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**Title:** On the Diophantine equation  $z^2 = f(x)^2 \pm f(y)^2$ 

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Let  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$  and let us consider a Diophantine equation  $z^2 = f(x)^2 \pm f(y)^2$ . In this paper, we show that if deg f = 2 and there exists a rational number t such that on the quartic curve  $V^2 = f(U)^2 + f(t)^2$  there are infinitely many rational points, then the set of rational parametric solutions of the equation  $z^2 = f(x)^2 + f(y)^2$  is nonempty. Without any assumptions we show that the surface related to the Diophantine equation  $z^2 = f(x)^2 - f(y)^2$  is unirational over the field  $\mathbb{Q}$  in this case. If deg f = 3and f has the form  $f(x) = x(x^2 + ax + b)$  with  $a \neq 0$  then both of the equations  $z^2 = f(x)^2 \pm f(y)^2$  have infinitely many rational parametric solutions. A similarly result is proved for the equation  $z^2 = f(x)^2 - f(y)^2$  with  $f(X) = X^3 + aX^2 + b$  and  $a \neq 0$ .

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