



5 Prove $x^2 - 7y^2 = 2$ has infinitely many solutions.

$$x_0 = \sqrt{2} \quad a_0 = 2.$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2} = \frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{3} \quad a_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{3} - 1} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}+2-3} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}-1} = \frac{3(\sqrt{7}+1)}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{7}+1}{2} \quad ; \quad a_2 = 1$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{7}+1}{2} - 1} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}+1-2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}-1} = \frac{2(\sqrt{7}+1)}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{7}+1}{3} \quad ; \quad a_3 = 1$$

$$x_4 = \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{7}+1}{3} - 1} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}+1-3} = \frac{3(\sqrt{7}+2)}{3} = \sqrt{7}+2 \quad ; \quad a_4 = 4$$

$$x_5 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}+2-4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2} = \frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{3} = x_1$$

so $\sqrt{7} = [2; \overline{1, 1, 1, 4}]$

	0	1		
	1	0		
2	1	2	0	$2^2 - 7(1^2) = -3$
3	1	1	1	$9 - 7(1^2) = 2$
5	2	1	2	$25 - 7(2^2) = -3$
8	3	1	3	$64 - 7(3^2) = 1$
37	14	4	4	$1369 - 7(14^2) = -3$
45	17	1	5	$2025 - 7(17^2) = 2$
82	31	1	6	
127	48	1	7	
590	223	4	8	
717	271	1	9	$514079 - 7(271^2) = 2$

By Claim 2

in Thm 4.2;

\therefore if r_k is a solution

$r_{k+1} = pr(qr)$ is a solution to $x^2 - 7y^2 = 2$

then so is r_{k+5}

Hence there are

infinitely many solutions

to $x^2 - 7y^2 = 2$.