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Let be $\lambda \geq 1$ fixed. Solve for reals:

$$\begin{cases} (x+y)(x^2+y^2) = \lambda(4\lambda^2+1) \\ (x-y)(x^2-y^2) = 2\lambda \end{cases}$$

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$$\text{Let } u = x + y, v = x - y \text{ then } x = \frac{u+v}{2}, y = \frac{u-v}{2}, xy = \frac{u^2-v^2}{4}$$

$$(x+y)(x^2+y^2) = \lambda(4\lambda^2+1) \text{ or } (x+y)((x+y)^2 - 2xy) = \lambda(4\lambda^2+1)$$

$$u\left(u^2 - \frac{u^2-v^2}{2}\right) = \lambda(4\lambda^2+1) \text{ or } u(u^2+v^2) = 2\lambda(4\lambda^2+1) \quad (1)$$

$$(x-y)(x^2-y^2) = 2\lambda \text{ or } (x-y)^2(x+y) = 2\lambda \text{ or } uv^2 = 2\lambda \text{ or } v^2 = \frac{2\lambda}{u} \quad (2)$$

Eliminating v^2 between (1) & (2) we get:

$$u\left(u^2 + \frac{2\lambda}{u}\right) = 2\lambda(4\lambda^2+1) \text{ or } u^3 + 2\lambda = 8\lambda^3 + 2\lambda \text{ or } u^3 = 8\lambda^3 \text{ or}$$

$$u = 2\lambda \text{ (as } \lambda \geq 1) \text{ \& } v^2 = \frac{2\lambda}{u} = \frac{2\lambda}{2\lambda} = 1 \text{ or } v = \pm 1$$

$$x = \frac{u+v}{2} = \frac{2\lambda \pm 1}{2} = \lambda \pm \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{u-v}{2} = \frac{2\lambda \mp 1}{2} = \lambda \mp \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Solutions: } (x, y) = \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{2}, \lambda - \frac{1}{2}\right), \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2}, \lambda + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$