

## LUCAS GENERALIZED NUMBERS IN NARAYANA'S COWS SEQUENCE

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\{N_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be the Narayana's cows sequence given by  $N_0 = 0$ ,  $N_1 = N_2 = 1$  and

$$N_{n+3} = N_{n+2} + N_n, \quad \text{for integers } n \geq 0$$

and let  $\{U_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be the generalized Lucas sequence with parameters integers  $a \geq 1, b = \pm 1$  given by  $U_0 = 0, U_1 = 1$  and

$$U_{n+2} = aU_{n+1} + bU_n, \quad \text{for integers } n \geq 0.$$

In this paper we give effective bounds for the Diophantine equation

$$N_m = U_n,$$

in positive unknowns  $m$  and  $n$ . We then solve explicitly that equation with Fibonacci, Pell and Balancing sequences cases.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

**1.1. Instruction.** The Narayana's cows sequence  $(N_m)_{m \geq 0}$  is a modern translation to a problem state by the Indian mathematician Narayana Pandit (1340-1400) in his famous book titled the Ganita Kaumudi of Narayana Pandit publish by P. Singh [11]. It is the sequence A000930 in the OEIS satisfying the recurrence relation

$$N_{m+3} = N_{m+2} + N_m \quad \text{for integers } m \geq 0 \tag{1.1}$$

with initial terms  $N_0 = 0$  and  $N_1 = N_2 = 1$ . The first few terms of  $(N_m)_{m \geq 0}$  are

$$0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 13, 19, 28, 41, \dots$$

The generalized Lucas sequence  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  with integers parameters  $a \geq 1, b = \pm 1$  is given by  $U_0 = 0, U_1 = 1$  and

$$U_{n+2} = aU_{n+1} + bU_n, \quad \text{for integers } n \geq 0.$$

This is Fibonacci sequence, Pell sequence and Balancing sequence when  $(a, b) = (1, 1)$ ,  $(a, b) = (2, 1)$  and  $(a, b) = (6, -1)$  respectively. The cases  $(a, b) = (1, -1)$  and  $(a, b) = (2, -1)$  are not interested. So we only consider in this study the

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generalized Lucas sequence  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  with integers parameters  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b = \pm 1$  except  $(a, b) = (1, -1), (2, -1)$ .

The Fibonacci and Narayana's cows sequences are very similar definitions, but with a delay in the recursion which makes Narayana's cows sequence a third-order linear recurrence sequence. This is related to the "delayed morphism" of Allouche and Johnson [9];

In this note, we study the Diophantine equation

$$N_m = U_n \quad (1.2)$$

in positive integers unknowns  $m$  and  $n$ .

**1.2. Preliminaries.** In this subsection, we gather some tools which lead us to prove the main results of the paper.

**1.2.1. Some properties of considered sequences  $(N_m)_{m \geq 0}$  and  $(U_m)_{m \geq 0}$ .** For a complex number  $z$  we write  $\bar{z}$  for its complex conjugate. The characteristic polynomial of Narayana's cows sequence

$$X^3 - X^2 - 1 = (X - \gamma)(X - \delta)(X - \bar{\delta})$$

with  $\gamma (\approx 1.46557)$  and  $|\delta| = |\bar{\delta}| = \gamma^{-1/2} < 1$ . Narayana's cows sequence has Binet's formula

$$N_m = c_1 \gamma^m + c_2 \delta^m + c_3 \bar{\delta}^m \quad \text{for } m \geq 0, \quad (1.3)$$

where

$$c_1 = \frac{\gamma}{(\gamma - \delta)(\gamma - \bar{\delta})}, \quad c_2 = \frac{\delta}{(\delta - \gamma)(\delta - \bar{\delta})}, \quad \text{and } c_3 = \bar{c}_2 = \frac{\bar{\delta}}{(\bar{\delta} - \gamma)(\bar{\delta} - \delta)}.$$

We will use the following version of formula (1.3)

$$N_m = C_\gamma \gamma^{m+2} + C_\delta \delta^{m+2} + C_{\bar{\delta}} \bar{\delta}^{m+2} \quad \text{for } m \geq 0, \quad (1.4)$$

where

$$C_\gamma = \frac{1}{\gamma^3 + 2}, \quad C_\delta = \frac{1}{\delta^3 + 2} \quad \text{and} \quad C_{\bar{\delta}} = \bar{C}_\delta.$$

The coefficient  $C_\gamma$  has the minimal polynomial  $31X^3 - 31X^2 + 10X - 1$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and all the zeros of this polynomial lie strictly inside the unit circle. Numerically, we can calculate

$$C_\gamma^{-1} \approx 5.1479 \quad \text{and} \quad |C_\delta| \approx 0.407506.$$

One can prove using the induction (see [7]) that the  $n$ th Narayana number satisfies the following relation

$$\gamma^{m-2} \leq N_m \leq \gamma^{m-1} \quad \text{for } m \geq 1, \quad (1.5)$$

The Binet formula of Lucas generalized sequence with integer parameters  $a \geq 1$  and  $b = \pm 1$  is given by

$$U_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \quad \text{for } n \geq 0, \quad (1.6)$$

where  $\alpha = \frac{a + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$  and  $\beta = a - \alpha$  with  $\Delta = a^2 + 4b$ . From the assumption that  $(a, b) \notin \{(1, -1), (2, -1)\}$ , we have  $\Delta \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** *For integer  $n \geq 1$ , the inequalities below hold*

$$\alpha^{n-2} \leq U_n \leq \alpha^n. \quad (1.7)$$

*Proof.* The property is true if  $n = 1$ . Indeed,  $\alpha > 1 = U_1$  then  $\alpha^{-1} < U_1 < \alpha$ . Now assuming that the property is true in order  $n$ , we have  $\alpha^{n-2} \leq U_n \leq \alpha^n$  and  $\alpha^{n-3} \leq U_{n-1} \leq \alpha^{n-1}$ . Then, for  $b = 1$ ,  $a\alpha^{n-2} + b\alpha^{n-3} \leq U_{n+1} \leq a\alpha^n + b\alpha^{n-1}$  and for  $b = -1$ ,  $a\alpha^{n-2} - \alpha^{n-1} \leq U_{n+1} \leq a\alpha^n - \alpha^{n-3}$ .

**Case  $b = 1$ .**

We have  $\alpha^{n-1} - a\alpha^{n-2} + b\alpha^{n-3} = -2\alpha^{n-3} < 0$  and  $U_{n+1} - \alpha^{n+1} = \frac{\alpha^{2(n+1)}(1 - \sqrt{\Delta}) + (-1)^n}{(\alpha - \beta)\alpha^{n+1}}$ .

As  $a \geq 1$  then  $\Delta \geq 5$  and  $1 - \sqrt{\Delta} < -1.23$ . If  $n$  is odd,  $\alpha^{2(n+1)}(1 - \sqrt{\Delta}) + (-1)^n < 0$  otherwise  $\alpha^{2(n+1)}(1 - \sqrt{\Delta}) + (-1)^n < -1.23\alpha^{2(n+1)} + 1 < 0$  as  $\alpha > 1$ .

**Case  $b = -1$ .**

We have  $a\alpha^n + b\alpha^{n-3} - \alpha^{n+1} = \alpha n - 3((1 - 2\alpha^2)\alpha - 1) < 0$  as  $\alpha > 1$ . Also,

$$\alpha^{n-1} - U_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha^{2n}((2 - a)\alpha - a + 1)}{(\alpha - \beta)\alpha^{n+1}} < 0.$$

Indeed,  $a \geq 2$  and  $\alpha > 0$  then  $(2 - a)\alpha < 0$  and  $-a + 1 < 0$ .

In both cases, we have  $\alpha^{n-1} < U_{n+1} < \alpha^{n+1}$ . Then, the property is true in order  $n + 1$ . That proves the Lemma 1.1.  $\square$

The splitting field of the polynomial  $X^3 - X^2 - 1$  is  $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma, \delta)$  and contains  $C_\gamma, C_\delta$  and  $C_{\bar{\delta}}$ . The splitting field of  $X^2 - X - 1$  is  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ . Since  $\gamma$  and  $\alpha$  are reals then the field  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\gamma, \alpha)$  is a real extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with degree  $d_{\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{Q}} = 6$ . More the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma, \delta, \alpha)$  is Galois extension and a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -automorphism is for example the permutation

$$\sigma : \gamma \mapsto \delta, \delta \mapsto \gamma, \bar{\delta} \mapsto \bar{\delta} \text{ and } x \mapsto x, \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha). \quad (1.8)$$

1.2.2. *Some useful results on linear forms in logarithms of algebraic numbers.* We use Baker's theory of linear forms in logarithms of algebraic numbers for the proof of our result. Let  $\eta$  be an algebraic number with minimal primitive polynomial

$$f(X) = a_0 \prod_{i=1}^d (X - \eta^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{Z}[X],$$

where  $a_0 > 0$ , and  $\eta = \eta^{(1)}, \dots, \eta^{(d)}$  are conjugates of  $\eta$ . Then,

$$h(\eta) = \frac{1}{d} \left( \log a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^d \log \max \{ |\eta^{(i)}|, 1 \} \right)$$

is called the logarithmic height of  $\eta$ . In particular, if  $\eta = P/Q$  is a rational number with  $\gcd(P, Q) = 1$  and  $Q > 1$ , then  $h(\eta) = \max \{|P|, Q\}$ . The following are some properties of logarithmic height function. For  $\eta, \lambda$  algebraic and  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have

- $h(\eta + \lambda) \leq h(\eta) + h(\lambda) + \log 2$ ,
- $h(\eta\lambda^{\pm 1}) \leq h(\eta) + h(\lambda)$ ,
- $h(\eta^s) = |s|h(\eta)$ .

Now, let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a real number field of degree  $d_{\mathbb{K}}$ ,  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_t$  positive elements of  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_t$  integers non-zero all. Let  $B \leq \max\{|b_1|, \dots, |b_t|\}$  and

$$\Lambda = \eta_1^{b_1} \cdots \eta_t^{b_t} - 1.$$

Let  $A_1, \dots, A_t$  be real numbers with

$$A_i \geq \max\{d_{\mathbb{K}}h(\eta_i), |\log \eta_i|, 0.16\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, t.$$

With the above notations, Matveev in [5] (see also [12, Theorem 9.4]) proved the following result which is the second tool we need.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Assume that  $\Lambda \neq 0$ . Then*

$$\log |\Lambda| > -1.4 \cdot 30^{t+3} \cdot t^{4.5} \cdot d_{\mathbb{K}}^2 \cdot (1 + \log d_{\mathbb{K}}) \cdot (1 + \log B) A_1 \cdots A_t.$$

In this paper we always use  $t = 3$ . Since  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\gamma, \alpha)$  has degree  $d_{\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{Q}} = 6$ , where  $\gamma$  and  $\alpha$  are defined in Subsection 1.2.1. We thus, once and for all fix the constant

$$C := 1.43908 \times 10^{13} > 1.4 \cdot 30^{3+3} \cdot 3^{4.5} \cdot 6^2 \cdot (1 + \log 6).$$

**Lemma 1.3.** [10, Lemma 7] *Let  $\ell$  be integer and  $H$  a real.*

*If  $\ell \geq 1$ ,  $H > (4\ell^2)^\ell$  and  $H > L/(\log L)^\ell$ , then*

$$L < 2^\ell H (\log H)^\ell.$$

Finally, we need a version of the reduction method of Baker-Davenport based on Lemma in [1]. We shall use the one given by Bravo, Gómez and Luca in [6] (See also Dujella and Pethö [2]). For a real number  $x$ , we write  $\|x\|$  for the distance from  $x$  to the nearest integer.

**Lemma 1.4.** *Let  $M$  be a positive integer. Let  $\tau, \mu, A > 0, B > 1$  be given real numbers. Assume that  $p/q$  is a convergent of  $\tau$  such that  $q > 6M$  and that  $\varepsilon := \|q\mu\| - M\|q\tau\| > 0$ . Then there is no solution to the inequality*

$$0 < |n\tau - m + \mu| < \frac{A}{B^\omega}$$

*in positive integers  $n, m$  and  $\omega$  satisfying*

$$n \leq M \quad \text{and} \quad \omega \geq \frac{\log(Aq/\varepsilon)}{\log B}.$$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We use the theory of lower bounds for linear forms in logarithms of algebraic numbers and a version of the reduction procedure from Baker and Davenport [1]. We then prove :

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $n$  and  $m$  be positive integers solution of Diophantine equation (1.2). Then we have  $n \leq m$ . Moreover if  $m \geq 7$ ,*

$$m+2 < 1.546 \cdot 10^{15} \left( \log \max\{\sqrt[3]{31}\sqrt{\Delta}, \alpha\} \right)^2 \log \left( 7.7281 \cdot 10^{14} \left( \log \max\{\sqrt[3]{31}\sqrt{\Delta}, \alpha\} \right)^2 \right),$$

where  $\Delta := a^2 \pm 4$  and  $\alpha = \frac{a+\sqrt{a^2 \pm 4}}{2}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $m, n \geq 2$  be integers that satisfy the equation (1.2). Then from the inequalities in (1.5) and (1.7), we have

$$\gamma^{m-2} < \alpha^n \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha^{n-2} < \gamma^{m-1}.$$

So taking logarithms in that both inequalities we get the following inequalities.

$$(m+2) \frac{\log \gamma}{\log \alpha} < n < 2 + (m-1) \frac{\log \gamma}{\log \alpha}. \quad (2.1)$$

According to assumption that  $a \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $b = \pm 1$  and  $(a, b) \notin \{(2, -1), (1, -1)\}$ , we have

$$\Delta \geq \frac{a + \sqrt{5}}{2} \geq \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

We thus obtain (the first step of the Theorem 2.1)

$$n < 2 + (m-1) \frac{\log \gamma}{\log \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}} < m.$$

Now inserting Binet's formula of  $(N_m)_{m \geq 0}$  and  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  in the equation (1.2) we get

$$C_\gamma \gamma^{m+2} - \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{\Delta}} = -C_\delta \delta^{m+2} - C_{\bar{\delta}} \bar{\delta}^{m+2} - \frac{\beta^n}{\sqrt{\Delta}}.$$

Taking absolute values on both sides and dividing by  $C_\gamma \gamma^{m+2}$ , leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (\sqrt{\Delta} C_\gamma)^{-1} \alpha^n \gamma^{-m-2} - 1 \right| &< \left( 2|C_\delta| \gamma^{-\frac{m-2}{2}} + \frac{\alpha^{-n}}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \right) C_\gamma^{-1} \gamma^{-m-2} \\ &< \left( 2|C_\delta| \gamma^{-\frac{m-2}{2}} + \gamma^{-m-2} \right) C_\gamma^{-1} \gamma^{-m-2}, \quad \text{since } \Delta \geq 1 \text{ and } \gamma^{m-2} < \alpha^n \\ &< (2|C_\delta| + 1) C_\gamma^{-1} \gamma^{-m-2}, \quad \text{for } m \geq 7. \end{aligned}$$

Putting

$$\Lambda_1 := (\sqrt{\Delta} C_\gamma)^{-1} \alpha^n \gamma^{-m-2} - 1,$$

we then get, for  $m \geq 7$

$$|\Lambda_1| < 9.35 \gamma^{-m-2}. \quad (2.2)$$

We have  $\Lambda_1 \neq 0$ . Indeed if  $\Lambda_1 = 0$  then  $\alpha^n = \sqrt{\Delta}C_\gamma\gamma^{m+2}$  and applying the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -automorphism  $\sigma$  of the Galois extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma, \delta, \alpha)$  defined in (1.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^n &= \sqrt{\Delta}C_\delta\delta^{m+2} \\ \alpha^n &= \sqrt{\Delta}|C_\delta||\delta|^{m+2} = \sqrt{\Delta}|C_\delta|\gamma^{-(m+2)/2}.\end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $n = \frac{-(m+2)\log\gamma}{2\log\alpha} + \frac{\log(|C_\delta|\sqrt{\Delta})}{\log\alpha}$  which is impossible cause of the first inequality in (2.1).

We now can apply Theorem 1.2 for  $\Lambda_1$  with

$$\eta_1 = \sqrt{\Delta}C_\gamma, \quad \eta_2 = \alpha, \quad \eta_3 = \gamma, \quad b_1 = -1, \quad b_2 = n, \quad b_3 = -m - 2.$$

We have  $B = \max\{|b_1|, |b_2|, |b_3|\} = m + 2$ . We must now estimate  $h(\eta_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Using properties of the height, we have

$$\begin{aligned}h(\eta_1) &\leq h(\sqrt{\Delta}) + h(C_\gamma) \leq \log\sqrt{\Delta} + \frac{\log 31}{3} = \log\left(\sqrt[3]{31}\sqrt{\Delta}\right), \\ h(\eta_2) &\leq \frac{\log\alpha}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad h(\eta_3) \leq \frac{\log\gamma}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can take

$$A_1 = 6 \log\left(\sqrt[3]{31}\sqrt{\Delta}\right), \quad A_2 = 3 \log\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad A_3 = 2 \log\gamma \approx 0.76.$$

Applying Theorem 1.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\log|\Lambda_1| &> -C \cdot 0.76 \cdot (3 \log\alpha) \left(6 \log\left(\sqrt[3]{31}\sqrt{\Delta}\right)\right) (1 + \log(m+2)), \\ &> -1.969 \cdot 10^{14} (\log\alpha) \left(\log\left(\sqrt[3]{31}\sqrt{\Delta}\right)\right) (1 + \log(m+2)), \\ &> -2.954 \cdot 10^{14} (\log\alpha) \left(\log\left(\sqrt[3]{31}\sqrt{\Delta}\right)\right) \log(m+2).\end{aligned}$$

Let put  $\theta := \max\{\sqrt[3]{31}\sqrt{\Delta}, \alpha\}$ . We have

$$\log|\Lambda_1| > -2.954 \cdot 10^{14} (\log\theta)^2 \log(m+2), \quad (2.3)$$

We take logarithm in (2.2), we have

$$\log|\Lambda_1| < -(m+2) \log\gamma + \log(9.35).$$

Combining this with (2.3) we obtain

$$m+2 < 7.7281 \cdot 10^{14} (\log\theta)^2 \cdot \log(m+2).$$

Hence, by applying Lemma 1.3 we get

$$m+2 < 1.546 \cdot 10^{15} (\log\theta)^2 \log(7.7281 \cdot 10^{14} (\log\theta)^2). \quad (2.4)$$

This completes the proof of the Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

Applying the effective bounds from the Theorem 2.1 for Fibonacci sequence, Pell sequence and Balancing sequence, we obtain Corollaries 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 below.

**Corollary 2.2.** *The only Fibonacci numbers in Narayana's cows sequence are 1, 2, 3 and 13.*

**Corollary 2.3.** *The only Pell numbers in Narayana's cows sequence are 1 and 2.*

**Corollary 2.4.** *The only Balancing numbers in Narayana's cows sequence are 1 and 6.*

**Proof of the Corollaries 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4.**

Here we apply the Theorem 2.1 with some special case of the sequence  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$ , namely Fibonacci  $(F_n)_{n \geq 0}$ , Pell  $(P_n)_{n \geq 0}$ , and Balancing  $(B_n)_{n \geq 0}$  sequences. As we can see, this upper bounds of solutions provided by the Theorem 2.1 is too large that must be reduced before by Baker reduction method.

Let consider  $\Lambda_1$  defined in (2.2). For a positive real  $x$ , if  $|x - 1| < \frac{1}{2}$  then  $|\log x| < 1.5|x - 1|$  (see [8, Lemma 4]). Hence we have, from there

$$\left| n \log \alpha - (m + 2) \log \gamma - \log \left( \sqrt{\Delta} C_\gamma \right) \right| < 1.5 \cdot 9.35 \gamma^{-m-2},$$

and divide by  $\log \gamma$ , we get

$$\left| n \frac{\log \alpha}{\log \gamma} - (m + 2) - \frac{\log \left( \sqrt{\Delta} C_\gamma \right)}{\log \gamma} \right| < 37.351 \gamma^{-m-2}. \quad (2.5)$$

So we then apply the Lemma 1.4 with

$$\omega := m + 2, \quad \tau := \frac{\log \alpha}{\log \gamma}, \quad \mu := \frac{\log \left( \sqrt{\Delta} C_\gamma \right)}{\log \gamma}, \quad A := 37.351, \quad B := \gamma$$

and

$$M := 1.546 \cdot 10^{15} \left( \log \max \{ \sqrt[3]{31} \sqrt{\Delta}, \alpha \} \right)^2 \log \left( 7.7281 \cdot 10^{14} \left( \log \max \{ \sqrt[3]{31} \sqrt{\Delta}, \alpha \} \right)^2 \right).$$

Case	$\Delta$	$\alpha$	$\tau$	$\mu$	$M$
Fibonacci ( $a = 1, b = 1$ )	5	$\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$	$\frac{\log \alpha}{\log \gamma}$	$\frac{\log(\sqrt{5}C_\gamma)}{\log \gamma}$	$2.093 \cdot 10^{17}$
Pell ( $a = 2, b = 1$ )	8	$1 + \sqrt{2}$	$\frac{\log \alpha}{\log \gamma}$	$\frac{\log(2\sqrt{2}C_\gamma)}{\log \gamma}$	$2.645 \cdot 10^{17}$
Balancing ( $a = 6, b = -1$ )	32	$3 + 2\sqrt{2}$	$\frac{\log \alpha}{\log \gamma}$	$\frac{\log(4\sqrt{2}C_\gamma)}{\log \gamma}$	$4.659 \cdot 10^{17}$

TABLE 1.

**Fibonacci sequence case :** We find that 39-th convergent of  $\tau$

$$\frac{p_{39}}{q_{39}} = \frac{3511279069780293827}{2789144197090847260},$$

satisfies  $q_{39} > 6M$  and  $\varepsilon = 0.458791087262574 > 0$ . Hence the inequality (2.5) has no solution for

$$m + 2 \geq \frac{\log(37.351 \cdot q_{39}/\varepsilon)}{\log \gamma} \geq \frac{\log(37.351 \cdot q_{39}/0.458791087262574)}{\log \gamma} \geq 122.622$$

Thus we obtain  $m \leq 120$  and consequently  $n \leq 120$ . We now compute

$$\{N_m : 1 \leq m \leq 120\} \cap \{F_n : 1 \leq n \leq 120\} = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 13\}$$

This is the proof of Corollary 2.2.

**Pell sequence case :** We find that 32-th convergent of  $\tau$

$$\frac{p_{32}}{q_{32}} = \frac{16629117764559080077}{7211923117474819860},$$

satisfies  $q_{32} > 6M$  and  $\varepsilon = 0.221867342218888 > 0$ . So the inequality (2.5) has no solution for

$$m + 2 \geq \frac{\log(37.351 \cdot q_{32}/\varepsilon)}{\log \gamma} \geq \frac{\log(37.351 \cdot q_{32}/0.221867342218888)}{\log \gamma} \geq 127.008$$

Thus we obtain  $m \leq 125$  and consequently  $n \leq 125$ . We now compute

$$\{N_m : 1 \leq m \leq 125\} \cap \{P_n : 1 \leq n \leq 125\} = \{1, 2\}$$

This completes the proof of Corollary 2.3.

**Balancing sequence case :** We find that 36-th convergent of  $\tau$

$$\frac{p_{36}}{q_{36}} = \frac{16629117764559080077}{3605961558737409930},$$

satisfies  $q_{36} > 6M$  and  $\varepsilon = 0.336040242950998 > 0$ . Therefore the inequality (2.5) has no solution for

$$m + 2 \geq \frac{\log(37.351 \cdot q_{36}/\varepsilon)}{\log \gamma} \geq \frac{\log(37.351 \cdot q_{36}/0.336040242950998)}{\log \gamma} \geq 124.108.$$

Thus we obtain  $m \leq 122$  and consequently  $n \leq 122$ . We now compute

$$\{N_m : 1 \leq m \leq 122\} \cap \{B_n : 1 \leq n \leq 122\} = \{1, 6\}$$

This finishes the proof of Corollary 2.4. □

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