

Ancient Numeration Systems

TABLE 1 Early Egyptian Symbols






Number	Symbol	Description
1		Stroke
10	∩	Heel bone
100	9	Scroll
1000		Lotus flower
10,000		Pointing finger
100,000		Burrbot fish
1,000,000		Astonished person

Table 1 Mayan Symbols

Number	Symbol
0	
1	.
5	—

Babylonian

▼ = 1 and < = 10

Chinese

TABLE 4

Number	Symbol
1	一
2	二
3	三
4	四
5	五
6	六
7	七
8	八
9	九
10	十
100	百
1000	千
0	零

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Table 2 Greek Symbols	
Number	Symbol
1	α
2	β
3	γ
4	δ
5	ϵ
6	ς
7	ζ
8	η
9	θ
10	ι
20	κ
30	λ
40	μ

Table 2 (cont.) Greek Symbols	
Number	Symbol
50	ν
60	ξ
70	\omicron
80	π
90	ρ
100	σ
200	τ
300	υ
400	ϕ
500	χ
600	ψ
700	ω
800	λ
900	λ

Table 2 Roman Symbols	
Number	Symbol
1	I
5	V
10	X
50	L
100	C
500	D
1000	M