

TABLE ERRATA

521.—K. Y. CHOONG, D. E. DAYKIN & C. R. RATHBONE, “Regular continued fractions for π and γ ,” UMT 23, *Math. Comp.*, v. 25, 1971, p. 403.

K. Y. CHOONG, D. E. DAYKIN & C. R. RATHBONE, “Rational approximations to π ,” *ibid.*, pp. 387–392.

The regular continued fraction for π discussed in both of these items is not correct to 21230 partial quotients, as claimed, but only to 19945 partial quotients. The next five terms given here as

$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots$$

are false and should read

$$\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{180} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots$$

Therefore, Table 1 of the paper is only approximately true and a_i for $i = 20276$ and $i = 20358$ in Table 2 are false. The statistical table in the UMT is likewise only approximately true and the fraction beyond 19945 terms is false.

These errors were discovered by comparison with a rather poorly documented computer printout of the continued fraction to more than 10^5 terms (exact number unknown) computed by R. W. Gosper, Jr. et al. at M.I.T. in early 1973. This continued fraction was computed directly from Ramanujan’s rapidly convergent series for $1/\pi$ (see [1]) and, in turn, it was used to compute π *correctly* to 117930 digits. Therefore, the continued fraction must be correct to far beyond the result of Choong et al. Unfortunately, the only copy of Gosper et al. is not a very good one, the exact number of terms it contains is not even known, and no statistics were compiled concerning it. Clearly, this computation should sometime be repeated.

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1. D. SHANKS & J. W. WRENCH, JR., “Calculations of π to 100,000 decimals,” *Math. Comp.*, v. 16, 1962, pp. 76–99 (esp. p. 78).

522.—DAVID R. HILL, “On comparing Adams and natural spline multistep formulas,” *Math. Comp.*, v. 29, 1975, pp. 741–745.

In Table 1 the column entitled Adams Corrector should read

$$\begin{aligned} &-.08333333 \\ &-.04166667 \\ &-.02638889 \\ &-.01875 \\ &-.01426918 \end{aligned}$$

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