

Sums of two squares

A tale of two sums

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Therefore $k_1^2 + k_2^2$ can only equal $0 \pmod{4}$, $1 \pmod{4}$ or $2 \pmod{4}$. □

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$$\text{Thus } 3301 = 30^2 + 49^2.$$