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**Introduction to Continued Fraction Expansions in
Real Quadratic Function Fields**

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Abstract Since the continued fraction expansion in real quadratic function fields is a basic tool for performing arithmetics in these fields, we provide an elementary introduction to the polynomial continued fraction expansion. Hereby, we present properties that are in complete analogy to the integer continued fraction expansion. In particular, we prove symmetries with respect to the quasi-period and show how they can be used in baby step algorithms for computing regulators and fundamental units.