24\beta + 19$ and $12\beta_1 + 6$ are of the form $N\gamma$ and $N\gamma_1$, respectively. Using (iii) of Lemma 2.3, we get $N \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, and thus $\gamma \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $\gamma_1 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Finally we use [7, Theorem 1.1] and Lemma 2.1 to conclude that there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. Analogously we can establish the same for n = (4(12m) + 2, 4(6k)).

We now provide some examples supporting the existence of D(n)-quadruple in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$ for the exceptional values of n.

Example 1. We consider d = 10 and n = 4(12m+5, 6k+3) with $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let m = 5M and k = 5K+2, where $M, K \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then n = 4(5(12M+1), 30K+15), which can be written as n = 10(24M+2, 12K+6). Thus n is of the form 10(4m'+2, 4k'+2) with $m', k' \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore using [7, Theorem 1.1] and Lemma 2.1, we conclude that there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$. Analogously, we can show the same for n = 4(12m+11, 6k+3) by putting m = 5M+2 and k = 5K+2.

Example 2. Suppose d = 10 and n = (4(12m + 9) + 2, 4(6k + 3)) = 2(24m + 19, 12k + 6). Let m = 5M + 4 and k = 5K + 2. Then n = 10(24M + 23, 12k + 6). Since $24M + 23 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $12K + 6 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, so that by [7, Theorem 1.1] and Lemma 2.1, we can conclude that there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$. Similar conclusion can be drawn for n = (4(12m) + 2, 4(6k)) by taking $m \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ and $k \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.

Example 3. Assume that d = 10 and n = 4(12m+5, 6k+3) with $m \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{5}$. We factorize 3n as follows:

$$3n = 12(12m + 5, 6k + 3)$$

= (-18, 6)(3, 1)(24m + 10, 12k + 6)
= (-18, 6)(120k + 72m + 90, 36k + 24m + 28).

We take α_1 and α_2 to be the first and the second factor of the above equation, respectively. Further utilizing Lemma 2.2 we get

$$a + 2r = (60k + 36m + 36, 18k + 12m + 17).$$

We choose $a = (19, 6)^t (0, 1)$ with $\operatorname{Nm}(a) = -10$, where $t \in \mathbb{N}$. This implies that there exist $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = (20\alpha, 10\beta - 1)$, and thus $r = (30k + 18m - 10\alpha + 18, 9k + 6m + 9 - 5\beta)$. Further $ab + n = r^2$ implies

$$b = \frac{(r^2 - n)(20\alpha, -10\beta + 1)}{-10}.$$

Since $m \equiv 2$, or 3 (mod 5), $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$ and we have infinitely many *a*'s, therefore by using Lemmas 2.2 and 2.4, we get infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$. Analogously, we can show the existence of infinitely many D(n)quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$ for n = 4(12m + 11, 6k + 3) when $m \equiv 0$, or 4 (mod 5).

Example 4. Suppose that d = 10 and n = (4(12m + 9) + 2, 4(6k + 3)) with $m \equiv 1$, or 2 (mod 5). We factorize

$$3n = (4,1)(4,-1)(2(12m+9)+1, 2(6k+3))$$

= (4,1)(-120k+96m+16, 48k-24m+5).

We choose α_1 and α_2 to be the first and the second factor of the last equation, respectively. We use Lemma 2.2 to get a + 2r = (-60k + 48m + 10, 24k - 12m + 3). Let $a = (19, 6)^t (10, 3)$ with Nm(a) = 10, where $t \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus there exist α , $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = (20\alpha + 10, 10\beta + 3)$ and thus $r = (24m - 30k - 10\alpha, -6m + 12k - 5\beta)$. Therefore Lemma 2.2 gives

$$b = \frac{r^2 - n}{a}.$$

Since $m \equiv 1$, or 2 (mod 5), so that $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$. Hence there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$. Analogously, we can construct D(n)quadruples for n = (4(12m) + 2, 4(6k)) when $m \equiv 3$, or 4 (mod 5).

The problem of existence of infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$ is solved, except for $n \in S_0 := S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \cup S_4$, where

$$\begin{split} S_1 = & \{4(12m+5,6k+3):(m,k) \equiv (0,0),(0,1),(0,3),(0,4) \pmod{(5,5)} \\ & \text{or } m \equiv 1,4 \pmod{5}\}, \end{split}$$

$$S_2 = \{4(12m + 11, 6k + 3) : (m, k) \equiv (2, 0), (2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 4) \pmod{(5, 5)}\}$$

or $m \equiv 1,3 \pmod{5}$,

$$S_3 = \{ (4(12m+9)+2, 4(6k+3)) : (m,k) \equiv (4,0), (4,1), (4,3), (4,4) \\ (mod (5,5)) \text{ or } m \equiv 0,3 \pmod{5} \}, \text{ and}$$

 $S_4 = \{48m + 2, 36k) : (m, k) \equiv (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4) \pmod{(5, 5)}$ or $m \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{5}$.

Finally, we pose the following question for $n \in S_0$.

QUESTION 5.1. Do there exist infinitely many D(n)-quadruples in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$ when $n \in S_0$?

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DIOFANTOVE D(n)-ČETVORKE U $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{4k+2}]$

SAŽETAK. Neka je d kvadratno-slobodan cijeli broj i $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ prsten cijelih kvadratnog polja. Za dani $n \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, skup od m različitih ne-nul elemenata iz $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ zove se Diofantova D(n)-m-torka (ili jednostavno D(n)-m-torka) u $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ ako je produkt bilo koja dva od njih uvećan za n kvadrat u $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. Pretpostavimo da je $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ pozitivni cijeli broj takav da su $x^2 - dy^2 = -1$ i $x^2 - dy^2 = 6$ rješive u cijelim brojevima. U ovom članku dokazujemo postojanje beskonačno mnogo D(n)-četvorki u $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ za $n = 4m + 4k\sqrt{d}$, pri čemu $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ zadovoljavaju $m \not\equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ i $k \not\equiv 3 \pmod{6}$. Štoviše, isto dokazujemo i za $n = (4m+2) + 4k\sqrt{d}$ kada je ili $m \not\equiv 9 \pmod{12}$ i $k \not\equiv 3 \pmod{6}$, ili $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{12}$ i $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{6}$. Na kraju dajemo neke primjere koji potvrđuju postojanje četvorki u $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ sa svojstvom D(n) za gore istaknute n i za d = 10.