## On the Subject of Mathemetallics

Basic arithmetic just got metal!

- A mathemetallics module displays an encoded binary operation that is written in base  $\rho$ , where  $\rho^{n+1} = k\rho^n + \rho^{n-1}$  for some positive integer k given by the symbol at the top right of the module.
- Any number of the form  $a\rho + b$ , for integer values a and b, can be written in base  $\rho$ . A base  $\rho$  representation of a number uses only the digits 0 to k.
- A base  $\rho$  representation is displayed in positional index notation with the negative powers of  $\rho$  on the right half of the screen.
- The characteristic equation of  $\rho$  shown above gives rise to the identity;  $kl_{\rho} = 100_{\rho}$ , thus there are multiple ways to represent a number in base  $\rho$ .
- A base  $\rho$  representation is the *minimal form* if all occurrences of k are immediately followed by 0. There is only a single minimal form for each number written in base  $\rho$ .
- The minimal form of the result of the displayed operation must be entered into the module using the selector and buttons.

Symbol	ρ (Ratio)	k	
0	Golden	1	•
	Silver	2	• •
4	Bronze	3	-
<b>0</b> +	Copper	4	-
80	Nickel	5	<b>+</b> 4
6	Aluminium	6	<b>}-</b> -
ъ	Iron	7	0
24	Tin	8	¢
ħ	Lead	9	Ø
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