

**Egyptian arithmetic.**

- (A1) Use Egyptian algorithms to do the following arithmetic problems:  $14 \times 17$ ,  $176/16$ ,  $37/12$ .
- (A2) Write  $\frac{2}{103}$  as the sum of two unequal unit fractions. Show all work. Show that whenever  $n$  is a multiple of three, the fraction  $\frac{2}{n}$  can be written as a sum of two unequal unit fractions, one of which is  $\frac{1}{2n}$ .
- (B1) Verify that if  $(c/a)^2$  is  $1 : 33, 45$  and  $b = 45$  and  $c = 1, 15$ , then  $a, b, c$  form a Pythagorean triple.

**Euclidean algorithm and continued fractions.**

- (A3) By hand (no calculator), find the continued fraction expansion of  $99/21$ . Using a calculator, find five terms of the continued fraction expansion for  $\sqrt[3]{9}$ . In both cases, show all steps. Write out the anthypharesis diagram for  $99/21$  and explain the correspondence between the diagram and the calculation.
- (B2) What is the relationship between the continued fraction expansion of a rational number and that of its reciprocal?
- (B3) Suppose a real number  $\alpha$  has a completely periodic continued fraction expansion  $[a, a, a, a, \dots]$ . Turn this into a quadratic equation in  $a$  and  $\alpha$  and use this to generate a formula for the values of  $\alpha$ . Find the values of  $\alpha$  when  $a = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .
- (B4) Find the continued fraction expansion for  $\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$ , where  $n$  is a natural number. Your answer should be in terms of  $n$ . Do the same for  $\sqrt{n^2 + n}$ .