

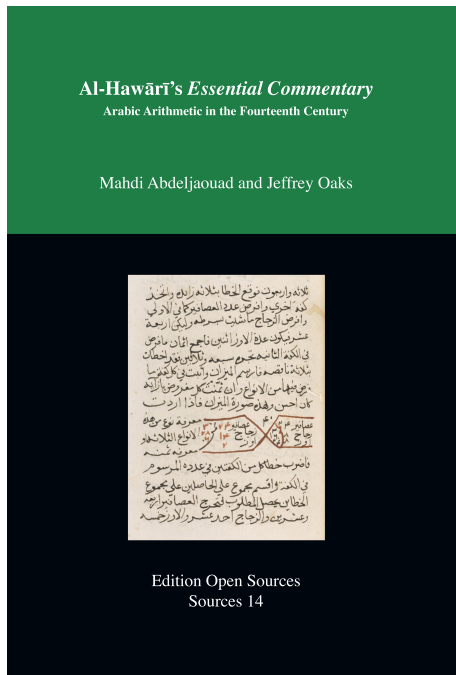
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C. Chronological list of mathematicians and other scholars

Below is a list of exceptionally brief notices on some of the different mathematicians and philosophers mentioned in this book. References are given to (Rosenfeld and Ihsanoğlu 2003) and (Lamrabet 2014) where applicable. For example, for al-Ḥaṣṣār we write (#532, M55), which means that he is scholar #532 in Rosenfeld & Ihsanoğlu, and scholar M55 in Lamrabet. Rosenfeld and Ihsanoğlu give numbered lists of individual titles by each author. For example, “[M2]” after an Arabic title indicates book M2 in their list. After Aristotle and Euclid all dates are CE, and with a few AH.

- Aristotle (384-322 BC). Three aspects of Aristotle’s thought impacted al-Hawārī’s book, most likely through the works of Ibn Sīnā. One is the distinction between quality and quantity at 92.17, another is the distinction between sensible and intelligible objects at 133.3, and the third is the division of the genus of “quantity” into discrete and continuous, discussed in our commentary at 117.2 and 133.3. For a brief overview of Aristotle’s influence on Arabic mathematics, see Section 4 in our introduction.
- Euclid (ca. 300 BC). Euclid wrote his *Elements* in Greek around 300 BC in Alexandria. The work consists of thirteen “Books”, or what we might call long chapters. Books I through VI cover plane geometry, Books VII to IX discuss number theory, the long Book X deals with the theory of quadratic irrationals in a geometric context, and Books XI to XIII deal with three-dimensional geometry.¹

Euclid’s *Elements* is reported to have been first translated into Arabic by al-Ḥajjāj ibn Yūsuf ibn Maṭar during the reign of the caliph Hārūn al-Rashīd (786-809). Al-Ḥajjāj later produced a second and improved translation during the reign of al-Ma’mūn (813-833). Later in the century Ishāq ibn Ḥunayn (830-910) translated the *Elements*, and this was subsequently revised by Thābit ibn Qurra (836-901). While the surviving manuscripts apparently all derive from Thābit’s version, they also contain passages from al-Ḥajjāj. In addition, quotations from other books preserve parts of the earlier translations. The textual history of Euclid’s *Elements* in Arabic is complex and at present not well understood.

Euclid’s *Data*, another work on geometry, was also translated into Arabic and influenced the ways some Arabic mathematicians presented proofs.

The influence of Euclid’s *Elements* on al-Hawārī’s book is seen in the definitions of “number” (see our commentary at 65.2), “oddly-odd” (66.7), “multiplication” (95.2), “ratio”, “part”, “parts” (133.1), “medial” (163.4), and “ex-aequali” (195.2). The terms “side”, “surface”, and “square” (66.17) also ultimately come from Euclid, as do the various manipulations of ratios covered at 196.16. The entire theory of quadratic irrationals beginning at 173.4 derives from an arithmetical reading of

¹ The standard English translation of the *Elements* is (Euclid 1956). The Greek text with the English translation by Richard Fitzpatrick is available online: <http://farside.ph.utexas.edu/Books/Euclid/Elements.pdf> (accessed May 1, 2019). The extant Arabic translation has not been published.

Elements Book X. Some fragments of al-Ḥajjāj’s translation of this book may have found their way into al-Hawārī’s book. See our comments at 173.10.

- Nicomachus of Gerasa (fl. second century). Nicomachus was a Neopythagorean philosopher who wrote his *Arithmetical Introduction* more as a prolegomenon (introduction) to philosophy than as a treatise on mathematics. He devotes the first six chapters to a philosophical argument for the primacy of arithmetic in the mathematical sciences, and he covers aspects of what we would call elementary number theory in the rest of the book. Ḥabīb ibn Bihrīz translated the *Arithmetical Introduction* into Arabic from a Syriac version shortly before 822. Thābit ibn Qurra translated Nicomachus’s work into Arabic again some decades later, this time directly from the Greek.²

Nicomachus’s influence is evident in the definitions of “evenly-even”, etc. (65.10), the distinction between disparities of quantity and quality in sequences (73.7, 73.17), the sieve of Eratosthenes (127.10), and in the list of the kinds of proportion that al-Hawārī copied from Ibn al-Bannā’s *Lifting the Veil* (195.2).

- Diophantus (ca. 300). This Alexandrian mathematician wrote his *Arithmetica* in thirteen “books”. Six survive in Greek and another four in the Arabic translation of Qusṭā ibn Lūqā. In this work Diophantus solves determinate and indeterminate problems by algebra.³
- al-Khwārazmī, early ninth century (#41). Muḥammad ibn Mūsā al-Khwārazmī worked in Baghdad and authored works on Indian arithmetic, algebra, astronomy, astrology, geography, and the Jewish calendar. The earliest known books on algebra are al-Khwārazmī’s *Book of Algebra* (*Kitāb al-jabr wa l-muqābala*, [M3]) and Ibn Turk’s book by the same title. Only a fragment of the latter is extant, while al-Khwārazmī’s book survives in its entirety. Al-Khwārazmī’s *Book on Indian Reckoning* (*Kitāb al-ḥisāb al-hindī*, [M1]) covers the rules of calculating with Arabic numerals, and survives only in a medieval Latin reworking of a Latin translation.⁴
- Ibn Turk, early ninth century (#59). The only part of ‘Abd al-Ḥamīd Ibn Turk’s *Book of Algebra* (*Kitāb al-jabr wa l-muqābala*, [M1]) that is extant is the part giving proofs for the rules for solving simplified equations.⁵
- Thābit ibn Qurra, 836-901 (#103). Abū l-Ḥasan Thābit ibn Qurra al-Ḥarrānī was a prolific translator and scholar who worked in all branches of the mathematical sciences. He revised Ishāq ibn Ḥunayn’s Arabic translation of Euclid’s *Elements*, and he translated Nicomachus’s *Arithmetical Introduction* as well as some works of Archimedes into Arabic.

² Thābit’s version is published in (Nicomachus 1959). Ḥabīb ibn Bihrīz’s translation survives only in a Hebrew translation from 1317 of a redaction by al-Kindī (Freudenthal and Zonta 2007). The Greek text is published in (Nicomachus 1866), and an English translation from the Greek is published in (Nicomachus 1938).

³ The extant Greek books are published in (Tannery 1893–1895), and the Arabic books in (Sesiano 1982); (Diophantus 1984). See (Christianidis and Oaks 2013) for a comparison between the method of Diophantus and Arabic algebra.

⁴ The *Book of Algebra* is published with an English translation in (al-Khwārizmī 2009). This is translated from the French edition of 2007. The *Book on Indian Reckoning* is published in (al-Khwārizmī 1997). See also (al-Khwārizmī 1992).

⁵ The Arabic text is published with English and Turkish translations in (Sayili 1962).

Among Thābit's original contributions to mathematics are his calculations of area and volume in the tradition of Archimedes, including the volume of a section of a paraboloid. These are not numerical calculations. Instead, they equate the areas and volumes to other known areas and volumes. Thābit also wrote a short treatise on algebra titled *Establishing the Correctness of Algebra Problems by Geometric Proofs* (*Qawl fī taṣḥīḥ masā'il al-jabr bi l-barāhīn al-handasiyya*, [M19]) in which he proved the rules for solving the three composite quadratic equations in the style of Euclid's *Data*.⁶

- Qusṭā ibn Lūqā, died ca. 910 (#118). Among the many contributions Qusṭā made to mathematics, the two of interest to the current study are his translation of Diophantus's *Arithmetica* and his short treatise in which he proved the rules of double false position via geometry in the style of Euclid's *Data*.⁷
- Abū Kāmil, late ninth century (#124). Abū Kāmil, whose full name is Shujā' ibn Aslam ibn Muḥammad ibn Shujā', is best known for his comprehensive *Book on Algebra* (*Kitāb fī l-jabr wa l-muqābala*, [M1]), written as a kind of commentary on al-Khwārazmī's algebra book. The rules in algebra for finding the *māl* directly, first mentioned at 214.2 ultimately come from this book.⁸
- 'Alī al-Sulamī, tenth century (#267). This Syrian mathematician is known only for his *Sufficient Introduction on Calculation by Algebra and What One Can Learn from its Examples* (*al-Muqaddima al-kāfiyya fī ḥisāb al-jabr wa l-muqābala wa mā yu'rafu bihi qiyāsuhū min al-amthila*, [M1]), which survives in a single manuscript. The book exhibits borrowings from Abū Kāmil and al-Khwārazmī.⁹ His full name is Abū l-Ḥasan 'Alī ibn al-Muslim ibn Muḥammad 'Alī al-Faṭḥ al-Sulamī.
- Ikhwān al-Ṣafā' (Brethren of Purity), tenth century (#226). The Brethren of Purity were a group of anonymous mystical scholars centered in the city of Basra. Their highly influential *Epistles of the Brethren of Purity* (*Rasā'il Ikhwān al-Ṣafā'*, [E1]) is a kind of encyclopedia of all knowledge situated in a universalist philosophical/theological setting. The first of its four parts is on mathematics, where the main influences for arithmetic are the Greek Neopythagoreans, especially Nicomachus, and for geometry Euclid's *Elements*.¹⁰
- al-Uqlīdisī, tenth century (#232). Abū l-Ḥasan Aḥmad ibn Ibrāhīm al-Uqlīdisī wrote his *Chapters on Indian Arithmetic* (*al-Fuṣūl fī l-ḥisāb al-Hindī*, [M1]) in 952-3. It is the oldest extant Arabic treatise on calculating with Arabic numerals. The nickname "al-Uqlīdisī" can be translated as "the Euclidean", presumably because he worked on Euclid's *Elements*. His book on arithmetic is unrelated to Euclid's work.¹¹

⁶ Thābit's translation of Nicomachus is published in (Nicomachus 1959). The treatise on algebra is published in (Luckey 1941); (Thābit ibn Qurra 2009, 159-169), the former with a German translation and the latter with a French translation. An English translation appears in (al-Khwārizmī 2009, 34-35, 38, 41-42).

⁷ The four extant books of Qusṭā's translation of Diophantus have been edited and translated twice: (Sesiano 1982), into English, and (Diophantus 1984), into French. His treatise on double false position is edited and translated into German in (Suter 1908-1909).

⁸ A facsimile of the Istanbul manuscript of the *Book on Algebra* is published in (Abū Kāmil 1986). An edition with a German translation is published in (Abū Kāmil 2004), and an edition with a French translation appears in (Abū Kāmil 2012).

⁹ ('Alī al-Sulamī manuscript).

¹⁰ English translations of the mathematical portions of the *Epistles* have been published in (Goldstein 1964) and (El-Bizri 2012), the latter also containing the Arabic text.

¹¹ The Arabic text is published in (al-Uqlīdisī 1984), and Saidan's English translation is published in (al-

- Abū l-Wafā', 940-998 (#256). The earliest extant book dedicated primarily to finger-reckoning is Abū l-Wafā's *Book of What is Necessary for Scribes, Businessmen, and Others in the Science of Arithmetic* (*Kitāb fīmā yaḥtāju ilayhi al-kuttāb wa l-'ummāl wa ghayruhum min 'ilm al-ḥisāb*, [M2]), written between 961 and 976.¹² Full name: Abū l-Wafā Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad ibn Yaḥyā ibn Ismā'īl ibn al-'Abbās al-Būzjānī.
- al-Karajī, died ca. 1025 (#309). Fakhr al-Dīn Abū Bakr Muḥammad ibn al-Ḥasan (or al-Ḥusayn) al-Karajī was a Persian mathematician and engineer who wrote his works on algebra and arithmetic in Baghdad. His three main works, in chronological order, are:

[Book of] al-Fakhrī on the Art of Algebra (*al-Fakhrī fī ṣinā'at al-jabr wa l-muqābala*, [M2]). This is al-Karajī's book on algebra, modeled on Abū Kāmil's *Book on Algebra* and Diophantus's *Arithmetica*. It was probably completed in 401H/1010-1 CE.

The Sufficient [Book] on Arithmetic (*al-Kāfī fī l-ḥisāb*, [M1]). A work on calculation by finger-reckoning with a section on algebra. It was probably completed in 402H.

Marvelous [Book] of Arithmetic (*al-Badī' fī l-ḥisāb*, [M3]). This book covers various techniques of calculation, beginning with an introduction to arithmetic based in Euclid and Nicomachus, then a section on algebra, and ending with an exposition on techniques of solving indeterminate problems by algebra.¹³
- Kūshyār ibn Labbān, ca. 970-1030 (#308). Kūshyār was a Persian mathematician and astronomer who wrote a book on calculating with Arabic numerals, titled *Principles of Indian Reckoning* (*Kitāb fī uṣūl ḥisāb al-Hindī*, [M1]).¹⁴ Full name: Abū l-Ḥasan Kūshyār ibn Labbān ibn Bāshahrī al-Jīlī.
- Ibn Sīnā, ca. 970-1037 (#317). Abū 'Alī al-Ḥusayn ibn 'Abdallāh ibn Sīnā, known in Latin as Avicenna, was the most important philosopher of medieval Islam. He was second only to Aristotle in influence in the Islamic world and in the late medieval and early modern West. For epistemology and ontology he built on the works of Aristotle, and it is most likely through him that Aristotelian ideas are present in al-Hawārī's book.¹⁵
- al-Baghdādī, died 1038 (#320). Abū Mansūr 'Abd al-Qāhir ibn Ṭāhir al-Baghdādī was a Persian mathematician and judge best known for his *Completion of Arithmetic* (*al-Takmila fī l-ḥisāb*, [M1]). This book covers calculation with Indian numerals on the dust-board, sexagesimal arithmetic, number theory, and business arithmetic.¹⁶
- Ibn al-Samḥ, early eleventh century (A93). Abū l-Qāsim Aṣḥab ibn Muḥammad ibn Aṣḥab ibn al-Samḥ was a mathematician, astronomer, and physician who

Uqlīdisī 1978).

¹² The Arabic text is edited in (Saidan 1971). See (Saidan 1974) for a description of the contents in English.

¹³ The Arabic texts of these three books are published, in order, in (Saidan 1986), (al-Karajī 1986), and (al-Karajī 1964).

¹⁴ A facsimile of the Istanbul manuscript with an English translation is published in (Kūshyār ibn Labbān 1965).

¹⁵ For more on Ibn Sīnā, see his entry in the online *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ibn-sina/> (accessed July 29, 2018).

¹⁶ The Arabic text is published in (al-Baghdādī 1985).

taught in Grenada. His *Sufficient Book on Mental Reckoning* (*Risāla kāfiya fī ‘ilm al-ḥisāb*) covers techniques of finger-reckoning and double false position.¹⁷

- Ibn al-Haytham, 965-1041 (#328). Known also by his Latinized name Alhazen, Ibn ‘Alī al-Ḥasan ibn al-Ḥasan ibn al-Haytham is best known for his groundbreaking work in optics. What interests us is his short work *The Arithmetic of Transactions* (*Ḥisāb al-mu‘āmalāt*, [M24]).¹⁸ It was common for scientists conducting advanced work to produce elementary texts like this. Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī (below) is another.
- al-Bīrūnī, 973-1048 (#348). Abū l-Rayḥān Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad al-Bīrūnī wrote extensively on a wide range of topics including anthropology, linguistics, natural science, mathematics, and astronomy. Book II of his *Book of Instruction in the Elements of the Art of Astrology* (*Kitāb al-taḥfīm li-awā‘il ṣinā‘at al-tanjīm*, [A2]) covers arithmetic.¹⁹ The first part, on number theory (pp. 72-95), is largely taken from Nicomachus, with some influence from Indian sources. The second part (pp. 96-119) covers calculation: multiplication, division, roots, sexagesimal and base ten arithmetic, algebra, double false position, and *abjad* calculation.
- al-Qurashī, 1030-1067. Abū l-Ḥasan ‘Alī ibn al-Khiḍr al-Qurashī hailed from Syria. His *Note on the Elements of Calculation and Inheritance* (*al-Tadhkira bi-uṣūl al-ḥisāb wa l-farā‘id*) is a summary of his more extensive, and lost, *Book of Sustenance* (*Kitāb al-Ma‘ūna*). It covers practical arithmetic, with a focus on the division of estates.²⁰
- al-Khayyām, 1048-1131 (#420). Better known in the West as Omar Khayyam, Ghiyāth al-Dīn Abū l-Faṭḥ ‘Umar ibn Ibrāhīm al-Khayyāmī (Khayyām) was a poet, mathematician, and astronomer best known to historians of mathematics for his *Treatise on the Proofs of Algebra Problems* (*Risāla fī l-barāhīn ‘alā masā‘il al-jabr wa l-muqābala*, [M2]), in which he classifies and solves the twenty-five equations of degree three and less. Al-Khayyām saw algebra as a tool for geometric problem-solving, so he gives constructions for solving each equation type. He also gave numerical solutions where he could, but rules for solving irreducible cubic equations would not be found until the sixteenth century. Al-Khayyām was able to justify the appropriation of algebra for solving problems in geometry by regarding the numbers of the algebraists as the dimensionless measures of continuous magnitudes.²¹
- al-Samaw’al, died ca. 1175 (#487). Al-Samaw’al ibn Yaḥyā ibn ‘Abbās al-Maghribī was a native of Baghdad who later worked in Iran. He built on the works of al-Karajī and others to develop computational rules for polynomials (“composite numbers”) in his *The Dazzling [Book] on the Science of Calculation* (*al-Bāhir fī ‘ilm al-ḥisāb*, [M1]).²²

¹⁷ A facsimile of the Escorial manuscript with a Spanish translation is published in (Ibn al-Samḥ 2006).

¹⁸ Published in (Rebstock 1998).

¹⁹ A facsimile with an English translation is published in (al-Bīrūnī 1934).

²⁰ A facsimile of the Medina manuscript, with a German translation and commentary, is published in (al-Qurashī 2001). For a description of the book in English, see (Rebstock 2002).

²¹ For the Arabic text with a French translation of al-Khayyām’s mathematical works see (Rashed and Vahabzadeh 1999). An English translation of this book, but without the Arabic text, is published in (Rashed and Vahabzadeh 2000). Earlier editions and translations have also been published. See (Oaks 2011a) for the ontological foundation of his algebra.

²² This book is published in (al-Samaw’al 1972).

- al-Ḥaṣṣār, died before 1194 (#532, M55). Abū Bakr Muḥammad ibn ‘Abdallāh ibn ‘Ayyāsh al-Ḥaṣṣār’s *Book of Demonstration and Recollection in the Art of Dust-Board Reckoning* (*Kitāb al-bayān wa l-tadhkār fī ṣan‘at ‘amal al-ghubār*, [M1]) is the earliest extant Arabic book showing the notation of fractions with the division bar, among other innovations. He also wrote a more comprehensive book on arithmetic, the *Complete [Book] on the Art of Number* (*al-Kāmil fī ṣinā‘a al-‘adad*, [M2]). Al-Ḥaṣṣār worked in al-Andalus and Morocco.²³
- Ibn al-Yāsāmīn, died 1204 (#521, M83). Originally from Fez in Morocco, Abū Muḥammad ‘Abdallāh ibn Muḥammad ibn Hajjāj ibn al-Yāsāmīn al-Adrīnī composed his *Grafting of Opinions of the Work on Dust Figures* (*Talqīh al-afkār fī l-‘ilm bi-rushūm al-ghubār*, [M3]) in Seville. This book is a hybrid between a textbook on Indian arithmetic and one on finger reckoning. It is the earliest book we know to show the Arabic algebraic notation, though it is clear by the way he presents it that it was not his invention. Ibn al-Yāsāmīn is also well known for his 54-line *Poem on Algebra* (*Urjūza fī l-jabr*, [M1]), which inspired as many commentaries as Ibn al-Bannā’s *Condensed Book*.²⁴

Ibn al-Bannā’ copied many parts of Ibn al-Yāsāmīn’s *Grafting of Opinions* nearly word-for-word into his *Condensed Book*. Much of the chapter on the addition of whole numbers (73.2 through 79.13), the paragraph on multiplication at 98.4, the rules (mostly) from finger-reckoning from 109.7 through 114.4 (except 113.6), and the first couple of sentences on division at 117.2-5 were taken from it.
- Ibn Mun‘im, twelfth-thirteenth centuries (#556, M89). Abū Ja‘far Aḥmad ibn Ibrāhīm ibn Mun‘im al-‘Abdarī was a Moroccan mathematician who wrote his book *Understanding Calculation* (*Fiqh al-ḥisāb*, [M1]) at a more theoretical level than the textbooks of people like al-Ḥaṣṣār or Ibn al-Yāsāmīn.²⁵
- Ibn Fallūs, 1194-1239 (#584). Shams al-Dīn Abū l-Ṭāhir Ismā‘īl ibn Ibrāhīm ibn Ghāzī al-Māridīnī was known by the name Ibn Fallūs. It was during a pilgrimage to Mecca that he wrote his treatise on algebra with a rhyming title: *Kitāb niṣāb al-ḥabr fī ḥisāb al-jabr* (*Preparation for writing on calculation in algebra*, [M3]).²⁶ He also wrote a textbook on finger-reckoning, *Direction to Reckoners Showing the Right Path in Revealing the Science of Arithmetic* (*Irshād al-ḥussāb fī al-maftūh min ‘ilm al-ḥisāb*, [M2]).
- Ibn Badr, ca. thirteenth century (#587). Abū ‘Abdallāh Muḥammad ibn ‘Umar Ibn Badr al-Balansī wrote his *Brief Book on Algebra* (*Kitāb fīhi ikhtisār al-jabr wa l-muqābala*, [M1])²⁷ with borrowings from Abū Kāmil and al-Khwārazmī.
- Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī, 1201-1274 (#606). One of the most prolific scholars of medieval Islam, Naṣīr al-Dīn Abū Ja‘far Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad al-Ṭūsī wrote on philosophy, theology, and a variety of scientific topics. In the sciences he is best known for his work on planetary astronomy, but we are more interested in his rela-

²³ A facsimile of a late twelfth-century manuscript is available online: (al-Ḥaṣṣār manuscript).

²⁴ T. Zemouli’s edition of the Arabic text of *Grafting of Opinions* appears in (Zemouli 1993). We lack pages 103-116 of this book, but we have a typeset version covering these pages from the edition that Zemouli will publish at some time in the future, (Zemouli n.d.). The *Poem on Algebra* is published with an English translation in (Abdeljaouad 2005a).

²⁵ The Arabic text is published in (Ibn Mun‘im 2005).

²⁶ (Ibn Fallūs manuscript).

²⁷ The Arabic text is published in (Saidan 1986).

tively insignificant textbook *Gathering of Arithmetic by Means of Board and Dust* (*Jāmi' al-ḥisāb bi l-takht wa l-turāb*, [M17]).²⁸

- al-Fārisī, died 1319 (#674). Kamāl al-Dīn al-Fārisī was a Persian mathematician who wrote his scientific examination of the rules of finger reckoning, *Foundation of the Rules on Elements of Benefits* (*Asās al-qawā'id fī uṣūl al-fawā'id*, [M2]), in the form of a commentary on a textbook of his teacher Ibn al-Khawwām.²⁹
- Ibn al-Bannā', 1256-1321 (#696, M134). See section 1.2 in the Introduction for bio-bibliographic details.
- al-Hawārī, early fourteenth century (#747, M148, M150). See section 1.2 in the Introduction for bio-bibliographic details.
- Ibn Qunfudh, 1339-1407 (#780, M193). Abū l-'Abbās Aḥmad ibn Ḥasan ibn 'Alī ibn al-Khaṭīb ibn Qunfudh al-Qustantīnī completed his commentary on Ibn al-Bannā's *Condensed Book*, titled *Lowering the Veil from the Faces of Arithmetical Operations* (*Ḥaṭṭ al-niqāb 'an wujūh a'māl al-ḥisāb*, [M1]), in 1370. He also wrote *Foundations for Beginning the Commentary on Ibn al-Yāsamīn's Poem* (on algebra) (*Mabādī' al-sālikīn fī sharḥ urjūzat Ibn al-Yāsamīn*). Both books show the Arabic algebraic notation.³⁰
- al-Mawāḥidī, second half of the fourteenth century (M176). Abū 'Abd al-Raḥmān Ya'qūb ibn Ayyūb al-Mawāḥidī al-Jazūlī wrote the popular commentary titled *Achieving the Desire of Commenting on Ibn al-Bannā's Condensed [Book]* (*Taḥṣīl al-munā fī sharḥ Talkhīṣ Ibn al-Bannā'*), ca. 1382.³¹
- al-'Uqbānī, died 1408 (#781, M195). Abū 'Uthmān Sa'īd ibn Muḥammad al-Tujībī al-Tilimsānī al-'Uqbānī wrote his *Commentary on the Condensed [Book]* (*Sharḥ al-Talkhīṣ*)³² with a focus on providing Euclidean-style proofs to the rules in Ibn al-Bannā's book. He was a native of Tlemcen, and spend his career between cities now located in Algeria and Morocco.
- al-Ḥanbalī, died 1409 (#782). Taqī al-Dīn ibn 'Izz al-Dīn al-Ḥanbalī copied numerical examples from al-Hawārī's book into his own *Commentary on the Condensed [Book]* (*Sharḥ al-Talkhīṣ*).³³
- Ibn al-Hā'im, ca. 1355-1412 (#783). Abū l-'Abbās Shihāb al-Dīn Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad ibn Imād al-Dīn ibn 'Alī was known by the name Ibn al-Hā'im. Among his many books on arithmetic and algebra are his 1387 *Commentary on the Poem of al-Yāsamīn* (*Sharḥ al-Urjūza al-Yāsmīniyya*, [M13]), his 1389 *Guidebook for the Science of Aerial Calculation* (*al-Ma'ūnah fī 'ilm al-ḥisāb al-hawā'ī*, [M1]), and his *Abridgement [of the] Condensed [Book] of Ibn al-Bannā'* (*Mukhtaṣar Talkhīṣ Ibn al-Bannā'*, [M17]).³⁴

²⁸ The Arabic text is published in (Saidan 1967).

²⁹ The Arabic text is published in (al-Fārisī 1994).

³⁰ A facsimile of a fifteenth-century manuscript of the first work is available online: (Ibn Qunfudh manuscript).

³¹ We consulted (al-Mawāḥidī manuscript), which is available online.

³² The Arabic text is published in (Harbili 1997).

³³ MSS Paris 2463/1; Tunis 16448/1.

³⁴ The first is edited with a partial French translation in (Ibn al-Hā'im 2003), the second is edited in (Ibn al-

- al-Kāshī, died 1429 (#802). Giyāth al-Dīn Jamshīd ibn Mas‘ūd al-Kāshī (or al-Kāshānī) was a mathematician and astronomer in the court of Ulugh Beg in Samarqand. He is best known for his work in planetary astronomy and for his calculations of 2π and the sine of one degree, each accurate to the equivalent of 16 decimal places. What interests us is his 1427 book *Key to Calculation* (*Miftāḥ al-ḥisāb*, [M1]).³⁵
- Ibn al-Maghribī, fifteenth century (#910). We mention his *Poem on Reckoning with Finger-Joints* (*Manzūma fī l-ḥisāb al-‘uqūd*, [M1]) in our Introduction.³⁶ His full name is Abū l-Ḥasan ‘Alī ibn al-Maghribī.
- al-Qalaṣādī, died 1486 (#865, M229). Abū l-Ḥasan ‘Alī ibn Muḥammad al-Qurashī al-Baṣṭī al-Qalaṣādī was a native of Baza in al-Andalus. His *Commentary on the Condensed [Book] on the Operations of Arithmetic* (*Sharḥ Talkhīs a‘māl al-Ḥisāb*, [M7]) shows the Arabic algebraic notation.³⁷
- Sibṭ al-Māridīnī, 1423-1506 (#873). Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad Abū ‘Abdallah Badr [Shams] al-Dīn al-Miṣrī al-Dimashqī was the timekeeper at the al-Azhar mosque in Cairo, and authored dozens of works on arithmetic and astronomy. We cite two works in particular: his *Student’s Guide to the Way of Arithmetic* (*Irshād al-ṭullāb ilā wasīlat al-ḥisāb*, [M7]) and *The Light of al-Māridīnī on Commentary on Ibn al-Yāsamīn* (*al-Lam‘ah al-Māridīnīyah fī sharḥ al-Yāsamīnīyah*, [M10]).³⁸
- Ibn Ghāzī, 1437-1513 (#913, M246). Abū ‘Abdallah Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad Ibn Ghāzī al-‘Uthmānī al-Miknāsī al-Fāsī further condensed Ibn al-Bannā’s *Condensed Book* into a 461-line poem titled *Desire of Reckoners* (*Munyat al-ḥussāb*, [M1]). Later, in 1483, he wrote a commentary on his poem titled *Aim of the Students in Commentary on Desire of Reckoners* (*Bughyat al-ṭullāb fī sharḥ munyat al-ḥussāb*, [M2]). This book shows the Arabic algebraic notation, including an entire worked-out problem.³⁹
- Luca Pacioli, ca. 1446-1517. Italian Renaissance author whose massive, printed, and highly influential 1494 *Summa de Arithmetica Geometria Proportioni & Proportionalita* presents most of the mathematical knowledge of his time. Much of it ultimately comes from Arabic sources, often via Fibonacci.⁴⁰

Hā’im 1988), and the third is unpublished.

³⁵ The Arabic text is published in (al-Kāshī 1969).

³⁶ Partially translated into English in (Saidan 1968).

³⁷ Published with a French translation in (al-Qalaṣādī 1999).

³⁸ The Arabic texts are published in (Sibṭ al-Māridīnī 2004) and (Sibṭ al-Māridīnī 1983), respectively.

³⁹ For a facsimile of the Library of Congress manuscript see (Ibn Ghāzī manuscript). The Arabic text is published in (Ibn Ghāzī 1983).

⁴⁰ (Pacioli 1494).