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Welcome back for another year for the TI Programmable Calculator Club, and for its newsletter, TI PPC Notes. For newcomers I should explain that the club is a loosely organized group of people who use programmable calculators produced by Texas Instruments, Inc. The club is not sanctioned by, nor is it supported in any way, by Texas Instruments. members live all over the United States, and around the world from Australia to Yugoslavia. Therefore, club activity centers around the newsletter, which will be published six times a year in 1983, with 24 to 30 pages per issue. Although the club and newsletter begin their fourth year in 1983, their origins go back to mid 1976 through a predecessor newsletter, 52 Notes. Maurice Swinnen, who had been editor of TI PPC Notes since its beginning, retired as editor at the end of 1982. As the new editor it seems appropriate to restate the goals of the newsletter.

The newsletter will continue to deal mainly with hand-held programmable calculators manufactured by Texas Instruments. Emphasis will continue to be on the TI-58, the TI-58C and the TI-59. If reader interest is apparent the newsletter will also publish articles on the good old SR-52 and SR-56, on the TI-57, and on the newer hand-held programmables such as the TI-55II and the TI-57II. We will also expand coverage to the hand-held computers such as the CC-40 as they become available.

The highest priority is given to discussion of any conditions where a calculator does not perform as indicated by the applicable instructions, or as might reasonably be expected. The articles in this issue on the statistics quirks of the TI-55II and the INV Σ + quirk of the TI-58/59 are examples.

Calculator "quirks", that is any unpublished behavioral trick of a programmable, say in response to keyboard or program sequences not defined by the manufacturer, are next on the list. Two of the more useful "quirks"--fast mode and high resolution graphics--have been extensively covered in past issues of TI PPC Notes, and will continue to be covered in the future.

The newsletter publishes lots of programs. How many, and on what subjects, depends upon reader participation. The programs range from games to electronics engineering, finance, statistics, navigation and the like.

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As to programming style I will probably bring a different set of prejudices to the newsletter as compared with Maurice. Past subscribers have surely understood that "hell hath no fury like Maurice Swinnen seeing a unnecessary Nop". That is a prejudice I do not share. I do not even object to other "waste" steps such as closing parentheses immediately preceding an equals sign and the like, particularly if such non-essential steps aid in following the program flow. When we don't have the luxury of comment cards then it is often helpful to make the program easy to follow. I do support the elimination of waste steps which will keep a program from spilling over onto an additional magnetic card side. My attitude is quite similar to that expressed by Charles Coe in the article "What is Optimization" in the January/February 1981 issue of PPX Exchange.

There are areas of programming where I wholeheartedly support effort to reduce program steps. The first is in the contests and programming puzzles which have been run frequently in TI PPC Notes in the past and which will continue to be run in the future. For that area the primary idea is to hone programming skills. Another such area is the optimization of utility routines which can be transferred in total to a users program. The print code converter programs are an example.

My strongest prejudice is against publishing programs which will not run as listed. I hate to do inverse coding to try and find out why a program won't run as advertised, won't properly handle some cases, and the like. I hope to avoid that sort of problem by liberal use of reviewers, and by performing an independent key-in and test of published programs from the final copy which goes to the printer. I will, in the process, try to ensure that published programs can be run satisfactorily in accordance with the instructions.

I will give preference to programs which are "friendly to the user". I have always detested waiting for trains, airplanes, elevators or for other machines. Humans should control machines, not the other way around. I particularly object to waiting on computers, or on programmable calculators for that matter. Perhaps that is why I was so fascinated with fast mode for the TI-58/59. Not surprisingly, this first issue reflects my preferences and includes several fast mode programs which illustrate new methods for fast mode entry which minimize operator actions.

Some waiting on computers is not so directly related to execution speed, but rather is a result of the design of input and output routines. The curve-fitting program on pages 15 through 20 of V7N1 provides a convenient example. As each data pair is entered the pair is printed and then the accumulated sums to be used in the curve fitting process are updated. Thus, after each y entry the user must wait about ten seconds before entering the next data pair. The delay is too short to permit the user to do anything else, and long enough to be tedious. I find that objectionable. A better

approach is to build an input file in a way such that the data may be entered as fast as the user can press the appropriate keys. Then the user should be able to list the input data, if he has a printer. The solve mode should read the input file, process the input data as required, and determine the solution. Two programs which illustrate that technique are included in this issue. Now you may object that these programs limit the number of data pairs that may be processed. But how many times do you perform curve fits to more than thirty points anyway? Even that sort of limitation can be circumvented, say by entering a set of data points, accumulating the appropriate sums, and iterating the process until all the points have been entered. That concept was incorporated in my program Polynomial Curve Fit with Errors (PPX 208059).

There is another advantage to entering files of data for curve fitting programs. The program can calculate residuals for each input point without reentering the data, and use the residuals to calculate the standard error of the fit. As George Thomson observed in V7N6P12 the standard error of the fit is a much more useful measure of "goodness of fit" than the correlation coefficient (Op 13) for most engineering and scientific work. Output of the residuals is also helpful in identifying wild data points. Of course one doesn't go to that sort of programming effort for a program one expects to use only a few times. But for "workhorse" programs that one expects to use over and over again, it pays to spend some time in careful design of the input and output routines.

While I am on the subject of my prejudices, I also dislike the endless entering of keystrokes for a program that I would like to use. Panos Galidas recognized that sort of aversion when he offered to provide magnetic cards for his checkbook program at a nominal cost (V7N7/8P28). In a similar vein an organization called CCN Magna-zine Service provides cassettes for the programs in Color Computer News. On a trial basis, and disregarding the horror stories I have heard about magnetic card reader incompatability, I have decided to offer a similar service for programs published in TI PPC Notes. The details are presented elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, I would like to thank club members for their patience while I go through the learning process of getting out a newsletter. I had fully intended to mail the first issue in early February. A bout with that bugaboo or men over fifty, prostate problems, made the meeting of that goal an impossibility.

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IN MEMORIUM - I am sorry to report the death of Paul E. Blair last August due to heart disease. We all knew Paul through contributions such as a 1% resistor program (V5N3P5) and one of the better solutions to Zimmerman's puzzle (V7N6P15). The club has lost a clever programmer and a good friend.

THE CLUB MODULE - The club module didn't get much attention last year, probably as a result of anticipation of the TI-88. However, several members indicated renewed interest in a club module as part of the interest survey which accompanied the subscription for for 1983. Lars Hedlund of the Swedish newsletter Programbiten has continued to work on the idea. You may remember that Lars presented a list of proposed routines in V6N4/5P2. If you are interested in a club module, please let me know. And make your preferences known as to what routines should be included.

be included.

ERRATUM - Jorge Valencia of Lima, Peru wrote that he had problems with the Aitken listing for Henrik Klein's integration program (V7N10P13). After a cursory look I couldn't make any sense out of it either. Not having Henrik's address I wrote to Maurice Swinnen for an explanation. Maurice had no explanation for the listing and forwarded the comment to Henrik. Henrik's explanation follows: "...I must certainly have been taking a nap setting up that listing. I have simply mixed up the proper column with a special TI-58 version of 'Romberg'. Fortunately the fault is quite easy to correct, as the 'Romberg' program and the 'Aitken' program are identical from step 147 through 239, so all you need to do to correct the error is to transfer steps 195 through 239 from the 'Romberg' to the 'Aitken' program."

ERRATUM - Robert Prins of De Bilt, Netherlands writes with some corrections to his pie chart program which appeared in V7N10P6. He states "I'm sure nobody will ever get in trouble using the program, but there are a few small errors in it". His changes involve the insertion of four steps between the existing locations 366 and 383. Those changes then require that a number of addresses be changed. Since the changes are defined with respect to the published program it is adviseable to make the changes to the absolute addresses in the program first, and then perform the insertions:

Step 279 from 72	to 76	Step	440	from	4 1	to :	5
Step 289 from 72		Step	441	from	7 1	to :	1
Step 346 from 72		Step	446	from	72	to	76
Step 354 from 4		Step	524	from	93	to	97
Step 355 from 7		Step	528	from	44	to	48
Step 389 from 0	to 4			from			
Step 423 from 39		Step	537	from	44	to	48

Now make the following insertions:

Insert a CP between steps 366 and 367 Insert a INT between steps 373 and 374, between steps 378 and 379, and between steps 382 and 383. Remember that those locations are with respect to the original program. As a cross check, each of the inserted INT commands should occur immediately after a RC*03 sequence.

Finally, change steps 451 and 452 of bank 2.1 from 5 and 99 respectively to 6 and 03, that is, change the absolute address from 599 to 603. Happy Pie-charting!

MIN-MAX SORTER - Henrik Klein. This programming puzzle was proposed by Charlie Williamson as "Place a in the display register (or x register if you prefer) and b in the t register. Devise a routine which will place max(a,b) in the display register and min(a,b) in the t register." An obvious routine would be LBL A GE 006 x t RTN, but for this problem the use of t register comparisons was not permitted. Unfortunately, the description of the problem in V7N1/2P9 omitted the words "in the display register and min(a,b)" making the solution somewhat easier. V7N3P12 and V7N4/5P23 carried solutions to the reduced problem. Henrik provides a twenty-one step solution to the original problem:

LBL A (CE + (x t - x t - \x \ x x t 1) DIV 2 + x t) RTN

which seems to work equally as well as Charlie's 40 step routine which appeared in V7N3P12.

POWERS OF MINUS ONE - Robert Prins. Charlie Williamson also proposed this puzzle in V7N1/2P9 as "Given an integer n in the display, then devise a routine which will return (-1) to the nth power to the display. Solutions appeared in V7N3P12/13 and in V7N4/5P24, but most of the solutions would not work over the full range of input integers. One solution which would work for the full range up to 9,999,999,999,999 was

LBL A |x| - (CE DIV 2) INT x 2 = x 2 - 1 = +/- RTN

which requires twenty steps. Robert's solution which requires only seventeen steps and still provides operation over the full range is

LBL A Rad DIV 10 = INV INT x 10 x π = COS RTN Can anyone provide an even shorter routine which will work over the full range?

DIGIT REVERSER PUZZLE - Charlie Williamson observes that several of the digit reverser routines (see V7N10P3/4/5) which use the LOG INT sequence will not handle large numbers properly. Charlie provided test cases such as 10E+12, 10E+12 + 1, and 9,999,999,999,981. (Readers of earlier issues have gathered that I am always interested in routines which will handle all cases - Ed) Myer Boland has provided an all purpose routine which is a modification of an earlier program which appeared in 52 Notes. His program does digit reversal and digit summing, and includes the ability to handle decimal points. The program also provides correct reversal for very large numbers:

CP R/S
LBL B Stflg 1
LBL A STO 00
LBL D RCL 00 x 10) STO 00 INV INT INV x*t D RCL 00
LBL m IND DIV 10 INV Ifflg 1 lnx
LBL log) - INV INT SUM 01) INV x=t m (EXC 01 x 10) RST
LBL lnx PRD 01 GTO log

Enter any number. Press A to reverse the digits. Press B to sum the digits.

000 001 002 003 004 005 006 007	76 11 43 00 32 04 04 71 42 43	LBL RCL OO X;T 4 SBT SCL
002	43	RCL
008		
009	43	RCL
010	01	01
011	32	XIT
Õ12	04	4
013	05	5
014	71	SBR
015	42	STO
016	98	ADV
017	91	R/S
018	00	0
019	00	O
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Listing # 1

475 06 06 476 69 0P 477 08 08 478 91 R/S
478 91 R75 479 92 RTN

Listing # 2

469 470 471 472 473 475 477 478 479	76 42 69 04 36 69 08 91 92	LBL STD 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Listing # 3

HAND-HELD STOP.- Maurice Swinnen. Recently I noticed (for the first time, strangely, after all these years) that Bill Skillman uses a "funny" sequence at the end of a lot of his programs. (see listing # 2.) At first glance, the OP O8 nor the R/S make any sense, if you surmize this thing to be a subroutine.

So, the obvious solution is to call Bill himself and ask questions, which I did. As expected, Bill was genuinely surprised that the great guru himself did not know what this sequence could do. He even told me it came straight out of the 52-Notes, "years ago." I reminded Bill that my advancing age (lately a lot) and the resultant possible early onset of senility could account for this oversight. So, Bill told me it was a "handheld stop," that is, with the printer attached it will print all, hand-held it will stop to let you copy results by hand.

To test this thing out, let's put both listings # 1 and 2 in user-memory. Press LRN and key in LBL A routine. Then LRN again and GTO 468 (NOT 469 as you might think. You will have trouble getting the RTN in at the very last step) and key in the LBL STO routine. Follow it with a LRN, to get out of LRN mode, of course and press GTO 100 LRN INS LRN. That will shift all the steps of LBL STO one step up and the RTN is where we want it. You could also change the partitioning to 5 OP 17, key in LBL STO and then go back to 6 OP 17 partitioning, but that is more button pushing than the former method.

Now store a couple of different numbers in both ROO and RO1 and press A. If your calculator is mounted on the print cradle, both numbers will be printed in sequence, followed by a space.

Record the program on a mag card , banks 1 and 2 and then take the calculator off the printer. Now read in the program, both banks, store a couple of numbers in ROO and RO1 and press A. The calculator will now stop with the contents of ROO in the display. Press R/S and the contents of RO1 will appear. Hence the name "hand-held stop." Neat huh? But beware:

With either the calculator hand-held or mounted on the print cradle, press from the keyboard GTO 100 LRN DEL LRN. This will shift the LBL STO routine steps one step down, as shown in listing # 3. Now try again by pressing A, followed by R/S. It doesn't work anymore!

Moral of the story? THE RTN HAS TO BE ON THE LAST STEP OF THE PARTITIONING for this trick to work.

<u>Editor's Note:</u> The appropriate references from 52 <u>Notes</u> are V2N10P3 by A. B. Winston and V3N6P5 by Jared Weinberger.

The INV-Σ+ QUIRK - The article "Hard-wired Functions" by Don O'Grady in the March/April 1981 issue of PPX Exchange cautions users of the TI-58 and TI-59 against difficulty when using INV-Σ+ with the data entered using scientific notation. The problem results from a +/- command which is the first instruction encountered in the firmware when the INV-Σ+ function is called. The instruction was intended to change the sign of the entered value, or the sign of the mantissa when in scientific notation. However, if the INV-Σ+ function is called immediately after completion of an entry in scientific notation then the +/- changes the sign of the exponent not the sign of the mantissa. To observe the problem, initialize the calculator for statistics entry with the sequence 2nd-Pgm-Ol-SBR-CLR. Enter 1 EE 3 (1000) and press 2nd-Σ+. Enter 1 EE 3 again, but this time press INV-2nd-Σ+. Recall the sum of the two entries, which should be zero, with a RCL-Ol. Instead you will see 1.000001 03 in the display, which is the sum of 1000 and 0.001.

The problem occurs only with the "live entry" state which results from entry of a number in scientific mode. It does not occur with the "live entry" state established by entering the sequence EE-INV-EE with a dead entry state in the display. Even in scientific mode, the EE-INV-EE sequence produces a "live entry" state for the sign of the mantissa, not for the sign of the exponent. An easy way to return sign control to the mantissa, not the exponent, after entry of a number in scientific notation is to follow the entry with a decimal point.

This quirk does not occur with the TI-57, the TI-55-II, or even with the TI-35.

AN ALARM FOR THE TI-58/59 - If you use your calculator for lengthy, unattended calculations then you have probably wished for an audible alarm to indicate that calculations were complete. With the PC-100 printer attached the sound of a printout could be used as a cue, but from just a few feet away you would probably miss the cue. Member Lester Tibbetts has devised a better solution. His alarm is a $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3" x 3/4" black box which contains a photocell, battery, alarm and associated circuitry. You can place the device with the photocell down and over the right side of the display. Even a single character such as the initial zero will cause the alarm to sound. When a program is running the sound will stop. When program execution stops the alarm sounds again. you end your program with a deliberate keying error to cause a flashing display, for example the sequence times, equals, R/S the alarm becomes a beeper, pulsating as the result is flashed. Better still, place the device with the photocell to the left where it cannot see the initial zero. Store or print your final result and end the program with the sequence CLR-1/X-R/S to flash an overflow. The alarm's loud, insistent beep will then occur only at program completion. The use of coded pauses, say during subroutines, will let you keep tabs on program execution while you are busy with other The net result is much like having a faster calculator since time freedom is provided for the operator. You can obtain the device, or further information, from Lester Tibbets, RD-1, Box 294A, Emporium, PA 15834. The price is \$19.95 plus \$1.00 shipping for both domestic and foreign mailing, or \$2.00 shipping if overseas airmail is desired. Lester provides a money back satisfaction guarantee. Nine volt battery not included.

A COMPLETE INDEX FOR TI PPC NOTES - Robert Fruit - Again this year I am offering an index for TI PPC Notes. I found last year to be a never ending experience with Murphy's Law. First there was the copying problem with last year's index. Then, few people took me up on the index offer. The final blow this year was getting kicked off the computer I had been using. I did find a micro computer I could use and there were many problems in converting the data, and in writing a new program. After all that, there is good news. I redesigned the index, and it's going to cost less than last year.

Let me tell you about the index. It is an index by subject (including author). There are a number of subject categories and under each is an alphabetical list of the applicable titles. This approach leads to each title appearing several times in the subject index, once for each subject that corresponds to it. For most subject categories it is an easy matter to find the articles that relate to your interest. For instance if you remembered that someone had a maze building program, how long would it take you to find the article without this index? This index shows 33 titles under the category GAMES and from there it can be narrowed down to two titles. How long do you think it would take you now? I mention the example to emphasize to you that if you use your TI-58/59 calculator as much as I do, there is a continuing need to check back issues of the TI PPC Notes to keep yourself from reinventing the wheel. The subject categories are:

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Diagnostics	Patent Information	Utility Programs
Fast Mode	Pictures	• 0

After making the point above about how short most of the categories are, I must confess that there are a few big lists; ARTICLES, AUTHORS and PROGRAMS (a list of every title that has a program associated with it). These subject categories are really catch all ones that list every related title. Authors is the largest with 501 titles. The strongest feature of this index is that it cross-references every article. There are not many articles with errors in them, but when there are, the cross-reference makes it easy to ascertain why you are having problems. Remember the Check Sum program? Even better, check the cross-references beforehand and avoid problems. If there is anything that sets my index apart from the one that comes with the TI PPC Notes, it is the cross-references.

Anyone who wants an index should write to Robert Fruit, 100 Fuller Road, Hinsdale, IL 60521. The 14 page index comes on $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 inch paper copied on both sides. It will be sent first class mail. The cost is \$5.00 (U.S. currency). Make checks or money orders payable to Robert Fruit. See a full size copy of a page on the facing page.

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MORE ON INDEXES - If you wonder why I use more than two pages on the subject of indexes, it is because I think that we need a really good one. Bob's index is the best I have seen. He failed to mention what I think is the most important characteristic, namely that it is a multi-year index. What we really need is a multi-year, multi-periodical index, say one which would include the articles from PPX Exchange, from 52 Notes, and from TI PPC Notes. Perhaps if we support Bob on his index this year we can induce him to expand the coverage next year.

While we are on the subject of indexes, Maurice Swinnen compiled an index of 52 Notes in the same fashion as the indexes for TI PPC Notes; that is, there is an index by article and by author for each of the years from 1976 through 1979. Maurice has given me permission to offer it to club members for a nominal fee. I can provide this six page index for \$2.00 to cover the costs of printing and mailing. You may send cash, stamps, or what have you? I, and my banker as well, would prefer not to be deluged with two dollar checks. But if you must use a check, then so be it, and make it payable to PPC Publications.

PROGRAMMING WORKBOOKS - Maurice Swinnen has available about 500 TI-59 workbooks. These books were used in TI-59 seminars to allow students to do exercises in class. They can also be used for self-study, as they contain nice exercises and references to specific pages in the manual Personal Programming. This book is normally listed for \$4.95. Maurice can make the books available ABSOLUTELY FREE for the asking. You only pay the postage of \$1.00 per book. The books will be mailed at BOOK RATE to you, as the 100+page book weighs over 13 ounces. A real bargain for a beginner on the TI-58 or TI-59. Send your dollar and a mailing label to Maurice Swinnen, 9213 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706. Order as many books as you wish.

FAST MODE SFF FOR 11 OR 12 DIGITS - Robert Prins - Patrick Acosta's modulo 210 Speedy Factor Finder (see V6N4/5P13 and V7N4/5P4) could use fast mode for integers up to ten digits, but required normal mode for integers of 11 or 12 digits. That limitation is a result of the characteristics of the Pgm 02 SBR 239 09 method of fast mode entry, namely that in general algebra from the keyboard is not permitted while in fast mode. Robert Prins of the Netherlands has found a way to use the first five steps of Patrick's program (not previously used) to provide a fast mode capability for Patrick's program for 11 or 12 digits. The only change to Patrick's program, starting at location 000 is:

PAU R/S GTO 00 27 Pgm 02 SBR 02 39

With this modification you initialize fast mode with SBR 005 rather than RST R/S, re-enter all four cards in the same manner previously defined, and test integers up to ten digits using the same procedures. For 11 or 12 digit input integers you use a revised procedure. For example, for a 12 digit number enter n.nnnnnnn EE 11 INV EE SBR 0 (only one zero please) + nnnn = . When you press = the program starts, and subsequent operation is as with Patrick's original program. The only deficiency with this method is that the printout of the input integer will not show all 11 or 12 digits. However, there is a modulo 210 SFF program using the h12 method for fast mode entry which will indicate all the digits of the input integer.

LET ME COUNT THE WAYS - Myer Boland proposed this puzzle in V7N7/8P27 as "Press A and the calculator flashes 1,2,3,4,5... ad infinitum. No numerical keys are to be used with the exception of the PI key. That one may be used." Solutions appeared in V7N10P2. Myer comments that some of the solutions as published did not obey the rules; for example, the editors solution

OP 10 + PAU LBL A PI RST

involves the use of the numerical keys to enter the OP 10. Myer notes that the rule against the use of the numerical keys may be circumvented by using the key-in sequence

OP E' + PAU LBL A PI RST

Similarly, one of Bjorn Gustavsson's solutions was

OP 20 RCL 00 PAU RST LBL A Cms RST

where the numerical keys would normally be used to enter the OP 20 and the RCL 00. The rule against using the numerical keys may be circumvented with the key-in sequence

OP 2nd CLR RCL SST PAU RST LBL A Cms RST

In an extension of that spirit Kevin Pray proposed a solution where the key-in sequence starting from the turn-on condition would be

LRN SST COS + PAU LBL A RST LRN

which enters a program

O COS + PAU LBL A RST

The solution obviously depends on the zero at location 000, but no numerical key was used to enter the program. The use of unusual keyin sequences was illustrated in problem 71 of the "TI-59 Test" in the May/June issue of PPX Exchange. The problem asked "How could the program instructions DSZ 10 SIN be keyed in?" The correct solution was DSZ E' SIN. The general rule is that when the first part of a multi-part command sequence is followed by any keystroke other than one of the numerical keys 0 through 9, then the merging process is terminated, and the subsequent keystrokes are entered into the program as if the merged code sequence had not been initiated. John Szablya described such techniques for editing of transfer addresses in the November 1979 issue of PPX Exchange, but he cautioned that the procedure may be confusing (and dangerous) for beginning programmers. The technique is certainly helpful in circumventing the rules for solving puzzles.

A CHANCE TO PUBLISH - Member Clifford Lieberman is an Associate Editor of COMPUTERS IN BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE. The Journal is interested in areas such as (1) Analysis of Biomedical Systems; Solutions of Equations; (2) Synthesis of Biomedical Systems; Simulations; (3) Special Medical Data Processing Methods; (4) Special Purpose Computers and Clinical Data Processing for Real Time, Clinical and Experimental Use; and (5) Medical Diagnosis and Medical Record Processing. As with most journals there are formal rules for submission of manuscripts. If you believe you have a program which may be of interest to the journal write to: Clifford Lieberman, D.D.S., 1020 N. Quincy St., STE 1006, Arlington, Virginia 22201. To obtain the Aims and Scope of the journal, write to COMPUTERS IN BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE, Georgetown University Medical Center, 3900 Reservoir RD. NW, Washington, DC 20007

A CALL FOR PROGRAMS USING OTHER MODULES - One of my reasons for accepting the position as editor of TI PPC Notes was the opportunity to expand the coverage into areas not well covered previously. One area that has always intrigued me is the use of the other memory modules. To see if there was any potential there I asked Maurice to include the interest survey as part of the subscription form. The results of the first 250 subscriptions were:

Module <u>Number</u>	Module <u>Name</u>	Number <u>Interested</u>
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Applied Statistics Real Estate and Investment Surveying Navigation Aviation Leisure Library Securities Analysis Business Decisions Math/Utilities Electrical Engineering Agriculture RPN Simulator	87 42 23 30 18 749 55 149 10 62
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With that amount of interest it remains a mystery to me why there has been so little mention of the other modules in 52 Notes, PPX Exchange or TI PPC Notes. For example, reference to Bob Fruit's index shows only seven citations for the twelve modules. The only articles were on the M/U and RPN modules. In the case of TI PPC Notes that lack of coverage isn't because Maurice somehow elected not to publish such material. I have made a once through review of his unpublished submissions, and came up empty-handed.

There are some really useful programs in those other modules. I am confident that the readers have some valuable interfacing programs to share, if only they will. In this issue I have included some programs illustrating the kind of material that I think should be available.

INV LIST PRT ALL - FAST MODE (V5N9/10P15) - Jorge Valencia of Lima, Peru writes: Funny that two years after that issue no indication of an error has been made. He gets the program to work only by performing step 7 before step 6. Review of the program shows that the problem is the CLR at location 025. Replace the CLR with a Pause (code 66) and operation in accordance with the instructions can be obtained.

BRAIN TEASER - This one is from TISOFT, Volume 4, Number 2. Start with a zero in the display and try to obtain 0.1 in the display. You cannot use the number keys, but any other key is fair game. One solution is INV lnx DIV INV log = which is six steps counting the INV's. Can you do the problem in fewer steps? Can you do the problem without disturbing any pending operations? This problem is relatively easy. There are more difficult challenges in subsequent pages.

NEWCOMER'S CORNER. Maurice E.T. Swinnen. People often ask me, especially at the TI seminars: "How do you start writing a program?" My answer usually is: "You first have to formulate in your mind what exactly your program has to do. The rest comes easy."

Let us go through this "thinking process" and actually build a program, to see what's involved. Suppose we want to write a program to keep our checkbook straight. We have to provide a means to: 1. Accumulate all deposits. Each deposit increases the total amount of money we have in the bank.

- 2. Subtract the amount of each check we write. Each check diminishes the total amount we have in the bank.
- 3. Show the total amount we have in the bank.
- 4. Record the program and the total amount on a magnetic card, such that we can use it again, next time we either make deposits or withdrawels.

Additionally, we agree to abide by the following conditions and rules:

- 1. The program will be short, as very few things have to be done. So, we have room to add bells and whistles.
- 2. We are not going to write an economy version, for calculator only. Instead we are going to print all deposits, withdrawals and totals, with the necessary descriptors, as it should be.
- 3. The recording of the program and the total, at the end of each session, will be as automatic as humanly possible. One single key punch allowed.
- 4. Totals should be shown either a) on demand, by one single key punch or b) automatic, following a deposit or a withdrawal.
- 5. Recording at the end of each session should be on one side of a mag card only. Requiring to record two card sides, and later reading in two sides, for such a short and simple program is a "crime" and should be punished by the full force of the law.

For the time being, that is all I can think of. Maybe in the course of the actual writing of the program some "niceties" might present themselves.

If we want to record everything, program AND register which contains the total on one side of a mag card, then both have to lie within the same bank. If we use the first 160 steps for the

program, and we partition to 10 OP 17 (automatically, please, at initialization) we have at our disposal registers 90 through 99 to keep the "total" in. (see manual VII-1) This entails that when we place the calculator in such a mode that we only have to slide the card in the slot to automatically record the program and that one register (say 90), it better be in 6 OP 17 partitioning, also to be programmed, as opposed to keyed in from the keyboard. That will make our life easy when we later want to read in the program. We will only have to turn on the calculator and slide the card into the slot, no key punch required.

All the above is what I mean by "formulate in our minds" what the program has to and will do. Even if it takes a little more time to sit down and think about it, it will save you considerable time later writing the program. It will avoid time-comsuming mistakes, sometimes requiring complete rewriting of large portions of code.

So, the first thing we should write is a routine to partition automatically to 10 OP 17, such that we have register 90 available as the SUM-register. That routine will become our initialization, to be executed each time after we read in the program. It is simple enough: LBL A 10 OP 17 CLR R/S

We could now use LBL B to define the withdrawal routine. But I have found that it is so much handier to do that through key R/S. We usually have many more withdrawals than we have deposits. As we have already initialized by pressing key A, which ends in an R/S, we could simply tack on at this spot the withdrawal routine, which will, of necessity, have to end in a GTO A. That way we will always place the program pointer at the same R/S step at the end of the A-routine. Of course, a requirement will also be that the deposit routine, still to be written, will also have to end in a GTO A. And so will the "total" routine, and any other routine we might devise, and which might be used alternately with the withdrawel routine. So we write after the R/S of the A-seqment: STO 00 INV SUM 90 15 23 17 34 OP 04 FIX 2 RCL 00 OP 06 INV FIX GTO A

Try this out. It will subtract from register 90 the amount of each check you enter and follow by an R/S press. It

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will print that amount along with the descriptor CHEQ. Nothing very fancy, I admit, just plain, but practical programming.

We now do the same for the deposit routine: LBL D (why not D? D for Deposit will be easy to remember) STO 01 SUM 90 16 33 01 36 OP 04 RCL 01 FIX 2 OP 06 INV FIX GTO A. Here each amount entered and followed by a D press will be added to the amount already in register 90. The entered amount will be printed with the descriptor DPOS. Again, simple and straightforward.

At once we see a candidate for a subroutine: OP 04 FIX 2 OP 06 INV FIX. We only need to put X:T where the "...." are and insert in both the deposit and the withdrawal routine another X:T following STO 00 or STO 01. We could, admittedly, also use only register 00 and thus put RCL 00 where the "...." are. No gain in number of steps, though, as both require two extra steps.

We could now write the "total" routine as: LBL E 37 O1 37 OP O4 RCL 90 FIX 2 OP O6 INV FIX GTO A. Again, we are reminded that a subroutine would save us several steps: LBL A' OP O4 X:T FIX 2 OP O6 INV FIX RTN, which we place at the head of the program, of course. The next thing we attack is the automatic recording routine, to be used at the end of each session, when we are finished with all deposits and withdrawels. The first order of business is to partition to 6 OP 17, for reasons explained above. Then we want to print the words RECORD BANK 1. or something to that effect. We know how to do that. The only precaution I would recommend, and which I sometimes see omitted with disastrous results in some programs, is an OP OO at the beginning and at the end of such a single printing. OP OO will clear completely all print registers, OP 01 through OP O4. If you don't use OP OO you might suddenly find some unwanted print-out in other parts of your program and you might spend some time tracking down where it came from.

Now, we add 1 WRT, at which the display will go blank and wait for the user to slide the card in the slot. That should not necessarily be the end of that routine. You might still want to reassure the user that this is the end. To this end you print "END", then put a

few ADV's, so that the paper shoots out of the printer, making it easy to tear it off and throw it in the waste basket!

So far, all this should work. But we promised bells and whistles. When you are writing those monthly checks for the mortgage, the electricty, the gas, the telephone, the car payment and depositing the pay check, you want to write down the amounts in your checkbook, along with entering them in your calculator to let IT do all the figuring. Now, there are two schools of thought: one just enters deposit and amounts of each check and at the very end presses E to get the final total. The other one wants to know all the subtotals. That means the total has to be printed (automatically please. No extra key punch allowed) after each change, be it deposit or withdrawal. Wouldn't it be nice if we could satisfy both sides? Suppose we provided one key to be pressed to set a flaq (and reset it, if we press a second time) to later check in the program if a print-out of the total is required or not. Of course, that routine should also end in GTO A, as we don't know when the user is going to press the corresponding user-defined key. And any routine that can be used alternately with the withdrawal routine has to end up at the R/S at the end of the A-routine, so that the calculator is ready to enter a withdrawal by pressing R/S. So we write: LBL C INV IFF 1 E' INV LBL E' STF 1 GTO A. Try it out: the first time you press C, and suppose flag 1 is not set, the program will transfer to LBL E' and so set the flag. The second time you press C the test "INV IFF 1" will not be true and so the program will fall through to INV LBL E' STF 1. This means that the flag will be reset, as the two keystrokes "LBL E'" will simply be ignored and only INV STF 1 will be executed. The third time you press C it will be a repetition of the first case, and so on.

It will be now rather simple to use a test "IFF 1" at the end of both deposit and withdrawal routines to see if the user wants "total" print-out or not. We now simply give the "total" routine another LBL (D' here) and end it in a RTN, so that it can become a subroutine.

And LBL E, the former "total" routine? Well, it simply becomes LBL E D' GTO A. This allows you to selectively

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call the "total" routine from the keyboard, by pressing E, or to tack it automatically to the end of both the deposit and the withdrawal routines, by pressing key C, which sets flag 1.

The example given is self-explanatory, I think. The top print-out is without flag 1 set. The bottom one was obtained after key C was pressed, and thus flag 1 set. Both were started by pressing A to initialize after which all registers were cleared by pressing CMs. Then two deposits, one of \$ 5200, another one of \$ 1200 were made. (If it

is not my money I am always very generous) Then five checks for various amounts were written. You can see that both methods yield the same result.

I don't claim anything world shaking with this program, just a nice exercise in simple, bread-and-butter programming. And the result is a program that is handy to use and reduces the number of mistakes in keeping your checkbook up to date. I use it and I find it much handier than to have to fire up the computer, as some of my friends claim they do. You just don't use a sledge hammer to kill a flee, do you now?

USER INSTRUCTIONS: a) First time only:

- 1. Key in the program in 6 OP 17 partitioning.
- 2. Press A to initialize. Display will show a zero.
- 3. Press CMs to clear any registers. Then press E. A total "O.OO TOT" should be printed.
- 4. Now record the program on a mag card as follows: Press B. See "RECORD BANK 1" printed. Slide the mag card into the slot. The card will be pulled through automatically. See "END" printed.

Your card now contains the program and a balance of zero in register 90.

b) Normal user instructions:

- 1. Turn on calculator and printer and slide the mag card into the slot. A steady "1" should appear in the display. If the display blinks, press CLR and try again. If it still refuses your program, rub the card, black side down, on the side of your pants or skirt, as the case may be, to clean off the oils left by your fingers. Now press CLR and try again. If it still refuses call Lubbock or throw that caclculator in the trash.
- 2. Press A to initialize. A steady O should be in the display.
- 3. Enter either a deposit and press D or a withdrawal and press R/S. They may be intermixed at will. Repeat as many times as needed.
- 4. If you want a total (balance) printed automatically after each entry in 3, above, press C once. To undo at any time, press C again, etc.
- 5. If at any time you want a total, manually, press E.
- 6. When you are finished, record the program and the balance (total) by pressing B. See "RECORD BANK 1" printed. Slide the card in the slot. See "END" printed. Your card now contains the program and the total (balance), for future use. For a new session go back to 1 of the normal user instructions.

DISPLAYING THIRTEEN DIGITS - George Wm. Thomson, Detroit, Michigan.

R. W. Snyder included in his program for reversing digits (V7N10P4) a method for displaying integers with over ten digits. For thirteen digits: TRACE DIV 1000 = INV INT TRACE. Unfortunately this sequence may give errors in the tenth significant digit due to the effect of rounding to the display. For example, 4953148324 624 gives as the output 4953148325 624 with a digit error in the tenth place. The correct answer is obtained with the alternative sequence: TRACE DIV 1000 - INT = TRACE. The format is the same with the first ten digits shown as an integer and the others as thousandths. Once again we are reminded of the extreme care needed in stretching calculations to the limit of the TI-59 through use of the guard digits.

BOOK REVIEW.

PROBLEM SOLVING WITH THE PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATOR, David L. Dunlop & Thomas F. Sigmund. Prentice—Hall, Englewood Cliffs NJ 07632, 1982, 227 pages, paper back, \$ 10.95.

As if two new books by Peter Zehna on the use of the TI-59 in Statistics and Probability weren't enough, Prentice—Hall has outdone itself and given us a third book, this one on general problem solving with the TI-59. This is the kind of book that makes me excited. Both authors teach at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. I really would love to meet them. They are able to make the use of a programmable calculator fun not only in the games they explain to the most minute detail, but also in their more serious applications in math, business and science in general.

Under the general heading of CHALLENGES, they have:

- 1. Number curiosities.
- Figurate numbers.
- 3. Prime and composite numbers.

- 4. Diophantine equations.
- 5. Probability.
- 6. Maximum and minimum.
- 7. Geometry.

And under the general heading of SIMULATIONS, they have:

- 1. Probability.
- 2. Biological science.
- Physical science.
- 4. Chemistry.
- 5. Automobile.
- 6. General.

And lastly there are games such as FOOTBALL, RACE CAR DRIVER, MISTERY NUMBER and CALCULASER, exciting all of them and well thought out. They are real fun to play and will hold your attention from the beginning to the end.

If you think the SOURCEBOOK from TI is good, this book is excellent.

If I ever meet these two gentlemen personally, though, I will let them in on the secret that two closing parenthesis are not needed BEFORE an equal sign. They must not have read the TI PPC NOTES lately and don't known yet about my pet peeve. (Maurice E.T. Swinnen.)

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h24 REVISITED - In V6N9/10P15 Patrick Acosta wrote: "h24 is the strangest hex-code of all. Create it at step 000 by pressing INS once and return to user memory and write 7 program steps in 001 to 007 so that you have: 000: h24 AB CD EF GH IJ KL MN If you then press RST R/S the h24 will change the order in which the keycodes are interpreted to: 000: DA FC HE JG LI NK 0L 00. This gives the equivalent of 15 program steps packed into 8 steps. SBR 001 will give a 7 step program, and SBR 000 will give an entirely different 8 step program. All the programmer has to do is to write his program so that either way the 8 keycodes are interpreted will be useful. An IQ of 160 and nerves of steel are recommended."

The editor doesn't pretend to have an IQ of 160 or nerves of steel. Neverless, I made several determined tries to write some code which would do something useful both ways, and run it with the h24 technique, but with no success when using my TI-59. During the recovery period from my recent illness I tried again. But this time I had a TI-58C available. Voila!!! Instant success, almost. After some experimenting I concluded that there was a misprint in V6N9/10P15. My tests show that the reverse sequence should be: 000: DA FC HE JG LI NK OM 00 where the difference is in the next to the last term being OM not OL. My sample test sequence is:

h24 99 28 34 34 34 54 98 95 91
Prt log
$$\sqrt{x}$$
 \sqrt{x} \sqrt{x}) Adv = R/S

As expected, if one starts with 100 in the display, the result will be 1.090507733 in the display, which when squared three times gives an answer of 2. Reversing, per my revised rules gives:

$$h24$$
 89 42 43 43 43 85 09 00 95 91 π STO 43 RCL 43 + 9 0 = R/S

Then if one uses SBR 000 instead of SBR 001 one gets 93.14159265 as the result. If one changes the ADV (code 98) at location 007 to a Nop (code 68) which changes M from 9 to 6, then the answer from SBR 000 becomes 63.141459265. The other supporting evidence for the use of 0M not 0L is that it would be more consistent with the pattern used to generate the rest of the reverse code. I have written to Patrick Acosta for confirmation of all of this. With the above sequence one will get π in R43 if the partitioning is set properly, say 5 0p 17. If not, then the final answer is the same, but with a flashing display, and π doesn't go to R43. All as expected. Rather than using SBR 000 one can use RST R/S and get the same effects.

For a sample program that does something other than demonstrate the OM versus OL problem I chose the 1 EXC 2, 2 EXC 1 Routine from V5N3P12 in which the program is required to change a "1" in the display into a "2", and vice versa. The following program, called by SBR 010 will perform the required functions:

000: h24 1 RTN 2 2 2 2 2 2 R/S STO 01 Op 31 GT* 01

You cannot insert a LBL A before the STO 01 since the h24, or any other hexadecimal code at location 000, prevents the search mechanism from recognizing labels. There are other idiosyncrasies to investigate; for example, a RTN generated by the reverse sequence does not seem to be recognized. An h24 acts entirely different in a 591 Who will write a really useful h24 routine for the TI-58C?

<u>CHALLENGE</u> - Ralph W. Snyder, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Editor's Note: Ralph wants club members to work this problem so much that he has posted a \$25.00 reward for the best solution. I took to heart Maurice's comment in V7N1OP3 about provoking Ralph's "holy wrath" by making errors in transcription -- so the challenge below is copied directly from Ralph's submission.)

Here's a chance for 59ers to work their algebraic know-how in melding algebraic manipulations with programming art to optimize program steps and execution time, i.e., to get there fastest with the least.

Newton's tangent h-correction method in root-finding as applied to annuity-type functions may be stated as: (1) h = -f(i)/f'(i). There is also a secant method which doesn't require the formal derivative f'(i) and which is written: (2) h = d/[1-f(i+d)/f(i)], where d is a small increment, say 10-5. The secant method can also be put into the form of the method of false position or "regula falsi" as: (3) h = df(i)/[f(i) - f(i+d)]. The secant/false position method for a correction is quite comparable to the tangent method in results, but it isn't as efficient, i.e., not as fast.

In determining an unknown rate i, a good, mathematically sound, formula for an initial guess is vital for minimizing the number of iterations of the correction formula. Here is one from a series expansion of $i/(1-v^n)$, the reciprocal of the annuity function, (used in my PPX #198054, "Solving All Types

of Annuities by Bond Formula"), and beside it is a secant h-correction based on equation (2):

$$\frac{\frac{C}{P-F} - \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{F}{P-F} - \frac{C}{P-F} + \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2n}}, \text{ where } \mathbf{i}_{o} = \frac{\frac{C}{P-F} - \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{F}{P-F} - \frac{C}{P-F} + \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2}}; (5) \mathbf{h} = \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{v}_{(i+d)}^{\mathbf{n}} - 1 - \frac{F-C}{P-F}(i+d) + \frac{C}{P-F}} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{v}_{(i+d)}^{\mathbf{n}} - 1 - \frac{F-C}{P-F}(i+d) + \frac{C}{P-F}} - \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{v}_{(i+d)}^{\mathbf{n}} - 1 - \frac{F-C}{P-F}(i+d) + \frac{C}{P-F}}$$

The challenge is to produce the h of formula (5) by recasting it, to meet the goal of optimization set out above. Hint: Consider putting formula (5) in the form of equation (3).

Here is a list of symbols used, and data for two problems (both are "ordinary annuity" types, hence do not require the setting of Flag 4, which is for "annuity due" types; accordingly (F-C)/(P-F) = F/(P-F);

	Sto.in	Problem (A)	Problem (B)	!	Sto.in	Problem (A)	Problem (B)
	Reg.no.	Bond	Sink Fd (Ord An)	ł.	Reg.no.	Bond	Sink Fd (Ord An)
C = periodic pmt.	Ō3	450	-450	P-F	08	679.51631725	-13400.1353591
F = future val.	05	10000	13400.1353591	F/(P-F)	06	14.71635007	-1
P = present val.	04	10679.51631725	0	True i		· O4	.04
n = no. periods	01	20	20	lst i	computed	.0399937152	.0393353142
l/n	16	.05	•05	h,	'n	.0000062848	.0006628510
1/2n + 1/2	10	. 525	.525	h ₂	17		.0000018348
n/12	00	1.666666667	1.666666667	i (dec.)	11	.04	.040000001

My first approach was to set up a subroutine which was used to compute both f(i) and f(i+d). Although the number of steps seemed the fewest, the double use of the subroutine resulted in 76 effective steps for h, which compares with 43 steps by my Newton's method h-correction. Note: Do not expect any arrangements of the secant/false position formula to match the Newton, but you should do better than 76 steps.

Here is a listing of the steps for 1st i from my PPX program, plus the iteration control and increment d. The h-correction should of course start with step 047. Also shown is the iteration-test and closing routine, which should be tacked on at the end of your h routine.

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000	43 R	RCL	012		XIT	024	85	+	036	95		t i	99 PRT	
001	03	03 C	013	53	(025	42	STO F-C	037	99	PRT		44 SUM	- 1
002	55	÷	014	43	RCL _	026	09	99 5_6	038		STO		12 12	
003	43 R	(CL	015	06	وڈی م 06	027		RCL,	039	12	12	i	50 I×I	1
004	08	08 P-F	016	22	INV	028	10	10 2n+2	040	05	5		77 GE	
005	75	-	017	87	IFF	029	85	+	041	94	+/-		00 00	
006	42 9	ם דו	018	04	04	030	35	1/X	042	22	INV		47, 47	- 1
007	11	11 P-F	019	00	00	031	65	×	043		LOG		43 RCL	- 1
008	43 R	RCL	020	24	24	032		X:T	044	42	STO		12 12	- 1
009	16	16 1/n	021	75	- '	033	65	×	045	17	17	d	29 CP	- 1
010	95	=	022	43	RCL	034	43	RCL	046	<u> 32</u>	<u> </u>		91 R/S	- 1
011	55	÷	023	11	11	035	00	00 n/12 ·					<u> </u>	

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ANOTHER GAME - Dave Lane. For those of you who have enjoyed my game of "Misadventure" I offer another one of logic. This was written for one of my friends who loves challenges, but did not have a PC-100 printer. The game can also be used to keep teen-agers quiet during long car trips--so that Mom and Dad can turn off the rock music. Here is the nasty little item:

WHAT! NO * RULES?

Yes--the name of the game tells it all--your task is to find the rules of the game! Here's how it works: You start with a total of 1. You must get 100 to win. You input only numbers, and the calculator will follow precise rules to come up with a new total. It may add, subtract, multiply or divide. It may ignore the number. It may dislike the number completely, and put you back to 1. When you hit 100, the calculator will flash the number of turns you took. After this, you can restart the game, and the calculator will initialize itself with another set of operations and input checks.

Some Instructions:

Read in Side 1 of the card.

Press A to initialize -- it takes about 15 seconds.

Key in a number and press R/S. The calculator will use your input to calculate and display a new total.

Repeat keying in numbers and pressing R/S until you reach 100. When you do the calculator will flash the number of turns you took to get to 100.

Press CLR, then A to start a new game -- with different rules!

Some Hints:

<u>Initially</u>, input a series of 2's and observe what happens. Record your input and the calculator's response on paper. Figure out the sequence which is constant during any one game. Use the sequence (of +, -, *, / and null) to get to 100. BEWARE, there are other rules than just the sequence.

The Challenge:

You can set up a specific sequence by seeding the random number generator. Key in a positive number and press B. Try to find the sequences which give you the biggest problems--largest number of turns to solve. Let one of your cohorts try to beat the number of turns. Let me know, c/o TI PPC Notes, which seed you find hardest, and the number of turns it took you to get to 100.

User Benefit:

To realize that you must learn all the rules before you can play the game effectively.

P.S. My wife wouldn't even try this game since it was so nebulous. So for my next game I'll come down to earth (or sea) and present a competitive game without so much logic.

The program is on the next page.

ANOTHER GAME (cont)

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002 43 RCL	1039 26 26	076 75 - 113	76 LBL 150	72 ST*
003 04 04	1040 69 OP	1077 43 RCL 114	11 A 151	00 00
004 42 STO	041 27 27	08 08 115	85 + 152	69 D P
005 05 05	042 43 RCL	079 22 INV 116	08 8 153	20 20
006 09 9	043 04 04	1080 44 SUM 117	95 = 154	97 DSZ
007 42 STO	044 22 INV	,081 09 09 118	44 SUM 155	05 05
:008 06 0 6	045 77 GE	082 16 A' 119	59 59 156	3 9 CO S
-0 09 ∞ 76 LBL	-046 45 Y×	083 76 LBL 120	03 3 157	01 1
010 16 A'	047 00 0	084 65 × 121	69 DP 158	42 STO
(011 22 INV	048 77 GE	085 43 RCL 122	17 17 159	.09 - 09
012 97 DSZ	049 45 YX	086 08 08 123	47 CMS 160	61 GTO
013 05 05	050 73 RC*	087 49 PRD 124	06 6 161	34 7%
014 34 ΓX	051 06 06	088 09 09 125	69 DF 162	76 LBL
015 43 RCL	052 32 XIT	089 16 A' 126	17 17 163	18 C'
016 09 09	053 42 STD	090 76 LBL 127	18 C 164	07 7
017 59 INT	054 08 08	091 55 + 128	07 7 165	22 INV
-018 32 X ∤T	055 00 0	092 43 RCL 129	85 + 166	23 LNX
019 01 1	056 67 EQ	093 08 08 / 130	05 5 167	65 X
F020 00 0	057 85 +	094 22 INV 131	95 = 168	43 RCL
021 00 0	058 01 1	095 49 PRD 132	59 INT 169	59 59
022 67 EQ	059 67 EQ	096 09 09 133	42 STD 170	95 =
023 52 EE	060 75 -	097 16 A' 134	04 04 171	22 INV
024 22 INV	061 02 2	098 76 LBL 135	75 - 172	59 INT
(025 77 GE	062 67 EQ	099 33 X≥ 136	02. 2 173	42 STD
026 33 X2	063 65 X	100 01 1 137	95 = 174	59 59
027 00 0	064 03 3	101 61 GTO 138	42 STD 1175	65 ×
028 77 GE	065 67 EQ	102 42 STD 139	05 05 176	92 RTN
1029 33 X2	066 55 ÷	103 76 LBL 140	01 1 177	76 LBL
1030 32 X1T	067 16 A'	104 45 YX 141	00 0 178	52 EE
.031 76 LBL	068 76 LBL	105 01 1 142	42 310 179	43 RCL
032 42 STD	069 85 +	106 42 STO : 143	00 00 180	07 07
.033 42 STD	070 43 RCL	107 09 09 144	76 LBL 181	61 GTD
034 09 09	071 08 08	108 16 A 145	39 CDS 182	61 GTD
035 91 R/S	072 44 SUM	109 76 LBL 146	18 0 183	11 A
036 59 INT	073 09 09	110 12 B 147	05 5 184	00 0
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KEYBOARD INTERRUPT - Ken Ward and Dave Leising. On the SR-52 the D/R switch provided a means to control branching of a running program from the keyboard. There is no similar switch on the TI-59. There is a way to mechanize a halt on interrupt. All you do is place a call to a RTN instruction in a CROM (Solid State module) where you want the interrupt to occur. The required code is Pgm MM SBR nnn where nnn is the address of a RTN in program MM. Then, with the program running, when you press and hold the RST key nothing will happen so long as the program is executing from user memory. But when the CROM call is executed the program will return to location 000 and halt. You must remember that a real RST occurs clearing the subroutine register, resetting flags, and the like.

Editor's Note: Old timers will remember that this technique was described in 52 Notes. by George Hartwig in V3N2P5 and by Roy Chardon in V3N3P6. Chardon wrote: "...Make the CROM call to PGM 01 SBR 021, since every CROM appears to have a RTN at that step." That idea was correct at the time, but later modules it will not work. For example, the M/U module has the equivalent RTN at Pgm 01 SBR 013 as a result of deleting the diagnostic portion of Pgm 01. That is also true in other modules as well.

For more complex techniques which provide branching from the keyboard without stopping the program see the articles by Martin Neef (v5N7P11) and Dejan Ristanovic (v6N9/10P31).

was reviewed by Dejan Ristanovic who is well known to TI PPC Notes. One of the problems proposed for the ALLY but may "friendly competition" between the HP-41 and the TI-59 was the calculation of pi to large numbers of places. V7N5P9 of the PPC Calculator Journal reported in June 1980 that an HP-41 program would find 1160 places in 15½ hours. Bob Fruit responded with a TI-59 program which would find 460 digits in 6 hours 18 minutes. Once again TI-59 users found that the HP-41 users had used their extra memory to advantage. But now Jovan Puzovic has found a way to circumvent the memory limitation and find 1188 digits of pi, but even with his program running in fast mode it requires eighty hours. His program mechanizes the same basic equation as that of Bob Fruit:

 $\pi = 16 * arctan(1/5) - 4 * arctan(1/239)$

The calculation proceeds in three stages. First the arctan(1/5) portion is found and stored on magnetic cards. This requires about 62 hours. Then the arctan(1/239) portion is found, and is again dumped to magnetic cards. This requires an additional 18 hours. Finally a short routine combines the two intermediate solutions. The fast mode entry is accomplished in as few keystrokes as I have seen. The only discrepancy I can find is that the CLR at location 000 is not seen and the calculator is running in an error condition until the CE at location 016 is encountered. Of course this doesn't cause any problem. That effect was defined by Patrick Acosta in V6N8P4 at the top of the page.

<u>User Instructions:</u>

- 1. Enter program A first. There is a gap between steps 156 and 202 which is required since the Stflg Ind must be at the end of the partition for the fast mode entry technique to work. Press A and see a flashing display. Do not clear the flashing, but press 7 EE.
- 2. After about 62 hours the display reads zero. Press RST to get out of fast mode and record banks i, 2, 3, and 4, marking the cards A1 through A4.
- 3. Enter program B. Note that program B is identical to program A for steps 000 through 156. Press B and see a flashing display. Press 7 EE.
- 4. After about 18 hours the display reads zero. Press RST to get out of fast mode and record banks 1 through 4 marking the cards B1 through B4.
- 5. Enter Program C. Press A. The display will read -3. Enter magnetic card side A4. Press R/S. The display will read -2. Enter magnetic card side B4. Press R/S. after a few minutes the printer will begin printing. The digits obtained are not the first ones, but are digits 840 through 1188. The calculator stops with a flashing display.
- 6. Press B and see -3 in the display. Proceed as in the rest of step 5, but this time enter card sides A3 and B3. You will have the next 360 higher digits of pi printed. Don't press A after B. 7. Press C and see -3 in the display. Again, proceed as in step 5, this time using card sides A2 and B2. 360 more digits of pi appear. 8. Press D and see -3 in the display. One more time, proceed as in step 5, this time using card sides A1 and B1. The highest 120 digits of pi will be printed starting with the 141592 ... sequence at the top. The leading 3 is not displayed.

1188 DIGITS OF PI (cont)

PROGRAM A		PROGRAM B	PROGR.	ΔМ С
000 25 CLR 080 09 9 001 01 1 081 42 ST0 002 00 0 082 25 CLR 0004 17 17 084 85 73 R0 004 17 17 084 85 73 R0 005 47 08 085 73 R0 007 32 X:T 087 59 INT 008 09 9 089 53 (010 42 S40 090 24 CE 011 00 00 09 9 15 54) 012 82 HIR 093 16 16 014 75 - 094 54) 015 38 HIR 093 16 16 014 75 - 094 54) 015 53 HIR 098 85 HIR 091 82 HIR 092 82 HIR 099 82 HIR 091 82 HIR 020 54) 018 82 HIR 098 85 HIR 088 85 HIR 021 59 INT 101 85 + + 021 59 INT 101 85 + + 022 74 SM* 102 73 R0* 023 54 0 104 22 INV 024 65 X 104 22 INV 025 82 HIR 105 59 INT 106 95 X 026 85 HIR 107 55 CE + 037 95 = 107 65 X 82 HIR 109 82 HIR 1	160 00 0 0 161 00 0 0 162 00 0 0 163 00 0 0 164 00 0 0 165 00 0 0 167 00 0 0 168 00 0 0 167 00 0 0 168 00 0 0 177 173 00 0 0 0 177 173 00 0 0 0 177 173 00 0 0 0 177 173 00 0 0 0 177 173 00 0 0 0 177 173 00 0 0 0 182 00 0 0 182 00 0 0 182 00 0 0 183 183 00 0 0 184 00 0 0 185 187 00 0 0 0 187 00 0 0 0 187 00 0 0 0 187 00 0 0 0 187 00 0 0 0 187 00 0 0 0 187 00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	226 52 EE	13 C	

MU-19 CONTROLLER - Palmer Hanson - In my work I had reason to use the Discrete Fourier Series (MU-19) program regularly. The program as written provides rapid assembly of the input data into a file, but requires the user to individually enter the number for each harmonic solution desired. In my application I typically wanted all the coefficients up to a certain harmonic. This little program, when operated with a printer, provides titles for input and output, and annotation of the Fourier coefficients. Operator selection of the highest harmonic is provided. The program uses Karl Gailer's print code converter program (V5N6P10) since the highest value to convert was less than 89. By limiting the length of the program to 160 steps the maximum number of input values is permitted. The printout numbers the input data starting at 01. The data is actually stored in memory starting at R16. The sample problem is from page 73 or the Math/Utilities manual. The instructions for running the program are:

- 1. With the Math/Utilities module in place, load the program.
- 2. Press A to initialize and set up for data input. The headings will be printed and 31 will appear in the display.
- 3. Enter the data in sequence. Press R/S for data entry. The data will be printed and the calculator will stop with the number of data entries in the display.
- 4. To solve, enter the number of the highest harmonic desired and Press D. New headings will be printed for the solution, and the harmonics will be printed with appropriate annotation.

000 76 LBL 040 98 ADV 001 10 E' 041 01 1 002 55 ÷ 042 06 6 043 42 STD 004 00 00 005 85 + 045 69 DP 006 01 1 046 00 00 007 93 . 047 01 1 008 01 1 048 06 6 009 85 + 049 01 1 010 59 INT 050 03 3 011 65 × 051 03 3 011 65 × 051 03 3 012 09 9 052 07 7 013 09 9 052 07 7 013 09 9 053 01 1 014 85 + 055 69 DP 016 22 INV 056 02 02	080 43 RCL 120 10 E 081 01 01 121 85 + 082 61 GTD 122 01 1 083 00 00 123 03 3 084 64 64 124 00 0 085 76 LBL 125 00 0 086 14 D 126 00 0 087 98 ADV 127 00 0 088 42 STD 128 95 = 089 00 00 129 69 DP 090 69 DP 130 04 04 091 20 20 131 43 RCL 092 69 DP 132 04 04 093 00 00 133 36 PGM 094 02 2 134 19 19 095 01 1 135 14 D 096 05 5 136 69 DP 097 05 5 137 06 06	DATA 2. 3.2 3.7 2.5 1.2 1.5 2.7 2.4 03.3 -3.3 0.	N 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11
017 59 INT 057 03 3 018 65 × 058 01 1 019 01 1 059 69 0P 020 00 0 060 04 04 021 85 + 061 69 0P 022 69 0P 062 05 05 023 10 10 063 98 ADV 024 65 × 064 91 R/S	097 05 5 137 06 06 098 03 3 138 01 1 099 07 7 139 85 + 100 05 5 140 52 FE 101 06 6 141 03 8 102 69 DP 142 94 +/- 103 02 02 143 95 = 104 69 DP 144 82 HIR	2.1 0. -1.417222017 1.885961277	800 800 801 801
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031 59 INT 071 10 E 0032 92 RTN 072 69 DP 033 76 LBL 073 04 04 034 11 A 074 73 RC*	111 01 1 151 24 24 112 06 6 152 98 ADV 113 42 STD 153 97 DSZ 114 11 11 154 00 00	0.25 .0577350269	804 804
035 01 1 075 00 00 036 00 0 076 69 DP 037 69 DP 077 06 06	115 00 0 155 01 01 116 42 STU 156 18 18 117 04 04 157 98 HDV	.0838886833 0192946108	A05 805
038 17 17 078 69 DP 039 47 CMS 079 20 20	118 43 RCL 158 60 DEG 119 04 04 (159 91 R/S	0. 0.	806 806

- PROFILE PLOT A fast mode program for the TI-58C by David Lobbestael of Blenheim, Ontario, Canada. This program uses the h12 method for transferring in and out of fast mode during program execution. It uses the Math/Utilities module and runs under control of the MU-05 Superplotter program. The program returns to user memory to run the function routine in fast mode. Several unusual fast mode techniques are incorporated in this single program:
- 1. Hexadecimal code 9C which prints and displays as 02 is used for fast mode entry. That causes the unusual sequence of locations during listing of 007, 009, 009, 010 -- note the two 009's. Patrick Acosta had recognized that fast mode entry could be obtained with any hex code which ended with a 2, but had recommended that h12 be used to avoid undesireable side effects. There are no obvious bad effects here.
- 2. Other fast mode users have experienced the problem of dropping into TRACE mode when leaving fast mode (see bottom of V6N8P4). This program recognizes that the problem is caused by the setting of Flag 9 at fast mode entry. Remember that flag 9 sets trace when using a printer? See page V-65 of <u>Personal Programming</u>. The program as written solves the problem with an INV Stflg 9 just before fast mode exit (locations 234 to 236). The TRACE effect can also be eliminated by using a different fast mode entry constant, say with 2 EE-12 + 1 rather than the 2 EE-12 + 3 used in the program.
- The program uses the technique described in the middle of V6N8P4 and the RTN at location 237 to leave fast mode and return to MU-05 control.

User Instructions:

- 1. Generate the h(9C) at location 008 with the following sequence with the Master Library module installed: GTO 8 LRN 0 BST LRN Pgm 1 2 SBR 4 4 4 R/S P-R LRN Ins LRN RST CLR. This sequence will not work with the Math/Utilities module installed. Having generated the hex code turn off the calculator and replace the Master Library module with the Math/Utilities module. Note that one of the glories of doing hex codes with the TI-58C is that they survive turnoff!
- 2. Key in the rest of the program. Be sure to remember that you may not perform either a delete or an insert with the program counter lower than 009 or you will destroy the hex code.
- Store the number 13 in R05, and the number 2 EE 12 \pm +/- \pm 3 = in RO3.
- Select the MU-05 program and set up the initialization:
 - 2nd Pgm 05
 - Enter 0 and press A
 - Enter 2 x π DIV 61 = and press B
 - Enter 61 + / and press C
 - Enter 80 and press D е.
 - Enter 2 and press E ſ.
 - g. Enter 1 and press D'
 - h. Enter 61 and press E'

 X_{O} delta-X Ymin

Ymax Number of tapes Number of functions Number of points

5. Run time is about 55 minutes. The asymmetric values in steps 4.d and 4.e are not true min/max values but they produce the best proportioned graph.

000 001 002 003 004 005 006 007 009 010 011 013 014 015 016 017	76 LBL 16 A' 158 FIX 09 09 43 RCL 03 03 86 STF 40 IND 02 02 68 NOP 61 GTO 00 00 31 31 24 CE 85 + 43 RCL 01 01 38 SIN	041 042 043 044 045 046 047 048 050 051 052 053 056 057	00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	088 089 090	05 68		126 127 128 139 130 131 132 133 134 135	05 68 68 01 93 06 65 03 01 83	6 × 2 4 + 2 * 0 5 P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P	160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 177	05 68 68 93 07 65 01 00 03 83 05 68	5 2 2 9 GU* 05 NOP NOP 1 0 3 GU* NOP NOP	200 201 202 203 204 205 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 217 219	05 68 68 93 65 00 07 83 68	5 × 2 0 7		
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The program in user memory is simply the profile of a person reduced to Fourier coefficients and the required housekeeping to enter and exit from fast mode. David writes that he wrote the program as a test of his agility in programming coupling this with the peculiar "quirks" of the The program can be optimized TI-58C. somewhat. After some extensive correspondence we had not achieved but a few minutes improvement in The original program shown here stands as an excellent demonstrator of fast mode techniques on the TI-58C. Most of the techniques are transferrable to the TI-59. A superb program!!!

STATISTICS QUIRKS IN THE TI-55II - While testing other calculators for the presence of the INV Σ + quirk of the TI-58 and TI-59, I found another, more serious quirk in the statistics routines of the TI-55II. Following the example on page 8-1 of the <u>Calculator Decision-Making Sourcebook</u> which is provided as the manual for the TI-55II, but omitting the use of the Fix-2 mode, press ON/C ON/C 2nd CSR to clear the calculator for statistics operations. Press 4Σ + and see a 1 in the display, indicating one entry has been made. Continue with the example by pressing $5 \Sigma + 6 \Sigma + 7 \Sigma +$ and 8 $\Sigma +$, and see a 5 in the display indicating that 5 entries have been made. Press 2nd Mean and find the value 6. in the display as the calculated population mean. press - 6 = and find -1 -10 in the display, indicating that the calculated mean for the five input integers 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 is not quite exactly 6. Other TI calculators with statistics functions such as the TI-57, TI-58C and TI-59 obtain the exact value of 6. Even the TI-35 will not produce the small residual error.

There is still more mischief in the statistics algorithm of the TI-55II. Let's test the Σ -function. Continuing on with the problem above, enter 40000000Σ + and see a 6 in the display. Now assume that was an erroneous entry. To remove it, enter 40000000 2nd Σ - and see a 5 in the display verifying removal of one entry. Press 2nd Mean, expecting to find a 6 in the display. Instead, you will find 5.9996. Inserting and removing the large value at different positions in the sequence will yield different results. example, go back to the beginning and use the following sequence: ON/C ON/C 2nd CSR 4 Σ + 5 Σ + 6 Σ + 40000000 Σ + 40000000 2nd Σ - 7 Σ + and 8 Σ +. See a five in the display as expected. Press 2nd Mean and see 6.0006 in the display. Try a different sequence, splitting the entry and removal of the large value: 0N/C 0N/C 2nd CSR 4 Σ + 40000000 Σ + 5 Σ + 6 Σ + 7 Σ + 40000000 2nd Σ - and 8 Σ + and see the expected 5 in the display. Press 2nd Mean and see 6.00104 in the display. Clearly, some unexpected things are happening. With the same sequences with the TI-57, TI-58C, TI-59, and TI-35 the answer is always the expected answer of exactly 6. Doing the equivalent arithmetic without use of the statistics keys of the TI-55II yields the expected answers. Use of other values than 40000000 in the Σ + and Σ -sequence will yield other displayed results. If 400000 had been used instead of 40000000 in the first example above the displayed mean would have been 5.999996. Experimentation will show that the erroneous residual is divided by ten for each factor of ten by which the large simulated erroneous entry and removal value is reduced.

After some extensive experimenting I zeroed in on a function which will yield the same results as the statistics routine of the TI-55II. Using the TI-55II and starting at location 00 write the program:

- RCL 1 = EXC 0 + 1 = EXC 0 x RCL 0 1/X + RCL 1 = STO 1 R/S
- RCL 1 = EXC 0 1 = EXC 0 +/- x RCL 0 1/X + RCL 1 = STO 1 R/S

With that program you must clear locations 0 and 1, say with a 2nd CM. Then you can do a Σ + by entering the value and pressing RST R/S. The latest mean value will be displayed. You can do a Σ -, but only immediately after a Σ +, by entering the value and pressing only R/S. Use of this little program seems to duplicate the calculation of means from the statistics functions of the TI-55II.

STATISTICS QUIRKS (cont) Analysis of the program reveals two features. The sum of the input values is not maintained; rather the current mean and the number of entries is maintained. The idea to try that method came from George Thomson who says the technique has been around for many years. This allows the calculator to handle smaller numbers, since in the full-up version the information to be used for the standard deviation calculations is maintained as the squares of deviations from the mean. The use of the x RCL 0 1/X sequence rather than the more obvious DIV RCL 0 seems to indicate that the programmer was obeying the old rule to avoid dividing whereever possible.

In future issues I will explore the effect of similar sequences on the standard deviation calculations. There, all calculators I have tested have had the potential to yield misleading results, if only the user has the misfortune to have used the particular values to which the algorithm is sensitive. All in this case means TI-55II, TI-35, TI-57, TI-58C, TI-59, HP-35, HP-67, HP-11, and even the HP-41. The really safe thing to do is not use the Σ - function.

THOUGHTS ABOUT CURVE FITTING - George Wm. Thomson. (Editor's note:

Just as you can get into trouble by not understanding how the built-in statistics routines work, you can also misinterpret your results if you use "canned" curve fitting programs like those in V7N1/2F15 or RE-10/RE-11 in the Real Estate/Investment module. The problem comes from the linearization techniques used to obtain the solutions. This article is highly recommended reading for users of those programs.)

Linear Relations

Suppose that it is assumed that some variable Y can be predicted from another variable X using the equation

$$(1) \qquad Y = A + B X$$

Once A and B are established, the deviations between the observed values of Y and the calculated values (A + BX) are given by:

$$(2) \qquad Y - A - BX$$

The Method of Least Squares is one way of determining a good set of values of A and B in many senses. The set of data points X, Y are taken to be fixed and A and B are adjusted until the Sum of the Squares of the Deviations is a minimum. That is the two partial derivatives of the sum of the deviations must be zero:

$$(3) \qquad \frac{9V}{9} \Sigma (A - V - BX)_{s} = 0$$

$$(4) \qquad \frac{\partial B}{\partial B} \Sigma (Y - A - BX)^2 = 0$$

The familiar "least squares" solutions for fitting Y to X with all points of equal weight and X <u>free from error</u> follow immediately from these relations.

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Non-linear Relations

If data are assumed to fit relations where the X and/or Y no longer retain linearity, then complications arise. Suppose we have:

(5)
$$Y = A' X^{B'}$$

Clearly

(6)
$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$$
, $\Sigma(A - V, X_B,)_s = 0$

and

(7)
$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial B}$$
, $\Sigma(X - A, X_B) = 0$

do not have neat solutions; an awkward non-linear solution is needed for A' and B'. On the other hand, the use of a transformation such as

(8)
$$\ln Y = \ln A' + B' \ln X$$

$$=$$
 A + BX

no longer minimizes error in Y when the Method of Least Squares is used. Instead, it minimizes errors in the logarithm of Y, that is, proportionate or percentage errors in Y. For many problems, this may be the right thing to do, but the user should be aware that the standard process does not minimize absolute errors in Y.

There is a way of adjustment using the logarithmic transformation which retains the simplicity of the Method of Least Squares. In the usual procedure, all points are of equal weight. To compensate for the log transformation each data pair must be weighted by Y^2 . That is, we must minimize

(9)
$$\Sigma w (\ln Y - A - B \ln X)^2$$

This is no more difficult than the standard minimization and leads to analogous equations in terms of six cross-product sums. The sums can be stored in RO1 to RO6 and manipulated with Op 22:

The lower case symbols x, y at the right are used for the logarithmic transforms.
R 01
$$\Sigma$$
 wy R 02 Σ wy at the right are used for R 03 Σ w R 04 Σ wx R 05 Σ wx R 06 Σ wxy

Let \tilde{x} and \tilde{y} be the <u>weighted</u> means of $\ln x$ and $\ln y$, that is

(10)
$$\bar{x} = R04/R03 = \Sigma wx/\Sigma w$$

(11)
$$\bar{y} = R01/R03 = \Sigma wy/\Sigma w$$

The least squares equation passes through this mean with slope

(12)
$$b = \sum w(x - \overline{x})(y - \overline{y}) / \sum w(x - \overline{x})^{2}$$

THOUGHTS ABOUT CURVE FITTING (cOnt) that is.

$$b = (\sum wxy - \sum wx \sum wy/\sum w) / (\sum wx^2 - (\sum wx)^2/\sum w)$$

The formulas above for handling weighted linear least squares problems are quite general. A standard problem of fitting Y to X can be handled if the points are of unequal weight by generating cross-products as shown above. (Note that only Op 12 and its $x \neq t$, Op 14 and Op 15 are applicable since RO3 contains Σw , not \overline{x} .) Also, the weights can be scaled up or down at your convenience if the same factor is applied to all.

Example

The artificial example below shows a moderate range of Y values, 2 to 85. (Real life examples where log transforms are used may be 13 to 2000, as in barometric measurements for vapor pressure.) The hope is to fit an equation to within a few tenths in Y.

			"Y"	"ln	"ln Y"			
<u>X</u>	<u>Y</u> _	<u>Calc</u>	<u>Diff</u>	<u>Calc</u>	<u>Diff</u>			
1	1.9	1.66	+0.24	1.82	+0.08			
2	5.7	5.44	+0.26	5.75	-0.05			
3	10.8	10.89	-0.09	11.27	-0.47			
4	17.6	17.82	-0.22	18.16	-0.56			
5	26.0	26.11	-0.11	26.28	-0.28			
6	35.7	35.67	+0.03	35.56	+0.14			
8	58.4	58.37	+0.03	57.29	+1.11			
10	85.4	85.53	-0.13	82.94	+2.46			
Me	an Diff	erence	0.00		0.30			
SE	Fit		0.1872		1.1467			
So	lution	Y =	1.660 x ^{1.712}	y = 1	.823 x ^{1.658}			

The "Y" solution in the table above was obtained using TI-59 Program GWT-60, a straightforward application of the principles enumerated above. The deviations in Y are fairly evenly divided over the range, and average zero. The "ln Y" solution can be obtained from the use of the statistical keys on the TI-59 using logarithmic transforms. The same solution can be obtained with the curve fitting program in V7N1P15, or with the curve fitting programs RE-10/RE-11 in the Real Estate/Investment module. With no weighting involved the statistical cross-products are generated automatically so that each X,Y pair has the same unit weight. Because of the equal emphasis of ln Y on the low end and the high end, the fit at the high end suffers badly.

In conclusion, we should think hard about our data, their inherent accuracy, as well as precision, and be able to answer correctly the question about the correctness and adequacy of the whole methodology used to relate our data to the relationships we are investigating. And finally, can we tie our equation to some aspect of the real world around us?

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References

Many texts on statistics pay scant attention to the handling of data transforms. A fine reference for the entire field of least squares analysis is "Statistical Adjustment of Data", by W. Edwards Deming, Wiley, 1943. In case you think this is old-fashioned, bear in mind that hardly anything new has come along in numerical analysis since the days of Gauss who enunciated the principle of least squares in 1809 and applied it to many complex problems in astronomy, engineering and in hs monumental survey of all Germany. The weighting of In Y in proportion to Y² is mentioned many times. Exercise 18, Section 67, provides a graphic example of the large error possible when weighting is ignored,

GWT-60 - User instructions on the following page.

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User Instructions for GWT-60:

GWT-60 provides a least squares curve fit for Y = aX^b, minimizing errors in Y. The X values are assumed error free. The data pairs are assumed of equal weight. The program runs with partitioning set at 7 Op 17. It stores the X values in locations 20, 21, 22.... and the Y values in locations 45, 46, 47..... Up to 25 data pairs can be accepted. Unrounded values of the constants a and b are displayed at the completion of the least squares solution. An option is provided to use the unrounded values as is, or to use rounded values. An output table shows X input, y input, Y calculated, and the difference. At the end the average difference and the standard error of the fit are printed.

- 1. To input data, press A and see 45 in the display which is the address of the Y storage location to be used. Enter X, press R/S. The X value is printed and displayed. Enter Y, press R/S. The Y value is printed, and the calculator stops with the address of the next Y storage location to be used. Enter additional pairs.
- 2. For data correction, enter the storage location for the X value of the data pair to be corrected. Press A'. The address of the companion Y storage location will be displayed. Re-enter both the X and Y values as in step 1.
- 3. To add data pairs to the list. You must know the address of the first unused storage location for X. You may obtain this with the sequence RCL 10 + 25 *. Then press E' and see the address of the first unused Y storage location in the display. Proceed as in step 1.
- 4. To solve press E. The calculator will stop with an unrounded value for a in the display. You have the option to round it or not. Then, press R/S. The value you selected for a will be printed and the calculator will stop with the unrounded solution for b in the display. Again, you change it or not. Then, press R/S. The value you selected for b will be printed and the calculator will proceed to print out the table of the X value, the Y value, the calculated Y value, and the difference for each data pair. At the end the mean error and standard error of the fit are printed.
- 5. You may evaluate the residuals for other coefficients by entering a and pressing B. B. The calculator stops with a in the display. Enter b and press R/S. The calculator proceeds with the printout of the residuals as in step 4.
- 6. To do single value calculations, but not residuals, enter a and press C. Enter b and press R/S. Enter X and press R/S. The calculator displays and prints $Y = aX^{D}$. For additional solutions with the same a and b, enter a new X and press C'.
- 7. You may want to select a different Fix value for the residual printout--see locations 170/171.
- 8. Note: The program does not check for zero or negative input values.

MAGNETIC CARD SERVICE - On page 3 I stated that I would try a magnetic card service for TI PPC Notes programs on a trial basis. I will provide cards for programs for one dollar per card plus a stamped and self addressed envelope. that price (1) I cannot guarantee results due to the well known incompatibility of some calculators -- if the card you doesn't work it will cost another dollar and another self-addressed stamped envelope for another try, and (2) I will not test each program to see that it operates properly. What I will do is load my calculator from cards which have provided satisfactory results in the past, write new cards, turn the calculator off and on again and load the new cards. My experience has shown that those procedures are satisfactory with properly operating calculators. I will not combine programs on cards. If you ask for a program of less than 240 steps I will load the program on both sides to improve the chances of success. In addition to cards for the programs in this issue I can also provide the following programs:

Fast Mode CalendarV5N7P7		
Inverse List Print AllV5N9/10P15		
Plot 60	1	card
Modulo 210 SFF	2	cards
Fitting Data to Curves	3	cards
13 Digit Printer		
Supertest TI-59V7N9P11	1	card
Pie Chart		

A PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE - Gary Brown has taught TI-59 programming for several years. One problem which he assigned to students was a Sliding Average Filter. The problem: Given a set of data points taken at even increments (ΔX), smooth the data by averaging a set number (n) of data points about each point. Keyboard Inputs:

- 1. n = number of points to be averaged at each X, where X is greater than or equal to n. Your program should work over a range for n from 3 through 10.
- 2. The initial value of X (X_0) .
- 3. The uniform increment of X (ΔX).
- 4. Each data point Y₀, Y₁, Y₂, that corresponds to each X₁. <u>Outputs from the Printer:</u>

Note: These outputs should occur after the first n entries of Y_i values have been entered. Thereafter, a new average Y will be printed for each new Y_i entry.

- 1. The midpoint of X_n that corresponds to the specific n interval being computed.
- 2. The average Y over the n data points.

You will recognize the problem as similar to that solved by the ML-17 program. ML-17 used 116 program locations. Gary's students have solved the problem in under 50 locations. What can club members do?

The end of V8N1