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PROGRAMMING CORNER

(This column serves a dual purpose. It informs members of what non-PPX software is currently available and also lists descriptions of programs our members would like to see.)

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1. In order to allow members to take advantage of the wealth of TI-59 programming hints and other useful information contained in the **past issues** of the PPX Exchange, PPX is now offering these back issues for sale. To facilitate the tapping of these resources the compiling of a **topical index** of these previous newsletters has been completed.

In a change from our previous policy, individual copies of back issues will no longer be available, but the newsletters will be offered in four volumes - one for each of the years 1978-1981. Each of these volumes is available for \$7.00 each, and an index will be included with each volume. To order a volume(s) of past newsletters specify the year(s) desired on a PPX order form or plain white paper. Please include the standard \$2.00 postage and handling charge for each order plus applicable state tax. (Note: Due to the depletion of original copies of some of the newsletters, we have had to reprint some of these issues. These reprints are on white paper but are of readable quality.) For you old timers who have collected all the back issues, the aforementioned index can be obtained by sending a self addressed, stamped envelope to the Exchange editor.

2. When ordering PPX programs and accessories, please be sure to include the order and the payment in the same envelope. Due to the large volume of orders received, we have been experiencing difficulty in matching orders and payments that arrive separately. We appreciate your cooperation in this area.

Root Finding: A Natural Application

By Blake DeBerry and Jay Claborn

There are a multitude of techniques to find roots of equations, and each one has its advantages and disadvantages. It is the aim of this article to examine a few of the more popular methods and demonstrate their implementation on the TI-59. Before we jump into these methods feet first, let's be sure we all know what a root is. A root is defined as a value which reduces an equation to an identity when substituted in for one variable. In other words, it is a value of x that reduces

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Yet Another Look at Alphanumeric Printing of Numerics

By Jay Claborn

In the January/February and May/June 1981 issues of the "Exchange" we examined several routines that convert a number into its equivalent alphanumeric codes to allow for printing. The advantage of using alphanumeric codes to print a number over use of the PRT or OP 06 commands is that the use of these codes allows a programmer the flexibility to create a printer output format especially suited to his particular application. Judging from the correspondence I continue to receive on this topic, this technique has received widespread usage. It has never been my intention to "beat a dead dog" (if you will excuse the vulgarism), but as a result of the continued interest in this subject, the techniques have become even more refined. I will attempt to share these refinements with you without replowing the ground previously covered. If you are unfamiliar with the use of numeric-to-alpha routines there is information on how to obtain copies of past newsletters in the "Potpourri" column.

In general, a maximum of five digits per pass is entered into a numeric-to-alpha subroutine to be translated into the corresponding alphanumeric code of up to ten digits. Subroutines that perform this function have been dubbed "5 digit converters", even though they are capable of generating the alpha codes for integers from 0 to 99999. I have further classified these 5 digit converters by the format of their generated alpha codes as routines which print with leading zeroes and without leading zeroes. The formulation of these distinctions may seem quite vagarious until one considers the applications of numeric-to-alpha subroutines. Consider, for instance, the application in which one wishes to generate two columns of integers side-by-side in which the magnitudes of the numbers may vary from one to eight digits. To accomplish this task the first column could be right hand justified in print register 2 (OP 02) with as many as three digits running over into print register 1. Similarly, the second column would be right hand justified in print register 4 and would run over into the right most three positions of print register 3. A sample of the desired type of output might appear as shown below.

OP 01OP 02OP 03OP 04

7500314			23
888	327	7924	

Obviously, since we can only convert five digits at a time to alphanumeric code, the numbers with more than five digits will have to be broken into segments and then translated. By dividing 7500314 in the sample output above by 100000, taking the INV INT of the result, and multiplying by 100000, we have extracted the first five digits (00314) for entry into a 5 digit converter. To extract the remaining digits all we have to do is divide the original number by 100000 and apply the INT function to the result. Now if we were to follow this pro-

cedure employing a 5 digit converter that does not produce leading zeroes the output would appear as follows.

75 314 23
888 327 7924

Because of the omitted zeroes, this attempt is rendered unsatisfactory. We can get better results by using the same converter for print registers 1 and 3 and a separate 5 digit converter that provides leading zeroes to create the codes for print registers 2 and 4. Doing this yields the following.

7500314 00023
00888 32707924

This is closer to the desired format but still no cigar. By using a little logic we can obtain the desired output.

063	76	LBL	076	05	5	089	00	00
064	99	PRT	077	22	INV	090	71	SBR
065	55	÷	078	28	LDG	091	69	OP
066	05	5	079	49	PRD	092	92	RTN
067	22	INV	080	00	00	093	76	LBL
068	28	LDG	081	00	0	094	98	ADV
069	75	-	082	32	XIT	095	43	RCL
070	22	INV	083	67	EQ	096	00	00
071	59	INT	084	98	ADV	097	71	SBR
072	42	STD	085	71	SBR	098	68	NOP
073	00	00	086	68	NOP	099	92	RTN
074	95	=	087	32	XIT			
075	32	XIT	088	43	RCL			

If LBL OP contains a 5 digit converter with leading zeroes and LBL NOP is a 5 digit converter without leading zeroes, we are in business. When sending "7500314" into LBL PRT, steps 063-082 result in a "75" in the display, "314" in register 00, and a "0" in the t-register. Steps 083-084 test to see if one or two print registers will be needed to print the number and transfer to LBL ADV if only one print register is required. In our case "75" does not equal "0" therefore two print registers will be required, and the transfer is not made. Steps 085-087 fetch the alpha codes for the most significant three (or less) digits of the number from subroutine NOP and put them in the t-register. Steps 088-092 use subroutine OP to generate the alpha codes for the five least significant digits leaving them in the display register. Upon return from subroutine PRT all that has to be done to load the proper print registers is to perform OP 02 x ← t OP 01.

Now that the need for different types of 5 digit converters has been established, let us turn our attention to the actual 5 digit converter routines. In trying to create an "optimum" 5 digit converter, the variable that is usually optimized is the routine speed. Throughout this exploration of different conversion routines the assumption will be made that run time is indeed the quantity to be minimized. The fastest 5 digit converter that does not produce leading zeroes was submitted by Dick Collins. Collins's routine is a slight revision of Bill Beebe's program that appeared in the May/June 1981 issue. In a test consisting of printing 5 digit numbers ten times, Collins's version had a run time of 66.6 seconds versus 72.9 for the Beebe version. The speed of Collins's routine is highly dependent on its location at the head of a

program due to the use of label addressing. (Yes! Label addressing can be faster than absolute addressing if the label is located early in the program.) Collins's subroutine, appropriately labeled NOP to be consistent with our previous notation, is shown below.

000	76	LBL	014	22	INV	028	01	1
001	68	NOP	015	59	INT	029	00	0
002	32	X:T	016	75	-	030	82	HIR
003	01	1	017	53	<	031	48	48
004	82	HIR	018	24	CE	032	95	=
005	08	08	019	85	+	033	77	GE
006	32	X:T	020	93	.	034	77	GE
007	76	LBL	021	01	1	035	65	x
008	77	GE	022	85	+	036	82	HIR
009	55	+	023	59	INT	037	18	18
010	01	1	024	55	+	038	33	X ²
011	00	0	025	05	5	039	95	=
012	75	-	026	54	>	040	92	RTN
013	53	<	027	55	+			

Dick Collins also created the fastest 5 digit converter with leading zeroes. Again, the algorithm is a variation of Bill Beebe's method. In the same test mentioned previously, this routine took 59.5 seconds. The clever use of label addressing by placing it at the front of program memory again means this routine will run slower if it is relocated further back in the program memory. This routine which starts at LBL OP is listed below.

000	76	LBL	013	93	.	026	69	OP
001	10	E ⁺	014	01	1	027	10	E ⁺
002	55	+	015	85	+	028	10	E ⁺
003	01	1	016	59	INT	029	10	E ⁺
004	00	0	017	55	+	030	10	E ⁺
005	75	-	018	05	5	031	10	E ⁺
006	53	<	019	54	>	032	65	x
007	22	INV	020	55	+	033	05	5
008	59	INT	021	01	1	034	22	INV
009	75	-	022	00	0	035	28	LDG
010	53	<	023	95	=	036	33	X ²
011	24	CE	024	92	RTN	037	95	=
012	85	+	025	76	LBL	038	92	RTN

To achieve the two column printing that was shown earlier, it would appear that it will require 117 steps (37 for LBL PRT, 42 for LBL NOP, and 39 for LBL OP). As many of you have probably already noted, labels NOP and OP have many steps in common so that the two routines can be integrated to occupy only 63 steps together. This combining process does, however, slightly impede the execution of LBL NOP.

000	76	LBL	021	01	1	042	95	=
001	10	E ⁺	022	00	0	043	92	RTN
002	55	+	023	92	RTN	044	76	LBL
003	01	1	024	76	LBL	045	69	OP
004	00	0	025	68	NOP	046	10	E ⁺
005	75	-	026	32	X:T	047	95	=
006	53	<	027	01	1	048	10	E ⁺
007	22	INV	028	82	HIR	049	95	=
008	59	INT	029	08	08	050	10	E ⁺
009	75	-	030	32	X:T	051	95	=
010	53	<	031	10	E ⁺	052	10	E ⁺
011	24	CE	032	82	HIR	053	95	=
012	85	+	033	48	48	054	10	E ⁺
013	93	.	034	95	=	055	95	=
014	01	1	035	77	GE	056	65	x
015	85	+	036	00	00	057	05	5
016	59	INT	037	31	31	058	22	INV
017	55	+	038	65	x	059	28	LDG
018	05	5	039	82	HIR	060	33	X ²
019	54	>	040	18	18	061	95	=
020	55	+	041	33	X ²	062	92	RTN

A CHALLENGE

For those of you who have found this information on the printing of numerics remedial and for those of you that just enjoy a programming challenge (judging from the response to the last programming contest there are quite a few in this category), I have devised a useful application of numeric printing for you to tackle. The task is to create a program that will list all thirteen digits of the contents of data registers 00 through 89 (leaving the first bank of memory for the program and any working registers needed) in the format shown below.

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00 3.141592653590 00
01 -2.718281828459 -13
02 0.000000000000 00
03 2.718281828459 26
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The register number is printed on the left followed by the thirteen digit mantissa and the power of ten by which it is multiplied. As shown, the program should be able to list all possible register contents in scientific format including both positive and negative numbers. In order to aid in the judging process all entries must meet the following criteria.

- 1) The program should be able to list the contents of registers 0-89 leaving the contents of these registers intact.
- 2) The program should be initiated by entering the register number of the first register to be listed and pressing A.
- 3) The program should run as fast as possible. Program speed will be the only judging criterion assuming the other requirements are met. (All submissions will be timed on the same TI-59/PC-100A combination to avoid run time differences due to different machines.) Since this is a contest of programming skill and technique, no fast mode programs will be considered.
- 4) All programs should be submitted by March 31, 1982 with a PC-100 tape listing, pre-recorded magnetic card (recorded in power-up partition), and an estimate of the time required to list the contents of ten registers. Regular PPX submission forms need not be used, and submitted magnetic cards will not be returned.

The fastest program will be featured in the May/June issue, and the winning author will receive two magnetic card cases with cards. In order to give you a time to beat, I have already written such a program. My program turns in a sluggish time of 3 minutes and 41 seconds for ten registers; surely you can beat that!

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from the Analyst's Desk

• Since the publication of Robert Wyer's "Clearing Your Memory" in the March/April 1981 PPX Exchange a couple of other techniques to clear blocks of data registers have surfaced. The first routine which was contributed by PPX member Marcelo Falcon is an excellent application of the Master Library module. He relates that all that is necessary to clear the block of registers from 1 to N (where N is any register number greater than zero allowed within the partitioning) is to perform the sequence: N Pgm 01 SBR 012. To understand how this routine works one can download ML-01 and examine program steps 012 through 021.

012	42	STD
013	01	01
014	00	0
015	72	ST+
016	01	01
017	97	D82
018	01	01
019	00	00
020	15	15
021	92	RTN

These steps are actually part of subroutine CLR which is used to initialize the calculator for statistics and linear regression. The advantage of this routine is that since it is a module library subroutine, it runs faster than its main memory counterpart.

A second routine allows for the clearing of an arbitrary, user-defined block of data registers. This routine can clear any block of registers within the partition as long as register 0 is not included; register 0 and the t-register are used by the routine. To use the routine place the number of the lowest register to be cleared in the t-register and the highest register to be cleared in the display and call SBR CLR.

000	76	LBL	008	30	30
001	25	CLR	009	43	RCL
002	42	STD	010	00	00
003	00	00	011	77	GE
004	00	0	012	00	00
005	72	ST+	013	04	04
006	00	00	014	92	RTN
007	69	DP			

• Marcelo Falcon shares the following concerning the accessing of the hierarchy registers from the keyboard. When developing a program, especially one that makes use of the HIR instruction, one may want to check the contents of a hierarchy register. To accomplish this simply enter the following sequence anywhere in program memory: LBL GTO HIR (be sure there is no other LBL GTO in the program). Now, to execute a HIR instruction from the keyboard, press GTO GTO SST XY (where XY is the desired two digit hierarchy function code).

• PPX member Charles Gaylord has informed us of some precise tests to assure that an INV Write command is placed in a "safe" location. As mentioned in the article "Multiple Card Usage" (September/October 1981), the sequence "N INV Write GTO nnn" (or "N INV Write GTO n") must be carefully positioned within a program if the user intends to read new code into the bank through which the program is currently executing. One can successfully read new code into the current bank and go to any available location if the

"Write" command is positioned according to one of the following rules.

- 1) If the sequence is "N INV Write GTO nnn", position the command "Write" on a step that, when divided by 8, yields a decimal portion from .0 to .5, inclusive.
- 2) If the sequence is "N INV Write GTO n" or "N INV Write GTO IND xx", position the command "Write" on a step that, when divided by 8, yields a decimal portion from .9 to .625, inclusive.

These rules assure you that your intended address is stored safely in the processing buffer before you overwrite the bank in which the program is currently running. There is one exception; "Write" cannot be positioned on step 000 because that would split the "INV Write" instruction.

• An extension to the "Inverse Days Between Dates" program which appeared in the July/August 1981 issue has been recommended by Henk Leidekker. He suggests the adding of a printing feature which will print not only the date but also the date of the week. Making use of the day of the week feature of Master Library Program 20, this extension can be accomplished. Program and data register listings are shown below. The input sequence remains unchanged. (Enter the starting date in MMDD.YYYY format and press A. Then enter the number of days from the starting date and press C.)

000	76	LBL	043	55	+	086	92	92
001	10	E'	044	03	3	087	69	DP
002	42	STD	045	06	6	088	31	31
003	00	00	046	05	5	089	71	SBR
004	36	PGM	047	93	.	090	01	01
005	20	20	048	02	2	091	13	13
006	14	D	049	04	4	092	50	I×I
007	22	INV	050	95	=	093	85	+
008	58	FIX	051	59	INT	094	01	1
009	85	+	052	42	STD	095	85	+
010	09	9	053	09	09	096	43	RCL
011	03	3	054	01	1	097	01	01
012	95	=	055	42	STD	098	65	x
013	42	STD	056	01	01	099	01	1
014	06	06	057	42	STD	100	00	0
015	01	1	058	02	02	101	00	0
016	00	0	059	71	SBR	102	85	+
017	69	DP	060	01	01	103	43	RCL
018	17	17	061	13	13	104	09	09
019	73	RC*	062	77	GE	105	55	+
020	06	06	063	00	00	106	04	4
021	69	DP	064	70	70	107	22	INV
022	04	04	065	69	DP	108	28	LOG
023	43	RCL	066	39	39	109	95	=
024	00	00	067	71	SBR	110	10	E'
025	69	DP	068	01	01	111	92	RTN
026	06	06	069	13	13	112	43	RCL
027	92	RTN	070	32	X:T	113	09	09
028	76	LBL	071	50	I×I	114	42	STD
029	11	A	072	55	+	115	03	03
030	10	E'	073	02	2	116	36	PGM
031	36	PGM	074	09	9	117	20	20
032	20	20	075	85	+	118	71	SBR
033	11	A	076	01	1	119	00	00
034	92	RTN	077	95	=	120	86	86
035	76	LBL	078	59	INT	121	75	-
036	13	C	079	42	STD	122	43	RCL
037	85	+	080	01	01	123	05	05
038	43	RCL	081	71	SBR	124	95	=
039	04	04	082	01	01	125	32	X:T
040	95	=	083	13	13	126	00	0
041	42	STD	084	77	GE	127	92	RTN
042	05	05	085	00	00			

Code	Register
3613.	93
3641.	94
3032.	95
3741.	96
4317.	97
3723.	98
2135.	99

- PPX member Mark Miller has recommended a shortcut for keying Prt and Adv into programs. When the TI-59 is attached to the print cradle, Prt and Adv may be entered in the LRN mode by simply pressing these keys on the print cradle. This procedure eliminates the need to press the 2nd key on the TI-59 and is helpful when entering several Adv's at a time.
- Notice to members who have purchased the program "Othello" (PPX #918229). This program has been revised. To receive revision B, please return your original copy to PPX.
- In many program submissions we are encountering the instructions to use INV Write from the keyboard to manually read a magnetic card. We would like to caution all users in the use of this instruction from the keyboard. The TI-59 recognizes N INV Write as a valid entry only when used as a program instruction. The use of this key sequence as a means of initially reading a magnetic card can possibly alter or erase the magnetic card. With a zero or the bank number in the display the calculator automatically reads a card placed in the read/write slot provided the partitioning of the TI-59 is the same as the recorded program.

Alpha Register Lister

By Bill Beebe

This program can be very useful in debugging and documenting programs which use prestored alphanumeric data. Using the PC-100A/C this program lists the number stored in the data register, the register number, and the alpha equivalent of the register contents all on a single line for any block of registers from 1 to 89. It will not list any registers which contain zero. (Note: Since this program is designed to list alphanumeric code, it does not properly print the numeric part of numbers greater than 9999999999 or negative numbers, nor does it print the fractional part of a number.) To use the program simply enter the lowest (LL) and highest (HH) registers to be listed in the LL.HH format and press A. The maximum run time for each register is about 18 seconds.

SAMPLE OUTPUT

As an example of the use of this program, enter the following alpha codes in their respective registers.

Alpha Code	Register
32231700	01
3724200612	03
2235171337	04
2141310073	05

Now enter 1.10 in the display and press A. The program output is shown at the top of the next column.

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32231700      1  THE
3724200612    2  TI-59
24360000      3  IS
2235171337    4  GREAT
2141310073    5  FUN ?

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000	76	LBL	045	75	-	090	01	01
001	16	A'	046	59	INT	091	01	01
002	32	X:T	047	42	STD	092	11	11
003	01	1	048	00	00	093	85	+
004	82	HIR	049	95	=	094	82	HIR
005	03	03	050	88	DMS	095	13	13
006	00	0	051	82	HIR	096	33	X ²
007	32	X:T	052	18	18	097	65	X
008	95	=	053	82	HIR	098	53	(
009	55	+	054	04	04	099	35	1/X
010	01	1	055	73	RC*	100	65	X
011	00	0	056	00	00	101	01	1
012	82	HIR	057	29	CP	102	00	0
013	43	43	058	69	DP	103	22	INV
014	75	-	059	04	04	104	28	LOG
015	59	INT	060	67	EQ	105	55	+
016	82	HIR	061	01	01	106	09	9
017	07	07	062	24	24	107	09	9
018	85	+	063	55	+	108	54)
019	93	.	064	05	5	109	59	INT
020	01	1	065	22	INV	110	95	=
021	85	+	066	28	LOG	111	69	DP
022	59	INT	067	75	-	112	02	02
023	55	+	068	22	INV	113	43	RCL
024	05	5	069	59	INT	114	00	00
025	95	=	070	82	HIR	115	16	A'
026	55	+	071	06	06	116	52	EE
027	01	1	072	95	=	117	02	2
028	00	0	073	67	EQ	118	22	INV
029	85	+	074	00	00	119	52	EE
030	82	HIR	075	78	78	120	69	DP
031	17	17	076	16	A'	121	03	03
032	22	INV	077	22	INV	122	69	DP
033	67	EQ	078	86	STF	123	05	05
034	00	00	079	01	01	124	69	DP
035	08	08	080	69	DP	125	20	20
036	95	=	081	01	01	126	43	RCL
037	65	X	082	05	5	127	00	00
038	82	HIR	083	22	INV	128	32	X:T
039	13	13	084	28	LOG	129	82	HIR
040	33	X ²	085	65	X	130	14	14
041	95	=	086	82	HIR	131	77	GE
042	92	RTN	087	16	16	132	00	00
043	76	LBL	088	16	A'	133	55	55
044	11	A	089	87	IFF	134	92	RTN

Check Sum For Program

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BANK?
      1.
INSERT CARD
      120.
      104.
      80.
PRESS LRN, INS (4X)
      LRN: C
      124.
      84.
      52.
      100.8499535

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Root Finding (continued from page 1)

some function of x which we will call $f(x)$ so that $f(x) = 0$. Many equations have more than one root, polynomials being a good example. In general, these roots can be either real or imaginary. For the sake of simplicity, we will only address the subject of finding real roots of a real function.

Because of the involvement or impossibility of algebraically solving for the roots of many questions, numerical methods have been developed which allow us to take advantage of the number crunching and iterative capabilities of computing machines such as the TI-59. As is indicated in its definition, an iterative process (which all numerical root finding techniques are) involves the replication of a cycle of operations to (hopefully) produce results which approximate the desired result closer and closer. Since such techniques do not solve for the root explicitly, a condition must be defined which, when satisfied, will indicate that the iterative process has converged "close enough" to the root for the process to be halted. Such criteria usually require the user to input a small, positive number called epsilon (ϵ). One method of testing for convergence (Type 1) is to check the magnitude of the change in the independent variable from one iteration to the next, i.e. a function of x is given by $f(x)$, and we wish to find a root such that $f(x) = 0$. If $|x_n - x_{n-1}| < \epsilon$ (where x_n denotes the value of x that approximates the root after the n th iteration), then the value of x_n is considered to be "close enough" to the root to be called a root. A second method of testing for convergence (Type 2) is to test after each iteration to see if $f(x) < \epsilon$. Both of these commonly used methods have their shortcomings. With the first method, it is possible that $|x_n - x_{n-1}|$ may be very small at a location that is not within ϵ of the root. Such a situation might occur when the function is shaped as shown in figure 1.

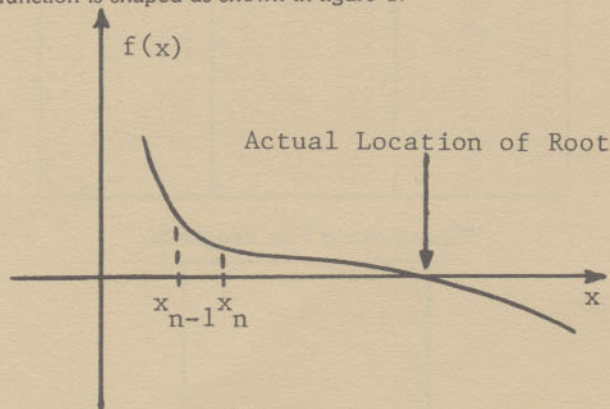


Figure 1

Example of Failure of Type 1 Convergence Testing

The second criterion can fail when the function is very flat in the region surrounding the root. In such a case, $f(x)$ is very small, but x can be further than ϵ away from the root. If there is a great need to minimize these errors, we recommend a third convergence criterion (Type 3); $[(x_n - x_{n-1})^2 + f(x_{n-1})^2]^{1/2} < \epsilon$. This criterion tests the length of the segment shown in figure 2.

Now that we have determined how to tell when a root has been found, let's examine five of the most commonly used iteration techniques.

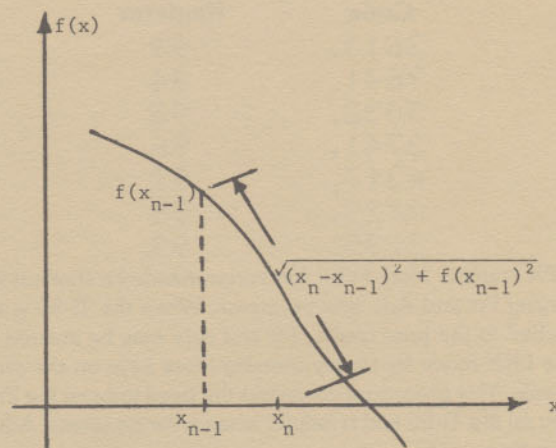


Figure 2

Type 3 Convergence Testing

Simple Iteration

One of the easiest methods to implement is that of simple iteration. If the function $f(x) = 0$ can be rearranged such that $x = g(x)$, then the iterative process $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ will sometimes yield a root. For this procedure to be successful, the absolute value of the first derivative of $g(x)$ with respect to x must be less than one when evaluated at a root. Because of the form of this process, the most commonly used test of convergence is of the first type discussed above. The flowchart shown in figure 3 illustrates this process.

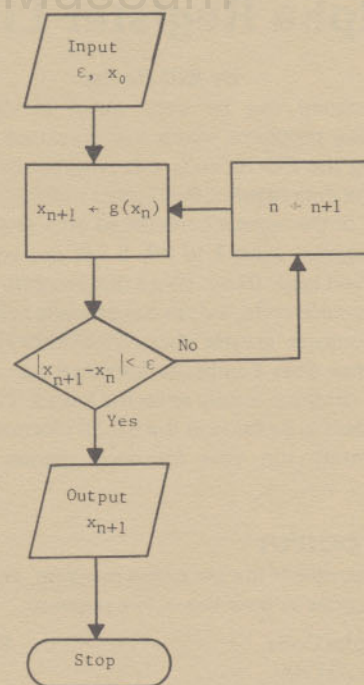


FIGURE 3

FLOWCHART FOR SIMPLE ITERATION

As an example consider the cubic equation $x^3 + 5x^2 - 64x - 140 = 0$ which has roots at 7, -2, and -10. Rearranging, we can write the equation as $x = 140/(x^2 + 5x - 64)$ which is of the form $x = g(x)$.

This method is easily coded on the TI-59. In an effort to make the routine as general as possible we will use LBL A' to calculate $g(x)$. While LBL A' will have to be changed for every different function, the rest of the program can remain the same.

To use the program (listed in figure 4), enter an initial guess for the value of the root and press A. Enter the value of ϵ and press E (if this step is not performed a default value of .01 will be used for ϵ). Press C to start the calculations. The calculated value for the root will be displayed. With $g(x)$ defined as it is, the program will find the root at -2 since the absolute value of the derivative of $g(x)$ is greater than 1 at $x = -10$ and $x = 7$.

000	76	LBL	026	76	LBL
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002	42	STD	028	43	RCL
003	01	01	029	01	01
004	93	.	030	33	X ²
005	00	0	031	85	+
006	01	1	032	05	5
007	32	X ¹ T	033	65	X
008	91	R/S	034	43	RCL
009	76	LBL	035	01	01
010	15	E	036	75	-
011	32	X ¹ T	037	06	6
012	91	R/S	038	04	4
013	76	LBL	039	95	=
014	13	C	040	35	1/X
015	16	A'	041	65	X
016	75	-	042	01	1
017	48	EXC	043	04	4
018	01	01	044	00	0
019	95	=	045	95	=
020	50	I ¹ X ¹	046	92	RTN
021	77	GE			
022	13	C			
023	43	RCL			
024	01	01			
025	91	R/S			

Figure 4
Listing for Simple
Iteration Program

Bisection

Bisection is one of the easiest methods to visualize; however, due its "brute force" nature, it tends to require more iterations to converge than the more elegant methods. In order to visualize how this technique works, consider the function in figure 5 which has a single real root bounded by two points, x_L and x_R , on the x-axis. The points x_L and x_R must be such that $f(x_L) \cdot f(x_R) < 0$, or, in words, the function must be on opposite sides of the x-axis at the interval boundaries, x_L and x_R . To find the root, we first bisect the interval by calculating its midpoint $x_m = (x_L + x_R)/2$. Next, we compute the product $f(x_m) \cdot f(x_R)$. If this product is negative then the root is between x_m and x_R , and we let x_m become our new left end bound (x_L). However, if the product is positive then the root is between x_L and x_m , and we let x_m become our new right end bound. This process is continued until the root has been found as accurately as desired. Since the maximum error in each x_m is $1/2(x_L - x_R)$, the process is usually considered convergent when $x_R - x_L < 2\epsilon$.

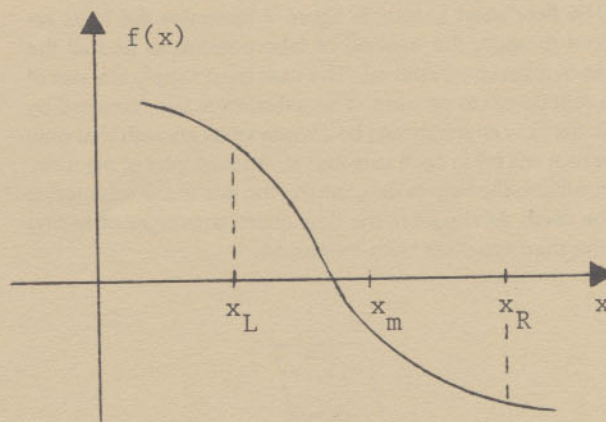


Figure 5
Illustration of Bisection
Method

Although bisection is a "crude" method, it will always find the root if it is supplied with two endpoints as described above. If one wishes to find more than just one root in an interval, The complexity of the algorithm is greatly increased. Since we will take an indepth look at finding more than one root in our consideration of the next method, we will leave it to the interested reader to download Master Library Program 08 for an example of the implementation of bisection to find more than one root.

Regula Falsi (false-position)

The method of false position is one step up the ladder of sophistication in root finding from the method of bisection. This method is often used in preference to bisection because it utilizes the same information as bisection but usually generates a closer approximation of the root. As shown in figure 6, the approximation of the root (call it x_N) is the point where the line defined as the two points $(x_L, f(x_L))$ and $(x_R, f(x_R))$ crosses the x-axis. Once the approximation x_N has been found by

$$x_N = x_L + (x_R - x_L) f(x_L) / [f(x_L) - f(x_R)]$$

the procedure for determining which side of x_N the actual root lies is the same as that for bisection.

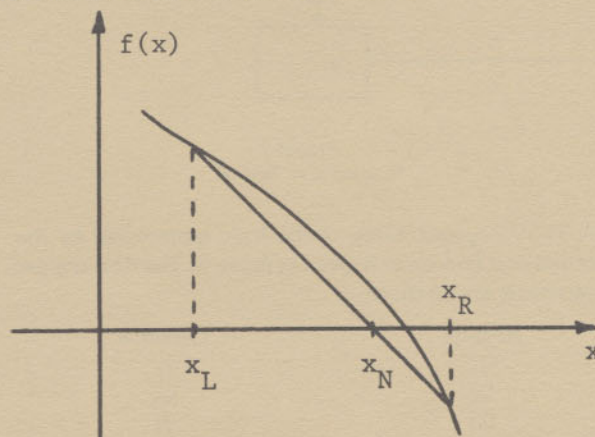


Figure 6
Illustration of Regula Falsi
Method

The flow chart shown in figure 7 illustrates the logic required to apply the method of false-position to find all the roots in a specified interval. The user must supply the size of the subinterval to be used. This subinterval size (denoted by N in the flow chart) should be chosen small enough that only one root will fall in each subinterval. A rough plot of the function will usually help in determining the size of the subinterval to be used. As shown in the flow chart, convergence testing of the third type has been employed.

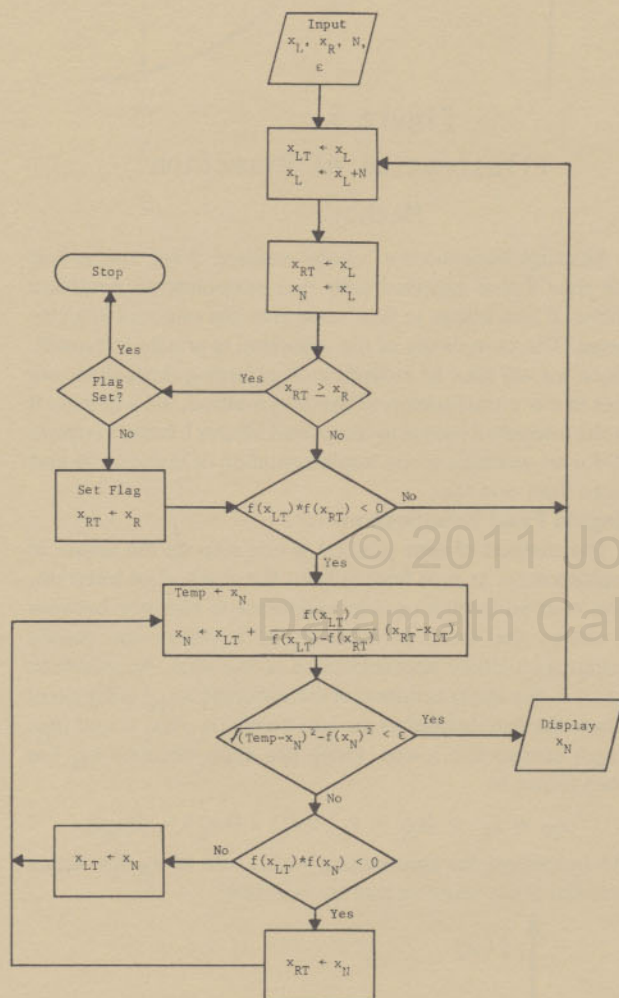


FIGURE 7
REGULA FALSI METHOD

A TI-59 keycode listing of the logic represented by the false-position flow chart is given in figure 8. The data register assignments are as shown.

Register	Contents
01	x_L
02	x_R
03	N
04	E
05	x_{LT}
06	x_{RT}
07	x_N

08	$(x_N - \text{Temp})^2$
09	$f(x_{LT})$
10	$f(x_{RT})$
11	$f(x_N)$
12 and above	Available for use by subroutine A'

Subroutine A' is reserved for evaluation of the function of interest. The sample cubic previously considered is coded in subroutine A' of figure 8. To find the three roots of the sample problem (-10, -2, and 7) enter a left bound (say -20) and press A. Enter a right bound (10) and press B. Select a suitable subinterval size (7) and press C. Enter a small positive number for ϵ and press E (if a value for ϵ is not entered, a default value of 0.01 is assigned). The root at -10 will be found first and displayed. Press R/S to continue the program. After all roots in the interval have been displayed, the display will flash.

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002	42	STD	047	32	X:T	092	43	RCL	137	11	11
003	01	01	048	43	RCL	093	05	05	138	42	STD
004	22	INV	049	02	02	094	54	>	139	10	10
005	86	STF	050	77	GE	095	85	+	140	61	GTO
006	01	01	051	00	00	096	43	RCL	141	00	00
007	93	.	052	61	61	097	05	05	142	78	78
008	00	0	053	87	IFF	098	75	-	143	43	RCL
009	01	1	054	01	01	099	48	EXC	144	07	07
010	42	STD	055	01	01	100	07	07	145	42	STD
011	04	04	056	54	54	101	95	=	146	05	05
012	91	R/S	057	86	STF	102	33	X^2	147	43	RCL
013	76	LBL	058	01	01	103	42	STD	148	11	11
014	12	B	059	42	STD	104	08	08	149	42	STD
015	42	STD	060	06	06	105	43	RCL	150	09	09
016	02	02	061	43	RCL	106	07	07	151	61	GTO
017	91	R/S	062	06	06	107	16	A'	152	00	00
018	76	LBL	063	16	A'	108	42	STD	153	78	78
019	15	E	064	42	STD	109	11	11	154	25	CLR
020	42	STD	065	10	10	110	33	X^2	155	35	1/X
021	04	04	066	43	RCL	111	85	+	156	91	R/S
022	91	R/S	067	05	05	112	43	RCL	157	76	LBL
023	76	LBL	068	16	A'	113	08	08	158	16	A'
024	13	C	069	42	STD	114	95	=	159	42	STD
025	42	STD	070	09	09	115	34	FX	160	12	12
026	03	03	071	65	x	116	32	X:T	161	65	x
027	91	R/S	072	43	RCL	117	43	RCL	162	53	(
028	43	RCL	073	10	10	118	04	04	163	24	CE
029	07	07	074	95	=	119	77	GE	164	33	X^2
030	91	R/S	075	29	CP	120	00	00	165	85	+
031	76	LBL	076	77	GE	121	28	28	166	05	5
032	14	D	077	14	D	122	43	RCL	167	65	x
033	43	RCL	078	43	RCL	123	11	11	168	43	RCL
034	01	01	079	09	09	124	65	x	169	12	12
035	42	STD	080	55	+	125	43	RCL	170	75	-
036	05	05	081	53	(	126	09	09	171	06	6
037	85	+	082	24	CE	127	95	=	172	04	4
038	43	RCL	083	75	-	128	29	CP	173	54)
039	03	03	084	43	RCL	129	77	GE	174	75	-
040	95	=	085	10	10	130	01	01	175	01	1
041	42	STD	086	54	>	131	43	43	176	04	4
042	01	01	087	65	x	132	43	RCL	177	00	0
043	42	STD	088	53	(	133	07	07	178	95	=
044	06	06	089	43	RCL	134	42	STD	179	92	RTN

Figure 8
Listing of Regula
Falsi Program

Newton's Method

Sir Isaac Newton recommended that the line used in the method of false position be replaced by a line tangent to the function at the current approximation of the root. This method of root finding does not require that the root be bounded, only that an initial approximation in the vicinity of the root be supplied.

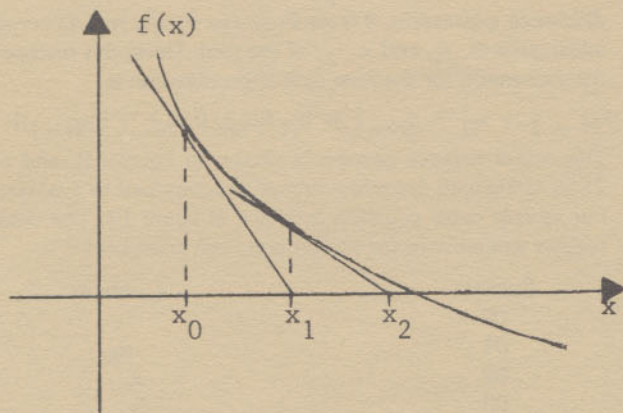


Figure 9
Illustration of Newton's
Method

In order to find the location of the new approximation (x_{N+1}) the tangent line is defined by the point ($x_N, f(x_N)$) and the slope of the line tangent to the function at that point. This slope is known in differential calculus as the first derivative of the function at x_N and is denoted by $f'(x_N)$. Using these notations the next approximation of the root is given by

$$x_{N+1} = x_N - f(x_N)/f'(x_N).$$

This process is depicted in the flow chart of figure 10. Not only does Newton's method tend to converge in fewer iterations than false position, it can also find a root where the function does not cross the x-axis but is tangent to the x-axis. Without large modifications in the logic, Newton's method will only find one root for each initial guess. To find all the roots of a polynomial by Newton's method, synthetic division can be used to find the derivative and to reduce the polynomial once a root is located. It is beyond the scope of

this article to fully delve into the application of synthetic division; however, reference 3 listed at the end of this article contains an excellent treatment of the subject.

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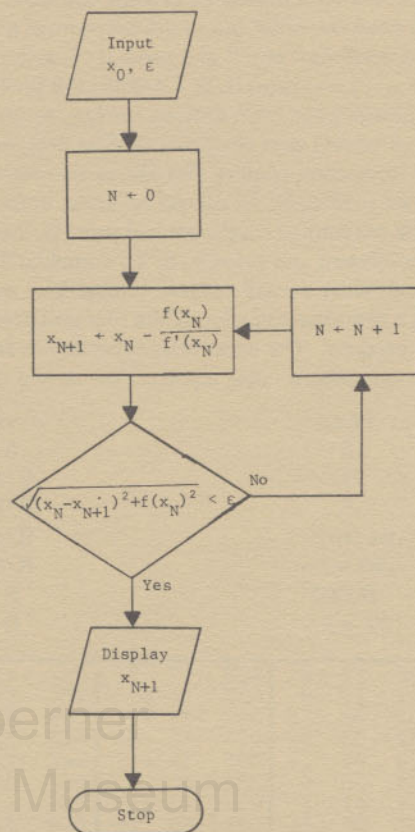


FIGURE 10
NEWTON'S METHOD

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In order to use Newton's method on the TI-59 one must be able to write a subroutine which can evaluate the function and its derivative at any point. This task has been done in subroutine A' of figure 11 for an arbitrary order polynomial. The section of the program that performs the iterative Newton's method is contained in steps 028-054. To use the program enter the order (m) of the polynomial and press A. Enter the coefficient of x^m and press R/S. Enter the coefficient of x_{m-1} and press R/S. Continue this process until all the coefficients have been entered (missing terms should be entered as having zero coefficients). The program contains an entry correction routine that allows the correction of a misentered coefficient. To correct an entry, enter the power of x of the misentered coefficient and press B, then enter the correct coefficient and press R/S. To complete the data entry process, enter a small positive number for ϵ and press E. Entering a first approximation of the root and pressing D will start the program. The keystrokes necessary to find the root at -10 in our sample cubic equation are shown below.

Enter	Press
3	A
1	R/S
5	R/S
64 +/-	R/S
140 +/-	R/S
.00001	E
20 +/-	D

000	76	LBL	031	57	57	062	43	RCL
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002	42	STD	033	43	RCL	064	42	STD
003	59	59	034	56	56	065	58	58
004	93	.	035	94	+/-	066	73	RC*
005	00	0	036	55	=	067	58	58
006	01	1	037	43	RCL	068	44	SUM
007	76	LBL	038	55	55	069	56	56
008	15	E	039	95	=	070	43	RCL
009	32	X!T	040	44	SUM	071	57	57
010	43	RCL	041	57	57	072	49	PRD
011	59	59	042	33	X²	073	56	56
012	76	LBL	043	85	+	074	49	PRD
013	12	B	044	43	RCL	075	55	55
014	42	STD	045	56	56	076	43	RCL
015	58	58	046	33	X²	077	58	58
016	91	R/S	047	95	=	078	65	x
017	72	ST+	048	34	FX	079	73	RC*
018	58	58	049	77	GE	080	58	58
019	01	1	050	00	00	081	95	=
020	22	INV	051	32	32	082	44	SUM
021	44	SUM	052	43	RCL	083	55	55
022	58	58	053	57	57	084	97	DSZ
023	43	RCL	054	91	R/S	085	58	58
024	58	58	055	76	LBL	086	00	00
025	61	GTD	056	16	A'	087	66	66
026	00	00	057	00	0	088	43	RCL
027	16	16	058	42	STD	089	00	00
028	76	LBL	059	55	55	090	44	SUM
029	14	D	060	42	STD	091	56	56
030	42	STD	061	56	56	092	92	RTN

Figure 11
General Order Polynomial
Root Finder

Secant Method

The secant method is a modification of Newton's method in which the derivative has been replaced by a difference expression. This modification is helpful when the function is laborious to differentiate since the derivative does not have to be programmed. In order to allow the initial calculation of the

difference expression, it is necessary to supply two different initial guesses, x_0 and x_{-1} , of the root. Using this method the expression for the new root approximation is

$$x_{N+1} - x_N = d_{N+1} = d_N f(x_N) / [f(x_N) - f(x_{N-1})].$$

The actual iterative process is shown in figure 12, and a TI-59 listing with the subroutine A' programmed to evaluate our sample cubic equation is shown in figure 13. The data register assignments for the program are listed below.

Register	Contents
00	ϵ
01	x_N
02	x_{-1}
03	d_{N+1}
05	$f(x_{N-1})$
06	$f(x_N)$
07 and above	Available for subroutine A'.

To use the program, enter x_0 and press A, enter x_{-1} and press B. Enter ϵ and press E. Press D to start program execution. The keystrokes required to find the root of our sample cubic at $x = 7$ are shown below.

Enter	Press
20	A
15	B
.0001	E
	D

000	76	LBL	033	76	LBL	066	00	00
001	11	A	034	14	D	067	22	INV
002	42	STD	035	43	RCL	068	77	GE
003	01	01	036	01	01	069	00	00
004	91	R/S	037	16	A'	070	35	35
005	76	LBL	038	42	STD	071	43	RCL
006	12	B	039	06	06	072	01	01
007	42	STD	040	65	x	073	91	R/S
008	02	02	041	43	RCL	074	76	LBL
009	16	A'	042	03	03	075	16	A'
010	42	STD	043	55	+	076	42	STD
011	05	05	044	53	<	077	12	12
012	43	RCL	045	43	RCL	078	65	x
013	01	01	046	05	05	079	53	<
014	75	-	047	75	-	080	24	CE
015	43	RCL	048	43	RCL	081	33	X²
016	02	02	049	06	06	082	85	+
017	95	=	050	42	STD	083	05	5
018	42	STD	051	05	05	084	65	x
019	03	03	052	95	=	085	43	RCL
020	93	.	053	42	STD	086	12	12
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022	01	1	055	44	SUM	088	06	6
023	42	STD	056	01	01	089	04	4
024	00	00	057	33	X²	090	54)
025	43	RCL	058	85	+	091	75	-
026	02	02	059	43	RCL	092	01	1
027	91	R/S	060	06	06	093	04	4
028	76	LBL	061	33	X²	094	00	0
029	15	E	062	95	=	095	95	=
030	42	STD	063	34	FX	096	92	RTN
031	00	00	064	32	X!T			
032	91	R/S	065	43	RCL			

Figure 13
Listing of Secant
Method

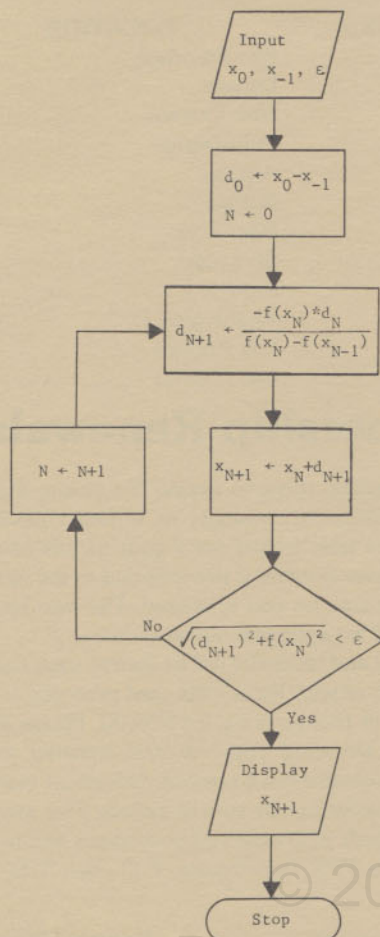


FIGURE 12
SECANT METHOD

Conclusions

In this article we have examined five different techniques of root finding and given examples of their application on the TI-59. No attempt has been made to single out any method as being superior to another although predictions as to the relative number of iterations required by each method have been made. The real test of a root finder, though, is not how few iterations it takes but how fast it finds the root. Since the speed of these routines is dependent on the time required to evaluate the function, which method is the fastest will depend on the function. It could turn out that even though Newton's method may take the fewest iterations to converge, this method could be the slowest of all because of the extra time required to calculate the derivative. Since speed is the major concern, one would usually use one of the root finding programs contained in the Solid State Software™ libraries because module programs execute a faster rate than their main memory counterparts. The Master Library contains a bisection program, and the Math/Utilities library contains a Newton's method program. If, however, you find occasion to need a root finder when one of these libraries is not available, the root finders presented here could be very useful.

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419 Steps

918309H Space Attacker

An alien fleet is printed on the tape, attacking you, the defender. Your mission is to select one of three cannons you will fire at the invaders. If you succeed a part of the fleet will disappear and the remainder of the fleet will be reprinted. Look out for the big alien leader, if you miss him, you lose. Fred L. Hubbard, Danville, IL
478 Steps, PC-100A, Mod. 01

148019H Loan Vs. Inflation Effect

Given the amount of loan, interest rate, projected inflation rate, and number of payment periods, this program calculates the payment per period, sum of payments, sum of interest portions, sum of principle portions. This program calculates the effect on these three categories from the first payment to the last and sums each.

Glenn Ellis, Memphis, TN
355 Steps

698033H A Clear-Day Insolation Model

The user provides latitude and altitude of test site, time of year, and ground-level atmospheric dust content. The calculator will compute hourly insolation values and output them along with the time of day in local mean solar time, the solar zenith angle, and the atmospheric transmissivity. The calculator will then produce a scaled plot of insolation as a function of time.

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TI-59 Programming Seminars

There may be a seminar coming to your area. These seminars are open to anyone with a TI-59 regardless of programming background. The seminars provide both beginning and intermediate programming training on the TI-59 in a "hands on" fashion. Tuition for the two day class is \$150.00 per person. This includes the instruction, workbook, and luncheon for the two days. You should supply your own TI-59. To register send your check for \$150.00 payable to Texas Instruments to:

TI-59 Seminar
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If you have any further questions regarding the seminars or if you would like information on setting up a company seminar, please contact Mary Ann Barley at 806-741-3272. The schedule of the upcoming seminars is listed below.

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