PRECISE AND CONCISE GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE NATURAL NUMBERS

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NAMING NUMBERS

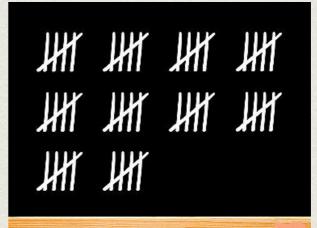
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What's so special about "50"? (It's a round number??)

Natural



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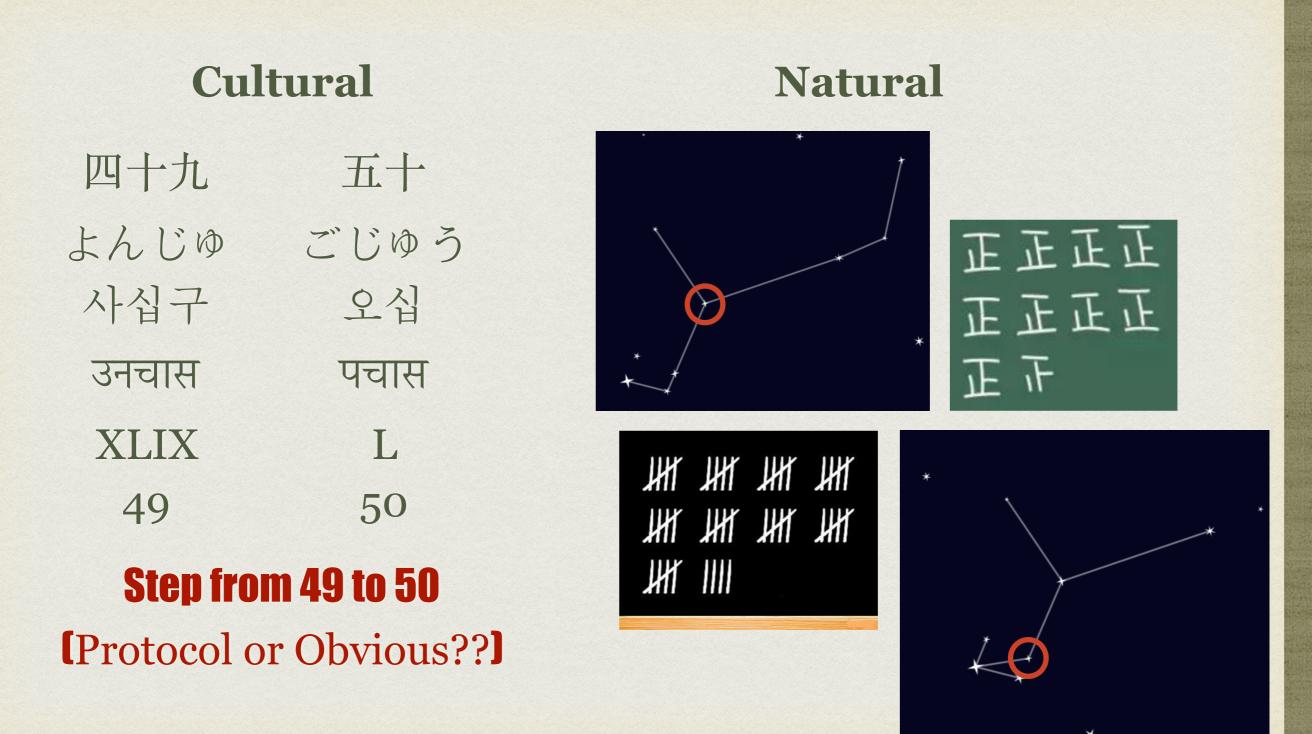
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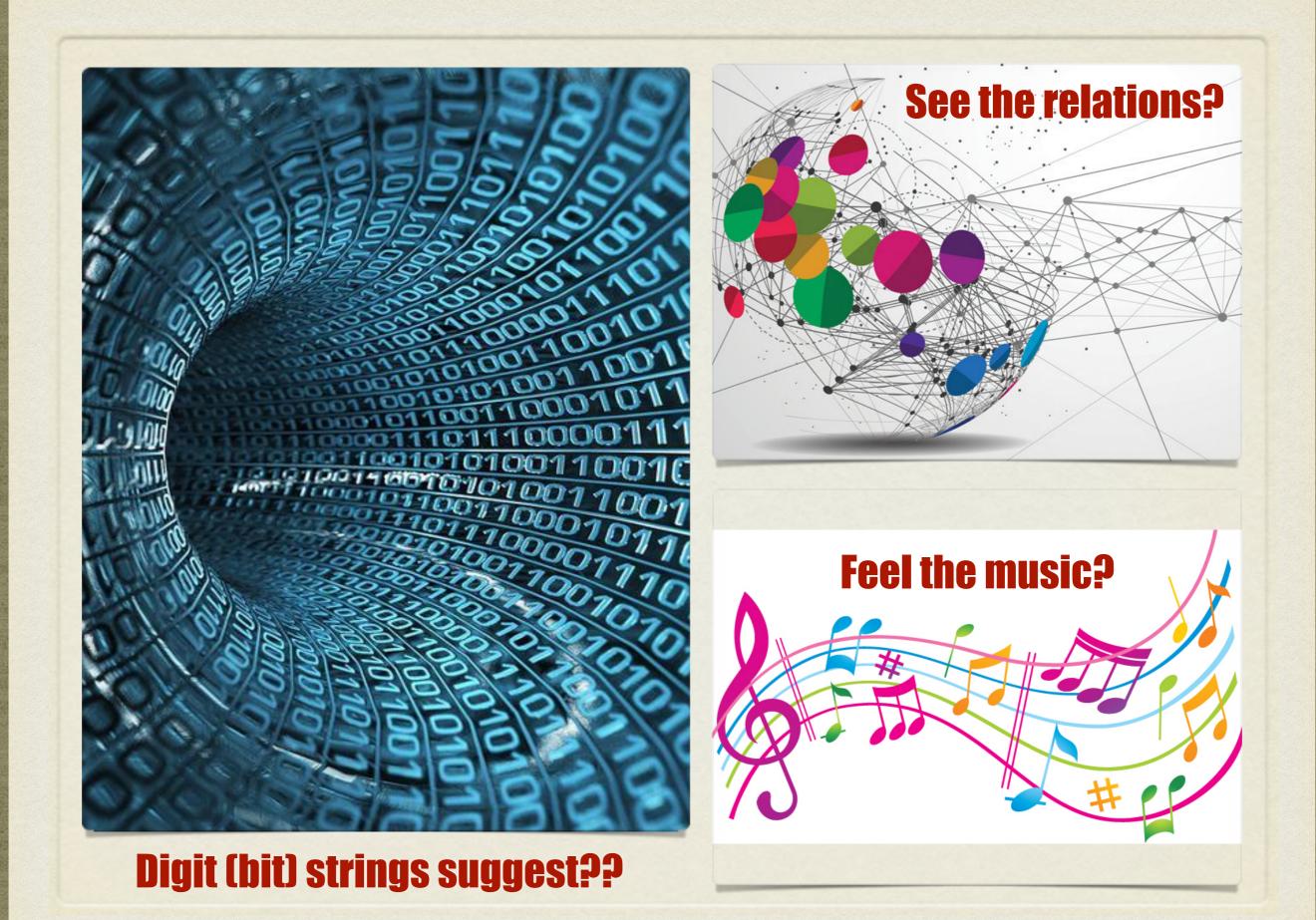


Why is divisible by 10 so special?

ARITH SYMPOSIUM From 1st to 26th

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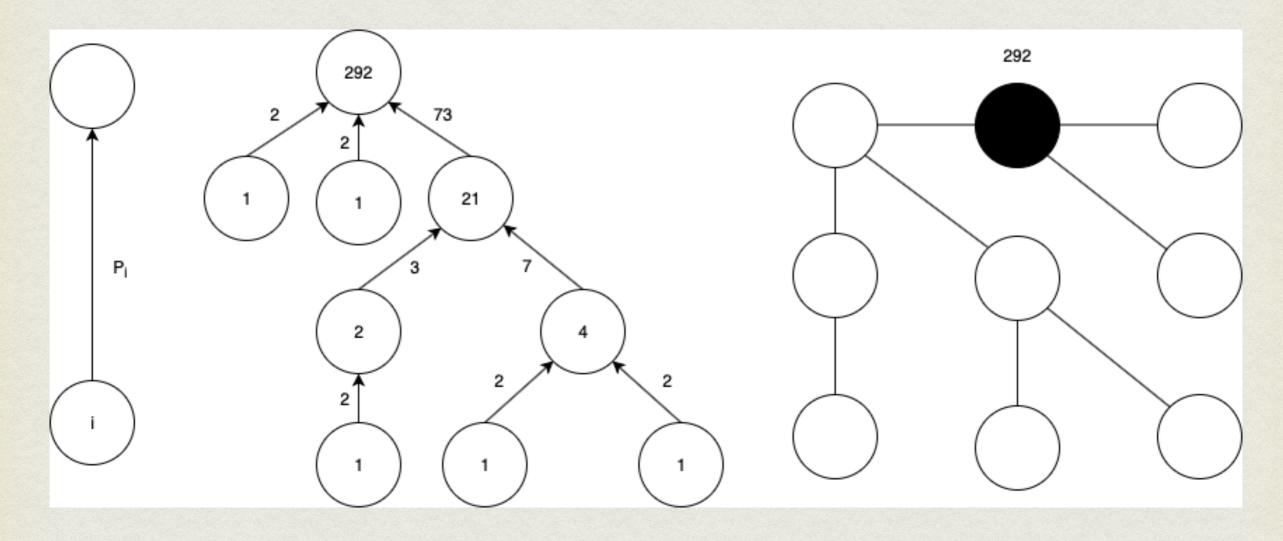
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Fundamentals of Arithmetic

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ONE-TO-ONE CORRESPONDENCE

A Natural Procedure Over Natural Numbers

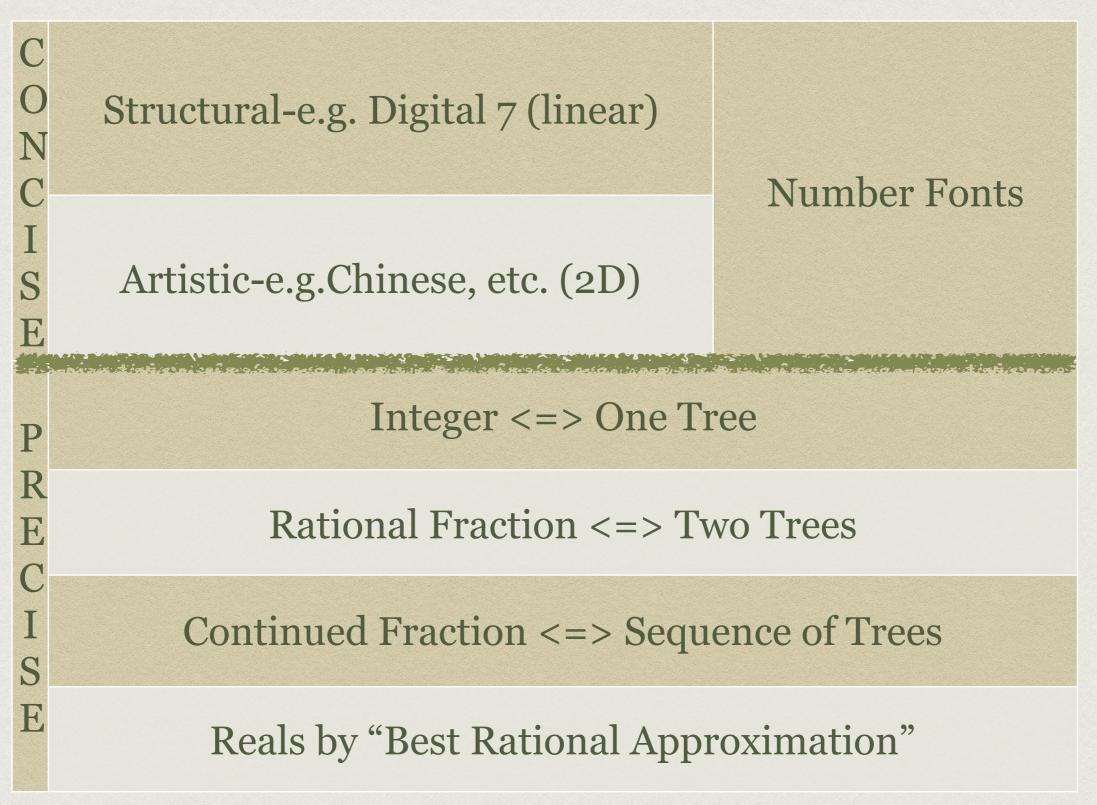


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Let's take a look...



STRUCTURAL FONTS Decimal Digits vs. Rooted Trees

(a) digits in the Digital-7 font

(b) counts 1, 2, 3, ..., 9 in a square grid font

9 10 11 12 13 9 0 0 11 12 13 10 0 14 0 1311 0 17 0

(c) compressed square grid font for selecting counts 9-14 and 17

FIRST 21 PARTIAL QUOTIENTS

Everyone looks at

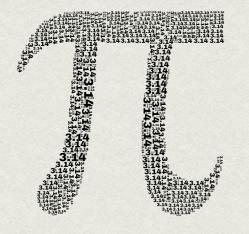
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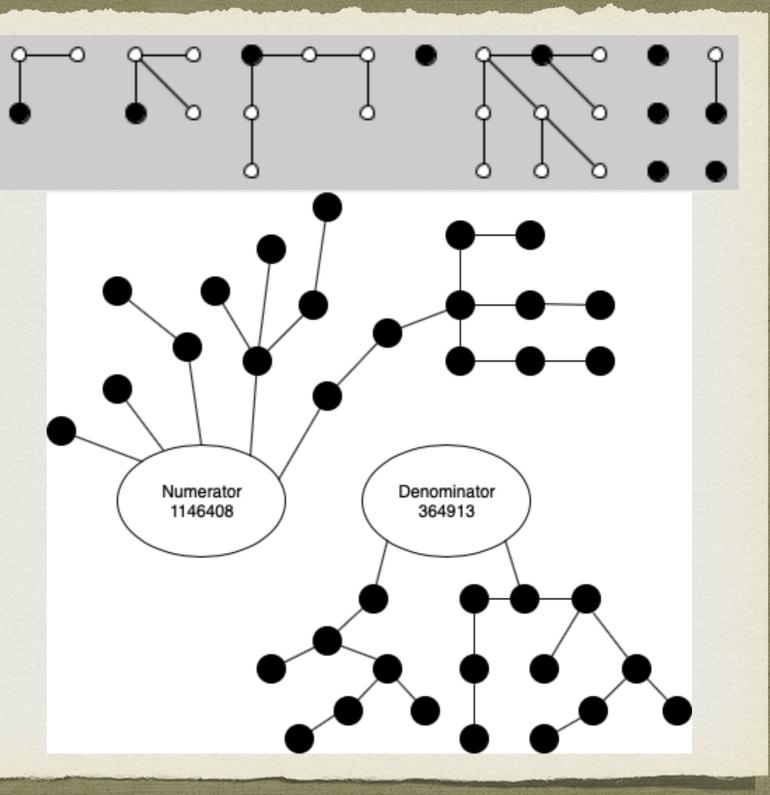
(b) square grid font

RATIONAL FRACTION FORM

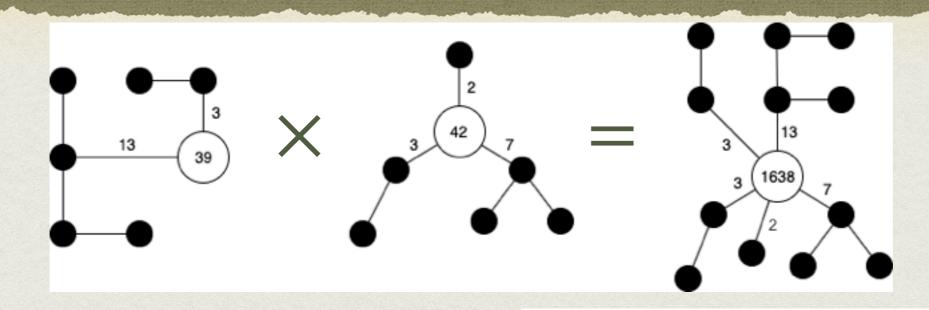
Continued Fraction (10 partial quotients)

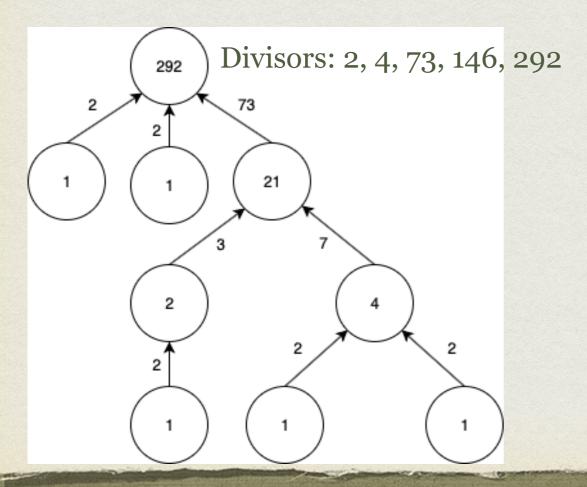


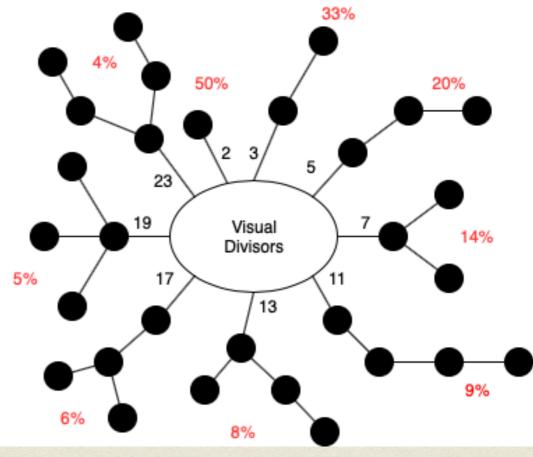
Rational Fraction (reduced) 1146408/364913 =3.14159265358... "correct digits"

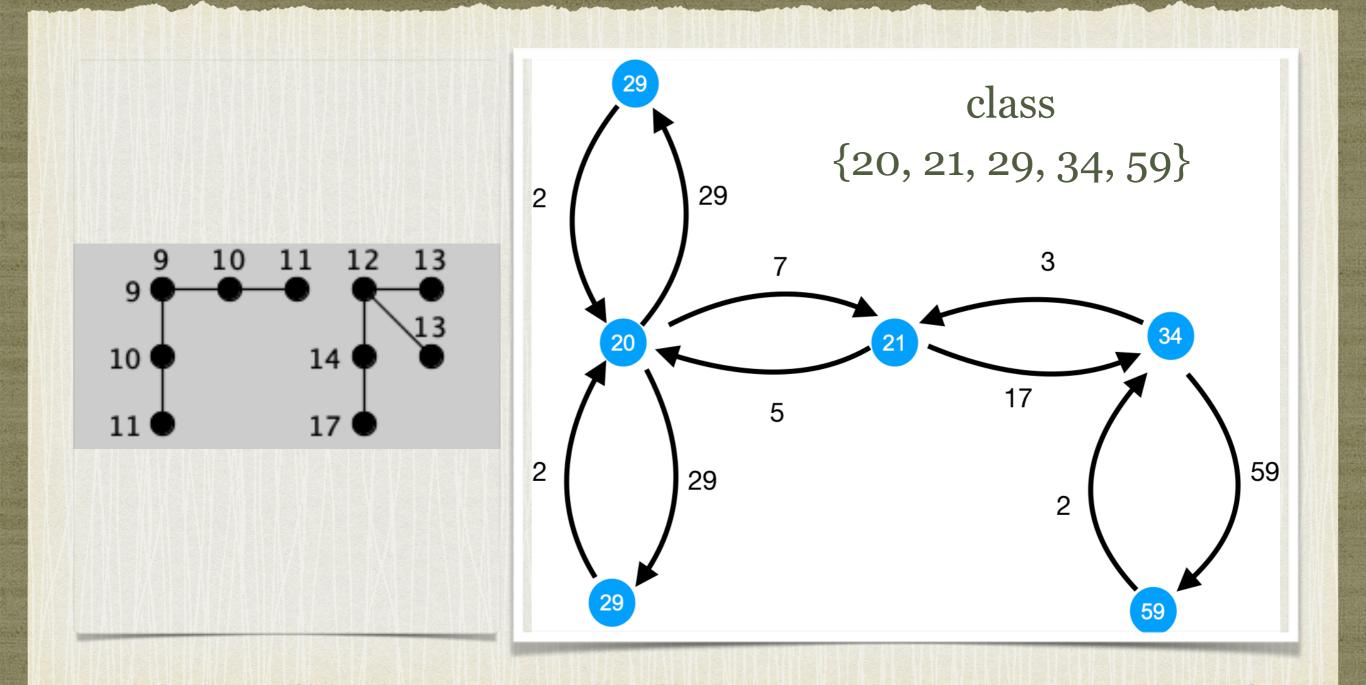


MULTIPLICATION IS VISUAL



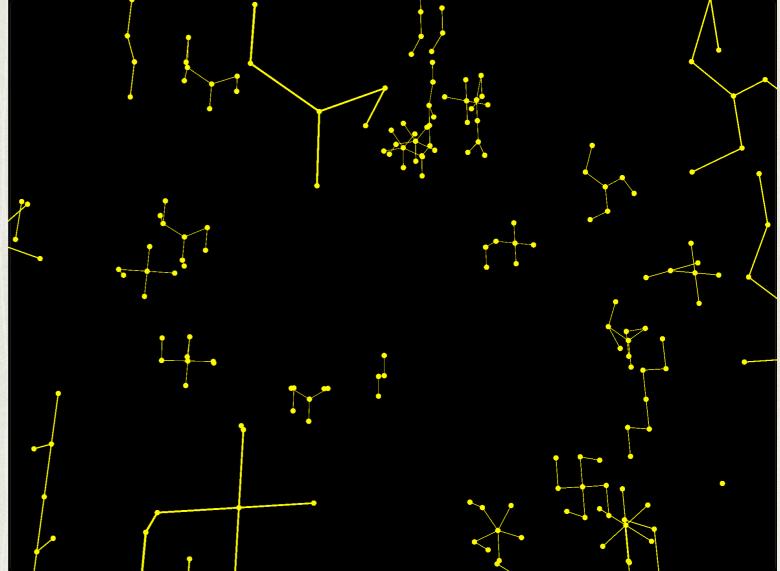






EQUIVALENCE RELATION





First 40 classes

 $[j(p_i)] \mathbf{R} [i(p_i)]$