The celebrated three-square problem, shown below, involves proving geometrically, for angles α , β and γ , that $\alpha = \beta + \gamma$ as shown here.



In a series of published articles (Australian Senior Mathematics Journal, 2019), Paul Turner and I generalised this problem by considering, instead of unit squares, rectangles of varying width and constant height. Specifically, for positive integers a, b, c and t we sought solutions to the equation $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{c}\right)$ where $\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right)$, $\beta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{b}\right)$, and $\gamma = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{c}\right)$. The diagram depicts the generalisation.



A convenient notation for solutions was adopted and named *Gardner Triples*, after Martin Gardner, the famous American recreational mathematics writer. Any type t solution was referred to as $(a, b, c)_t$ with a simpler notation (a, b, c) when t = 1. For example, the original three-square problem would be written (1,2,3). The method of obtaining solutions is described as follows.

Choose two coprime integers a and t. Sum their squares to obtain S. Find integers m and n, m < n, such that mn = S. Then $(a, a + m, a + n)_t$ is a type t Gardner triple. (See Tip 15 for an explanation.)

For example, setting a = 1 and t = 1, we have S = 2 and thus, (m, n) = (1, 2) and the type 1 Gardner triple is (1, 2, 3), as depicted in the original three-square puzzle. As another example, choosing a = 3 and t = 5 shows S = 34 so there are two candidate factor pairs (m, n), namely (1, 34) and (2, 17). These lead to solutions of $(3, 4, 37)_5$ and $(3, 5, 20)_5$. In terms of the angles, this means that $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{37}\right)$ and $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$.

Every set of three consecutive Fibonacci numbers F_{2n} , F_{2n+1} , F_{2n+2} is a type 1 Gardner triple. For example, the original problem (1,2,3) starting from F_2 is a Gardner triple. Likewise, (3,5,8), (8,13,21), etc. are all Gardner triples, but there are many more families of triples to discover.

As a final note, the authors defined a Gardner Triangle as a triangle with internal angles having rational tangents, as shown shaded below. Note that the external angle $\alpha = \beta + \gamma$ is the sum of the two interior opposite angles and thus the tangents of the internal angles are all rational.



Challenge 14: Find a Gardner triple using a = 5 and t = 2.