

LETTERS

"Tiger Trouble" Trouble

This letter refers to the article "Tiger Trouble" (p. 106) in the March 1978 issue. Although the calculator used was not identified, I have assumed that it is either an SR-52, TI-58 or TI-59.

The program as printed on p. 108 contains errors in syntax, especially on line 72, which calls for a function not directly executable on these machines within the number of steps allotted, and on line 63, where no error halt at a "flashing 9.999 999999 99" will occur, at least on the TI-58/59, unless an R/S is provided or flag 8 is set. Furthermore, even after all syntax is corrected for the TI-59, this program will not yield the expected result with a seed of 0.9 given on pp. 108-109.

I suggest that in future articles on TI calculator programs, you specify the calculator model for which the program is intended, and that you provide a copy of the PC-100A program-listing printout, so that no ambiguity in interpretation is possible.

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*It is an SR-56 program, and I apologize for the omission.
—John.*