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It's not widely recognized that circa 1800 B.C., the Babylonian algorithm for the integer triple,  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , was constructed as  $a = 2(x + y)y$ ;  $c = a + x^2$  and  $b = \sqrt{c^2 - a^2}$  and later updated to  $b = c - 2y^2$  (where  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$  then  $a = 4$ ,  $c = 5$  and  $b = 3$ ). Euclid later, circa 300 B.C., modified this algorithm to  $a = 2xy$ ,  $c = x^2 + y^2$  and  $b = x^2 - y^2$  with appropriate caveats. (Where  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 1$  then  $a = 4$ ,  $c = 5$ , and  $b = 3$ ). Still later, circa 2000 A.D., it was shown that  $a = 2(x - y)y$ ,  $c = -a + x^2$  and  $b = c - 2y^2$ . (Where  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 1$  then  $a = 4$ ,  $c = 5$  and  $b = 3$ ). At least six other algorithms using various combinations of  $+/-x$ , and  $+/-y$  in "a" are possible without redundancy. Other better known algorithms for integer triples in  $x$  and  $y$  include reciprocal pairs Ala Robson and Sierpinski's modified Euclidian based algorithm. The result is that one cannot easily determine which algorithm was used to produce a specific integer triple. (Received August 04, 2015)