



# An Introduction To Refined Neutrosophic Number Theory <sup>1</sup>Mohammad Abobala <sup>2</sup>Muritala Ibrahim

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**Abstract:** Number theory is concerned with properties of integers and Diophantine equations. The objective of this paper is dedicated to introduce the basic concepts in refined neutrosophic number theory such as division, divisors, congruencies, and Pell's equation in the refined neutrosophic ring of integers  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ . Also, algorithms to solve refined neutrosophic linear congruencies and refined neutrosophic Pell's equation will be presented and discussed.

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# 1. Introduction

Neutrosophy is a new kind of generalized logic proposed by F.Smarandache [12,36]. It becomes a useful tool in many areas of science such as number theory [16], solving equations [19], and medical studies [11,15,21]. Also, we find many applications of neutrosophic structures in statistics [14], optimization [8], and decision making [7].

On the other hand, the theory of neutrosophic rings began in [4], where Smarandache and Kandasamy defined concepts such neutrosophic ideals and homomorphisms. These notions were handled widely by Agboola, et.al in [5,6,10]. Where homomorphisms and AH-substructures were studied [3,13,17]. More and more application of neutrosophic sets and their generalizations can be found in [25-35].

Recently, there is an arising interesting by the number theoretical concepts in neutrosophic ring of integers, where Ceven et.al defined and studied division and primes in Z(I) [2], Sankari et.al solved the linear Diophantine equations in Z(I) and  $Z(I_1, I_2)$  [16]. Also, in [1], we find algorithms to solve neutrosophic Pell's equation and neutrosophic linear congruencies. In addition, Euler's famous theorem was proved in Z(I).

In this work, we extend the study to the case of refined neutrosophic ring of integers, where we determine algorithms and conditions for division, congruencies, and Pell's equation. In addition, we prove that there are no primes in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ .

# 2. Preliminaries

#### Definition 2.1: [4]

Let R be a ring, I be the indeterminacy with property  $I^2 = I$ , then the neutrosophic ring is defined as follows:

 $R(I) = \{a + bI; a, b \in R\}.$ 

# Definition 2.2: [4]

Let R(I) be a neutrosophic ring, it is called commutative if and only if  $xy = yx \forall x, y \in R(I)$ .

# Definition 2.3: [5]

The element I can be split into two indeterminacies  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  with conditions:

 $I_1^2 = I_1 , I_2^2 = I_2 , I_1I_2 = I_2I_1 = I_1.$ 

# Definition 2.4: [5]

If X is a set then  $X(I_1, I_2) = \{(a, bI_1, cI_2): a, b, c \in X\}$  is called the refined neutrosophic set generated

by X ,  $I_1, I_2.$ 

# Definition 2.5: [5]

Let  $(R,+,\times)$  be a ring,  $(R(I_1, I_2), +, \times)$  is called a refined neutrosophic ring generated by  $R, I_1, I_2$ .

#### Example 2.6: [6]

The refined neutrosophic ring of integers is  $Z(I_1, I_2) = \{(a, bI_1, cI_2); a, b, c \in Z\}$ .

#### Definition 2.7: [20]

Pell's equation is the Diophantine equation with form  $X^2 - DY^2 = N$ ;  $D, N \in Z$ .

# Theorem 2.8: [20]

If the equation  $X^2 - DY^2 = 1$  has a solution, then D > 0 and D is square free.

# Theorem 2.9: [20]

 $Z[\sqrt{d_1}]$  is an integral domain.

# Theorem 2.10: [2]

Let  $Z(I) = \{a + bI; a, b \in Z\}$  the neutrosophic ring of integers. Then primes in Z(I) have one of the following forms:

 $x = \pm p + (\pm 1 \pm p)I$  or  $x = \pm 1 + (\pm p \pm 1)I$ ; p is any prime in Z.

# **Definition 2.11: [16]**

Let  $Z(I) = \{a + bI; a, b \in Z\}$  be the neutrosophic ring of integers. The neutrosophic linear Diophantine equation with two variables is defined as follows:

 $AX + BY = C; A, B, C \in Z(I).$ 

#### Theorem 2.12: [16]

Let  $Z(I) = \{a + bI; a, b \in Z\}$  be the neutrosophic ring of integers. The neutrosophic linear Diophantine equation AX + BY = C with two variables  $X = x_1 + x_2I, Y = y_1 + y_2I$ , where  $A = a_1 + a_2I, B = b_1 + b_2I$  is equivalent to the following two classical Diophantine equations: (1)  $a_1x_1 + b_1y_1 = c_1$ .

$$(2)(a_1 + a_2)(x_1 + x_2) + (b_1 + b_2)(y_1 + y_2) = c_1 + c_2.$$

# **Definition 2.13: [16]**

Let  $Z(I_1, I_2) = \{(a, bI_1, cI_2); a, b, c \in Z\}$  be the refined neutrosophic ring of integers. The refined neutrosophic linear Diophantine equation with two variables is defined as follows:

 $AX + BY = C; A, B, C \in Z(I_1, I_2).$ 

#### Theorem 2.14: [16]

Let  $Z(I_1, I_2) = \{(a, bI_1, cI_2); a, b, c \in Z\}$  be the refined neutrosophic ring of integers,

AX + BY = C;  $A, B, C \in Z(I_1, I_2)$  be a refined neutrosophic linear Diophantine equation, where

$$X = (x_0, x_1 I_1, x_2 I_2), Y = (y_0, y_1 I_1, y_2 I_2), A = (a_0, a_1 I_1, a_2 I_2),$$

 $B = (b_0, b_1I_1, b_2I_2), C = (c_0, c_1I_1, c_2I_2)$ . Then AX + BY = C is equivalent to the following three Diophantine equations:

(1)  $a_0 x_0 + b_0 y_0 = c_0$ .

 $(2)(a_0 + a_2)(x_0 + x_2) + (b_0 + b_2)(y_0 + y_2) = c_0 + c_2.$ 

 $(3)(a_0 + a_1 + a_2)(x_0 + x_1 + x_2) + (b_0 + b_1 + b_2)(y_0 + y_1 + y_2) = c_0 + c_1 + c_2.$ 

# 3. Refined neutrosophic number theory

#### **Definition 3.1: (Division)**

Let  $Z(I_1, I_2) = \{(a, bI_1, cI_2); a, b, c \in Z\}$  the refined neutrosophic ring of integers. For any  $x, y \in Z(I_1, I_2)$ , we say that x|y if there is  $r \in Z(I_1, I_2)$ ; r.x = y.

#### **Theorem 3.2: (Form of division in** $Z(l_1, l_2)$ )

Let  $Z(I_1, I_2) = \{(a, bI_1, cI_2); a, b, c \in Z\}$  the refined neutrosophic ring of integers, x =

 $(x_0, x_1I_1, x_2I_2), y = (y_0, y_1I_1, y_2I_2)$  be two arbitrary elements in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ . Then x|y if and only if

$$x_0|y_0, x_0 + x_2|y_0 + y_2, x_0 + x_1 + x_2|y_0 + y_1 + y_2.$$

Proof:

Suppose that 
$$x|y$$
 in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ , then there is  $r = (r_0, r_1I_1, r_2I_2) \in Z(I_1, I_2)$  such that  $r \cdot x = y(*)$ 

By easy computing to equation (\*) we get the following equivalent equations:

- (a)  $r_0 x_0 = y_0$ , i.e.  $x_0 | y_0$ .
- (b)  $r_0 x_2 + r_2 x_2 + r_2 x_0 = y_2$ .
- (c)  $r_0 x_1 + r_2 x_1 + r_1 x_0 + r_1 x_1 + r_1 x_2 = y_1$ .

By adding equation (a) to (b) we get (\*\*)  $(r_0 + r_2)(x_0 + x_2) = y_0 + y_2$ , *i.e.*  $x_0 + x_2|y_0 + y_2$ .

Now, we add equation (\*\*) to (c) to get  $(r_0 + r_1 + r_2)(x_0 + x_1 + x_2) = y_0 + y_1 + y_2$ , *i.e.* 

$$x_0 + x_1 + x_2 | y_0 + y_1 + y_2.$$

For the converse, we assume that  $x_0|y_0, x_0 + x_2|y_0 + y_2, x_0 + x_1 + x_2|y_0 + y_1 + y_2$ .

There are

 $a, b, c \in Z; ax_0 = y_0, b(x_0 + x_2) = y_0 + y_2, c(x_0 + x_1 + x_2) = y_0 + y_1 + y_2.$ 

We put

 $r_0 = a, r_2 = b - a, r_1 = c - b.$ 

Now, we get  $r = (r_0, r_1 I_1, r_2 I_2) \in Z(I_1, I_2)$ , and r. x = y,

hence x|y.

#### **Definition 3.3: (Congruence)**

Let  $x = (x_0, x_1I_1, x_2I_2), y = (y_0, y_1I_1, y_2I_2), z = (z_0, z_1I_1, z_2I_2)$  be three elements in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ . We say that  $x \equiv y (modz)$  if and only if z|x - y.

We say that z = gcd(x, y) if and only if z|x and z|y, and for every c|x and c|y, we have c|z.

*x*, *y* are called relatively prime in Z(I) if and only if gcd(x, y) = (1,0,0).

**Theorem 3.4: (Form of congruencies in**  $Z(l_1, l_2)$ )

Let  $x = (x_0, x_1I_1, x_2I_2), y = (y_0, y_1I_1, y_2I_2), z = (z_0, z_1I_1, z_2I_2)$  be three elements in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ . Then  $x \equiv y(modz)$  if and only if

 $x_0 \equiv y_0(modz_0), x_0 + x_2 \equiv y_0 + y_2(modz_0 + z_2), x_0 + x_1 + x_2 \equiv y_0 + y_1 + y_2(modz_0 + z_1 + z_2).$ 

Proof:

We assume that  $x \equiv y \pmod{z}$ , then z | x - y. By Theorem 3.2, we find that  $z_0 | x_0 - y_0, (z_0 + z_2) | (x_0 + z_2) | (x_0$ 

 $(x_2) - (y_0 + y_2), (z_0 + z_1 + z_2)|(x_0 + x_1 + x_2) - (y_0 + y_1 + y_2),$  thus

$$x_0 \equiv y_0(modz_0), x_0 + x_2 \equiv y_0 + y_2(modz_0 + z_2), x_0 + x_1 + x_2 \equiv y_0 + y_1 + y_2(modz_0 + z_1 + z_2)$$

The converse is trivial.

#### Example 3.5:

$$(1, I_1, 2I_2) \equiv (3, -I_1, 0) (mod(2, -I_1, I_2))$$
, that is because

 $1 \equiv 3(mod2), 1 + 2 = 3 \equiv (3 + 0)(mod 3), 1 + 1 + 2 = 4 \equiv (3 - 1 + 0)(mod2).$ 

# Theorem 3.6: (Form of GCD)

Let  $x = (x_0, x_1I_1, x_2I_2), y = (y_0, y_1I_1, y_2I_2)$  be two elements in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ . Then

 $r = \gcd(x, y) = (m, nI_1, tI_2); m = \gcd(x_0, y_0), m + n + t = \gcd(x_0 + x_1 + x_2, y_0 + y_1 + y_2), m + t = \gcd(x_0 + x_2, y_0 + y_2).$ 

Proof:

It is clear that r|x and r|y. Let  $z = (z_0, z_1I_1, z_2I_2)$  be a common divisor of x and y, then

(a)  $z_0 | x_0, z_0 | y_0$ , hence  $z_0 | m$ .

(b)  $z_0 + z_2 | x_0 + x_2 and z_0 + z_2 | y_0 + y_2$ , hence  $z_0 + z_2 | m + t$ .

(c)  $z_0 + z_1 + z_2|x_0 + x_1 + x_2andz_0 + z_1 + z_2|y_0 + y_1 + y_2$ , hence  $z_0 + z_1 + z_2|m + n + t$ .

According to the previous discussion, we get z|r. Thus  $r = gcd(x, y) = (m, nI_1, tI_2)$ .

#### Example 3.7:

Let  $x = (2, -I_1, 3I_2), y = (1, 3I_1, I_2)$ , then gcd(x, y) = (1, 0, 0).

Theorem 3.8: (Euclidian division theorem in  $Z(l_1, l_2)$ )

Let  $x = (x_0, x_1I_1, x_2I_2), y = (y_0, y_1I_1, y_2I_2)$  be two elements in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ .

There are two corresponding elements  $q = (q_0, q_1I_1, q_2I_2), r = (r_0, r_1I_1, r_2I_2) \in Z(I_1, I_2); x = qy + r.$ 

Proof:

By classical division in *Z*, we can find  $s_0$ ,  $p_0$ ,  $s_1$ ,  $p_1$ ,  $s_2$ ,  $p_2$  such that

$$x_0 = y_0 s_0 + p_0, (x_0 + x_2) = s_2(y_0 + y_2) + p_2, (x_0 + x_1 + x_2) = s_1(y_0 + y_1 + y_2) + p_1.$$

By putting  $q_0 = s_0, q_1 = s_1 - s_2, q_2 = s_2 - s_0, r_0 = p_0, r_1 = p_1 - p_2, r_2 = p_2 - p_0$ , we get

$$x = qy + r$$

# Example 3.9:

Consider  $x = (2, I_1, -I_2), y = (1, 2I_1, 2I_2)$ , then we have  $q = (2, 0, -2I_2), r = (0, I_1, I_2)$ , where

x = qy + r.

**Remark 3.10**: (Solvability of a linear congruence in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ )

To solve a linear congruence  $x \equiv y \pmod{z}$ . We should take its corresponding equivalent linear congruencies according to Theorem 3.4. Then we can find its solution easily.

# Example 3.11:

Consider the following refined neutrosophic linear congruence

$$x \equiv (2,3I_1, I_2) (mod(1, I_1, 4I_2))$$

The equivalent system of congruencies is

 $x_0 \equiv 2 \pmod{1}(I), x_0 + x_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}(II), x_0 + x_1 + x_2 \equiv 6 \pmod{6}(III).$ 

The congruence (I) has a solution  $x_0 = 1$ . (II) has a solution  $x_0 + x_2 = 3$ , *hence*  $x_2 = 2$ .

(III) has a solution  $x_0 + x_1 + x_2 = 6$ , *hence* $x_1 = 3$ . Thus the solution of the refined neutrosophic

linear congruence is  $x = (1, 3I_1, 2I_2)$ . It is easy to check that  $(1, I_1, 4I_2) | [(1, 3I_1, 2I_2) - (2, 3I_1, I_2)]$ .

# **Definition 3.12:**

We define  $p = (a, bI_1, cI_2)$  to be a refined neutrosophic prime integer if and only if p is not divided by any other neutrosophic integer different from (1,0,0) and p.

#### **Remark 3.13:**

Definition 3.12 is different from the definition of prime elements in a ring, where p is called prime element if it has the following property:

If p = rq, then r or q must be a unit.

#### Theorem 3.14:

 $Z(I_1, I_2)$  has no refined neutrosophic primes.

Proof:

Let  $p = (a, bI_1, cI_2)$  be any refined neutrosophic integer different from  $(1, 2I_1, -2I_2)$ , we have:  $r = (1, 2I_1, -2I_2)$  is a divisor of p, that is because 1|a, 1-2|a+c, 1+2-2|a+b+c, which is different from (1,0,0) and p. Hence p can not be a refined neutrosophic prime.

If  $p=(1,2I_1,-2I_2)$ , we have  $(1,-2I_1,0)$  as a divisor different from p and (1,0,0), thus there are no refined neutrosophic primes.

The question about the structure of prime elements in the refined neutrosophic ring of integers is still open. It depends on the structure of the group of units in the refined neutrosophic ring of integers.

**Definition 3.16**. (Linear Combination in *Z*(*I* 1, *I* 2))

Let u,v be non-zero refined neutrosophic integers. Then any refined neutrosophic integer that can be written in the form ux + vy where  $x, y \in Z(I 1, I 2)$  is called a linear combination of u and v.

Example 3.17:

Let  $(2,2I_1,8I_2),(8,3I_1,7I_2) \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathbb{I} 1,\mathbb{I} 2)$ , we can find refined neutrosophic

integers in Z(I 1, I 2) that can be written as a linear combination of  $(2, 2I_1, 8I_2)$ , and  $(8, 3I_1, 7I_2)$ .

To see this, Let  $A(I \ 1, I \ 2)$  be the set of all linear combinations of  $(2, 2I_1, 8I_2)$ , and  $(8, 3I_1, 7I_2)$ .

#### Then

$$\begin{split} & \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I}\ 1\ ,\mathrm{I}\ 2\ )=(2,2I_1\ ,8I_2\ )(x_0\ ,x_1I_1\ ,x_2I_2\ )+(8,3I_1\ ,7I_2)(\ y_0\ ,y_1I_1\ ,y_2I_2\ )\}\\ & \mathrm{where}\ (x_0\ ,x_1I_1\ ,x_2I_2),(\ y_0\ ,y_1I_1\ ,y_2I_2\ )\in\ Z(I\ 1\ ,I\ 2\ ). \end{split}$$

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Now, let (m_0, m_1 I_1, m_2 I_2) = (2, 2I_1, 8I_2)(x_0, x_1 I_1, x_2 I_2) + (8, 3I_1, 7I_2)(y_0, y_1 I_1, y_2 I_2) for some (x_0, x_1 I_1, x_2 I_2) and (y_0, y_1 I_1, y_2 I_2).
Since gcd((2, 2I_1, 8I_2), (8, 3I_1, 7I_2)) = (2, I_1, 3 I_2).
Then (m_0, m_1 I_1, m_2 I_2) = (2, 2I I, 8I 2)(x_0, x_1 I_1, x_2 I_2) + (8, 3I I, 7I 2)(y_0, y_1 I_1, y_2 I_2)
= (2, I_1, 3 I_2)[(1, 0I_1, I_2)(x_0, x_1 I_1, x_2 I_2) + (4, 0I_1, -I_2)(y_0, y_1 I_1, y_2 I_2)].
We see that (2, I_1, 3 I_2)|(m_0, m_1 I_1, m_2 I_2), whatever the values of (x_0, x_1 I_1, x_2 I_2) and
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$$(y_0, y_1I_1, y_2I_2)$$

Hence,  $(2, I_1, 3, I_2) | (m_0, m_1I_1, m_2I_2)$  for all  $(m_0, m_1I_1, m_2I_2) \in A(I \ 1, I \ 2)$ . Thus, every member of  $A(I \ 1, I \ 2)$  is a multiple of  $(2, I_1, 3, I_2)$ .

This observation is recorded in the following theorem.

# Theorem 3.15:

Let  $u = (a_0, a_1I_1, a_2I_2)$ ,  $v = (b_0, b_1I_1, b_2I_2)$  and  $w = (g_0, g_1I_1, g_2I_2)$  be non-

zero refined neutrosophic integers and let w = gcd(u, v). Then every linear combination of u

and v is a multiple of w. That is,

w|up + vq,

for all  $p = (p_0, p_1 I_1, p_2 I_2), q = (q_0, q_1 I_1, q_2 I_2) \in Z(I \ 1, I \ 2).$ 

Proof:

The proof is similar to the classical case.

# 4. Refined neutrosophic Pell's equation

#### **Definition 4.1:**

Let  $Z(I_1, I_2) = \{(a, bI_1, cI_2); a, b, c \in Z\}$  be the refined neutrosophic ring of integers. Refined Neutrosophic Pell's equation is defined as follows:

$$X^2 - DY^2 = C$$
;  $X = (x_0, x_1I_1, x_2I_2)$ ,  $Y = (y_0, y_1I_1, y_2I_2)$ ,  $D = (d_0, d_1I_1, d_2I_2)$ ,  $C = (c_0, c_1I_1, c_2I_2)$ .

Where  $c_i, d_i, x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

#### Theorem 4.2:

Let  $Z(I_1, I_2) = \{(a, bI_1, cI_2); a, b, c \in Z\}$  be the refined neutrosophic ring of integers,  $X^2 - DY^2 = C$ be a refined neutrosophic Pell's equation. Then it is equivalent to the following three classical Pell's equations:

(a) 
$$x_0^2 - d_0 y_0^2 = c_0$$
.  
(b)  $(x_0 + x_2)^2 - (d_0 + d_2)(y_0 + y_2)^2 = c_0 + c_2$ .  
(c)  $(x_0 + x_1 + x_2)^2 - (d_0 + d_1 + d_2)(y_0 + y_1 + y_2)^2 = c_0 + c_1 + c_2$ .

Proof:

We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} X^{2} &= (x_{0}^{2}, [x_{0}x_{1} + x_{1}x_{0} + x_{1}x_{1} + x_{1}x_{2} + x_{1}x_{2}]I_{1}, [x_{0}x_{2} + x_{2}x_{2} + x_{2}x_{0}]I_{2}) = \\ (x_{0}^{2}, [x_{1}^{2} + 2x_{0}x_{1} + 2x_{1}x_{2}]I_{1}, [x_{2}^{2} + 2x_{0}x_{2}]I_{2}), \\ DY^{2} &= (d_{0}, d_{1}I_{1}, d_{2}I_{2}). (y_{0}^{2}, [y_{1}^{2} + 2y_{0}y_{1} + 2y_{1}y_{2}]I_{1}, [y_{2}^{2} + 2y_{0}y_{2}]I_{2}) = \\ (d_{0}y_{0}^{2}, [d_{0}y_{1}^{2} + 2d_{0}y_{0}y_{1} + 2d_{0}y_{1}y_{2} + d_{1}y_{0}^{2} + d_{1}y_{1}^{2} + 2d_{1}y_{0}y_{1} + 2d_{1}y_{1}y_{2} + d_{1}y_{2}^{2} + 2d_{1}y_{0}y_{2} + \\ d_{2}y_{1}^{2} + 2d_{2}y_{0}y_{1} + 2d_{2}y_{1}y_{2}]I_{1}, [d_{0}y_{2}^{2} + 2d_{0}y_{0}y_{2} + d_{2}y_{0}^{2} + d_{2}y_{2}^{2} + 2d_{2}y_{0}y_{2}]I_{2}). \end{aligned}$$
Now we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0^2 - d_0 y_0^2 &= c_0. \text{ (Equation (a)).} \\ (*)x_2^2 + 2x_0 x_2 - (d_0 y_2^2 + 2d_0 y_0 y_2 + d_2 y_0^2 + d_2 y_2^2 + 2d_2 y_0 y_2) &= c_2. \\ (**)x_1^2 + 2x_0 x_1 + 2x_1 x_2 - (d_0 y_1^2 + 2d_0 y_0 y_1 + 2d_0 y_1 y_2 + d_1 y_0^2 + d_1 y_1^2 + 2d_1 y_0 y_1 + 2d_1 y_1 y_2 + d_1 y_2^2 + 2d_1 y_0 y_2 + d_2 y_1^2 + 2d_2 y_0 y_1 + 2d_2 y_1 y_2) &= c_1. \end{aligned}$$

By adding (a) to (\*) we get:

$$(x_0 + x_2)^2 - (d_0 + d_2)(y_0 + y_2)^2 = c_0 + c_2$$
. (Equation (b)).

By adding (b) to (\*\*) we get:

$$(x_0 + x_1 + x_2)^2 - (d_0 + d_1 + d_2)(y_0 + y_1 + y_2)^2 = c_0 + c_1 + c_2.$$

The converse is clear.

# Remark 4.3:

To solve a refined neutrosophic Pell's equation, follow these steps:

- (1) Write the equivalent system of classical Pell's equations.
- (2) Solve equation (a).
- (3) Solve (b).

(4) Solve (c).

(5) Compute  $x_2, y_2$ , and then  $x_1, y_1$ .

# Example 4.5:

Consider the following refined neutrosophic Pell's equation  $X^2 - (2,0,I_2)Y^2 = (1,-6I_1,3I_2)$ .

The equivalent system is:

(a) 
$$x_0^2 - 2y_0^2 = 1$$
.

 $(b)(x_0 + x_2)^2 - 3(y_0 + y_2)^2 = 4.$ 

(c)  $(x_0 + x_1 + x_2)^2 - 3(y_0 + y_1 + y_2)^2 = -2.$ 

Equation (a) has a solution  $x_0 = 3$ ,  $y_0 = 2$ . Equation (b) has a solution  $y_0 + y_2 = 2$ ,  $x_0 + x_2 = 4$ . Equation (c) has a solution  $x_0 + x_1 + x_2 = 5$ ,  $y_0 + y_1 + y_2 = 3$ . Thus  $y_2 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ ,  $y_1 = 1$ ,  $x_1 = 1$ , so  $X = (3, I_1, I_2)$ ,  $Y = (2, I_1, 0)$ .

# 5. Open questions

There are many open problems come to light according to this research. This section is devoted to present some important questions in the refined neutrosophic number theory.

**Problem 1:** Determine the form of prime elements in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ .

**Problem 2:** Define Euler's function in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ . Is Euler's Theorem still true in the case of refined neutrosophic integers.

**Problem 3:** Find an easy algorithm to solve a refined neutrosophic non linear congruence in a similar way to refined neutrosophic Pell's equation.

**Problem 4:** Find the form of the fundamental theorem in arithmetic in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ .

# 4. Conclusions

In this article, we have established the basic theory of refined neutrosophic integers. Many important concepts and conditions about division, gcd, and congruencies in  $Z(I_1, I_2)$ . Also, refined neutrosophic Pell's equation was studied and we gave an algorithm to solve this kind of non linear Diophantine equations.

We have listed four open new problems concerning the refined neutrosophic number theory, their solution may lead to a big progression in neutrosophic number theory.

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