

**GEK1536 Computation and Machine, Tutorial 1** (Venue: S16 #03-03)

For week 3 (starting 23 Jan 2006)

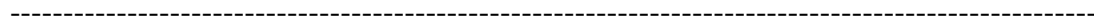
*(Not all problems may be discussed in class, problem 8 & 9 are homework to be handed in during the following week on tutorial )*

1. What are the decimal equivalent (i.e. our familiar notations) of the Egyptian numbers in hieroglyphs highlighted with red circles:



2. Write the following numbers using Egyptian hieroglyphs:
  - (a) 100,
  - (b) 55,
  - (c) 234,
  - (d) 1024,
  - (e) 123470,
  - (f) 11111111.

3. Add the Egyptian numerals after rewriting the following in hieroglyphs:  
 (a)  $234 + 765$ ,                      (b)  $4555 + 5648$ ,                      (c)  $36486 + 9018$ .
  
4. The “doubling” method of Egyptian multiplication requires writing any whole number (positive integers) as the sum of powers of two, with no repetitions. For example,  $45 = 32 + 8 + 4 + 1$ . Try this for each of the following (using our familiar Hindu-Arabic numerals):  
 (a) 73,                      (b) 52,                      (c) 98,                      (d) 151.
  
5. Multiply using the Egyptian method of doubling (using hieroglyphs and our notation):  
 (a)  $19 \times 29$ ,                      (b)  $25 \times 73$ ,                      (c)  $71 \times 211$ .
  
6. Write the following fractions using hieroglyphs, denote in the Egyptian way as sum of unit numerator fractions, if necessary.  
 (a)  $1/5$ ,                      (b)  $1/63$ ,                      (c)  $3/10$ ,                      (d)  $7/50$ .
  
7. Perform the following divisions using the Egyptian “doubling” method:  
 (a)  $75 \div 15$ ,                      (b)  $156 \div 13$ ,                      (c)  $806 \div 35$ .



8. **(Homework)** Perform the following calculation, the Egyptian way (in hieroglyphic):  
 (a)  $34 \times 82$ ,                      (b)  $528 \div 22$ ,                      (c)  $48 \div 7$ .

9. **(Homework)** If we know that the volume of a regular pyramid is

$$V = \frac{1}{3}ha^2$$

where  $h$  is the height of the pyramid, and  $a$  is the baseline width of the pyramid, derive the result for the truncated pyramid

$$V = \frac{h}{3}(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

where  $h$  is the height of the truncated pyramid,  $a$  and  $b$  are the bottom and top length of squares. [Hint: need the property of similarity triangles.]