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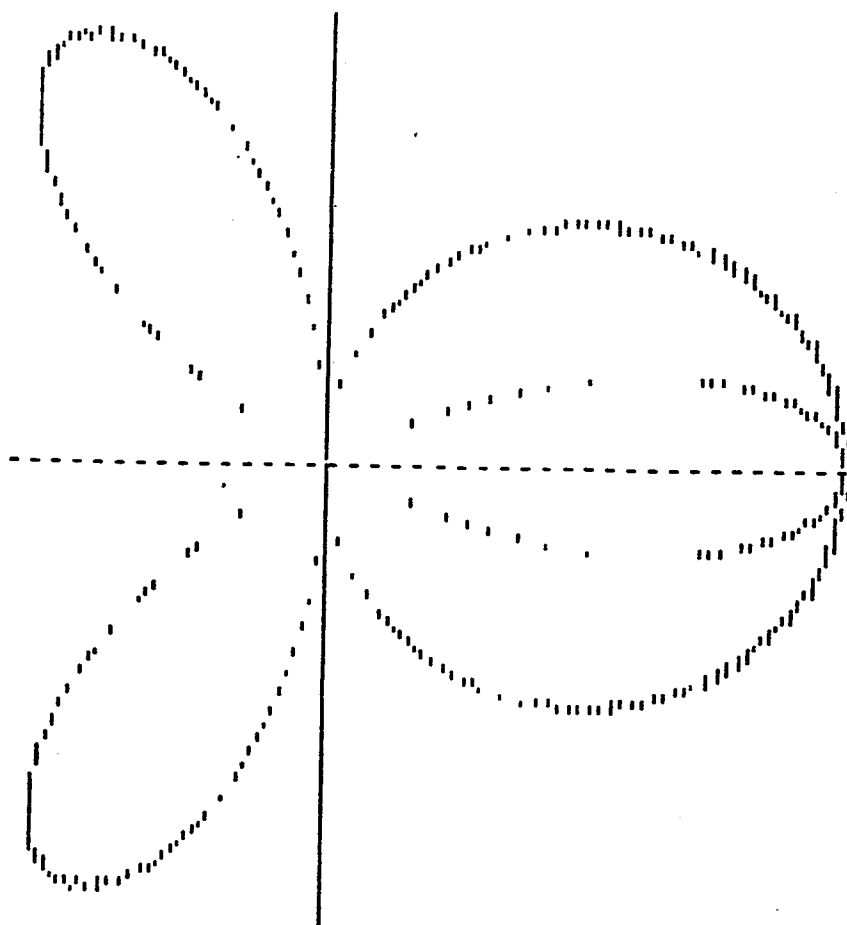
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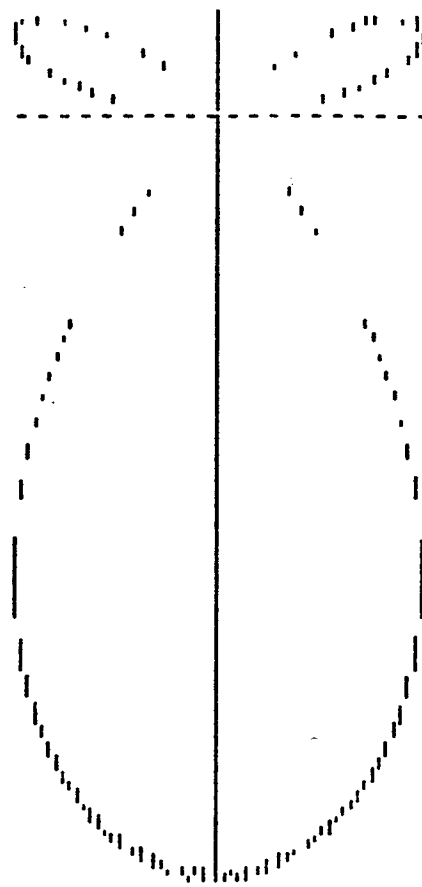
Fast Graphics Mode Polar Plotter - see page 18

Example 2



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Example 4



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Sin wt & (1 - cos wt) on the fx-7000G

V10N4P7 presented a least squares program for decomposing input velocity data into sin wt and (1 - cos wt) components. The second part of that program was longer than needed since I used subscripts to maintain similarity to an existing Model 100 program. Changing to one letter variables reduces the program by 69 steps, where we note that C[1] is four steps, but the equivalent D is only one step. Use of the implied multiplication feature eliminates an additional 11 steps. The revised program is at the right.

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1  Rad
2  O→D~H
3  I-1→J:Lb1 2
4  2πJK÷84→C
5  Sin C→A
6  1-Cos C→B
7  D+A2→D
8  E+B2→E
9  F+AB→F
10 G+AK(J)→G
11 H+BK(J)→H
12 Daz J:Goto 2
13 DE-F2→J
14 (GE-HF)÷J→A
15 (DH-FG)÷J→B
16 "ACC = ":A▲
17 "RATE = ":B▲

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800 DIGITS SQUARE ROOT - V10N4P22-25 presented Robert Prins' program for finding 800 digit square roots. The instructions for the extension program on V10N4P25 failed to note that changing the R/S at step 084 to a Nop allows the program to print out the entire additional 400 digits without interruption. For those who may be interested, the printout for 800 digits of the square root of 3 is:

1732050807.	1531234326.	6679580638.	9106768231.
5688772935.	6903322886.	1835366611.	1992883756.
2744634150.	6506722546.	843173780.	4114142201.
5872366942.	6892183797.	8943783161.	6742752102.
8052538103.	1227047131.	208830552.	3729942708.
8062805580.	6603678615.	4901670023.	3105989845.
6979451933.	8801904998.	5207111442.	9475987664.
169088000.	6537379859.	8869599095.	2888977961.
3708114618.	3894676503.	6365797087.	4783795839.
6757248575.	4750657605.	1684980728.	228854852.
6756261414.	756618348.	9949329648.	9035760338.
1540670302.	1296061009.	4283020786.	5280806438.
9969945094.	4760218719.	4086039887.	1972344661.
9989524788.	325083145.	3869753758.	596897228.
1165551209.	8295239598.	2317317831.	7286526415.
4373648528.	3299778982.	3959929830.	3822664698.
932319023.	4508288714.	783870287.	4200211954.
558206797.	4638329173.	7053913369.	8415527844.
4820101084.	4722416398.	5633121037.	1181286534.
6749232650.	4587855397.	726401924.	5070351915.

TI-59 MATERIAL FOR SALE - Former member William Vogel has donated his TI-59 equipment and documentation to the club. Since most of the material duplicates material I already have I am offering it for sale for nominal prices:

TI-59, Master Library Module and Documentation	\$ 50.00
Leisure Library Module and Documentation	15.00
Applied Statistics Module and Documentation	15.00
Math Utilities Module and Documentation	15.00
Three roll pack of old style printer paper	6.00

The TI-59 has some keys which have lost the original feel.

MAILBAG - As with previous years the comments received with the 1986 subscription forms provided a wide range of opinions as to what should or should not be included in TI PPC Notes. For example, one subscriber wrote:

"Expanding the coverage of PPC Notes to cover the Casio fx-7000G is a good idea." E.T.

while another wrote:

"Don't let the theme drift too far away from the TI products. The trend is very apparent and worrisome." R.R.

My intent for 1986 is to continue to provide strong coverage for the TI-59, TI-66 and CC-40. I will also provide limited coverage for non-TI devices such as the fx-7000G, the HP-15, etc., and will pick up coverage on any new TI devices which may appear such as the TI-74. Other reader comments included:

"I have not seen this excellent book mentioned in the 'Notes': Perspective Drawings by Programmable Calculator - A Method with Graphic Aids by David Yue. Van Nostrand Reinhold, Co. 1984. 232 pages. Cloth bound. It is profusely illustrated with much math, and many programs for both HP and TI-59." P.M.

"... Believe some short BASIC programs of general interest might be worthwhile; e.g., moving averages, sample statistics, 't' test, curve fitting, roots of equations, etc." R.B.

"Would like to see TI-59 programs converted into IBM compatible programs; also programs on AM radio antenna design." F. S.

"More reference to the TI-66." J.M.

"... I continue to think that magnetic cards give the TI-59 an enduring niche in on-site technical calculation, and I still use mine to complement two microcomputers. ..." R.E.

"It has been nearly 6 months since any CHUU bulletins have been sent out so you are not doing so badly. Info on CASIO was appreciated." R.K.

"... Tickled to hear of disk for CC-40. I already ordered one." L.K.

"... I enjoy the hardware and software availability articles." T.C.

"... Can any of the subscribers come up with a program for the PC which translates any TI-59 program to BASIC?" M.S.

"Considering the age of the TI-59 it would be useful to learn more about common machine failures, service hints, repair experiences, etc." R.S.

"If the TI-74 is for real, things should pick up. Now, more than ever, ways to convert TI-59 to BASIC seem to be desirable." R.S.

"More on Casio's 602 and 7000G is worthwhile. More on the TI-74 is mandatory. Tutorials are worthy things. ..." A.L.

"You're doing a great job with TI PPC Notes ..." J.F.

COMBINATORIAL ANALYSIS ON THE TI-66 - P. Hanson

In the discussion of the TI-55III in V10N4P13 I stated that I couldn't imagine why anyone would spend forty dollars for a TI-55II or TI-55III when with shopping one can obtain a TI-66 for about the same price. It turns out that if the user is doing probability problems that involve a lot of factorials, permutations, and combinations, then the built-in functions on the TI-55's provide a real advantage in speed. Consider one of the time-honored tests of speed on the TI-59, the calculation of $69!$. Using ML-16 the TI-59 finds the value in about 14 seconds, but as explained in V5N8P4, only because the library programs run in the equivalent of fast mode. If ML-16 is down-loaded into user memory then the calculation requires about 28 seconds. By comparison, my TI-55II finds $69!$ in just five seconds. The TI-55II has similar speed advantages over the ML-16 on the TI-59 for the calculation of permutations and combinations. There are other hand-helds which are even faster. My HP-11 finds $69!$ in about a second. The clear winner so far for speed in a hand-held is the Casio fx-7000G where the answer for $69!$ seems to appear instantaneously when the EXE key is pressed.

What if I want to program a TI-66 to perform factorials, permutations and combinations? One solution would be to enter the 132 steps of the down-loaded version of the TI-59's ML-16 routine. A better solution would be to use the 70 step program listed at the right. The instructions are the same as for the use of ML-16 on the TI-59:

1. Enter n and press A.
2. Enter r where $0 \leq r \leq n$ and press B. This step is not needed for factorials.
3. Press C to find n factorial ($n!$).
4. Press D to find the number of possible permutations (nPr).
5. Press E to find the number of possible combinations (nCr).

where n and r must be re-entered for each calculation.

Equivalent programs for the CC-40 and the fx-7000G appear on page 5. For the CC-40 enter RUN 100 to calculate factorials, RUN 200 to calculate permutations, and RUN 300 to calculate combinations. Appropriate prompts and annotation of results are provided.

000	76	LBL
001	11	A
002	42	STD
003	00	00
004	91	R/S
005	76	LBL
006	12	B
007	42	STD
008	01	01
009	91	R/S
010	76	LBL
011	13	C
012	43	RCL
013	00	00
014	65	x
015	97	DSZ
016	00	00
017	13	C
018	01	1
019	95	=
020	91	R/S
021	76	LBL
022	14	D
023	43	RCL
024	00	00
025	65	x
026	69	DP
027	30	30
028	97	DSZ
029	01	01
030	14	D
031	01	1
032	95	=
033	91	R/S
034	76	LBL
035	15	E
036	43	RCL
037	01	01
038	32	X:T
039	01	1
040	42	STD
041	02	02
042	43	RCL
043	00	00
044	75	-
045	43	RCL
046	01	01
047	95	=
048	77	GE
049	30	TAN
050	42	STD
051	01	01
052	76	LBL
053	30	TAN
054	43	RCL
055	00	00
056	55	÷
057	43	RCL
058	02	02
059	65	x
060	69	DP
061	22	22
062	69	DP
063	30	30
064	97	DSZ
065	01	01
066	30	TAN
067	01	1
068	95	=
069	91	R/S

Combinatorial Analysis - (cont)

For the fx-7000G the upper program is for factorials, the middle program is for permutations, and the lower program is for combinations. Again, appropriate prompts and annotation are provided. Note that the programmed factorial program for the fx-7000G runs noticeably slower than the built in factorial function, but still is done in about a second. The CC-40 can calculate $84!$ without overflow due to a larger data range. By comparison, machines such as the Radio Shack Model 100 with a smaller data range can only find $48!$ with the methods illustrated here.

Execution times in seconds for three sample problems are listed below. The ML-16 results with the TI-59 are for the program running from the module. "TI-59 program" and "TI-66 program" means the program on page 4 of this issue.

Machine	Factorial (n=69)	Permutations (n=100 r=50)	Combinations (n=328 r=164)
-----	-----	-----	-----
TI-66 program	42	43	246
TI-59 ML-16	14	43	165
TI-59 program	27	29	167
TI-55II	5	3	24
HP-11	1	8	35
CC-40	1	1	8
fx-7000G	1	1	7

where it is clear that the TI-55II has substantial advantages in speed over the best programs that I have been able to write for the TI-59 or TI-66. For permutations and combinations the program on page 4 would have substantial execution time advantages over the ML-16 routine on the TI-59 if it was run in fast mode.

There is another advantage of the program on page 4 over ML-16. If you use ML-16 to find the number of combinations of 20 items taken 12 at a time you will see 125970 in the display, but the display register value is really 125969.9999995. For 20 items taken 8 at a time the display will be 125970 but the display register will contain 125969.9999997. You will find a similar inconsistency with the TI-55II.

```

100 INPUT "N = ? ":N
110 M=1
120 FOR I=1 TO N
130 M=M*I
140 NEXT I
150 PRINT "N! = ":M
160 PAUSE
170 GOTO 100
200 INPUT "N = ? ":N
210 INPUT "R = ? ":R
230 M=1
240 FOR I=(N-R+1) TO N
250 M=M*I
260 NEXT I
270 PRINT "nPr = ":M
280 PAUSE
290 GOTO 200
300 INPUT "N = ? ":N
310 INPUT "R = ? ":R
320 M=1:J=1
330 IF N>2*R THEN 350
340 R=N-R
350 FOR I=(N-R+1) TO N
360 M=(M*I)/J
370 J=J+1
380 NEXT I
390 PRINT "nCr = ":M
400 PAUSE:GOTO 300

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"N="?">A
1→B
Lbl 1
AB→B
Dsz A:Goto 1
"Nf = ":B

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"N="?">N
"R="?">R
1→A
Lbl 1
NA→A
N-1→N
Dsz R:Goto 1
"nPR=":A

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"N="?">N
"R="?">R
1→B~C:R→A
N≥2R→Goto 1
N-R→A
Lbl 1
(CN)/B→C
N-1→N:B+1→B
Dsz A:Goto 1
"nCR=":C

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Combinatorial Analysis - (cont)

Now we know that the answers for the two problems should be equal and should be integers. If you solve the same problems with the program on page 4 you will get exactly 125970 in either case. The problem with the ML-16 program is that it does not anticipate the round-off errors which will occur with the TI-59. Consider the formula for calculating combinations from page 103 of Spiegel's Theory and Problems of Statistics from the Schaum's Outline Series:

$$nC_r = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

One method for calculating combinations would be to simply calculate and combine the factorials as defined in the right hand expression. That would limit n to the largest factorial which does not overflow, 69! in the case of the TI-59. The use of the left hand expression will increase the range of input values. The range can be increased even more if the numerator and denominator are not calculated separately and then combined, but rather the terms from numerator and denominator are used alternately. For the case of 20 items taken 8 at a time:

$$nC_r = \frac{20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13}{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

we calculate $20 / 8 \times 19 / 7 \dots 14 / 2 \times 13 = 125969.9999997$

which is the method used in ML-16. For the case of 20 items taken 12 at a time:

$$nC_r = \frac{20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9}{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \quad \text{and we}$$

calculate $20 / 12 \times 19 / 11 \dots 10 / 2 \times 9 = 125969.9999995$

where it is not surprising that when the first solution (20C8) required about seven seconds, the second solution (20C12) required about eleven seconds. As either solution progresses decimal parts including round-off errors are generated whenever the intermediate solution is not exactly divisible by the next divisor.

One way to avoid the round-off errors is to reverse the order of the divisors; that is, for the 20 units 8 at a time problem the sequence of operations would be:

$$nC_r = 20 / 1 \times 19 / 2 \times 18 / 3 \dots 13 / 8 = 125970 \text{ exactly.}$$

If you think about this you will realize that a factor equal to the next divisor will have been accumulated in the intermediate solution before that divisor is used. The result is that the program deals only with integers, and round-off is not a problem. This technique was used in the programs on pages 4 and 5. There is a small penalty in range; for example, the program on page 4 overflows for the case of 330 units taken 165 at a time, while ML-16 does not overflow until 338 units taken 169 at a time.

Combinatorial Analysis - (cont)

There is another improvement over ML-16 in the program on page 4 for the calculation of combinations. On page 6 we noted that while the solutions for 20 items taken 8 at a time and for 20 items taken 12 at a time are the same, the execution times using ML-16 on the TI-59 are different. That situation becomes more severe as n gets larger; for example, 100 items taken 1 at a time yields the obvious 100 combinations in about a second, but 100 items taken 99 at a time also yields an answer of 100 combinations, but only after 98 seconds of run time. The solution to reducing execution time for the combination solution to a minimum is to find the minimum value of r and $(n-r)$ and use that value as " r " in the solution. That technique was implemented in all the programs for finding combinations on pages 4 and 5.

MORE MEMBERSHIP LISTING - In response to several requests V10N4P9 listed the names and addresses for eight members who gave permission to publish that information. Eight additional members have agreed to publish similar information:

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MORE ON PRINTER PAPER - Robert Lucas writes: "I verify Hewlett Ladd's observation on printer paper, but after 3 winter months, the characters are still faintly readable. Also, the paper cannot be printed upon by rerunning through the printer. Apparently, the ultra-violet of the sun has destroyed the underlying 'ink' which probably does not contain carbon. Heat from a match also does not create any effect. In another test, the new paper is still clearly readable after 2 years when tacked on my office wall, no direct sunlight, and exposed to reflected light and fluorescent lighting. Finally, 'Scotch Brand Magic' translucent tape, the kind you can write on, lifts the paper surface coating away from the 'ink', turning the paper blank after several months, but the paper is still responsive to marking by pressure after the 2 years. It seems the old paper (my supply was grey looking, now all used up) contains carbon, which of course will not fade or bleach out."

MORE ON THE fx-7000G Ran# FUNCTION - P. Hanson.

V10N4P13 noted that the mean value of a sequence of numbers obtained from the Ran# function of the fx-7000G was dependent upon the length of the program. The listing at the right is for one of the programs I used to investigate the function. I have added line numbers to aid in the explanation even though the machine does not use line numbers. Line 2 allows the user to select a variable delay to examine the effect of program cycle time on the random number output. Lines 4 through 6 generate the delay. Line 8 accumulates the sum of the random numbers generated. Line 9 sorts the random numbers using an "address sort" of the type illustrated in lines 800 through 895 of the CC-40 program on V10N3P15. The technique involves multiplying the value of the generated numbers by ten to obtain numbers with integer portions ranging from zero through 9. Those numbers are then sorted into one of ten "bins" by indirect addressing. Note that as with other machines the user does not need to change the indirect addresses to integers--the machine truncates the address for him. A more complete discussion of the technique appears in V10N1P24, which also notes that the technique does not work with a machine like the CC-40 which rounds rather than truncates the subscript. Some sample results for 1000 random numbers and various delay periods appear below. The columns headed by A through J show the contents of those memories, where memory A contains the number of random numbers less than 0.1, memory B the number of random numbers greater than or equal to 0.1 and less than 0.2, etc. Five solutions for the delay of 35 are included to illustrate the variations which might be expected in the distribution from test to test. Note that the Ran# function does not require a seed, and yields numbers which are different with each test.

```

1  Mc1:1000→V
2  "DELAY="?→W
3  Lbl 1
4  W→Z
5  Lbl 2
6  Daz Z:Goto 2
7  Ran#→X
8  V+X→V
9  1+A[10X]→A[10X]
10 Daz Y:Goto 1
11 V+1000

```

Delay	Mean	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	0.448	56	98	146	168	161	131	109	63	27	41
5	0.478	53	63	137	145	183	110	116	81	42	70
10	0.527	98	64	65	115	97	114	130	121	99	97
15	0.507	97	83	84	93	126	110	94	94	106	113
20	0.520	120	93	100	66	53	84	102	161	128	93
25	0.515	99	109	95	93	83	75	89	132	121	104
30	0.544	91	86	94	64	107	76	75	131	134	142
35	0.383	406	172	68	18	9	1	6	25	36	259
	0.376	355	209	78	39	9	18	4	15	28	245
	0.383	370	191	74	29	14	6	10	24	35	247
	0.372	365	200	77	35	14	20	15	13	18	243
	0.375	369	200	89	29	9	8	4	15	27	250
40	0.428	8	28	226	244	218	223	42	6	4	1
45	0.529	23	11	49	161	214	210	195	87	37	13
50	0.531	64	73	95	104	129	92	116	133	106	88

The fx-7000G Ran# Function - (cont)

The program on page 8 served two purposes: examining the effect of program length on the characteristics of the Ran# output, and demonstrating that the sorting technique which relies on the machine to truncate subscripts works with the fx-7000G. However, that program isn't a very good demonstration of the fx-7000G.

My first improved program appears at the upper right. Line 1 sets the range values for a histogram. Line 2 expands the memory to include ten additional memories to be used by the histogram function. Line 5 enters the delay value. Lines 7 through 9 provide the variable delay function. Lines 10 and 11 provide the sorting into Z[1] through Z[10] for use by the histogram routine. Since this program uses the Daz command it cannot run in the SD2 mode needed for histogram plotting (see page 110 of the manual). Line 13 provides transfer to another program where the SD2 mode has been set for a single line program where the Graph Y= command in SD2 mode provides a histogram plot.

```

1 Range 0,10,1,0,400,100
2 Defm 10
3 Cls:Mcl
4 1000→A
5 "DELAY="?"→B
6 Lbl 1
7 B→C
8 Lbl 2
9 Daz C:Goto 2
10 10Ran#→1→X
11 1+Z[X]→Z[X]
12 Daz A:Goto 1
13 Prog 1

1 Graph Y=

```

A second iteration makes even better use of the capabilities of the fx-7000G. The listing appears at the right. The program runs in the SD2 mode which must be set before the first instruction is entered (see page 109 of the manual). Line 1 sets the size of the cells for the histogram accumulation. By using a cell width of 0.1 there will be no need to rely on a user generated sort routine. Lines 7 through 9 provide the delay loop, but since the program is in SD2 mode the Dsz instruction cannot be used. The DT function in line 10 provides sorting and the calculation of sums needed for statistics solutions. Line 12 displays the histogram. Line 13 displays the mean value as found by the built-in statistics functions. Lines 14 through 18 provide display of the contents of the ten cells of the histogram. When the EXE key is pressed one more time after the contents of the last histogram cell have been read out the display reads "Mem ERROR Step P1-93" which indicates that contents of all the cells have been displayed.

```

1 Range 0,1,.1,0,400,100
2 Defm 10
3 Cls:Scl
4 "DELAY="?"→Z
5 Lbl 1
6 0→Y
7 Lbl 2
8 1+Y→Y
9 Y→Z→Goto 2
10 Ran#DT
11 W←1000→Goto 1
12 Graph Y=
13 "x=":x
14 1→X
15 Lbl 3
16 Z[X]
17 1+X→X
18 Goto 3

```

CLEARING THE fx-7000G STATISTICS REGISTERS - The Scl (shift AC) function clears the registers used in statistics calculations in a manner similar to that provided by the 2nd-Pgm-01-SBR-CLR sequence on the TI-59. The major difference is that the registers which are cleared depend upon the calculation mode:

COMP	Scl does not work.
SD1	Clears memories U, V, and W.
SD2	Clears memories U, V, W, and Z(1) through Z(n), where n was set by the Defm mode.
LR1 or LR2	Clear memories P, Q, R, U, V, and W.

FAILURES, SERVICE HINTS, REPAIRS, ETC. - One of the comments received with the 1986 subscription forms was that it would be useful to learn more about common machine failures, repair techniques, and the like. Numerous articles on those subjects have appeared in TI PPC Notes, but have been scattered through many issues. I have probably been exposed to more malfunctions than the average member. My employer, Honeywell, participated in the TI Professional Productivity Program (see the November 1978 issue of PPX Exchange), and a large number of employees were provided with TI-59's. I gradually attained a reputation as a TI-59 expert and was consulted on a wide variety of malfunctions. One of the worst was a calculator which would develop an anomaly in the sine calculation, but only after warming up for about thirty minutes. The problem was particularly hard to identify since the algorithm did not go completely bad; the sine of 30 degrees would be returned as something slightly different from 0.5. General comments on malfunction diagnosis were presented on V9N4P10. For the benefit of newcomers the various articles which have appeared are summarized below:

Calculator Diagnostics

Some diagnostic capability is provided with the TI-59. Personal Programming discusses the various capabilities on pages VII-9 and in Appendix A. Page 43 of the Programmable TI-58/59 Service Manual describes an additional read/write test which stores 1/9 (all ones) into each memory, sums -1/9 into each memory register, checks the contents of each register for zero, and prints out the contents and register number for each failure. The test takes about three minutes.

As users gained experience with their machines they recognized the need for more exhaustive diagnostics. PPX 908119 by Bill Skillman allowed the user to load the same data into different banks and compare the contents as read by the program. V5N2P9 described a diagnostic developed by Maurice Swinnen which involved placing a code 41 (SST) at each location. If you then press CLR RST SST the program counter will move sequentially through each step, stopping at step 959. A successful test takes about ten seconds. If there is a bad data register such that something other than code 41 is read then the calculator will stop, and pressing BST LRN will reveal the bad location; however, V5N8P16 reported that if somehow a code 31 (LRN) was erroneously returned then the program will not stop. There is an easy way to enter a string of 41's described V5N6P4. V5N6P3 reported a calculator problem which passed all of the diagnostic tests recommended by TI including the one from the TI-58/59 Service Manual, and even passed the Magnetic Card Comparator Test (PPX 908119). The SST test stopped when it read 04 at step 793 instead of 41; however, V7N3P10 reported a memory malfunction which was not diagnosed by the SST program, but was diagnosed by the test program from the TI-58/59 Service Manual.

Those malfunctions illustrate one of curiosities of reading from memory--sometimes one bit pattern will be read successfully, while another pattern will not. With some calculators the memory will be read correctly some of the time, and incorrectly other times. To provide a variation in bit patterns I modified the program from the TI-58/59 Service Manual to exercise nine different patterns (PPX 908175). The execution time is long, about sixteen minutes, but I have yet to encounter a memory register malfunction which was not diagnosed by that program. Maurice's SST program provides the means for diagnosing memory problems in program steps 000 through 159.

Failures, Service Hints, Repairs, etc. (cont)Print Head Cleaning

The PC-100 manuals described a print head cleaning technique for use in clearing foreign particles which may have collected on the print heads. The cleaning cards which were supplied with early packs of printer paper stated that cleaning should be performed before installing each new roll of paper. Page VI-12 of Personal Programming provided a program which would exercise the heads; however, users found that alternate routines would provide improved cleaning by minimizing the delay between printing. It was believed that this produced the maximum possible heat to burn off the tiny shreds of paper sticking to the heads. Routines were published in V5N1P10 and in V5N3P3. I prefer Thomas Wismuller's routine from V5N3P3 which is reproduced at the right. To use the program press A and see I's printed. Press R/S and then B and see II's printed. Press R/S and then C and see square O's printed. Press R/S and then D and see 8's printed.

000	69	DP
001	05	05
002	81	RST
003	76	LBL
004	14	D
005	01	1
006	01	1
007	76	LBL
008	15	E
009	65	*
010	01	1
011	00	0
012	01	1
013	00	0
014	01	1
015	00	0
016	01	1
017	00	0
018	01	1
019	95	=
020	69	DP
021	01	01
022	69	DP
023	02	02
024	69	DP
025	03	03
026	69	DP
027	04	04
028	81	RST
029	76	LBL
030	11	A
031	02	2
032	04	4
033	15	E
034	76	LBL
035	12	B
036	07	7
037	04	4
038	15	E
039	76	LBL
040	13	C
041	03	3
042	02	2
043	15	E

V9N2P13 reported that I had tried the various published print head cleaning techniques on one printer without success. Then I cut a piece of crocus cloth to the width of the printer paper, passed it through the printer using the ADV key, and cleared the print head problems. Maurice Swinnen reported that others have had success in print head cleaning using a strip of the material used for polishing defects in Plexiglas, and that HP sells a cleaning card for use with their calculators.

Batteries

V6N8P14 described Bob Fruit's experience running his calculator from a six volt lantern battery in an emergency situation. V7N6P10 discussed the nature of failures in the Nickel-Cadmium batteries used in the battery pack, and provided a circuit which could be used in clearing the internal shorts. The discussion also points out that calculations will be typically be correct and the display somewhat dim if two of the three cells are operational; but with only two cells operational reading and writing of magnetic cards will be erratic.

Keyboard Problems

An article in V7N3P4/5/6 describes methods for taking apart the calculator and cleaning the keys, and includes the suggestion for reversing the foam under the keys to restore the original keyboard "feel".

Contact Problems

A "Mailbag" item in V7N7/8P2 described successful repair of a malfunctioning printer by the old technique of scrubbing the contacts with a pencil eraser. I have had similar success with a malfunctioning memory module.

Failures, Service Hints, Repairs, etc. (cont)Improper Paper Advance with the PC-100

Some PC-100's develop an inability to properly advance the printer paper. You can often provide proper paper advance by lifting the top cover and pressing on the metal support which holds the print head against the paper, but that's tiresome. You can make a temporary repair by cutting a wedge from an eraser, the soft white ones seem to work best, and pressing the wedge between the metal support and the printer case until proper paper advance occurs. Of course, you will have to do that all over again each time you install a new roll of paper. This temporary repair can become semi-permanent. There are two PC-100's at Honeywell which have been operating satisfactorily in this mode for years.

Magnetic Card Reading Problems

From the very beginning TI-59 users seem to have encountered read/write problems with the magnetic card reader. I was one of the fortunate ones who didn't. If I had encountered inconsistent read/write capability for the first few years it would have been practically impossible to develop the old "load-and-go" method for fast mode entry.

Some problems seem to be with contaminated read/write mechanisms. Other problems seem to be with contaminated cards. TI provided two card reader cleaning cards with each TI-59. The head-cleaning card contains an abrasive and can be used to remove buildup of oxide or foreign material on the read/write head. TI cautions that this card should be used sparingly. I have found very little use for this card; only in one instance did use of the card definitely improve read/write characteristics.

The drive roller cleaning card seems to be no more than a piece of cardboard. Page VII-8 of Personal Programming recommends use of the card "about every 500 reads, or when a card begins to slip or move at a non-uniform pace through the calculator". My experience has been that the use of the card doesn't seem to help; furthermore, the card deteriorates rapidly to a condition where it is simply unuseable.

V8N5P11 reported correspondence between George Thomson and I in early 1983 on the subject of card reading and writing. I had inadvertently discovered that saliva seemed to be the best solvent for cleaning cards to temporarily improve reading and writing. George tried the same technique, using what he dubbed "Hanson's Universal Solvent", and was able to obtain more successful read/write operation. In June of 1983 I obtained a sample of the CCL-144 cleaning strip. I tried it in my TI-59 and was immediately rewarded with trouble free read/write operation. Others have had similar success with the CCL-144. In V9N2P13 Paul Sperry reported that he had identified the solvent used to saturate the CCL-144 as alcohol. He also reported that a brochure from Texwipe indicated that a solution of 91% isopropyl alcohol and 9% ionized water was useful for cleaning magnetic components. Paul and others have suggested that the cleaning strips may be reused by providing your own solvent.

The CCL-144 cleaning strips are still available at twelve dollars for a box of ten from CMPI, Inc., 7308 Aspen Lane #123, Minneapolis MN 55428 (That is a new address). I will also supply sample cleaning strips at a price of two dollars each.

Failures, Service Hints, Repairs, etc. (cont)Adjusting Magnetic Card Reading Speed

Even with properly cleaned read heads and drive rollers some magnetic cards written by one calculator simply cannot be read by another calculator. The November 1977 issue of PPX Exchange stated:

"Cards written on one TI-59 may not read on another machine. This incompatibility is attributed to the difference in machine signatures, which is the result of increased magnetic card density. (The density of the TI-59 card is twice that of the SR-52.)"

My experience has been that the cards from the great majority of TI-59's can be read by other machines. One proof of this is the successful magnetic card service provided by TI PPC Notes. There is an occasional machine which will not read cards from most other machines, and which I have generally found can also not write cards which are readable by other machines. I tend to believe that such a machine is a "maverick". V5N2P3 described a technique for adjusting the reading speed devised by Peter Poloczek which was intended to allow adjustment of the card drive to provide compatibility with other TI-59's. I have not tried that procedure since I haven't had a calculator that wasn't compatible with the great majority of other units. I have heavily used three different units and use the cards interchangeably.

References:

1. The Programmable TI58/59 Service Manual was published by TI and was available for \$11.95 plus \$1.50 for handling and postage.
2. PPX 908119, "Magnetic Card Comparator", by Bill Skillman, 239 program steps, 6 pages.
3. PPX 908175, "Memory Malfunction Diagnostic", by Palmer Hanson, 160 program steps, 13 pages. Includes listings for both the "598-TEST-1" program from the TI-58/59 Service Manual and for the extended diagnostic program.
4. "Memory Diagnostic Using SST Commands", by Palmer Hanson, 240 steps, 8 pages. Includes instructions for special techniques for easily making a card with all 41's.

I will loan my copy of the Service manual to club members. Send two dollars to cover postage. I will send the manual first class and expect you to return it the same way. I will also provide copies of the documentation for the three diagnostic programs for two dollars each. Magnetic cards for the programs are available for the usual price of one dollar per card plus a stamped and self addressed envelope.

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS? The article "Hunting for the Ultimate Tip" on page 49 of the June 2 issue of Newsweek discusses a new programmable printer barely larger than a telephone and notes that it

"... doesn't require possession of a personal computer--a key selling tool at a time when so many people think it takes an engineering degree to use one. Major brokerage houses are realizing that the number of people who invest at home via a personal computer is not growing as fast as expected."

ANATOMY OF A PROGRAM FOR e - Hewlett Ladd. I enjoyed reading the two recent

articles in TI PPC Notes containing programs programs for calculating e to many decimal places (V9N4P24/25 and V9N5P4). The last article was a particularly fine example of how experienced programmers adapt familiar algorithms to calculator operations with such disarming simplicity, and set me to wondering once more how they are able to do it. Despite the fact that I had copied and run earlier programs for many digits of n!, pi, etc., I never fully grasped the principles of extended precision. Bjorn's neat little program (V9N5P4) provided the spark I needed which has prompted me to write down the various stages I went through before I completely understood its finer points. I also wanted to get a program to print out a preselected number of digits, rather than just 980 of them. Having at last done both, herewith a personal chronicle of e to Programbiten's e as viewed by an amateur. The familiar infinite series

$$e = 1 + 1/1! + 1/2! + 1/3! + \dots + 1/n!$$

or with the terms in the reverse order

$$e = 1/n! + 1/(n-1)! + 1/(n-2)! + \dots + 1/1! + 1$$

may also be described in the form of a continued fraction expansion as

$$e = (1/n + 1) \times 1/(n-1 + 1) \times 1/(n-2 + 1 \times \dots 1) + 1$$

which greatly simplifies the task of handling otherwise unwieldy factorials. A nineteen step program for the TI-58/59/66 which will yield ten digit accuracy using this less familiar, continued fraction version

$$1/12 + 1) \times 1/11 + 1) \times \dots)1 + 1 = 2.718281828$$

appears at the upper right. Enter 12 and press A to obtain the ten digit printout. This works fine for 10 digit accuracy, but the use of the 1/x function will pose a problem for extended precision, so it would be better to substitute a divide for the 1/x in a stepping-stone development of an extended precision program. The modified program is at the center right. Again, enter 12 and press A. The answer will appear in the display after about eight seconds.

The next step in the development demonstrates the use of expanded partitioning, and the use of a numerator of 1,000,000,000 instead of 1 during the accumulation. This will be needed in the extended precision routines. The listing is at the lower right. The step at 035 gets the decimal point in the right place for the printout. The instructions are changed to enter (n+1) instead of n. Enter 13 and press A to obtain the solution in about 13 seconds.

```
000 76 LBL
001 11 R
002 42 STD
003 00 00
004 43 RCL
005 00 00
006 35 1/X
007 54 )
008 85 +
009 01 1
010 54 )
011 65 X
012 97 DSZ
013 00 00
014 00 00
015 04 04
016 01 1
017 95 =
018 99 PRT
019 91 R/S
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000 76 LBL
001 11 R
002 42 STD
003 01 01
004 01 1
005 42 STD
006 00 00
007 53 (
008 24 CE
009 55 +
010 43 RCL
011 01 01
012 85 +
013 43 RCL
014 00 00
015 54 )
016 97 DSZ
017 01 01
018 00 00
019 07 07
020 99 PRT
021 91 R/S
```

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000 76 LBL
001 11 R
002 32 X:T
003 47 CMS
004 01 1
005 00 0
006 69 DP
007 17 17
008 32 X:T
009 42 STD
010 99 99
011 01 1
012 52 EE
013 09 9
014 22 INV
015 52 EE
016 42 STD
017 00 00
018 22 INV
019 97 DSZ
020 99 99
021 01 00
022 35 35
023 53 (
024 24 CE
025 55 +
026 43 RCL
027 99 99
028 85 +
029 43 RCL
030 00 00
031 54 )
032 61 GTD
033 00 00
034 18 18
035 55 +
036 43 RCL
037 00 00
038 95 =
039 99 PRT
040 91 R/S
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Anatomy of a Program for e - (cont)

So far only two registers have been used, R00 and R99, and the results have been left in the display register. Somehow, we must extend the accuracy of the computation into blocks of say ten digits. Before doing so, we will continue with the ten most significant digits (MSD's) of e, but will store them in R01 using R98 as a pointer, leaving 97 data registers free for later storage of up to 970 digits.

The program appears at the right. Step 012 allows the user to select more than one block of digits for the solution. Steps 030 through 047 are similar to the previous sequence except that more than one data register can be used. Steps 056 through 063 provide printout of all the data registers used. The user instructions remain essentially the same: enter 13 and press A; enter 1 for one block of ten digits and press R/S for the solution and printout. A solution requires about 22 seconds. The EXC 00, ST* 00 and Daz 0 at steps 028, 038, and 040 will later handle the storage of extended precision results from as many as 97 preselected data registers. For example, if you were to enter a 3 for three blocks of ten digits instead of a 1 with this program you would get a three block output, but since the computation has been carried to only ten digit accuracy the two extra blocks (R03, R02, and R01 in that order) would be meaningless. Not much progress, you might say, but in fact the program is at last ready to accept extended precision with the addition of a few more strategically placed steps.

000	76	LBL	032	85	+
001	11	A	033	73	RC*
002	32	X:T	034	00	00
003	47	CMS	035	55	-
004	01	1	036	43	RCL
005	00	0	037	99	99
006	69	DP	038	54)
007	17	17	039	72	ST*
008	32	X:T	040	00	00
009	42	STD	041	97	DSZ
010	99	99	042	00	00
011	91	R/S	043	00	00
012	42	STD	044	30	30
013	98	98	045	61	GTD
014	01	1	046	00	00
015	52	EE	047	14	14
016	09	9	048	22	INV
017	22	INV	049	64	PD*
018	52	EE	050	98	98
019	74	SM*	051	43	RCL
020	98	98	052	98	98
021	22	INV	053	42	STD
022	97	DSZ	054	00	00
023	99	99	055	98	ADV
024	00	00	056	73	RC*
025	48	48	057	00	00
026	43	RCL	058	99	PRT
027	98	98	059	97	DSZ
028	48	EXC	060	00	00
029	00	EXC	061	00	00
030	53	(	062	56	56
031	24	CE	063	91	R/S

But, first we must define an extended precision divide for the 1/n calculation. Bjorn's Programbiten version reported by Robert Prins started off with 449 for n, which was compatible with a 980 digit solution. Without a programmable calculator we might calculate in schoolboy fashion:

	q1	q2	q3	q4
	2227171:4922048997:7728285077:9510022271: ...			
449	1000000000:0000000000:0000000000:0000000000: ...			
n x q1	- 999999779			
r		221 0000000000		
n x q2		-220 9999999653		
r			347 0000000000	
n x q3			-346 9999999573	
r				427 0000000000
n x q4				-426 9999999679
r				321

By marking off the dividend into blocks of ten digits the block remainder r will always contain no more than three digits since the divisor will contain no more than three digits. Each succeeding trial dividend will therefore always contain thirteen or fewer digits, or e EE 10 plus the next ten digits of dividend.

Anatomy of a Program for e - (cont)

It will help to note that a program sequence such as r (EE 10 . . . without a CE immediately after the parenthesis operates like r (CE EE It converts the r before the parenthesis to r EE 10 within the parentheses. If r is in EE format, which it will be after the first divide, the EE 10 must be preceded by INV EE as in the sequence

r (INV EE EE 10

With this in mind we imitate the schoolboy arithmetic in the program which appears at the right. Try it with 449 and press A; then enter 4 and press R/S to obtain a five line printout

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2227171.
4922048997.
7728285077.
9510022271.
-321.

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which includes the quotients and remainder from the schoolboy example on page 15.

Bjorn's program neatly repeated this routine with 448, 447, etc. We can accomplish the same by adding a few steps from the program at the right to the last one for e on page 15.

The rest of the program from page 15 is left intact except for making the necessary changes in direct addresses. If a fast mode routine is added the program for e with an option to run with less than 970 digits becomes:

000	76	LBL	035	24	CE
001	11	A	036	55	+
002	32	X:T	037	43	RCL
003	01	1	038	99	99
004	00	0	039	54)
005	69	DP	040	59	INT
006	17	17	041	72	ST*
007	32	X:T	042	00	00
008	42	STD	043	65	X
009	99	99	044	43	RCL
010	91	R/S	045	99	99
011	42	STD	046	54)
012	98	98	047	97	DSZ
013	01	1	048	00	00
014	52	EE	049	00	00
015	09	9	050	24	24
016	22	INV	051	32	X:T
017	52	EE	052	22	INV
018	74	SM*	053	52	EE
019	98	98	054	43	RCL
020	43	RCL	055	98	98
021	98	98	056	42	STD
022	48	EXC	057	00	00
023	00	00	058	73	RC*
024	53	(	059	00	00
025	22	INV	060	99	PRT
026	52	EE	061	97	DSZ
027	52	EE	062	00	00
028	01	1	063	00	00
029	00	0	064	58	58
030	85	+	065	32	X:T
031	73	RC*	066	94	+/-
032	00	00	067	99	PRT
033	75	-	068	91	R/S
034	53	(

000	91	R/S	020	52	EE	040	54	)	060	00	00	140	00	0
001	25	CLR	021	52	EE	041	97	DSZ	061	00	00	141	76	LBL
002	01	1	022	01	1	042	00	00	062	56	56	142	11	A
003	52	EE	023	00	0	043	00	00	063	00	0	143	32	X:T
004	09	9	024	85	+	044	18	18	064	81	RST	144	47	CMS
005	22	INV	025	73	RC*	045	61	GT0	065	00	0	145	01	1
006	52	EE	026	00	00	046	00	00	066	00	0	146	00	0
007	74	SM*	027	75	-	047	02	02	067	00	0	147	69	DP
008	98	98	028	53	(	048	22	INV	068	00	0	148	17	17
009	22	INV	029	24	CE	049	64	PD*	069	00	0	149	32	X:T
010	97	DSZ	030	55	+	050	98	98	070	00	0	150	42	STD
011	99	99	031	43	RCL	051	43	RCL	071	00	0	151	99	99
012	00	00	032	99	99	052	98	98	072	00	0	152	91	R/S
013	48	48	033	54	)	053	42	STD	073	00	0	153	42	STD
014	43	RCL	034	59	INT	054	00	00	074	00	0	154	98	98
015	98	98	035	72	ST*	055	98	ADV	075	00	0	155	04	4
016	48	EXC	036	00	00	056	73	RC*	076	00	0	156	05	5
017	00	00	037	65	X	057	00	00	077	00	0	157	30	TAN
018	53	(	038	43	RCL	058	99	PRT	078	00	0	158	33	X²
019	22	INV	039	99	99	059	97	DSZ	079	00	0	159	86	STF

As a test you can enter 29 (n+1 for 28 terms) and press A, and then enter 3 for 30 digits (3 banks of 30 digits) and press R/S to see a flashing "1." in the display. Press 7 and then EE. In about 68 seconds you will get a 3 bank printout of e correct to 30 digits.

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2.718281828
4590452353.
6028747135.

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Anatomy of a Program for e - (cont)

The major deficiency of the program so far is the requirement that the user determine the number of terms needed to provide the desired number of correct digits. Through the use of one of the approximations for $n!$, say Stirling's formula or one of the logarithmic calculations such as in the May 1979 issue of PPX Exchange, one can make a table of the exponent of $1/n!$ versus n . A least squares fit yields the coefficients for a second degree polynomial approximation. A little fine tuning yields a concise polynomial which ensures that enough terms are always used to obtain the desired accuracy. The penalty for the tuning is that in some cases a few more terms will be used than are actually needed, extending the execution time. The worst case is for a single block of digits, where the formula selects 24 terms when only 13 are needed, more than doubling the execution time. But then you wouldn't use this routine to find ten digits of e anyway. A front-end calculation was also added to make sure that all of the digits in the last block will be correct. The resulting program is:

000	91	R/S	027	75	-	054	00	00	081	00	0	108	00	0	135	09	9
001	25	CLR	028	53	(	055	98	ADV	082	00	0	109	00	0	136	85	+
002	01	1	029	24	CE	056	73	RC*	083	00	0	110	00	0	137	05	5
003	52	EE	030	55	+	057	00	00	084	00	0	111	00	0	138	93	.
004	09	9	031	43	RCL	058	99	FRT	085	00	0	112	00	0	139	04	4
005	22	INV	032	99	99	059	97	DSZ	086	00	0	113	00	0	140	65	x
006	52	EE	033	54	)	060	00	00	087	00	0	114	00	0	141	43	RCL
007	74	SM*	034	59	INT	061	00	00	088	00	0	115	76	LBL	142	98	98
008	98	98	035	72	ST*	062	56	56	089	00	0	116	11	A	143	75	-
009	22	INV	036	00	00	063	00	0	090	00	0	117	85	+	144	93	.
010	97	DSZ	037	65	x	064	81	RST	091	00	0	118	09	9	145	00	0
011	99	99	038	43	RCL	065	00	0	092	00	0	119	95	=	146	01	1
012	00	00	039	99	99	066	00	0	093	00	0	120	55	+	147	65	x
013	48	48	040	54	)	067	00	0	094	00	0	121	01	1	148	43	RCL
014	43	RCL	041	97	DSZ	068	00	0	095	00	0	122	00	0	149	98	98
015	98	98	042	00	00	069	00	0	096	00	0	123	95	=	150	33	x ²
016	48	EXC	043	00	00	070	00	0	097	00	0	124	59	INT	151	95	=
017	00	00	044	18	18	071	00	0	098	00	0	125	32	x:T	152	59	INT
018	53	(	045	61	GTD	072	00	0	099	00	0	126	01	1	153	42	STD
019	22	INV	046	00	00	073	00	0	100	00	0	127	00	0	154	99	99
020	52	EE	047	02	02	074	00	0	101	00	0	128	69	DP	155	04	4
021	52	EE	048	22	INV	075	00	0	102	00	0	129	17	17	156	05	5
022	01	1	049	64	PD*	076	00	0	103	00	0	130	47	CMS	157	30	TAN
023	00	0	050	98	98	077	00	0	104	00	0	131	32	x:T	158	33	x ²
024	85	+	051	43	RCL	078	00	0	105	00	0	132	42	STD	159	86	STF
025	73	RC*	052	98	98	079	00	0	106	00	0	133	98	98			
026	00	00	053	42	STD	080	00	0	107	00	0	134	01	1			

The user enters the number of digits desired, presses A, and sees a flashing "1." in the display. He then presses 7 and then EE and waits for the printout, where all the printed digits will be correct.

ANOTHER TI-59 QUIRK - Robert Prins found a TI-59 quirk which does not seem to have been reported in TI PPC Notes while scanning old issues of Programbiten. On page 5 of the 82-1 issue Markus S. Markusson noted that an SST (code 41) followed by DMs, P/R, etc., acts as an R/S, but gave no further explanation. My tests show that the firmware functions P/R, DMs, , and x yield that result, where the calculator stops at the location following the firmware function. The inverses of those functions and the statistics functions Op 11 through Op 15 do not cause the stopping. No use for this quirk has been identified. I presume that Mr. Markusson is the same individual who provided the very fast 13 digit register listing program published in the May/June 1982 issue of PPX Exchange. Newcomers may wonder at all this interest in quirks which have no apparent practical use. The best answer is that the very useful fast mode and high resolution graphics techniques were once only "quirks".

FAST GRAPHICS MODE POLAR PLOTTER - Robert Prins. V10N2P12 presented a program for plotting functions defined by polar coordinates. At that time Robert reported that he was working on a fast mode, high resolution version of the program. Here it is. The program is split up into two parts, one for the input of data and one for the actual printing/plotting. The program listings appear on page 21. Here are the instructions:

1. Enter the data-entry program

At this point you can choose one of these two options:

- a. Input of all variables, X-min, X-max, Y-min, Y-max, number of tapes and number of rotations. Press A for this option and answer all prompts with the entry of the value of the requested variable, followed by an R/S.
- b. Let the program set X/Y-min/max to +/- 1.044 and only enter number of tapes and number of rotations. Press B for this option and answer all prompts with the entry of the value of the requested variable, followed by an R/S. This option is very useful when you know your functions are limited to the square with the above coordinates, as a lot of functions are.

Make sure you only enter positive integers for the number of tapes and the number of rotations!!

2. Enter the print/plot program.

3. Initialise the print/plot part by pressing the following sequence of keys, not paying attention to any flashing display.

Make sure the Master Library is in the calculator.

Press	Display	Comment
10 OP 17	159.99	
CLR	0	
GTO 016	0.	
PGM 19 SBR 045	0.	Flashing zero with decimal point.
P/R	0	Decimal point has disappeared.
LRN	016 55	
INS	016 55	This INS creates the h25 needed for Graphics Mode.
SST [16x]	032 65	Make sure you don't SST past step 032!
INS	032 65	This second INS creates the h12 needed for Fast Mode.
LRN RST CLR	0	
6 OP 17	479.59	Any other partitioning that gives access to R01 through R20 is also allowed.

Although the above process doesn't seem to do anything it alters steps 016-023 and 032-039 and inserts two steps at step 024 and 040, causing the original steps 039-159 to shift down two steps, so that steps 158 and 159 disappear.

After this initialisation steps 014-040 look like this on a PC-100:

014 69 OP	021 15 15	028 35 1/X	035 43 RCL
015 05 05	022 60 DEG	029 22 INV	036 14 14
	023 00 0	030 58 FIX	037 61 GTO
017 92 RTN	024 93 .	031 86 STF	038 01 01
018 43 RCL	025 01 1	032 12 12	039 99 99
019 02 02	026 34 V \bar{x}	033 68 NOP	040 56 DEL
020 42 STO	027 33 X \uparrow 2	034 29 CP	

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4. Now you must enter your functions, starting at step 280. Remember that the calculator is in DEG-mode when the program arrives at step 280! In your functions you must use RCL 07 as Theta. To let the calculator know the end of your function you must end it with: X:T xxx GTO 102 or GTO 109. In this sequence xxx is the address of the first step of the next function. To designate the last function you must end it with: X:T 71 GTO 102/109.

To see if you need GTO 102 or GTO 109 you can use this table, which is valid for functions of the type $R = \sin$ or $\cos(M \cdot \text{Theta}/N)$.

M	N	GTO	
Odd	Even	102	For functions of the above type you should enter the number of rotations equal to N.
Even	Odd	109	
Odd	Odd	102	

If either M or N is odd you also have to program an IxI before the X:T. [This is due to the fact that the PC-100 can only print forward] When you want to plot other types of functions you have to decide yourself if you have to end them in either GTO 102 or GTO 109 and also if they need an IxI.

Here are some examples of functions, the print-out is included on a separate sheet:

280 43 RCL	280 43 RCL	280 43 RCL	280 43 RCL
281 07 07	281 07 07	281 07 07	281 07 07
282 65 x	282 65 x	282 35 1/X	282 65 x
283 02 2	283 03 3	283 65 x	283 03 3
284 95 =	284 95 =	284 01 1	284 95 =
285 38 SIN	285 38 SIN	285 08 8	285 39 COS
286 50 IxI	286 32 X:T	286 00 0	286 65 x
287 32 X:T	287 02 2	287 55 /	287 43 RCL
288 02 2	288 09 9	288 89 PI	288 07 07
289 09 9	289 03 3	289 95 =	289 39 COS
290 04 4	290 61 GTO	290 32 X:T	290 95 =
291 61 GTO	291 01 01	291 07 7	291 32 X:T
292 01 01	292 02 02	292 01 1	292 07 7
293 09 09	293 43 RCL	293 61 GTO	293 01 1
294 01 1	294 07 07	294 01 01	294 61 GTO
295 32 X:T	295 38 SIN	295 09 09	295 01 01
296 07 7	296 32 X:T		296 09 09
297 01 1	297 07 7		
298 61 GTO	298 01 1		
299 01 01	299 61 GTO		
300 09 09	300 01 01		
	301 09 09		

Example 1

Example 2

Example 3

Example 4

Example 1 was made using the B option of the data-entry part, the other three using the A option.

TAPES ROTATIONS	1.	X-MIN	-0.95	X-MIN	-0.35	X-MIN	-0.125
		X-MAX	0.95	X-MAX	0.18	X-MAX	1.
	1.	Y-MIN	-0.6	Y-MIN	-0.32	Y-MIN	-0.25
		Y-MAX	1.02	Y-MAX	0.7	Y-MAX	0.26
	1.	TAPES	2.	TAPES	2.	TAPES	1.
		ROTATIONS	1.	ROTATIONS	3.	ROTATIONS	1.

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When you enter your functions you have to observe the usual rules for Fast and Graphics Mode programs.

5. After having entered your functions you can press A to start the program.

The time for the program to finish the printing ranges from quite to extremely long, but I personally think the results are worth it!

Finally, I would like to end this description with a list of registers and their use in the program.

R01 X-min
 R02 Y-min
 R03 dx,dy
 R04 Number of lines
 R05 Epsilon [In the program eps is given the value $dx/\sqrt{2}$, but sometimes it may be desirable to make eps a little larger]
 R06 Number of rotations
 R07 Calculated Theta
 R08 Calculated R
 R09 Pointer to printregister
 R10 Pointer to printcode
 R11 Symbol counter [There are 3 possible symbols for every position]
 R12 Position counter [There are 5 possible positions in every printregister]
 R13 Op counter [There are 4 printregisters, OP 1 through OP 4]
 R14 Working X
 R15 Working Y
 R16 Lines counter
 R17 Tapes counter
 R18 Rotations counter
 R19 Register in which the printcode for an OP is assembled
 R20 Register to store the return-addresses of the user-entered functions

The method used to print/plot the functions is quite simple:

1. A grid is placed over the X/Y-plane.
2. For every cross-point on this grid with coordinates (X,Y) the polar representation is calculated, that is $R=\sqrt{X^2+Y^2}$ and $\text{Theta}=\text{Arctan}(Y/X)$.
3. The calculated Theta is entered in the function that is defined by the user to generate an R'.
4. This R' is compared to the real R for the (X,Y)-coordinate and at this point there are two possibilities:
 - a. The difference between R and R' is less than epsilon.

In this case a line is printed at that particular (X,Y)-coordinate. If the above mentioned line is part of the L (sub-)position within an OP-position the program continues with the (X,Y)-coordinate belonging to the J (sub-)position. If that point would also give rise to a printout then the printcode for that OP-position, which was 27 (for L), is changed into 41 (for U) to accomodate both points, thereby increasing the resolution of Graphics Mode even more.

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- b. The difference between R and R' is more than epsilon.

In this case the program goes on with the next function or, if there is no next function, it will add 180 or 360 degrees to Theta and go on with the first function. By selecting GTO 102 or GTO 109 the user can select between 360 or 180 degrees respectively. When all rotations for the point under consideration are completed the program continues with the next (X,Y)-coordinate.

Listing of the data entry program:

```

000 76 LBL      060 05 5      120 42 STO      180 44 SUM
001 10 E'      061 03 3      121 02 02      181 04 04
002 69 OP      062 02 2      122 22 INV      182 69 OP
003 01 01      063 03 3      123 44 SUM      183 24 24
004 69 OP      064 07 7      124 08 08      184 69 OP
005 05 05      065 01 1      125 04 4      185 00 00
006 00 0      066 03 3      126 05 5      186 69 OP
007 91 R/S     067 03 3      127 02 2      187 05 05
008 99 PRT     068 07 7      128 00 0      188 00 0
009 92 RTN     069 10 E'     129 03 3      189 92 RTN
010 76 LBL     070 42 STO     130 00 0      190 76 LBL
011 19 D'      071 06 06     131 01 1      191 12 B
012 42 STO     072 44 SUM     132 03 3      192 71 SBR
013 09 09      073 06 06     133 04 4      193 01 01
014 53 (       074 69 OP     134 04 4      194 84 84
015 73 RC*     075 36 36     135 10 E'     195 47 CMS
016 09 09      076 92 RTN     136 44 SUM     196 18 C'
017 55 /       077 76 LBL     137 08 08     197 53 (
018 43 RCL     078 11 A      138 18 C'     198 43 RCL
019 03 03      079 71 SBR     139 53 (      199 17 17
020 72 ST*     080 01 01     140 43 RCL     200 42 STO
021 09 09      081 84 84     141 08 08     201 04 04
022 85 +       082 47 CMS     142 55 /      202 65 x
023 22 INV     083 04 4      143 53 (      203 04 4
024 59 INT     084 04 4      144 06 6      204 00 0
025 69 OP      085 02 2      145 00 0      205 54 )
026 10 10      086 00 0      146 65 x      206 35 1/X
027 54 )       087 03 3      147 43 RCL     207 42 STO
028 59 INT     088 00 0      148 17 17     208 05 05
029 64 PD*     089 02 2      149 75 -      209 01 1
030 09 09      090 04 4      150 01 1      210 93 -
031 92 RTN     091 03 3      151 54 )      211 00 0
032 76 LBL     092 01 1      152 52 EE      212 04 4
033 18 C'      093 10 E'     153 54 )      213 04 4
034 03 3      094 42 STO     154 58 FIX     214 94 +/-
035 07 7      095 01 01     155 02 02     215 42 STO
036 01 1      096 04 4      156 52 EE      216 01 01
037 03 3      097 04 4      157 22 INV     217 42 STO
038 03 3      098 02 2      158 57 ENG     218 02 02
039 03 3      099 00 0      159 22 INV     219 53 (
040 01 1      100 03 3      160 58 FIX     220 93 -
041 07 7      101 00 0      161 53 (      221 00 0
042 03 3      102 01 1      162 42 STO     222 03 3
043 06 6      103 03 3      163 03 03     223 04 4
044 10 E'      104 04 4      164 55 /      224 08 8
045 42 STO     105 04 4      165 02 2      225 55 /
046 17 17      106 10 E'     166 34 VX      226 43 RCL
047 02 2      107 42 STO     167 54 )      227 17 17
048 04 4      108 07 07     168 42 STO     228 54 )
049 03 3      109 04 4      169 05 05     229 42 STO
050 02 2      110 05 5      170 01 1      230 03 03
051 03 3      111 02 2      171 19 D'     231 06 6
052 01 1      112 00 0      172 50 IxI     232 00 0
053 03 3      113 03 3      173 42 STO     233 49 PRD
054 06 6      114 00 0      174 04 04     234 04 04
055 00 0      115 02 2      175 02 2      235 61 GTO
056 00 0      116 04 4      176 19 D'     236 01 01
057 69 OP      117 03 3      177 07 7      237 82 82
058 02 02      118 01 1      178 19 D'
059 03 3      119 10 E'     179 50 IxI

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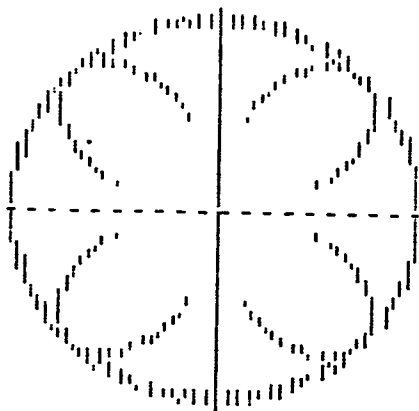
Listing of the print/plot program:

```

000 92 RTN      056 99 PRT      112 32 X:T      168 00 0      224 43 RCL
001 76 LBL      057 43 RCL      113 75 -      169 48 EXC      225 06 06
002 11 A        058 15 15      114 43 RCL      170 19 19      226 42 STO
003 61 GTO      059 42 STO      115 08 08      171 84 OP*      227 18 18
004 00 00       060 02 02      116 54 )      172 09 09      228 53 (
005 41 41       061 98 ADV      117 50 IxI      173 69 OP      229 53 (
006 76 LBL      062 97 DSZ      118 77 GE      174 29 29      230 43 RCL
007 12 B        063 17 17      119 40 IND      175 97 DSZ      231 15 15
008 61 GTO      064 00 00      120 20 20      176 13 13      232 55 /
009 00 00       065 41 41      121 83 GO*      177 02 02      233 32 X:T
010 18 18       066 29 CP      122 10 10      178 08 08      234 43 RCL
011 76 LBL      067 00 0      123 02 2      179 43 RCL      235 14 14
012 13 C        068 92 RTN      124 07 7      180 03 03      236 54 )
013 25 CLR      069 01 1      125 44 SUM      181 44 SUM      237 22 INV
014 69 OP       070 08 8      126 19 19      182 14 14      238 30 TAN
015 05 05       071 00 0      127 09 9      183 92 RTN      239 85 +
016 74 SM*      072 44 SUM      128 44 SUM      184 02 2      240 43 RCL
017 90 90       073 07 07      129 10 10      185 93 -      241 14 14
018 33 X^2      074 22 INV      130 02 2      186 02 2      242 69 OP
019 64 PD*      075 87 IFF      131 42 STO      187 35 1/X      243 10 10
020 11 11       076 04 04      132 11 11      188 82 HIR      244 22 INV
021 84 OP*      077 00 00      133 43 RCL      189 05 05      245 39 COS
022 20 20       078 82 82      134 03 03      190 82 HIR      246 85 +
023 29 CP       079 22 INV      135 44 SUM      191 06 06      247 69 OP
024 01 1        080 86 STF      136 15 15      192 82 HIR      248 10 10
025 34 VX       081 04 04      137 61 GTO      193 07 07      249 65 x
026 33 X^2      082 97 DSZ      138 00 00      194 82 HIR      250 53 (
027 35 1/X      083 18 18      139 93 93      195 08 08      251 46 INS
028 22 INV      084 02 02      140 61 GTO      196 61 GTO      252 75 -
029 58 FIX      085 80 80      141 01 01      197 01 01      253 01 1
030 86 STF      086 03 3      142 25 25      198 79 79      254 54 )
031 71 71       087 44 SUM      143 04 4      199 67 X=T      255 65 x
032 35 1/X      088 10 10      144 07 7      200 01 01      256 01 1
033 40 IND      089 43 RCL      145 93 -      201 84 84      257 08 8
034 04 4        090 03 03      146 02 2      202 01 1      258 00 0
035 04 4        091 44 SUM      147 05 5      203 42 STO      259 54 )
036 53 (        092 15 15      148 93 -      204 09 09      260 42 STO
037 59 INT      093 97 DSZ      149 01 1      205 04 4      261 07 07
038 56 DEL      094 11 11      150 04 4      206 42 STO      262 53 (
039 43 RCL      095 02 02      151 59 INT      207 13 13      263 43 RCL
040 01 01       096 24 24      152 44 SUM      208 05 5      264 14 14
041 42 STO      097 61 GTO      153 19 19      209 42 STO      265 33 X^2
042 14 14       098 01 01      154 43 RCL      210 12 12      266 85 +
043 43 RCL      099 64 64      155 03 03      211 03 3      267 43 RCL
044 04 04       100 42 STO      156 49 PRD      212 42 STO      268 15 15
045 42 STO      101 20 20      157 11 11      213 11 11      269 33 X^2
046 16 16       102 22 INV      158 56 DEL      214 01 1      270 54 )
047 12 B        103 87 IFF      159 56 DEL      215 00 0      271 34 VX
048 13 C        104 04 04      160 43 RCL      216 00 0      272 42 STO
049 97 DSZ      105 40 IND      161 11 11      217 49 PRD      273 08 08
050 16 16       106 20 20      162 44 SUM      218 19 19      274 00 0
051 00 00       107 42 STO      163 15 15      219 01 1      275 67 X=T
052 49 49       108 20 20      164 97 DSZ      220 04 4      276 40 IND
053 98 ADV      109 43 RCL      165 12 12      221 02 2      277 10 10
054 43 RCL      110 05 05      166 02 02      222 42 STO      278 86 STF
055 17 17       111 53 (      167 11 11      223 10 10      279 04 04

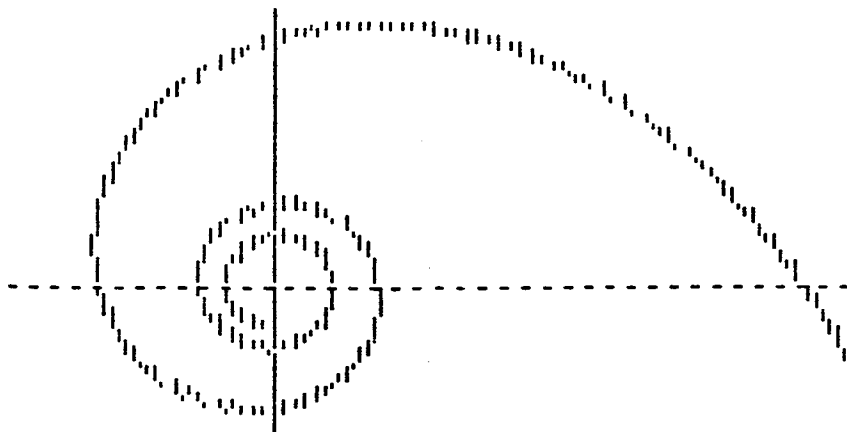
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Editor's Note: Sample plots appear on the front page and on page 22. The plots are numbered to correspond to the example problems defined on page 19. Unfortunately, I have so far been unable to duplicate all of the plots with my own TI-59/PC-100. I do obtain exactly the same plot for Example 1. For Example 3 I obtain two spirals, one inside the other, as illustrated on page 22. I will continue investigating the differences and report the results in the next issue. In the meantime, happy plotting!

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1.

Example 1



2.

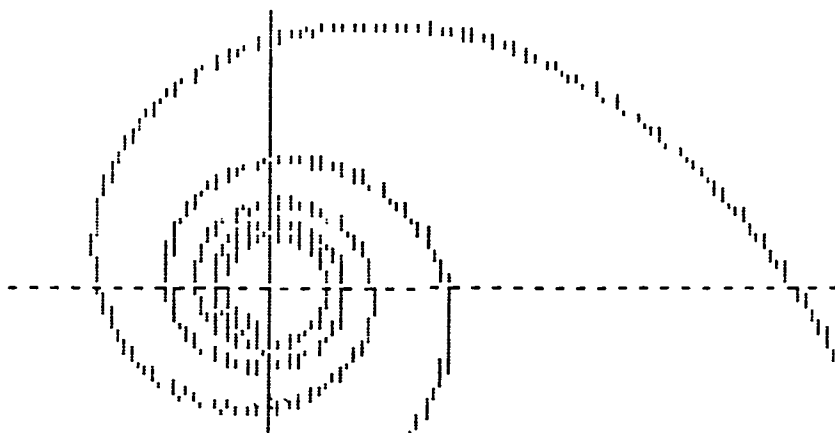
1.

Example 3

The upper example 3 curve was provided by Robert Prins with the material he submitted with his program.

The lower example 3 curve is the one the editor obtained using the data entry and function on page 19. Note the dual spirals.

The editor obtained the same plot for example 1, and has not yet tried examples 2 and 4.



2.

1.

MORE TI-66 CAPABILITY - Dave Leising has been active in the search for additional capability for the TI-66. He found that if a program is being executed which includes a PAUSE instruction, then holding down any of the keys LRN, BST, SST, OP, X=T, GTO, SBR, LBL, (,), CE, or CLR will cause the pause to be ignored so that the program runs at full speed. You may test that by inserting a pause at step 007 of Robert Prins' factorial program on page 25, that is, just before the Dsz. Then, enter a 6, press A and the values 6, 30, 120, 360 and 720 will be flashed in sequence and the execution time will be stretched to about twelve seconds. Again, enter a 6 and press A, but then press and hold the LBL key. There will be no pauses, and the execution time will be returned to four seconds.

Dave has also determined that, for all the merged instruction codes, the "long form" also works. Thus

INV SBR is equivalent to RTN
GTO IND is equivalent to GO* , etc.

SPECIALITY PAKETTE AVAILABILITY - The specialty pakettes provided documentation for groups of 5 to 11 TI-59 programs in a given subject area. The programs were selected from those in PPX Exchange, but were retyped and reprinted for improved legibility and bound in a notebook format. The price for a pakette was ten dollars, a bargain relative to the single copy price for PPX programs of five dollars each. Eighteen pakettes were issued.

Page 2 of this issue noted that former member William Vogel had donated his documentation to the club. Four pakettes were included. I will loan these pakettes to club members. Send three dollars for each pakette to cover postage. I will send the pakette by first class mail and expect you to return it the same way. The pakettes which are available are:

9B0002 Statistical Testing
9B0005 Blackbody

9B0007 Printer Utility
9B0009 Programming Aids

Members are invited to list other pakettes which they would make available on loan in coming issues.

PROGRAM SUPPORT - Page 77 of the June 12, 1986 issue of EDN carried an advertisement for the HP-41 which states that "... The HP-41 has over 2,500 software programs to choose from. More than any other calculator. ..." They can make that statement only because TI chose to discontinue support of PPX. In June 1982 the H Update to the PPX Software Catalog listed 3640 programs, more than a thousand more than the number in the HP advertisement.

FOR BI-LINGUALS - The 1985 issues of the NASA STAR Index listed two sets of programs for the HP-41CV. The documentation for both sets is available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

N85-35192# Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
DEVELOPMENT OF NATOPS PERFORMANCE SOFTWARE FOR THE SH-3D AND SH-3H HELICOPTERS M.S. Thesis
J. T. Curtis Mar. 1985 107 p
(AD-A156140) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 01/2

This thesis generates closed form equations for significant and frequently used Naval Air Training and Operating Procedure Standardization (NATOPS) performance charts for the SH-3D and SH-3H helicopters. These equations are developed into interactive software for the Hewlett-Packard HP-41CV hand-held programmable calculator. With this software installed in the calculator the user is able to calculate numerous NATOPS performance parameters (expeditiously, with reduced risk of error) both prior to and in flight.
Author (GRA)

N85-23106# National Inst. for Aeronautics and Systems Technology, Pretoria (South Africa). Aeroelasticity Div.
FIBRE COMPOSITE LAMINATED PLATE ANALYSIS USING A CARD PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATOR (HP41C/CV)
A. P. N. Sutherland Oct. 1983 155 p refs
(NIAST-83/88; ISBN-0-7988-3020-4) Avail: NTIS
HC A08/MF A01

The HP 41C/CV programs which perform the stiffness and strength calculations for composite laminates are presented. Two sets of programs are given, each to be used interactively: (1) symmetric laminates or sandwich beams comprising one type of ply material only; and (2) general laminates comprising up to three different ply materials. The programs include nonmechanical effects. The strength ratios (reserve factors) calculated are for first ply failure (FPF) and are based on mechanical strain. Behavior beyond FPF is not included. Classical lamination theory (CLT) is used.
E.A.K.

THE TI-74 BASICALC - Maurice Swinnen reports that the title page of a manual for the Mechatronic Quick Disk (see V10N4P4) indicates that the device can be used with both the CC-40 and the TI-74 BASICALC. This seems to confirm the notation that appeared in the Executive Photo Catalog (see V10N4P3), but as yet there is nothing from TI's Consumer Press Relations organization.

DSZ 15 ON THE TI-66 - Robert Prins. V10N4P13 suggested that it is possible to Dsz on registers higher than R09 with the TI-66. To do so it is necessary to implant some hexadecimal code in memory. As with the TI-59 the implanting process involves non-normal keystroke sequences. For a Dsz 15 you must implant a 0F code which can be done with the following sequence:

1. Press 2nd Part 64 to set the partitioning to 0.63, that is, all data registers and no program steps.

2. Press 1 EE 5 0 / EE . 4 +/- 1 +/- \sqrt{x} =

After the square root key is pressed the display will be "1. 4E" . After the equals key is pressed the display will be "1. 0 " where the blank after the zero is equal to hexadecimal F.

3. Press STD 63, STD 62, STD 61, and STD 60. Press INV EE to go out of the EE mode. Recall the contents of the registers to the display and see "100000". If the PC-200 is connected press 60 INV 2nd List you and see "100000." printed for each register.

4. Press 2 Op 17, or any other set any other partitioning which leaves at least sixteen data registers (R00 through R15). The data placed in R60 through R63 will have been converted to instructions. Listing with the PC100 will show ones at steps 000, 008, 016, and 024, and blanks at steps 007, 015, 022, and 031. Zeroes will be printed for all of the other steps in the range from steps 000 through 031. Go to LRN and SST through steps 000 through 031. At locations 007, 015, 023 and 031 where the printout showed blanks, the display shows the mnemonic "**". It turns out that this double asterisk is not uniquely associated with the hexcode 0F. We will cover more on that in future issues.

5. To insert a demonstration program around the 0F codes go out of LRN, press RST, and return to LRN mode. Then:

a. Press LBL A STD 15 RCL 00 . The display will be "005 00".

b. Press SST seven times. The display will be ":012 0".

c. Press 2nd Del eight times. The display will be "004 RCL".

d. Press SST. The display will be "005 **".

e. Press x 2nd DSZ 0 A . The display will be "009 A".

f. Press SST seven times. The display will be "016 0".

g. Press 2nd Del nine times. The display will be "007 DSZ".

h. Press SST one time. The display will be "008 **".

i. Press GTD 0 0 4. The display will be "011 04".

j. Press BST two times. The display will be "009 GTD".

k. Press 2nd Del. The display will be "008 **".

Dsz 15 on the TI-66 - (cont)

1. Press SST two times. The display will be "010 04".
- m. Press 1 = R/S. The display will be "013 R/S".
6. Go out of LRN, press RST, and go back to LRN. SST through steps 000 through 013 and you should see the program

```
LBL A STO 15 RCL ** x DSZ ** 00 04 1 = R/S
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which should be a program for calculating factorials if RCL ** recalls the contents of data register 15 (OF) and DSZ ** dsz's the contents of data register 15. Press 6 and then A. In about four seconds 720 (6!) will appear in the display.

Of course, there will be many more things that the TI-66 user will be able to do with hexadecimal codes. For example, we could have used a STO ** at steps 002/003 to store the initial value for the factorial calculation. Two extra OF codes were implanted in steps 1 through 4 above for the user to experiment with. In future issues we will show how to generate other hexadecimal codes, and give other examples of how to use them in programs.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PUZZLE

In V10N4P12 Maurice Swinnen proposed the puzzle of finding a nine digit number for which the first two digits on the left are divisible by two, the first three numbers are divisible by three, etc., up to the entire number is divisible by nine. The number does not contain zeroes, and no digit is repeated. Maurice proposed a very slow computer solution. Members were asked to write a faster solution.

The correct answer is 381654729. Larry Leeds and Robert Prins obtained the solution without the use of a computer program. Maurice Swinnen submitted a program from a friend written for a Radio Shack computer. I converted it for use on the CC-40 (listing at the right); it obtains the solution in about six minutes. George Thomson submitted a longer program which obtains the solution in only 32 seconds on his Panasonic Senior Partner running in ZBASIC.

All of the solutions relied on the idea that the fifth digit must be a five, and the even digits must be even, and proceed to shuffle and test the digits according to some algorithm. More on the methods in the next issue.

```
100 S(5)=5
2000 FOR A=2 TO 8 STEP 2
2020 FOR B=2 TO 8 STEP 2
2030 IF B=A THEN 2140
2040 FOR C=2 TO 8 STEP 2
2050 IF C=A OR C=B THEN 2120
2060 FOR D=2 TO 8 STEP 2
2070 IF D=A OR D=B OR D=C THEN 2100
2080 S(2)=A+S(4)=B+S(6)=C+S(8)=D
2090 GOTO 3000
2100 NEXT D
2120 NEXT C
2140 NEXT B
2100 NEXT A
3000 FOR W=1 TO 9 STEP 2
3010 IF W=5 THEN 3500
3020 FOR X=1 TO 9 STEP 2
3030 IF X=W OR X=5 THEN 3540
3040 FOR Y=1 TO 9 STEP 2
3050 IF Y=W OR Y=X OR Y=5 THEN 3520
3060 FOR Z=1 TO 9 STEP 2
3070 IF Z=W OR Z=X OR Z=Y OR Z=5 THEN 3500
3075 J=J+1:IF J>576 THEN END
3080 S(1)=W:S(3)=X:S(7)=Y:S(9)=Z
3090 S0="":FOR Q=1 TO 9:S0=S0+STR$(S(Q))
3100 IF Q<3 OR Q=5 THEN 3400
3120 SS=VAL(S0)
3140 IF (SS/Q-INT(SS/Q))>.01 THEN 3500
3400 NEXT Q
3420 PRINT "The number is ":SS
3450 PAUSE
3500 NEXT Z
3520 NEXT Y
3540 NEXT X
3560 NEXT W
3000 GOTO 2100
```

CLOSING OF SERVICE CENTERS - Two members have written to tell me that the TI Customer Service Centers are closing and that in the future calculators in need of service should be sent to Texas Instruments Incorporated, 2305 North University Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79415. The information number 1-800-TI-CARES is still available for current repair information.

WANTED - Real Estate Module or other modules with documentation for the TI-59. Also, will take the best offer over \$75.00 for either my PC-100A or TI-59 with cards, several modules and accessories. Call Bob at (718)-436-8463.

GENERAL LEDGER PACKAGE FOR THE TI-59 - Louis Krumpelman. This program system for the TI-59 requires a PC-100 and the Math/Utilities module. The features include 99 accounts, a separate check register, an entry tape that leaves an audit trail, an interim trial balance which verifies the data base, double entry accounting, etc. Five separate programs are involved. A thorough 61 page spiral bound program system description is available. Louis will provide the system description for \$8.00 in the USA. Outside the USA the price is \$14.00 in US funds. If you want the magnetic cards send an additional \$2.00 AND 6 magnetic cards. Write to Louis Krumpelman, P.O. Box 698, Richmond KY 40475-0698. If you include a #10 SASE with your order he will send a notice of any changes or corrections which occur in the next 9-12 months.

NO TEA PLEASE - V10N4P5 defined this puzzle by Charlie Williamson. He forwarded his 29 step solution. Other members who have submitted solutions include Hewlett Ladd, Larry Leeds, Don Graham and Robert Prins. Don and Robert submitted very similar 27 step solutions:

Don's Solution:

LBL E (RCL 0 - RCL 1) OP 10 + (RCL 0 - RCL 2) OP 10 = / 2 = INT RTN

Robert's Solution:

LBL A ((RCL 1 - RCL 0) OP 10 + (RCL 1 - RCL 2) OP 10 - OP 10) R/S

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