

4493. Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung.

Find all real numbers x, y such that

$$\left\{ \frac{x + 2y + 1}{x^2 + y^2 + 7} \right\} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

where $\{a\}$ denotes the fractional part of a .

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Let $n := \left\lfloor \frac{x + 2y + 1}{x^2 + y^2 + 7} \right\rfloor \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $\frac{x + 2y + 1}{x^2 + y^2 + 7} = n + \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 7 = \frac{2(x + 2y + 1)}{2n + 1} \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 - \frac{2x}{2n + 1} - \frac{4y}{2n + 1} = \frac{2}{2n + 1} - 7 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{2n + 1}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{2}{2n + 1}\right)^2 = \frac{5}{(2n + 1)^2} + \frac{2}{2n + 1} - 7 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{2n + 1}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{2}{2n + 1}\right)^2 = -\frac{4n(7n + 6)}{(2n + 1)^2} \text{ implies } 4n(7n + 6) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$-\frac{6}{7} \leq n \leq 0 \stackrel{n \in \mathbb{Z}}{\Leftrightarrow} n = 0. \text{ Hence, } (x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = (1, 2).$$