# THE REPRESENTATION OF A PAIR OF INTEGERS BY A PAIR OF POSITIVE-DEFINITE BINARY QUADRATIC FORMS 

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#### Abstract

An explicit formula is given for the number of representations of a pair of positive integers by a representative set of inequivalent pairs of integral positive-definite binary quadratic forms with given invariants.


## 0. Notation

By a form we mean a binary quadratic form $f=(a, b, c)=a X^{2}+b X Y+c Y^{2}$, which is integral (that is $a, b, c$ are integers), positive definite (that is $a>0$, $b^{2}-4 a c<0$ ) and primitive (that is $\left.\operatorname{GCD}(a, b, c)=1\right)$. The discriminant of $f$, written $\operatorname{disc}(f)$, is the integer $b^{2}-4 a c$.

## 1. Introduction

Two forms $f$ and $f^{\prime}$ are said to be equivalent (written $f \sim f^{\prime}$ ) if there exists a transformation

$$
\tau:\binom{X}{Y} \rightarrow\left(\begin{array}{ll}
r & s  \tag{1.1}\\
t & u
\end{array}\right)\binom{X}{Y},
$$

where $r, s, t, u$ are integers satisfying $r u-s t=1$, such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(r X+s Y, t X+u Y)=f^{\prime}(X, Y) \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The transformation $\tau$ preserves $\operatorname{disc}(f)$. The relation $\sim$ is an equivalence relation on the set of forms with given discriminant $d$. It is well known that the number $h(d)$ of equivalence classes is finite. Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{i}=a_{i} X^{2}+b_{i} X Y+c_{i} Y^{2}, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, h(d) \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

be a representative set of inequivalent forms of discriminant $d$. The positive

[^0]integer $m$ is said to be represented by the form $f_{i}$ if there exist integers $x$ and $y$ such that
\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
m=f_{i}(x, y) . \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

The number of pairs $(x, y)$ of integers satisfying (1.4) is denoted by $\psi_{d}^{(i)}(m)$. Clearly $\psi_{d}^{(i)}(m)$ is unchanged if the form $f_{i}$ is replaced by another form equivalent to it. The total number of representations of $m$ by a representative set of inequivalent forms of discriminant $d$ is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi_{d}(m)=\sum_{i=1}^{h(d)} \psi_{d}^{(i)}(m) . \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

In [1] Dirichlet proved that if $\operatorname{GCD}(m, 2 d)=1$ then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi_{d}(m)=w(d) \sum_{e \mid m}\left(\frac{d}{e}\right), \tag{1.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $e$ runs through all the positive integers dividing $m,(d / e)$ is the Kronecker symbol and

$$
w(d)= \begin{cases}4, & \text { if } d=-4,  \tag{1.7}\\ 6, & \text { if } d=-3, \\ 2, & \text { if } d \neq-3,-4 .\end{cases}
$$

In this paper we consider the representability of a pair of positive integers ( $m, M$ ) by pairs of forms and obtain results analogous to Dirichlet's formula (1.6).

## 2. Pairs of forms

Two pairs of forms $(f, F)=\left(a x^{2}+b x y+c y^{2}, A x^{2}+B x y+C y^{2}\right)$ and $\left(f^{\prime}, F^{\prime}\right)$ are said to be equivalent, written $(f, F) \sim\left(f^{\prime}, F^{\prime}\right)$, if there exists a transformation $\tau$ of the type given in (1.1) such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
(f(r X+s Y, t X+u Y), F(r X+s Y, t X+u Y))=\left(f^{\prime}(X, Y), F^{\prime}(X, Y)\right) . \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The transformation $\tau$ preserves $d=\operatorname{disc}(f)=b^{2}-4 a c, D=\operatorname{disc}(F)=$ $B^{2}-4 A C$, as well as the codiscriminant $\Delta=\operatorname{codisc}(f, F)=b B-2 a C-2 c A$ of the pair ( $f, F$ ) [3]. From now on we suppose that $d, D$, and $\Delta$ are given and that there are pairs of forms $(f, F)$ with $\operatorname{disc}(f)=d, \operatorname{disc}(F)=D$, and $\operatorname{codisc}(f, F)=\Delta$. It is easy to prove [2] that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta<0, \quad \Delta^{2}-d D \geq 0 . \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $\Delta^{2}-d D=0$ it is straightforward [2] to show that $d=D=\Delta$ and that any pair $(f, F)$ with these invariants must have $f=F$. Thus in this case equivalence of pairs of forms reduces to the equivalence of forms described in §1. Thus we may exclude this case and assume from now on that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta^{2}-d D>0 . \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the set of pairs of forms $(f, F)$ with specified $d, D$, and $\Delta$, the relation $\sim$ is an equivalence relation, and the number $h(d, D, \Delta)$ of equivalence classes is finite [3]. A formula for $h(d, D, \Delta)$ has been given by Hardy and Williams [2] in the case when $d$ and $D$ are fundamental discriminants and $\operatorname{GCD}(d D, \Delta)=$ $2^{l}$ for some $l \geq 0$. We let

$$
\begin{align*}
&\left(f_{i}, F_{i}\right)=\left(a_{i} X^{2}+b_{i} X Y+c_{i} Y^{2}, A_{i} X^{2}+B_{i} X Y+C_{i} Y^{2}\right)  \tag{2.4}\\
& i=1,2, \ldots, h(d, D, \Delta)
\end{align*}
$$

be a representative set of inequivalent pairs of forms with given $d, D$, and $\Delta$. We say that the pair $(m, M)$ of positive integers is represented by the pair $\left(f_{i}, F_{i}\right)$ if there exist integers $x, y$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
m=f_{i}(x, y), \quad M=F_{i}(x, y) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The number of pairs of integers $(x, y)$ satisfying (2.5) is denoted by $\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}^{(i)}$ ( $m, M$ ). Clearly $\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}^{(i)}(m, M)$ is unaltered if the pair $\left(f_{i}, F_{i}\right)$ is replaced by another pair of forms equivalent to $\left(f_{i}, F_{i}\right)$. The total number of representations of ( $m, M$ ) by a representative set of inequivalent pairs of forms is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M)=\sum_{i=1}^{h(d, D, \Delta)} \Psi_{d, D, \Delta}^{(i)}(m, M) \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

We prove the following theorem which gives the value of $\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M)$ for all positive integers $m, M$ for which

$$
\begin{equation*}
G C D\left(m, 2 d\left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right)\right)=G C D\left(M, 2 D\left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right)\right)=1 \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Theorem. (a) If $d M^{2}-2 \Delta M m+D m^{2}$ is not a square then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M)=0 \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

(b) If $d M^{2}-2 \Delta M m+D m^{2}=k^{2}$ for some integer $k$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
G C D(m, M)=G C D(m, 2 d)=G C D(M, 2 D)=1 \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
4, \text { if } k \neq 0  \tag{2.10}\\
2, \text { if } k=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

(c) If $d M^{2}-2 \Delta M m+D m^{2}=k^{2}$ for some integer $k$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
G C D\left(m, 2 d\left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right)\right)=G C D\left(M, 2 D\left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right)\right)=1 \tag{2.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M)= \begin{cases}4, & \text { if } k \neq 0 \text { and } G C D(m, M)=l^{2} \text { for some integer } l  \tag{2.12}\\ 2, & \text { if } k=0 \text { and } G C D(m, M)=l^{2} \text { for some integer } l \\ 0, & \text { if } G C D(m, M) \neq l^{2} \text { for any integer } l\end{cases}
$$

## 3. Proof of theorem (a)

If $\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M) \geq 1$ then there are integers $x$ and $y$ and an integer $i(1 \leq$ $i \leq h(d, D, \Delta))$ such that

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
m=a_{i} x^{2}+b_{i} x y+c_{i} y^{2}  \tag{3.1}\\
M=A_{i} x^{2}+B_{i} x y+C_{i} y^{2}
\end{array}\right.
$$

and so

$$
\begin{equation*}
d M^{2}-2 \Delta M m+D m^{2}=k^{2} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\pm k=\left(a_{i} B_{i}-b_{i} A_{i}\right) x^{2}+2\left(a_{i} C_{i}-c_{i} A_{i}\right) x y+\left(b_{i} C_{i}-c_{i} B_{i}\right) y^{2} \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence if $d M^{2}-2 \Delta M m+D m^{2}$ is not a square, we must have $\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M)=$ 0 .

## 4. Proof of theorem (b)

Throughout this section we assume that $m, M$ are positive integers satisfying (2.9) and that there exists an integer $k$ such that (3.2) holds. The number of pairs of integers $n(\bmod 2 m)$ and $N(\bmod 2 M)$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
n^{2} \equiv d(\bmod 4 m), \quad N^{2} \equiv D(\bmod 4 M) \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and for which

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { there exist representatives satisfying } M n-m N=k \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

is denoted by $A(m, M)$. We begin by determining $A(m, M)$.
Lemma 1. $A(m, M)=1$.
Proof. Clearly, for any solution of (4.1) satisfying (4.2), one has

$$
\begin{equation*}
M n \equiv k(\bmod m), \quad m N \equiv-k(\bmod M) \tag{4.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conversely, for any pair of integers ( $n_{0}, N_{0}$ ) for which (4.1) and (4.3) hold, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& M n_{0}-m N_{0} \equiv k(\bmod m) \\
& M n_{0}-m N_{0} \equiv k(\bmod M) \\
& M n_{0}-m N_{0} \equiv M^{2} n_{0}^{2}+m^{2} N_{0}^{2} \equiv d M^{2}+D m^{2} \equiv k^{2} \equiv k(\bmod 2)(\text { by }(3.2)),
\end{aligned}
$$ and so

$$
M n_{0}-m N_{0} \equiv k(\bmod 2 m M)
$$

Noting that

$$
M\left(n_{0}+2 m r\right)-\left(N_{0}+2 M R\right)=\left(M n_{0}-m N_{0}\right)+2 m M(r-R),
$$

we see that the classes of $n_{0}(\bmod 2 m)$ and $N_{0}(\bmod 2 M)$ contain representatives $n$ and $N$ satisfying $M n-m N=k$, that is (4.2) holds. Thus we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
A(m, M)=B(d, m, M, k) B(D, M, m,-k), \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $B(d, m, M, k)$ is the number of solutions $n(\bmod 2 m)$ of

$$
\begin{equation*}
n^{2} \equiv d(\bmod 4 m), \quad M n \equiv k(\bmod m) \tag{4.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The congruence $M n \equiv k(\bmod m)$ has a unique solution $n_{0}(\bmod m)$. For this solution the congruence $n_{0}^{2} \equiv d(\bmod m)$ is automatically true in view of (3.2). The solutions $\bmod 2 m$ of $M n \equiv k(\bmod m)$ are given by

$$
n_{0}+\varepsilon m, \quad \varepsilon=0 \text { or } 1
$$

These solutions satisfy $n^{2} \equiv d(\bmod 4)$ for the unique value of $\varepsilon$ such that

$$
\left(n_{0}+\varepsilon\right)^{2} \equiv d(\bmod 4)
$$

Thus we have $B(d, m, M, k)=1$ and similarly $B(D, M, m,-k)=1$. Hence (4.4) gives $A(m, M)=1$ as required.

The next lemma gives the automorphs of a pair of forms $(f, F)$.
Lemma 2. The only transformations

$$
\tau:\binom{X}{Y} \rightarrow\left(\begin{array}{cc}
r & s \\
t & u
\end{array}\right)\binom{X}{Y} \quad(r u-s t=1)
$$

mapping the pair of forms $(f, F)$ into itself are given by

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ll}
r & s \\
t & u
\end{array}\right)= \pm\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Proof. If $d \neq-3,-4$ the only automorphs of the form $f=a x^{2}+b x y+c y^{2}$ of discriminant $d$ are

$$
\pm\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Thus the assertion of the lemma is clear unless $(d, D)=(-3,-3),(-3,-4)$, $(-4,-3)$ or $(-4,-4)$.

We just treat the case $(d, D)=(-3,-3)$ as the other cases can be treated similarly. As every form of discriminant -3 is equivalent to the form $(1,1,1)$ we may suppose by applying a suitable transformation to $f$ that $f=(1,1,1)$. The only automorphs of $f$ are

$$
\pm\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right), \quad \pm\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-1 & -1
\end{array}\right), \quad \text { and } \quad \pm\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 1 \\
-1 & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

The second of these transforms $F=(A, B, C)$ into $(C,-B+2 C, A-B+C)$ and so can only be an automorph for the pair $(f, F)$ if $A=C, B=-B+2 C$, $C=A-B+C$, that is $A=B=C$, i.e., $F=(1,1,1)$, and thus $d=D=$ $\Delta=-3$ which is impossible as $\Delta^{2}-d D \neq 0$. The third mapping transforms $F=(A, B, C)$ into $(A-B+C, 2 A-B, A)$, and, exactly as above, we see that it cannot be an automorph of the pair $(f, F)$. This completes the proof of Lemma 2.

The next lemma is easily checked.

Lemma 3. If $d=n^{2}-4 m l, D=N^{2}-4 M L$ then the following is an identity

$$
d M^{2}+D m^{2}-(m N-M n)^{2}=2 m M(n N-2 m L-2 M l)
$$

We are now ready to prove Theorem (b). If $(x, y)$ is a pair of integers, we set

$$
[x, y]=\{(x, y),(-x,-y)\}
$$

and for $i=1,2, \ldots, h(d, D, \Delta)$ we let

$$
S_{i}=\left\{[x, y] \mid m=a_{i} x^{2}+b_{i} x y+c_{i} y^{2}, M=A_{i} x^{2}+B_{i} x y+C_{i} y^{2}\right\}
$$

We remark that if $[x, y] \in S_{i}$ then $G C D(x, y)=1$ as $G C D(m, M)=1$. The set of all pairs $([x, y], i)$ with $[x, y] \in S_{i}$ and $i=1,2, \ldots, h(d, D, \Delta)$ is denoted by $S$. Clearly we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{card}(S)=\frac{1}{2} \Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M) \tag{4.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Recalling that $m$ and $M$ are positive integers satisfying (2.9) and for which $d M^{2}-2 \Delta M m+D m^{2}=k^{2}$ is solvable, we set

$$
\begin{gathered}
C_{m, M}=\left\{(n(\bmod 2 m), N(\bmod 2 M)) \mid n^{2} \equiv d(\bmod 4 m), N^{2} \equiv D(\bmod 4 M)\right. \\
M n-m N= \pm k\}
\end{gathered}
$$

By Lemma 1 we have

$$
\operatorname{card}\left(C_{m, M}\right)= \begin{cases}2, & \text { if } k \neq 0  \tag{4.7}\\ 1, & \text { if } k=0\end{cases}
$$

Next we define a mapping $T: S \rightarrow C_{m, M}$ as follows: if $[x, y] \in S_{i}$, where $1 \leq i \leq h(d, D, \Delta)$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
T(([x, y], i))=(n(\bmod 2 m), N(\bmod 2 M)) \tag{4.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
n=2 a_{i} x \mu+b_{i}(x \lambda+y \mu)+2 c_{i} y \lambda, \quad N=2 A_{i} x \mu+B_{i}(x \lambda+y \mu)+2 C_{i} y \lambda, \tag{4.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\lambda, \mu$ are integers such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda x-\mu y=1 \tag{4.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

We must show that $T$ is well defined and that range $(T) \subseteq C_{m, M}$. To see that $T$ is well defined we have only to note that if $(\lambda, \mu)$ is replaced by another solution $(\lambda+t y, \mu+t x)$ of (4.10) then $n$ and $N$ are unchanged $(\bmod 2)$, and if $(x, y)$ is replaced by $(-x,-y)$ then $(\lambda, \mu)$ can be replaced by $(-\lambda,-\mu)$ and $n$ and $N$ remain the same.

Next we show that $T$ maps into $C_{m, M}$. By the transformation

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ll}
x & \mu \\
y & \lambda
\end{array}\right)
$$

the pair of forms $\left(\left(a_{i}, b_{i}, c_{i}\right),\left(A_{i}, B_{i}, C_{i}\right)\right)$ becomes the pair $((m, n, l)$, $(M, N, L))$, where

$$
\begin{equation*}
l=\frac{n^{2}-d}{4 m}, \quad L=\frac{N^{2}-D}{4 M} \tag{4.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

and so $n^{2} \equiv d(\bmod 4 m), N^{2} \equiv D(\bmod 4 M)$. As $\Delta=n N-2 m L-2 M l$, by (3.2) and Lemma 3, we have $M n-m N= \pm k$.

Now we prove that $T$ maps onto $C_{m, M}$. Let $((n(\bmod 2 m), N(\bmod 2 M)) \in$ $C_{m, M}$ so that $n^{2} \equiv d(\bmod 4 m), N^{2} \equiv D(\bmod 4 M), M n-m N= \pm k$. We define integers $l, L$ as in (4.11). The forms $(m, n, l)$ and ( $M, N, L$ ) have discriminants $d$ and $D$, respectively, and, by Lemma 3 and (3.2), their codiscriminant is $\Delta$. Hence, for a unique integer $i(1 \leq i \leq h(d, D, \Delta))$, we have

$$
((m, n, l),(M, N, L)) \sim\left(\left(a_{i}, b_{i}, c_{i}\right),\left(A_{i}, B_{i}, C_{i}\right)\right)
$$

If

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
x & \mu \\
y & \lambda
\end{array}\right)
$$

where $\lambda x-\mu y=1$, is a transformation mapping $\left(\left(a_{i}, b_{i}, c_{i}\right),\left(A_{i}, B_{i}, C_{i}\right)\right)$ into $((m, n, l),(M, N, L))$ then $[x, y] \in S_{i}$, and $T(([x, y], i))=(n(\bmod 2 m)$, $N(\bmod 2 M))$. This proves that range $(T)=C_{m, M}$.

Finally we show that $T$ is one-to-one. Suppose that

$$
T([x, y], i)=T\left(\left[x^{\prime}, y^{\prime}\right], i^{\prime}\right)
$$

Then there exist integers $n, N, n^{\prime}, N^{\prime}, t, T$ and two transformations

$$
\tau=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
x & \mu \\
y & \lambda
\end{array}\right)(x \lambda-\mu y=1), \quad \tau^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
x^{\prime} & \mu^{\prime} \\
y^{\prime} & \lambda^{\prime}
\end{array}\right)\left(x^{\prime} \lambda^{\prime}-y^{\prime} \mu^{\prime}=1\right)
$$

such that

$$
\begin{gather*}
n=n^{\prime}+2 t m, \quad N=N^{\prime}+2 T M,  \tag{4.12}\\
\left(\left(a_{i}, b_{i}, c_{i}\right),\left(A_{i}, B_{i}, C_{i}\right)\right) \xrightarrow{\tau}((m, n, l),(M, N, L)),  \tag{4.13}\\
\left(\left(a_{i^{\prime}}, b_{i^{\prime}}, c_{i^{\prime}}\right),\left(A_{i^{\prime}}, B_{i^{\prime}}, C_{i^{\prime}}\right)\right) \xrightarrow{\tau^{\prime}}\left(\left(m, n^{\prime}, l^{\prime}\right),\left(M, N^{\prime}, L^{\prime}\right)\right),  \tag{4.14}\\
M n-m N= \pm k, \quad M n^{\prime}-m N^{\prime}= \pm k, \tag{4.15}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $l, L$ are defined as in (4.11), and $l^{\prime}, L^{\prime}$ are defined similarly. Clearly $M n-m N= \pm\left(M n^{\prime}-m N^{\prime}\right)$ and we show that

$$
\begin{equation*}
M n-m N=M n^{\prime}-m N^{\prime} \tag{4.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

For otherwise $M n-m N=-\left(M n^{\prime}-m N^{\prime}\right)$ and appealing to (4.12) we obtain $m M(T-t)=M n-m N$. As $G C D(m, M)=1$ we see that $m \mid n$ and $M \mid N$, and so by (4.15) we have $m M \mid k$. Hence from (3.2) we have $m \mid d$ and $M \mid d$, contradicting $G C D(m, 2 d)=G C D(M, 2 D)=1$. This proves (4.16). From (4.12) and (4.16) we deduce that $t=T$ and so

$$
\theta=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 2 t \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right)
$$

maps $((m, n, l),(M, N, L)) \rightarrow\left(\left(m, n^{\prime}, l^{\prime}\right),\left(M, N^{\prime}, L^{\prime}\right)\right)$, proving that $i=$ $i^{\prime}$, and that $\tau^{\prime-1} \theta \tau$ is an automorphism of the pair $\left(\left(a_{i}, b_{i}, c_{i}\right),\left(A_{i}, B_{i}, C_{i}\right)\right)$. Hence by Lemma 2 we have

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 2 t \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{cc}
x & \mu \\
y & \lambda
\end{array}\right)= \pm\left(\begin{array}{cc}
x^{\prime} & \mu^{\prime} \\
y^{\prime} & \lambda^{\prime}
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 0 \\
1 & 1
\end{array}\right)
$$

implying $\left[x^{\prime}, y^{\prime}\right]=[x, y]$. This completes the proof that $T$ is one-to-one.
Thus $T$ is a bijection from $S$ to $C_{m, M}$ and so by (4.6) and (4.7) we have

$$
\frac{1}{2} \Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M)=\operatorname{card}(S)=\operatorname{card}\left(C_{m, M}\right)= \begin{cases}2, & \text { if } k \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text { if } k=0\end{cases}
$$

completing the proof of Theorem (b).

## 5. Proof of theorem (c)

Throughout this section we assume that $m, M$ are positive integers satisfying (3.2) and (2.11).

First we show that if $G C D(m, M) \neq l^{2}$ for any integer $l$ then $\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M)$ $=0$. For suppose $\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, M) \geq 1$. Then there exists $i(1 \leq i \leq h(d, D, \Delta))$ and integers $x, y$ such that

$$
\begin{align*}
& m=a_{i} x^{2}+b_{i} x y+c_{i} y^{2}  \tag{5.1}\\
& M=A_{i} x^{2}+B_{i} x y+C_{i} y^{2}
\end{align*}
$$

Also from (3.3) we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\pm k=\left(a_{i} B_{i}-b_{i} A_{i}\right) x^{2}+2\left(a_{i} C_{i}-c_{i} A_{i}\right) x y+\left(b_{i} C_{i}-c_{i} B_{i}\right) y^{2} \tag{5.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Solving (5.1) and (5.2) for $x^{2}, x y$ and $y^{2}$, we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right) x^{2}=2\left(c_{i} D-C_{i} \Delta\right) m+2\left(C_{i} d-c_{i} \Delta\right) M \mp 2 k\left(b_{i} C_{i}-c_{i} B_{i}\right) \\
& \left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right) x y=\left(B_{i} \Delta-b_{i} D\right) m+\left(b_{i} \Delta-B_{i} d\right) M \pm 2 k\left(a_{i} C_{i}-c_{i} A_{i}\right)  \tag{5.3}\\
& \left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right) y^{2}=2\left(a_{i} D-A_{i} \Delta\right) m+2\left(A_{i} d-a_{i} \Delta\right) M \mp 2 k\left(a_{i} B_{i}-b_{i} A_{i}\right)
\end{align*}
$$

As $G C D(m, M)$ is not a square, there exists a prime $p$ and a non-negative integer $r$ such that $p^{2 r+1} \| G C D(m, M)$. As $m$ and $M$ are odd we have $p \neq 2$. Further from (3.2) we see that $p^{2 r+1} \mid k$ and so from (5.3) we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
p^{2 r+1}\left|\left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right) x^{2}, \quad p^{2 r+1}\right|\left(\Delta^{2}-d D\right) y^{2} \tag{5.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

By (2.11) we have $p+\Delta^{2}-d D$ and so $p^{r+1} \mid x$ and $p^{r+1} \mid y$. Thus from (5.4) we have $p^{2 r+2} \mid m$ and $p^{2 r+2} \mid M$ contradicting $p^{2 r+1}| | G C D(m, M)$.

Finally, if $G C D(m, M)=l^{2}$, for some integer $l$, then it is easy to check using (5.1), (5.2), and (5.3) that the mapping $(x, y) \rightarrow(x / l, y / l)$ is a bijection from the set of representations of $(m, M)$ by a set of inequivalent pairs of
forms with invariants $d, D, \Delta$ and the set of representations of ( $m / l^{2}, M / l^{2}$ ) by the same set of pairs of forms. Thus we have, by Theorem (b),

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}(m, l) & =\Psi_{d, D, \Delta}\left(m / l^{2}, M / l^{2}\right)= \begin{cases}4, & \text { if } k / l^{2} \neq 0 \\
2, & \text { if } k / l^{2}=0\end{cases} \\
& = \begin{cases}4, & \text { if } k \neq 0 \\
2, & \text { if } k=0\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

as required. This completes the proof of Theorem (c).

## 6. An example

We take $d=-11, D=-11, \Delta=-19$ so that $\Delta^{2}-d D=240$. Every pair of forms with these invariants is equivalent to exactly one of the pairs

$$
\begin{gathered}
((1,1,3),(3,1,1)), \\
((1,1,3),(3,5,3)), \\
((1,1,3),(1,-3,5)), \\
((1,1,3),(1,5,9)),
\end{gathered}
$$

so $h(-11,-11,-19)=4$.
If we take $m=97$ and $M=31$ (so that $G C D(m, M)=G C D(m, 2 d)=$ $G C D(M, 2 D)=1$ ) we have $d M^{2}-2 \Delta M m+D m^{2}=196$, so $k= \pm 14$. Thus by Theorem (b) we must have $\Psi_{-11,-11,-19}(97,31)=4$. Indeed

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
97=x^{2}+x y+3 y^{2}, & 31=x^{2}-3 x y+5 y^{2}, & \text { with }(x, y)= \pm(7,3) \\
97=x^{2}+x y+3 y^{2}, & 31=x^{2}+5 x y+9 y^{2}, & \text { with }(x, y)= \pm(10,-3)
\end{array}
$$

Finally, we remark that the choice $m=M=3$ shows that the condition $G C D\left(m, \Delta^{2}-d D\right)=G C D\left(M, \Delta^{2}-d D\right)=1$ is necessary in Theorem (c) as

$$
3=x^{2}+x y+3 y^{2}=3 x^{2}+x y+y^{2}
$$

is solvable with $(x, y)= \pm(1,-1)$.

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