

# Algorithms

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## ALGORITHM 279

### CHEBYSHEV QUADRATURE [D1]

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**real procedure** *cheb*(*a*, *b*, *error*, *nmax*, *f*);  
**value** *a*, *b*, *error*, *nmax*; **real** *a*, *b*, *error*; **integer** *nmax*; **real**  
**procedure** *f*;

**comment** This routine evaluates the integral of  $f(x)$  with lower and upper limits set to  $a$  and  $b$  respectively. The method is that suggested by Curtis and Clenshaw [*Num. Math.* 2 197-205 (1960)]. The method consists of fitting  $2 \uparrow n + 1$  point Chebyshev polynomial to integrand and thus finding integral.  $n$  is tried equal to 2 and increased by 1 if *error*, the relative error, is too large. If  $n$  reaches maximum *nmax* without required accuracy obtained a message is printed. Accuracy is determined by assuming that *error* is less than the contribution to the integral of the last term in the integrated Chebyshev polynomial. After  $n = 2$  has been tried, an estimate of the integral is available and subsequently the last term in the Chebyshev polynomial is found first and this saves evaluating whole polynomial if accuracy not obtained. An extra check is that the next two terms are also tested allowing up to 8 times *error* on previous term in each case. A reasonable value for *nmax* is probably 7. Integrals requiring many more points than this would probably be better tackled using some method which subdivides the range. Also the temporary storage required increases considerably for larger values of *nmax*. For example *nmax* = 10 requires 2048 words;

**begin**

**real** *armin1*, *aradd1*, *bmina*, *badda*, *br*, *bsum*, *cs*, *csadd1*, *csadd2*,  
*esterr*, *x*, *estint*, *intdv2*, *twodvn*, *twotr*, *error*;

**integer** *j*, *k*, *m*, *r*, *s*, *mmax*, *mmaxd2*, *rk*;

*k* :=  $2 \uparrow (nmax - 2)$ ;

*mmaxd2* :=  $2 \times k$ ;

*mmax* :=  $2 \times mmaxd2$ ;

**begin**

**real array** *func*, *cosine* [0:*mmax*];

*bmina* :=  $.5 \times (b - a)$ ;

*badda* :=  $.5 \times (b + a)$ ;

*twodvn* := 1; *m* := 4;

**comment**  $m + 1$  is number of points used in Chebyshev fit;

*start*: *twodvn* :=  $.5 \times twodvn$ ;

*bsum* := *aradd1* := 0;

*k* :=  $k \div 2$ ;

*j* := **if**  $m = 4$  **then** 0 **else**  $k$ ;

*fnretn*: **if**  $j \leq mmaxd2$  **then**

**begin**

*cosine* [*j*] := **if**  $m = 4$  **then**  $\cos(3.14159265 \times j / mmax)$

**else if**  $j = k$  **then**  $\sqrt{(1 + \cosine[2 \times j]) / 2}$

**else**  $(\cosine[j - k] + \cosine[j + k]) / (2 \times \cosine[k])$ ;

*cosine* [*mmax* - *j*] :=  $-\cosine[j]$

**end**;

*x* := *bmina*  $\times$  *cosine* [*j*] + *badda*;

*func* [*j*] := **if**  $j = mmax$  **then**  $.5 \times f(x)$  **else**  $f(x)$ ;

*j* :=  $2 \times k + j$ ;

**comment** Evaluates remaining values of integrand required storing  $.5 \times$  lower bound for easier use in  $C_r$  recurrence formula;

**if**  $mmax \geq j$  **then go to** *fnretn*;

**if**  $m = 4$  **then**  $k := 2 \times k$ ;

*error* := *error*;

*r* := *m*;

*rk* := *mmax*;

**comment** *error* is the error allowed in Chebyshev coefficient compared with estimate of integral;

*brretn*: *twotr* :=  $2 \times \cosine[rk]$ ;

*csadd2* := 0;

*csadd1* := 0;

*s* := *mmax*;

*cretn*: *cs* := *twotr*  $\times$  *csadd1* - *csadd2* + *func*[*s*];

**if**  $s \neq 0$  **then**

**begin**

*csadd2* := *csadd1*;

*csadd1* := *cs*;

*s* :=  $s - k$ ;

**go to** *cretn*

**end** recurrence to evaluate next Chebyshev coefficient of original function;

*armin1* :=  $.5 \times twodvn \times (cs - csadd2) \times$  (**if**  $r = m$  **then**  $.5$  **else**  $1.0$ );

*br* :=  $.5 \times (armin1 - aradd1) / (r + 1)$ ;

**comment** *br* is Chebyshev coefficient of integrated function;

*bsum* := *bsum* + *br*;

*aradd1* := *armin1*;

**comment** integral =  $(b - a) \times (b_1 + b_3 + \dots + .5 \times b_n)$ ;

**if**  $r = m$  **then** *esterr* := *br*;

**comment** *error* assumed less than last term added in *br* sum;

**if**  $m \neq 4$   $7433 m \neq mmax$   $7433 r \geq m - 4$  **then**

**begin**

**if**  $abs(br) \geq error \times estint$  **then**

**begin**

*newm*: *m* :=  $2 \times m$ ;

**go to** *start*

**end**;

*error* :=  $8 \times error$

**end** Checks last 3 coefficients to ensure within allowed error bounds;

**if**  $r \neq 0$  **then**

**begin**

*r* :=  $r - 2$ ;

*rk* :=  $rk - 2 \times k$ ;

**go to** *brretn*

**end**;

*intdv2* := *bsum*  $\times$  *bmina*;

*estint* :=  $abs(bsum)$ ;

**if**  $error \times estint < abs(esterr)$  **then**

**begin**

**if**  $m \neq mmax$  **then go to** *newm*;

*outstring* (1, 'Accuracy not obtained');

**end**;

*cheb* :=  $2 \times intdv2$

**end**

**end** *cheb*

ALGORITHM 280  
 ABSCISSAS AND WEIGHTS FOR GREGORY  
 QUADRATURE [D1]

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**procedure** *gregoryrule* (*n*, *r*, *t*, *w*);  
**value** *n*, *r*; **integer** *n*, *r*; **real array** *t*, *w*;  
**comment** Computes the abscissas and weights of the Gregory



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**real destination**; **comment** the number read from channel *channel* is assigned to the variable *destination*; . . . ;

**procedure** *outreal* (*channel*, *source*); **value** *channel*, *source*; **integer** *channel*;  
**real source**; **comment** the value of expression *source* is output to channel *channel*; . . . ;

**procedure** *ininteger* (*channel*, *destination*);  
**value** *channel*; **integer** *channel*, *destination*; . . . ;

**procedure** *outinteger* (*channel*, *source*);  
**value** *channel*, *source*; **integer** *channel*, *source*; . . . ;

**procedure** *oustring* (*channel*, *string*); **value** *channel*; **integer** *channel*;  
**string string**; . . . ;

If only one channel is used by the program, it should be designated by 1. Examples:

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oustring (1, 'x ='); outreal (1, x);
for i := 1 step 1 until n do outreal (1, A[i]);
ininteger (1, digit [17]);
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quadrature rule with *r* differences:

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} f(t) dt \approx h \left( \frac{1}{2} f_0 + f_1 + \dots + f_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2} f_n \right) - \frac{h}{12} (\nabla f_n - \Delta f_0) - \frac{h}{24} (\nabla^2 f_n + \Delta^2 f_0) - \dots - h c_{r+1}^* (\nabla^r f_n + \Delta^r f_0) = \sum_{j=0}^n w_j f(t_j),$$

where  $h = (t_n - t_0)/n$ , and the  $c_j^*$  are given in Henrici [1964]. The number  $r$  must be an integer from 0 to  $n$ , the number of subdivisions. The left and right endpoints must be in  $t[0]$  and  $t[n]$  respectively. The abscissas are returned in  $t[0]$  to  $t[n]$  and the corresponding weights in  $w[0]$  to  $w[n]$ .

If  $r = 0$  the Gregory rule is the same as the repeated trapezoid rule, and if  $r = n$  the same as the Newton-Cotes rule (closed type). The order  $p$  of the quadrature rule is  $p = r + 1$  for  $r$  odd and  $p = r + 2$  for  $r$  even. For  $n \geq 9$  and large  $r$  some of the weights can be negative.

For  $n \leq 32$  and  $r \leq 24$ , the numerical integration of powers (less than  $r$ ) of  $x$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$  gave 9 significant digits correct in an 11-digit mantissa. Since the binomial coefficients are generated in the local integer array  $b$ , integer overflow may occur for large values of  $r$ . The type of  $b$  can be changed to real to prevent this with no change in the results stated above.

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- HILDEBRAND, F. B. *Introduction to Numerical Analysis*. McGraw-Hill, New York, 1956, p. 155.  
 HENRICI, PETER. *Elements of Numerical Analysis*. Wiley, New York, 1964, p. 252.;

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begin integer i, j; real h, cj;
integer array b[0: n]; real array c[0: n + 1];
b[0] := 1; c[0] := 1.0; c[1] := -0.5; b[n] := 0;
h := (t[n] - t[0])/n; w[0] := w[n] := 0.5;
for i := n - 1 step -1 until 1 do
begin w[i] := 1.0; t[i] := i * h + t[0]; b[i] := 0 end;
if r > n then r := n;
for j := 1 step 1 until r do
begin cf := 0.5 * c[j];
for i := j step -1 until 1 do b[i] := b[i] - b[i - 1];
for i := 3 step 1 until j + 2 do cj := cj + c[j + 2 - i]/i;
c[j + 1] := -cj;
for i := 0 step 1 until n do
w[i] := w[i] - cj * (b[n - i] + b[i]);
end;
for i := 0 step 1 until n do w[i] := w[i] * h
end gregoryrule
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ALGORITHM 281  
 ABSCISSAS AND WEIGHTS FOR ROMBERG  
 QUADRATURE [D1]

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**procedure** *rombergrule* (*n*, *p*, *t*, *w*);  
**value** *n*, *p*; **integer** *n*, *p*; **real array** *t*, *w*;  
**comment** Computes the abscissas and weights of the *p*th order Romberg quadrature rule which features equally spaced abscissas and positive weights lying between  $0.484 \times h$  and  $1.4524 \times h$  ( $h =$  subdivision length). The number of subdivisions  $n$  must be a power of 2 (say  $2 \uparrow q$ ) and  $p$  an even number from 2 to

2q+2. Romberg integration is normally given as the extrapolation to the limit of the trapezoid rule. Let

$$T_0^{(k)} = h \left( \frac{1}{2} f_0 + f_1 + \dots + f_{2^{k-1}} + \frac{1}{2} f_{2^k} \right), \text{ and } T_m^{(k)} = \frac{4^m T_{m-1}^{(k+1)} - T_{m-1}^{(k)}}{4^m - 1},$$

then the Romberg quadrature rule gives

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} f(t) dt = T_m^{(k)} \approx \sum_{j=0}^n w_j f(t_j),$$

where  $n = 2^q$ ,  $m = (p - 2)/2$ , and  $k = q - m$ . The left and right endpoints must be in  $t[0]$  and  $t[n]$  respectively. The abscissas are returned in  $t[0]$  to  $t[n]$  and the corresponding weights in  $w[0]$  to  $w[n]$ .

If  $p = 2$  the Romberg rule is the same as the repeated trapezoid rule, and if  $p = 4$ , the same as the repeated Simpson rule.

For  $n \leq 128$  and  $p \leq 16$ , the numerical integration of powers (less than  $p$ ) of  $x$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$  gave answers correct to one round off error in an 11-digit mantissa.

REFERENCE: Bauer, F. L., Rutishauser, H., and Stiefel, E. New aspects in numerical quadrature. *Proc. of Symp. in Appl. Math.*, Vol. 15: High speed computing and experimental arithmetic. Amer. Math. Soc., Providence, R. I., 1963, pp. 199-218;

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begin integer i, j, m, m1, m4, s;
real h, ci; real array c[0: (p - 2)/2];
h := (t[n] - t[0])/n; w[0] := w[n] := 0;
for i := n - 1 step -1 until 1 do
  begin w[i] := c[i] := 0; t[i] := i × h + t[0] end;
m := (p - 2)/2; c[0] := 1.0; s := m4 := 1; c[n] := 0;
if m > ln(n)/ln(2) then m := ln(n)/ln(2);
for j := 1 step 1 until m do
  begin m4 := 4 × m4; m1 := m4 - 1;
  for i := j step -1 until 1 do
    c[i] := (m4 × c[i] - c[i - 1])/m1;
  c[0] := c[0] × (m4/m1);
  end;
for i := 0 step 1 until m do
  begin ci := c[i] × s;
  for j := 0 step s until n do w[j] := w[j] + ci;
  s := 2 × s;
  end;
w[0] := w[n] := 0.5 × w[0];
for j := 0 step 1 until n do w[j] := w[j] × h;
end rombergrule

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## ALGORITHM 282

DERIVATIVES OF  $e^x/x$ ,  $\cos(x)/x$ , AND  $\sin(x)/x^*$  [S22]

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procedure dsubn(x, nmax, d);
  value x, nmax; integer nmax; real x; array d;
comment This procedure generates the derivatives

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$$d_n(x) = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \left( \frac{e^x}{x} \right) \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, nmax)$$

using the recurrence relation

$$d_n(x) = (e^x - n d_{n-1}(x))/x \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

The results are stored in the array  $d$ . If  $x = 0$ , there is an error

exit to a global label called *alarm*;

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begin integer n; real e;
if x = 0 then go to alarm;
e := exp(x); d[0] := e/x;
for n := 1 step 1 until nmax do
  d[n] := (e - n × d[n - 1])/x;
end dsubn;
procedure csubn(x, nmax, c);
  value x, nmax; integer nmax; real x; array c;
comment This procedure obtains the derivatives

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$$c_n(x) = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \left( \frac{\cos x}{x} \right) \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, nmax)$$

from the recurrence relation

$$c_n(x) = (\tau_n(x) - n c_{n-1}(x))/x \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

where  $\{\tau_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \{-\sin x, -\cos x, \sin x, \cos x, -\sin x, \dots\}$ .

The results are stored in the array  $c$ . If  $x = 0$ , there is an error exit to a global label called *alarm*;

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begin integer n; array tau[1: 4];
if x = 0 then go to alarm;
tau[1] := -sin(x); tau[2] := -cos(x);
tau[3] := -tau[1]; tau[4] := -tau[2];
c[0] := tau[4]/x;
for n := 1 step 1 until nmax do
  c[n] := (tau[n - 4] × ((n - 1) ÷ 4) - n × c[n - 1])/x;
end csubn;
procedure ssubn(x, nmax, d, s);
  value x, nmax, d; integer nmax, d; real x; array s;
comment This procedure generates to  $d$  significant digits the
  derivatives

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$$s_n(x) = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, nmax),$$

and stores the results in the array  $s$ . The method of computation is based on the recurrence relation

$$s_n(x) = (\sigma_n(x) - n s_{n-1}(x))/x \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

where  $\{\sigma_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \{\cos x, -\sin x, -\cos x, \sin x, \cos x, \dots\}$ . The recurrence relation is applied in forward direction as long as  $n \leq |x|$ , and in backward direction for the remaining values of  $n$ , starting with an appropriately large  $n = \nu$ . A detailed discussion of the method will be published elsewhere. It is assumed that a global real procedure  $t(y)$  is available, which evaluates the inverse function  $t = t(y)$  of  $y = t \ln t$  to low accuracy for  $y \geq 0$ . (See W. Gautschi, Algorithm 236, Bessel functions of the first kind, *Comm. ACM* 7 (Aug. 1964), 479 Gautschi, W. Computation of successive derivatives of  $f(z)/z$ , in press;

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begin integer n, n0, nu; real x1, d1, s1; array sigma [1: 4];
x1 := abs(x);
sigma [1] := cos(x); sigma [2] := -sin(x);
sigma [3] := -sigma [1]; sigma [4] := -sigma [2];
n0 := entier (x1); s[0] := if x ≠ 0 then sigma [4]/x else 1;
for n := 1 step 1 until if n0 ≤ nmax then n0 else nmax do
  s[n] := (sigma [n - 4] × ((n - 1) ÷ 4) - n × s[n - 1])/x;
if n0 < nmax then
  begin
  s1 := 0; d1 := 2.3026 × d + .6931;
  nu := if nmax ≤ 2.7183 × x1 0 then
    1 + entier (2.7183 × x1 × t(.36788 × d1/x1)) else
    1 + entier (nmax × t(d1/nmax));
  for n := nu step -1 until n0 + 2 do
    begin
    s1 := (sigma [n - 4] × ((n - 1) ÷ 4) - x × s1)/n;
    if n ≤ nmax + 1 then s[n - 1] := s1;
    end
  end
end ssubn

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ALGORITHM 283

SIMULTANEOUS DISPLACEMENT OF POLYNOMIAL ROOTS IF REAL AND SIMPLE [C2]

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**procedure** *Prrs* (*A*, *X*, *n*, *eps*); **value** *n*, *eps*;  
**integer** *n*; **real** *eps*; **array** *A*, *X*;  
**comment** *Prrs* (polynomial roots real simple) computes the *n* roots *X* of the polynomial equation

$$A_n x^n + A_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + A_0 = 0$$

simultaneously. On entry the array *X* contains the vector of initial approximations to the roots and on exit it contains the vector of improved approximations to the roots. The initial approximations must be distinct. Accuracy is specified by means of a parameter *eps*. Iteration is continued until the Euclidean norm of the correction vector does not exceed *eps*. The convergence is quadratic;

**begin integer** *i*, *k*; **real** *x*, *P*, *Q*;  
*eps* := *eps* ↑ 2;  
*W*: *Q* := 0;  
**for** *i* := 1 **step** 1 **until** *n* **do**  
**begin** *x* := *P* := *A*[*n*];  
**for** *k* := 1 **step** 1 **until** *n* **do**  
**begin** *x* := *x* × *X*[*i*] + *A*[*n* - *k*];  
**if** *k* ≠ *i* **then** *P* := *P* × (*X*[*i*] - *X*[*k*])  
**end**;  
*X*[*i*] := *X*[*i*] - *x*/*P*;  
*Q* := *Q* + (*x*/*P*) ↑ 2  
**end**;  
**if** *Q* > *eps* **then go to** *W*  
**end**

CERTIFICATION OF ALGORITHM 9 [D2]

RUNGE-KUTTA INTEGRATION [P. Naur et al.,  
*Comm. ACM* 3 (May 1960), 318]

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Algorithm 9 was transcribed into the hardware representation for CDC 3600 ALGOL and run successfully. The following procedure was used for the global procedure *comp*:

**real procedure** *comp* (*a*, *b*, *c*); **value** *a*, *b*, *c*; **real** *a*, *b*, *c*;  
**begin integer** *AE*, *BE*, *CE*;  
**integer procedure** *expon* (*x*); **real** *x*;  
**comment** This function produces the base 10 exponent of *x*;  
*expon* := **if** *x* = 0 **then** -999 **else**  
*entier* (.4342944819 × *ln*(*abs*(*x*)) + 1);  
**comment** The number -999 may be replaced by any number less than the exponent of the smallest positive number handled by the particular machine used, for this algorithm assumes that true zero has an exponent smaller than any nonzero floating-point number. Users implementing **real procedure** *comp* by machine code should make sure that this condition is satisfied by their program;

*AE* := *expon*(*a*); *BE* := *expon*(*b*); *CE* := *expon*(*c*);  
**if** *AE* < *BE* **then** *AE* := *BE*; **if** *AE* < *CE* **then** *AE* := *CE*;  
*comp* := *abs*(*a* - *b*)/10 ↑ *AE*  
**end**

This has the advantage of machine independence, but is highly inefficient compared to machine code.

The procedure was tested using the two following procedures for *FKT*:

**procedure** *FKT* (*X*, *Y*, *N*, *Z*); **real** *X*; **integer** *N*; **array** *Y*, *Z*;  
**comment** (*dy*<sub>1</sub>/*dx*) = *z*<sub>1</sub> = *y*<sub>2</sub>, (*dy*<sub>2</sub>/*dx*) = *z*<sub>2</sub> = -*y*<sub>1</sub>. With *y*<sub>1</sub>(0) = 0, *y*<sub>2</sub>(0) = 1, the solution is *y*<sub>1</sub> = *sin* *x*, *y*<sub>2</sub> = *cos* *x*;  
**begin** *Z* [*1*] := *Y* [*2*]; *Z* [*2*] := -*Y* [*1*] **end**;  
**procedure** *FKT* (*X*, *Y*, *N*, *Z*); **real** *X*; **integer** *N*; **array** *Y*, *Z*;  
**comment** (*dy*<sub>1</sub>/*dx*) = 1 + *y*<sub>1</sub><sup>2</sup>. For *y*<sub>1</sub>(0) = 0, *y*(*x*) = *tan* *x*;  
*Z* [*1*] := 1 + *Y* [*1*] ↑ 2;

The *RK* procedure was used to integrate the differential equations represented by the first *FKT* procedure from *x* = 0(0.5)7.0, with *eps* = *eta* = 10<sup>-8</sup>, and with *y*<sub>1</sub>(0) = 0, *y*<sub>2</sub>(0) = 1. The actual step size *h* was .0625 for most of the range, but was reduced to .03125 in the neighborhood of *x* = *kπ*/2, where one or the other of the solutions is small.

The computed solutions at *x* = 7.0 were: *y*<sub>1</sub> = 6.5698602746 × 10<sup>-1</sup>, *y*<sub>2</sub> = 7.5390270246 × 10<sup>-1</sup>, with errors -5.71 × 10<sup>-7</sup> and 4.48 × 10<sup>-7</sup>, respectively.

Results for the second differential equation are summarized in Table I below.

The efficiency of the procedure would be increased slightly on most computers by changing the type of the **own** variables from **real** to **integer**.

The error is estimated by comparing the results of successive pairs of steps with that of a single double step. This is somewhat more time-consuming than the Kutta-Merson process presented in Algorithm 218 [*Comm. ACM* 6 (Dec. 1963) 737-8]. However, the criterion for step-size variation in Algorithm 9 which effectively applies an approximate relative error criterion, *eps*, for |*y*| > *eta*, and an absolute error criterion *eta* × *eps*, for |*y*| < *eta*, appears superior when the solution fluctuates in magnitude.

REMARK ON ALGORITHM 218 [D2]

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Successive calls of *Kutta Merson* with *first* = **false** do not reach the upper bound *t*+*h* if the interval *h* is unequal to the interval *h* of the first call with *first* = **true**.

Proposed correction:

- 1) declaration **real** *hc*, instead of **own real** *hc*;
- 2) **if** *first* **then begin** **for** *i* := 1 **step** 1 **until** *n* **do** *y*<sub>0</sub>[*i*] := *y*[*i*];  
*hc* := *h*; *ploc* := 1; *first* := **false**  
**end else** *hc* := *h*/*ploc*;  
instead of **if** *first* **then begin** ... **end**;

TABLE I [ALG. 9]

	<i>η</i>	<i>x</i> = 0.5			<i>x</i> = 1.0			<i>x</i> = 1.5		
		<i>h</i> <sub>min</sub>	Absolute error	Relative error	<i>h</i> <sub>min</sub>	Absolute error	Relative error	<i>h</i> <sub>min</sub>	Absolute error	Relative error
10 <sup>-7</sup>	10 <sup>-3</sup>	.03125	-1 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	-2 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	.03125	9 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	6 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	.00390625	-1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	-8 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>
10 <sup>-5</sup>	10 <sup>-3</sup>	.125	-5 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	-9 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	.0625	8 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	5 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	.0078125	-2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-1 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>
10 <sup>-3</sup>	10 <sup>-3</sup>	.25	-1 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	-2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	.25	-2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	.03125	-3 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	-2 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>