

MATH 290-NUMBER THEORY FOR TEACHERS
PROBLEM OF THE DAY #22
DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

1. Consider the infinite repeating continued fraction:

$$1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \ddots}}}$$

What is its value? Compute some convergents. What do you notice?

2. For the continued fraction above, compute the differences between consecutive convergents. Do the same thing for $[\overline{1, 1, 10}]$. What do you notice about the closeness of the convergents, particularly in the places where these two continued fractions differ?