# PRECISE AND CONCISE GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE NATURAL NUMBERS <br> David W. Matula and Zizhen Chen <br> \{matula, zizhenc\}@smu.edu <br> Southern Methodist University 

## A GRAPHIC IS WORTH A THOUSAND DIGITS



## NAMING NUMBERS

Cultural

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { 五十 } \\
\text { ごじゅう } \\
\text { 오십 } \\
\text { पचास } \\
\quad \text { L }
\end{gathered}
$$

## 正正正正正正正正正正

What＇s so special ahout＂50＂？
［It＇s a round number？？］


##  <br> 勝 H

## Natural

## 五十 <br> ごじゅう 오십 <br> पचास <br> L

## Why is divisible by 10 so special？

ARITH SYMPOSIUM From Ist to 26th

## NAMING NUMBERS

Cultural

| 四十九 | 五十 |
| :---: | :---: |
| よんじゅ | ごじゅう |
| 사십구 | 오십 |
| उनचास | पचास |
| XLIX | L |
| 49 | 50 |
| Step from 49 to 50 |  |

［Protocol or Obvious？？］

Natural


## 誛 H K H H侎 IIII




Digit thitt strings suggest??

# ROOTED TREES NATURAL NUMBERS ONE to ${ }^{\text {ONE }}$ ! 

Fundamentals of Arithmetic

- Theorem: Unique Prime Factorization
- Operation: Counting ( $i$ th prime $p_{i}$ )
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# ONE-TO-ONE CORRESPONDENCE 

## A Natural Procedure Over Natural Numbers



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## Let's take a look...

| C |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| O | Structural-e.g. Digital 7 (linear) |
| N |  |
| C | Number Fonts |
| I |  |
| S | Artistic-e.g.Chinese, etc. (2D) |
| E |  |
| P | Integer $<=>$ One Tree |
| R | Rational Fraction $<=>$ Two Trees |
| E | Continued Fraction $<=>$ Sequence of Trees |
| C |  |
| I | Reals by "Best Rational Approximation" |
| S |  |

## STRUCTURAL FONTS Decimal Digits us. Rooted Trees

## 0123455789

(a) digits in the Digital-7 font



(b) counts $1,2,3, \ldots, 9$ in a square grid font

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

## FIRST 21 PARTIAL QUOTIENTS

## Everyone looks at

## 

(a) Digital-7 font

(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

$\left[j\left(p_{i}\right)\right]\left[i\left(p_{j}\right)\right]$

$\left[j\left(p_{i}\right)\right]$ i $\left[i\left(p_{j}\right)\right]$

