# ALMOST BALCOBALANCING NUMBERS

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Abstract. In this work, we determined the general terms of almost balcobalancing numbers, almost Lucas-balcobalancing numbers and almost balcobalancers of first and second type in terms of balancing and Lucasbalancing numbers.

### 1. Introduction

A positive integer n is called a balancing number ([2]) if the Diophantine equation

(1.1) 
$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) = (n+1) + (n+2) + \dots + (n+r)$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called balancer corresponding to n. If n is a balancing number with balancer r, then from (1.1)

(1.2) 
$$r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 + 1}}{2}.$$

Though the definition of balancing numbers suggests that no balancing number should be less than 2. But from (1.2),  $8(0)^2+1 = 1$  and  $8(1)^2+1 = 3^2$  are perfect squares. So Behera and Panda accepted 0 and 1 to be balancing numbers.

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Later Panda and Ray ([12]) defined that a positive integer n is called a cobalancing number if the Diophantine equation

(1.3) 
$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = (n+1) + (n+2) + \dots + (n+r)$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called cobalancer corresponding to n. If n is a cobalancing number with cobalancer r, then from (1.3)

(1.4) 
$$r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 + 8n + 1}}{2}.$$

From (1.4),  $8(0)^2 + 8(0) + 1 = 1$  is a perfect square. So they accepted 0 to be a cobalancing number, just like Behera and Panda accepted 0 and 1 to be balancing numbers.

Let  $B_n$  denote the  $n^{\text{th}}$  balancing number and let  $b_n$  denote the  $n^{\text{th}}$  cobalancing number. Then from (1.2),  $B_n$  is a balancing number if and only if  $8B_n^2 + 1$ is a perfect square and from (1.4),  $b_n$  is a cobalancing number if and only if  $8b_n^2 + 8b_n + 1$  is a perfect square. Thus

$$C_n = \sqrt{8B_n^2 + 1}$$
 and  $c_n = \sqrt{8b_n^2 + 8b_n + 1}$ 

are integers which are called Lucas-balancing number and Lucas-cobalancing number, respectively (see also [10, 11, 15, 16]).

Balancing numbers and their generalizations have been investigated by several authors from many aspects. In [7], Liptai proved that there is no Fibonacci balancing number except 1 and in [8] he proved that there is no Lucasbalancing number. In [18], Szalay considered the same problem and obtained some nice results by a different method. In [5], Kovács, Liptai, Olajos extended the concept of balancing numbers to the (a, b)-balancing numbers defined as follows: Let a > 0 and  $b \ge 0$  be coprime integers. If

$$(a+b) + \dots + (a(n-1)+b) = (a(n+1)+b) + \dots + (a(n+r)+b)$$

for some positive integers n and r, then an + b is an (a, b)-balancing number. The sequence of (a, b)-balancing numbers is denoted by  $B_m^{(a,b)}$  for  $m \ge 1$ . In [6], Liptai, Luca, Pintér and Szalay generalized the notion of balancing numbers to numbers defined as follows: Let  $y, k, l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $y \ge 4$ . A positive integer x with  $x \le y - 2$  is called a (k, l)-power numerical center for y if

$$1^{k} + \dots + (x-1)^{k} = (x+1)^{l} + \dots + (y-1)^{l}.$$

They studied the number of solutions of the equation above and proved several effective and ineffective finiteness results for (k, l)-power numerical centers. For positive integers k, x, let  $\Pi_k(x) = x(x+1) \dots (x+k-1)$ . Then it was proved

in [5] that the equation  $B_m = \Pi_k(x)$  for fixed integer  $k \ge 2$  has only infinitely many solutions and for  $k \in \{2, 3, 4\}$  all solutions were determined. In [25] Tengely, considered the case k = 5 and proved that this Diophantine equation has no solution for  $m \ge 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In [14], Panda, Komatsu and Davala considered the reciprocal sums of sequences involving balancing and Lucasbalancing numbers and in [17], Ray considered the sums of balancing and Lucasbalancing numbers by matrix methods. In [3], Dash, Ota, Dash considered the *t*-balancing numbers for an integer  $t \ge 1$ . They called that *n* is a *t*-balancing number if the Diophantine equation

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n - 1 = (n + 1 + t) + (n + 2 + t) + \dots + (n + r + t)$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called t-balancer. Similarly a positive integer n is called a t-cobalancing number if the Diophantine equation

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = (n + 1 + t) + (n + 2 + t) + \dots + (n + r + t)$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called t-cobalancer. In [24], Tekcan and Aydın determined the general terms of t-balancing and Lucas t-balancing numbers, and in [21], Tekcan and Erdem determined the general terms of tcobalancing and Lucas t-cobalancing numbers in terms of balancing and Lucasbalancing numbers. In [13], G.K. Panda and A.K. Panda defined that a positive integer n is called an almost balancing number if the Diophantine equation

(1.5) 
$$|[(n+1) + (n+2) + \dots + (n+r)] - [1+2+\dots + (n-1)]| = 1$$

holds for some positive integer r, which is called the almost balancer. By (1.5), they have two cases: If [(n+1)+(n+2)+...+(n+r)]-[1+2+...+(n-1)]=1, then n is called an almost balancing number of first type and r is called an almost balancer of first type and in this case

(1.6) 
$$r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 + 9}}{2},$$

and if [(n + 1) + (n + 2) + ... + (n + r)] - [1 + 2 + ... + (n - 1)] = -1, then n is called an almost balancing number of second type and r is called an almost balancer of second type and in this case

(1.7) 
$$r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 - 7}}{2}.$$

(From (1.7), they noted that  $8(1)^2 - 7 = 1^2$  and  $8(2)^2 - 7 = 5^2$  are perfect squares. So they accepted 1 and 2 to be almost balancing numbers of second type). Let  $B_n^*$  denote the almost balancing number of first type and let  $B_n^{**}$ denote the almost balancing number of second type. Then from (1.6),  $B_n^*$  is an almost balancing number of first type if and only if  $8(B_n^*)^2 + 9$  is a perfect square and from (1.7),  $B_n^{**}$  is an almost balancing number of second type if and only if  $8(B_n^{**})^2 - 7$  is a perfect square. So

$$C_n^* = \sqrt{8(B_n^*)^2 + 9}$$
 and  $C_n^{**} = \sqrt{8(B_n^{**})^2 - 7}$ 

are integers which are called almost Lucas-balancing number of first type and of second type, respectively. In [19], Tekcan derived some results on almost balancing numbers, triangular numbers and square triangular numbers and in [20], he considered the sums and spectral norms of all almost balancing numbers.

#### 2. Almost balcobalancing numbers

In [22], Tekcan and Yıldız defined balcobalancing numbers, balcobalancers and Lucas-balcobalancing numbers and determined the general terms of them. They sum both sides of (1.1) and (1.3), and they get the Diophantine equation

$$(2.1) \ 1+2+\dots+(n-1)+1+2+\dots+(n-1)+n=2[(n+1)+(n+2)+\dots+(n+r)]$$

and called a positive integer n is called a balcobalancing number if the Diophantine equation in (2.1) verified for some positive integer r which is called balcobalancer. From (2.1), they get

(2.2) 
$$r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 + 4n + 1}}{2}$$

Let  $B_n^{bc}$  denote the balcobalancing number. Then from (2.2),  $B_n^{bc}$  is a balcobalancing number if and only if  $8(B_n^{bc})^2 + 4B_n^{bc} + 1$  is a perfect square. Thus

$$C_n^{bc} = \sqrt{8(B_n^{bc})^2 + 4B_n^{bc} + 1}$$

is an integer which are called Lucas-balcobancing number (see also [23]).

As in (1.5), from (2.1), we say that a positive integer n is called an almost balcobalancing number if the Diophantine equation

(2.3) 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+2+\dots+(n-1)+1+2+\dots+(n-1)+n\\-2[(n+1)+(n+2)+\dots+(n+r)] \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

holds for some positive integer r which is called almost balcobalancer.

From (2.3), we have two cases: If [1 + 2 + ... + (n - 1) + 1 + 2 + ... + (n - 1) + n] - 2[(n + 1) + (n + 2) + ... + (n + r)] = 1, then n is called an almost balcobalancing number of first type, r is called an almost balcobalancer of first type and in this case

(2.4) 
$$r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 + 4n - 3}}{2}$$

For example 3,39,109 are almost balcobalancing numbers of first type with almost balcobalancers of first type 1,16,45. (From (2.4), we note that  $8(1)^2 + 4(1) - 3 = 3^2$  is a perfect square, but in this case r = 0. Nevertheless we accept that 1 is an almost balcobalancing number of first type, just like Behera and Panda accepted 0 and 1 to be balancing numbers). If [1 + 2 + ... + (n - 1) + 1 + 2 + ... + (n - 1) + n] - 2[(n + 1) + (n + 2) + ... + (n + r)] = -1, then n is called an almost balcobalancing number of second type, r is called an almost balcobalancing number of second type and in this case

(2.5) 
$$r = \frac{-2n - 1 + \sqrt{8n^2 + 4n + 5}}{2}$$

For example 5, 179, 6089 are almost balcobalancing numbers of second type with almost balcobalancers of second type 2, 74, 2522.

Let  $B_n^{bc*}$  denote the almost balcobalancing number of first type and let  $B_n^{bc**}$  denote the almost balcobalancing number of second type. Then by (2.4),  $B_n^{bc*}$  is an almost balcobalancing number of first type if and only if  $8(B_n^{bc*})^2 + 4B_n^{bc*} - 3$  is a perfect square. So

(2.6) 
$$C_n^{bc*} = \sqrt{8(B_n^{bc*})^2 + 4B_n^{bc*} - 3}$$

is an integer which is called almost Lucas-balcobalancing number of first type. Similarly from (2.5),  $B_n^{bc**}$  is an almost balcobalancing number of second type if and only if  $8(B_n^{bc**})^2 + 4B_n^{bc**} + 5$  is a perfect square. So

(2.7) 
$$C_n^{bc**} = \sqrt{8(B_n^{bc**})^2 + 4B_n^{bc**} + 5}$$

is an integer which is called almost Lucas-balcobalancing number of second type (We denote the almost balcobalancer of first type by  $R_n^{bc*}$  and denote almost balcobalancer of second type by  $R_n^{bc**}$ ).

In this paper, we try to determine the general terms of almost balcobalancing numbers, almost Lucas-balcobalancing numbers and almost balcobalancers of first and second type in terms of balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers.

# 2.1. Almost balcobalancing numbers of first type

From (2.4), we notice that  $B_n^{bc*}$  is an almost balcobalancing number of first type if and only if  $8(B_n^{bc*})^2 + 4B_n^{bc*} - 3$  is a perfect square. So we set

$$8(B_n^{bc*})^2 + 4B_n^{bc*} - 3 = y^2$$

for some positive integer y. If we multiply both sides of the last equation by 2, then we get

$$16(B_n^{bc*})^2 + 8B_n^{bc*} - 6 = 2y^2$$

and hence

$$(4B_n^{bc*} + 1)^2 - 7 = 2y^2.$$

Taking  $x = 4B_n^{bc*} + 1$ , we get the Pell equation (see [1, 9])

(2.8) 
$$x^2 - 2y^2 = 7$$

Let  $\Omega^{bc*}$  denotes the set of all (positive) integer solutions of (2.8), that is,

$$\Omega^{bc*} = \{(x,y) : x^2 - 2y^2 = 7\}$$

In order to determine the set of all integer solutions of (2.8), we need some notations. Let  $\Delta$  be a non-square discriminant. Then the  $\Delta$ -order  $O_{\Delta}$  is defined to be the ring  $O_{\Delta} = \{x + y\rho_{\Delta} : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , where  $\rho_{\Delta} = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{4}}$  if  $\Delta \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  or  $\frac{1+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$  if  $\Delta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . So  $O_{\Delta}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}) = \{x + y\sqrt{\Delta} : x, y \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . The unit group  $O_{\Delta}^{u}$  is defined to be the group of units of the ring  $O_{\Delta}$ .

Let  $F(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$  be an indefinite integral quadratic form ([4]) of discriminant  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ . Then we can rewrite

$$F(x,y) = \frac{(xa + y\frac{b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2})(xa + y\frac{b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2})}{a}.$$

So the module  $M_F$  of F is

$$M_F = \{xa + y\frac{b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2} : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}).$$

Therefore we get  $(u + v\rho_{\Delta})(xa + y\frac{b+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}) = x'a + y'\frac{b+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$ , where

(2.9) 
$$[x' \ y'] = \begin{cases} [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} u - \frac{b}{2}v & av \\ -cv & u + \frac{b}{2}v \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } \Delta \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} u + \frac{1-b}{2}v & av \\ -cv & u + \frac{1+b}{2}v \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } \Delta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Let m be any integer and let  $\Omega$  denote the set of all integer solutions of  $F(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = m$ . Then there is a bijection

$$\Psi: \Omega \to \{\gamma \in M_F : N(\gamma) = am\}.$$

The action of  $O_{\Delta,1}^u = \{ \alpha \in O_{\Delta}^u : N(\alpha) = 1 \}$  on  $\Omega$  is most interesting when  $\Delta$  is a positive non-square since  $O_{\Delta,1}^u$  is infinite. Therefore the orbit of each solution will be infinite and so  $\Omega$  is either empty or infinite. Since  $O_{\Delta,1}^u$  can be explicitly determined, the set  $\Omega$  is satisfactorily described by the representation of such a list, called a set of representatives of the orbits. Let  $\varepsilon_{\Delta}$  be the smallest unit of  $O_{\Delta}$  that is grater than 1 and let  $\tau_{\Delta} = \varepsilon_{\Delta}$  if  $N(\varepsilon_{\Delta}) = 1$  or  $\varepsilon_{\Delta}^2$  if  $N(\varepsilon_{\Delta}) = -1$ . Then every  $O_{\Delta,1}^u$  orbit of integral solutions of F(x,y) = m contains a solution  $(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $0 \le y \le U$ , where

$$U = \begin{cases} \left| \frac{am\tau_{\Delta}}{\Delta} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\tau_{\Delta}} \right) & \text{if } am > 0 \\ \left| \frac{am\tau_{\Delta}}{\Delta} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\tau_{\Delta}} \right) & \text{if } am < 0. \end{cases}$$

So for finding a set of representatives of the  $O_{\Delta,1}^u$  orbits of integral solutions of F(x,y) = m, we must find for each  $y_0$  in the range  $0 \le y_0 \le U$ , whether  $\Delta y_0^2 + 4am$  is a perfect square or not since

(2.10) 
$$ax_0^2 + bx_0y_0 + cy_0^2 = m \Leftrightarrow \Delta y_0^2 + 4am = (2ax_0 + by_0)^2.$$

If  $\Delta y_0^2 + 4am$  is a perfect square, then from (2.10)

$$x_0 = \frac{-by_0 \pm \sqrt{\Delta y_0^2 + 4am}}{2a}$$

So there is a set of representatives  $\text{Rep} = \{ [x_0 \ y_0] \}$ . For the matrix M derived from (2.9), the set of all integer solutions of F(x, y) = m is

$$\{\pm(x,y): [x \ y] = [x_0 \ y_0]M^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

If  $\Delta y_0^2 + 4am$  is not a perfect square, then there is no integer solution.

Now we can give the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** The set of all integer solutions of (2.8) is

$$\Omega^{bc*} = \{ (x_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}), (x_{2n}, y_{2n}) : n \ge 1 \},\$$

where

$$x_{2n-1} = 4B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1}, \ y_{2n-1} = 6B_{n-1} + C_{n-1},$$
$$x_{2n} = -4B_n + 3C_n, \ y_{2n} = 6B_n - C_n.$$

**Proof.** For the Pell equation in (2.8), the indefinite form is F = (1, 0, -2) of discriminant  $\Delta = 8$ . So  $\tau_{\Delta} = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$ . Therefore the set of representatives is Rep = { $[\pm 3 \quad 1]$ } and  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2\\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  by (2.9). Here we notice that

- 1.  $[3 \quad 1]M^{n-1}$  generates all integer solutions  $(x_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1})$  for  $n \ge 1$
- 2.  $[3 1]M^n$  generates all integer solutions  $(x_{2n}, y_{2n})$  for  $n \ge 1$ .

It can be easily seen that the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power of M is

$$M^n = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} C_n & 2B_n \\ 4B_n & C_n \end{array} \right]$$

for  $n \ge 1$ . So

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{2n-1} & y_{2n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} M^{n-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1} & 6B_{n-1} + C_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{2n} & y_{2n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} M^n = \begin{bmatrix} -4B_n + 3C_n & 6B_n - C_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus the set of all integer solutions is  $\Omega^{bc*} = \{(4B_{n-1}+3C_{n-1}, 6B_{n-1}+C_{n-1}), (-4B_n+3C_n, 6B_n-C_n): n \ge 1\}.$ 

From Theorem 2.1, we can give the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.** The general terms of almost balcobalancing numbers, almost Lucas-balcobalancing numbers and almost balcobalancers of first type are

$$B_{2n-1}^{bc*} = \frac{-4B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4},$$
  

$$B_{2n}^{bc*} = \frac{4B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4},$$
  

$$C_{2n-1}^{bc*} = 6B_{2n-1} - C_{2n-1},$$
  

$$C_{2n}^{bc*} = 6B_{2n-1} + C_{2n-1},$$
  

$$R_{2n-1}^{bc*} = \frac{16B_{2n-1} - 5C_{2n-1} - 1}{4},$$
  

$$R_{2n}^{bc*} = \frac{8B_{2n-1} - C_{2n-1} - 1}{4},$$

for  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** We proved in Theorem 2.1 that the set of all integer solutions of (2.8) is  $\Omega^{bc*} = \{(4B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1}, 6B_{n-1} + C_{n-1}), (-4B_n + 3C_n, 6B_n - C_n) : n \ge 1\}$ . Since  $x = 4B_n^{bc*} + 1$ , we get

$$B_{2n-1}^{bc*} = \frac{-4B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}$$

for  $n \ge 1$ . Thus from (2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{split} C_{2n-1}^{bc*} &= \sqrt{8(B_{2n-1}^{bc*})^2 + 4B_{2n-1}^{bc*} - 3} = \\ &= \sqrt{8(\frac{-4B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4})^2 + 4(\frac{-4B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}) - 3} = \\ &= \sqrt{8B_{2n-1}^2 - 12B_{2n-1}C_{2n-1} + \frac{9C_{2n-1}^2}{2} - \frac{7}{2}} = \\ &= \sqrt{8B_{2n-1}^2 - 12B_{2n-1}C_{2n-1} + \frac{9}{2}(8B_{2n-1}^2 + 1) - \frac{7}{2}} = \\ &= \sqrt{36B_{2n-1}^2 - 12B_{2n-1}C_{2n-1} + 8B_{2n-1}^2 + 1} = \\ &= \sqrt{36B_{2n-1}^2 - 12B_{2n-1}C_{2n-1} + C_{2n-1}^2} = \end{split}$$

$$= \sqrt{(6B_{2n-1} - C_{2n-1})^2} = = 6B_{2n-1} - C_{2n-1}.$$

Finally from (2.4), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} R_{2n-1}^{bc*} &= \frac{-2B_{2n-1}^{bc*} - 1 + C_{2n-1}^{bc*}}{2} = \\ &= \frac{-2(\frac{-4B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}) - 1 + 6B_{2n-1} - C_{2n-1}}{2} = \\ &= \frac{16B_{2n-1} - 5C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly it can be shown that  $B_{2n}^{bc*} = \frac{4B_{2n-1}+3C_{2n-1}-1}{4}, C_{2n}^{bc*} = 6B_{2n-1}+C_{2n-1}$ and  $R_{2n}^{bc*} = \frac{8B_{2n-1}-C_{2n-1}-1}{4}.$ 

In **Table 2.1**, the first ten terms of almost balcobalancing numbers, almost Lucas-balcobalancing numbers and almost balcobalancers of first type is given.

i	$B_i^{bc*}$	$C_i^{bc*}$	$R_i^{bc*}$
1	1	3	0
2	3	9	1
3	39	111	16
4	109	309	45
5	1333	3771	552
6	3711	10497	1537
7	45291	128103	18760
8	126073	356589	52221
9	1538569	4351731	637296
10	4282779	12113529	1773985

 Table 2.1 Almost balcobalancing numbers of first type

#### 2.2. Almost balcobalancing numbers of second type

From (2.5), we notice that  $B_n^{bc**}$  is an almost balcobalancing number of second type if and only if  $8(B_n^{bc**})^2 + 4B_n^{bc**} + 5$  is a perfect square. So we set

$$8(B_n^{bc**})^2 + 4B_n^{bc**} + 5 = y^2$$

for some positive integer y. If we multiply both sides of the last equation by 2, then we get

$$16(B_n^{bc**})^2 + 8B_n^{bc**} + 10 = 2y^2$$

and hence

$$(4B_n^{bc**} + 1)^2 + 9 = 2y^2.$$

Taking  $x = 4B_n^{bc**} + 1$ , we get the Pell equation

$$(2.11) x^2 - 2y^2 = -9$$

Let  $\Omega^{bc**}$  denotes the set of all (positive) integer solutions of (2.11), that is,

$$\Omega^{bc**} = \{(x,y) : x^2 - 2y^2 = -9\}.$$

Then we can give the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** The set of all integer solutions of (2.11) is

$$\Omega^{bc^{**}} = \{ (x_n, y_n) : n \ge 1 \},\$$

where

$$x_n = 12B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1}$$
 and  $y_n = 6B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1}$ .

**Proof.** For the Pell equation in (2.11), the indefinite form is F = (1, 0, -2) of discriminant  $\Delta = 8$ . So  $\tau_{\Delta} = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$ . In this case, the set of representatives is Rep = { $[\pm 3 \quad 3]$ } and  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Here  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} M^{n-1}$  generates all integer solutions  $(x_n, y_n)$  for  $n \ge 1$ . Thus the set of all integer solutions is  $\Omega^{bc**} = \{(12B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1}, 6B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1}) : n \ge 1\}$ .

From Theorem 2.3, we can give the following result.

**Theorem 2.4.** The general terms of almost balcobalancing numbers, almost Lucas-balcobalancing numbers and almost balcobalancers of second type are

$$B_n^{bc**} = \frac{12B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}$$
$$C_n^{bc**} = 6B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1},$$
$$R_n^{bc**} = \frac{3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}$$

,

for  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** Note that  $\Omega^{bc**} = \{(12B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1}, 6B_{n-1} + 3C_{n-1}) : n \ge 1\}$  by Theorem 2.3. So we get

$$B_n^{bc**} = \frac{12B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}$$

for  $n \ge 1$ . Thus from (2.7), we obtain

$$\begin{split} C_n^{bc**} &= \sqrt{8(B_n^{bc**})^2 + 4B_n^{bc**} + 5} = \\ &= \sqrt{8(\frac{12B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4})^2 + 4(\frac{12B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}) + 5} = \\ &= \sqrt{8(\frac{12B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4})^2 + 4(\frac{12B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1} - 1}{4}) + 5} = \\ &= \sqrt{72B_{2n-1}^2 + 36B_{2n-1}C_{2n-1} + \frac{9C_{2n-1}^2}{2} + \frac{9}{2}} = \\ &= \sqrt{36B_{2n-1}^2 + 36B_{2n-1}C_{2n-1} + 9C_{2n-1}^2} = \\ &= \sqrt{(6B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1})^2} = \\ &= 6B_{2n-1} + 3C_{2n-1}. \end{split}$$

From (2.5), we deduce that  $R_n^{bc**} = \frac{3C_{2n-1}-1}{4}$ .

In **Table 2.2**, the first ten terms of almost balcobalancing numbers, almost Lucas-balcobalancing numbers and almost balcobalancers of second type is given.

i	$B_i^{bc**}$	$C_i^{bc**}$	$R_i^{bc**}$
1	5	15	2
2	179	507	74
3	6089	17223	2522
4	206855	585075	85682
5	7026989	19875327	2910674
6	238710779	675176043	98877242
7	8109139505	22936110135	3358915562
8	275472032399	779152568547	114104251874
9	9357939962069	26468251220463	3876185648162
10	317894486677955	899141388927195	131676207785642

Table 2.2 Almost balcobalancing numbers of second type

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