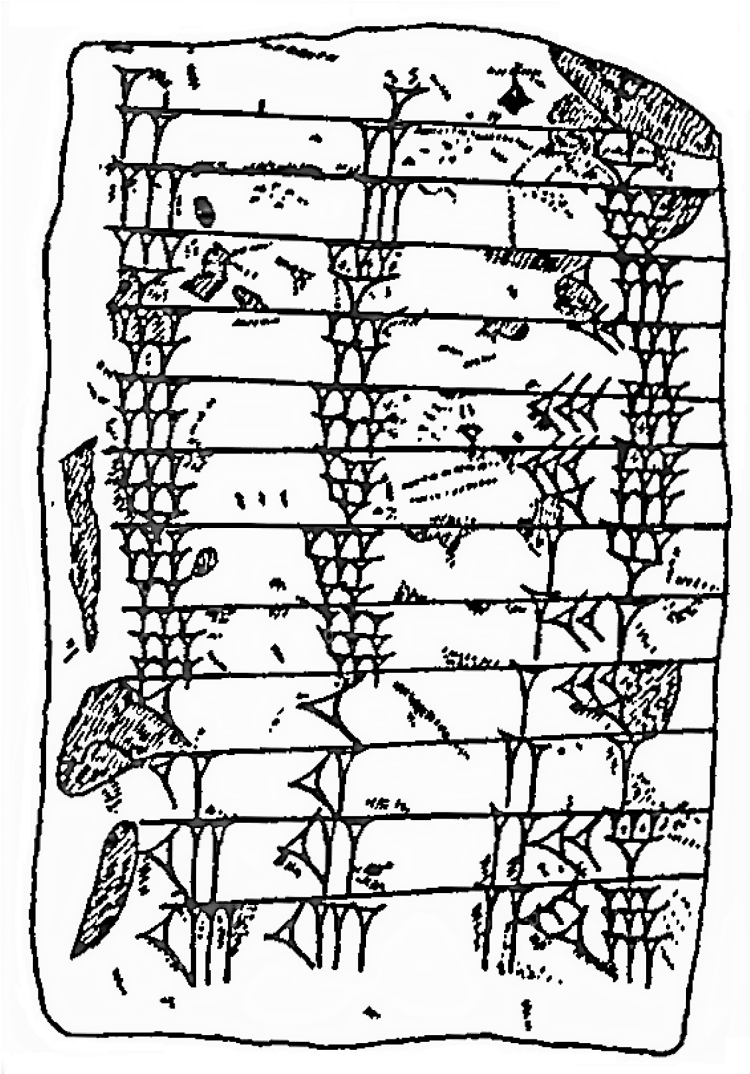


Meet a Babylonian Tablet

Study the image below an try to answer

- 1. How do Babylonian numerals work?<sup>1</sup>
- 2. Describe the mathematics on this tablet
- 3. Write the number 72 in Babylonian numerals.
- 4. Why can this tablet remind us of a school homework?



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**Figure 2.1** – Left is image 26 on Plate 16 in Hermannn Vollrat Hilprecht, The Babylonian Expedition of the University of Pennsylvania (1906). Right is a recreated version of the numerals in the table, with no obfuscation

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