

Solution (#463) Let $d = 61$. Then we shall see that

$$\sqrt{61} = [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 3, \dots].$$

We have $\alpha = \sqrt{61}$ and then $\lfloor \alpha \rfloor = 7$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{61}-7} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+7}{12} \approx 1.23. & \alpha_2 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+7}{12} - 1 \right)^{-1} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{61}-5} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+5}{3} \approx 4.27. \\ \alpha_3 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+5}{3} - 4 \right)^{-1} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{61}-7} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+7}{4} \approx 3.70. & \alpha_4 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+7}{4} - 3 \right)^{-1} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{61}-5} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+5}{9} \approx 1.42. \\ \alpha_5 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+5}{9} - 1 \right)^{-1} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{61}-4} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+4}{5} \approx 2.36. & \alpha_6 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+4}{5} - 2 \right)^{-1} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{61}-6} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+6}{5} \approx 2.76. \\ \alpha_7 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+6}{5} - 2 \right)^{-1} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{61}-4} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+4}{9} \approx 1.31. & \alpha_8 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+4}{9} - 1 \right)^{-1} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{61}-5} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+5}{4} \approx 3.20. \\ \alpha_9 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+5}{4} - 3 \right)^{-1} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{61}-7} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+7}{3} \approx 4.93. & \alpha_{10} &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+7}{3} - 4 \right)^{-1} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{61}-5} = \frac{\sqrt{61}+5}{12} \approx 1.06. \\ \alpha_{11} &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{61}+5}{12} - 1 \right)^{-1} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{61}-7} = \sqrt{61}+7 \approx 14.81. & \alpha_{12} &= \left(\sqrt{61}+7-14 \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{61}-7} = \alpha_1. \end{aligned}$$

As the continued fraction's period is 11, and so odd, then the fundamental solution is (a_{21}, b_{21}) . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{21}/b_{21} &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 5] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 16/5] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 21/16] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 58/21] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 3, 1, 137/58] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 3, 195/137] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 4, 722/195] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 1, 3083/722] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 14, 3805/3083] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 1, 56353/3805] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 4, 60158/56353] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 296985/60158] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1, 951113/296985] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 2, 1248098/951113] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 2, 3447309/1248098] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 1, 8142716/3447309] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 3, 11590025/8142716] \\ &= [7, 1, 4, 42912791/11590025] \\ &= [7, 1, 183241189/42912791] \\ &= [7, 226153980/183241189] \\ &= 1766319049/226153980, \end{aligned}$$

so that the fundamental solution is $X = 1766319049$, $Y = 226153980$.