

ALGORITHM 382

COMBINATIONS OF M OUT OF N OBJECTS [G6]

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procedure TWIDDLE ($x, y, z, done, p$); **integer** x, y, z ;

Boolean $done$; **integer array** p ;

comment TWIDDLE can be used (1) in generating all combinations of m out of n objects, or (2) in generating all n -length sequences containing m 1's and $(n-m)$ 0's.

In the case (1), suppose the n objects are given by an array $a[1:n]$, and let us successively store combinations in another array, say, $c[1:m]$. For the first combination, $c[1]$ through $c[m]$ are equated, respectively, to $a[n-m+1]$ through $a[n]$. TWIDDLE ($x, y, z, done, p$) is called. If $done = \text{true}$, then all combinations have been processed and we therefore stop. If not, a new combination is made available by setting $c[z]$ equal to $a[z]$. TWIDDLE is called, and we continue on this loop until $done = \text{true}$.

In the case (2), let the sequences of m 1's and $(n-m)$ 0's be stored successively in an integer array, say, $b[1:n]$. The first sequence is obtained by setting $b[1]$ through $b[n-m]$ equal to 0, and $b[n-m+1]$ through $b[n]$ equal to 1. TWIDDLE ($x, y, z, done, p$) is called. If $done = \text{true}$, then all required sequences have been processed, and we therefore stop. If not, a new sequence is made available by setting $b[x]$ equal to 1, and $b[y]$ equal to 0. TWIDDLE is again called, and we continue on this loop until $done = \text{true}$.

m and n are used only in the initialization of the auxiliary integer array $p[0:n+1]$, which is done in the main program as follows. (It is assumed that $0 \leq m \leq n$ and $1 \leq n$.) $p[0]$ is set equal to $n+1$, and $p[n+1]$ is set equal to -2 . $p[1]$ through $p[n-m]$ are set equal to 0. $p[n-m+1]$ through $p[n]$ are set equal, respectively, to 1 through m . If $m = 0$, then set $p[1]$ equal to 1. $done$ is set equal to **false**.

The algorithm has several features which deserve mention. When used in generating combinations: (a) at each stage, only one combination number, namely $c[z]$, is changed, (b) TWIDDLE is order preserving in the sense that at each stage $c[1]$ through $c[m]$ will equal, respectively, some $a[i_1]$ through $a[i_m]$ where i_1 through i_m are strictly increasing. When used in generating fixed-density 0-1 sequences: (c) at each stage, it is only necessary to change two numbers of the sequence, $b[x]$ and $b[y]$, and these are changed in a specific manner.

The algorithm underlying this procedure was discovered by Leo W. Lathroum in 1965. Another algorithm which accomplishes combinations by transpositions was discovered by Donald E. Knuth in 1964. The author has knowledge of the work of Lathroum and Knuth from private communications. He will include further detail in a mathematical paper, which will include justification of this procedure, to be published elsewhere;

begin integer i, j, k ; $j := 0$;

L1:

$j := j + 1$; **if** $p[j] \leq 0$ **then go to** L1;

if $p[j-1] = 0$ **then**

begin

for $i := j - 1$ **step** -1 **until** 2 **do** $p[i] := -1$; $p[j] = 0$;

$p[1] := x := z := 1$; $y := j$; **go to** L4

end;

if $j > 1$ **then** $p[j-1] := 0$;

L2:

$j := j + 1$; **if** $p[j] > 0$ **then go to** L2;

$i := k := j - 1$;

L3:

$i := i + 1$; **if** $p[i] = 0$ **then**

begin $p[i] := -1$; **go to** L3 **end**;

if $p[i] = -1$ **then**

begin

$p[i] := z := p[k]$; $x := i$; $y := k$;

$p[k] := -1$; **go to** L4

end;

if $i = p[0]$ **then begin** $done := \text{true}$; **go to** L4 **end**;

$z := p[j] := p[i]$; $p[i] := 0$; $x := j$; $y := i$;

L4:

end of TWIDDLE

ALGORITHM 383

PERMUTATIONS OF A SET WITH

REPETITIONS [G6]

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procedure EXTENDED TWIDDLE ($x, y, k, u, done, p$);

value k, u ; **integer** x, y, k, u ; **Boolean** $done$; **integer array** p ;

comment EXTENDED TWIDDLE is a generalization both of TWIDDLE [2], which is used in generating combinations by transpositions, and of the Trotter-Johnson adjacent-transposition permutation algorithms [5, 3].

In the main program, to successively store all distinct permutations of $C[I]$ numbers equal to $N[I]$ ($I=1$ to J) in an array A , take, as the first permutation, that obtained by dividing $A[1:C[1]+\dots+C[J]]$ into J intervals and setting the $C[I]$ numbers of interval I equal to $N[I]$ ($I=1$ to J). (We assume that $J \geq 2$ and that each $C[I] \geq 1$. For distinct permutations, we need $N[I'] \neq N[I'']$ whenever $I' \neq I''$. For somewhat better efficiency, it is desirable, but not necessary, that the sequence $C[I]$ be non-increasing.)

EXTENDED TWIDDLE ($x, y, k, u, done, p$) is called. If $done = \text{true}$, then all permutations have been processed and we therefore stop. If not, a new permutation is made available by transposing $A[x]$ and $A[y]$, EXTENDED TWIDDLE is called, and we continue on this loop until $done = \text{true}$.

EXTENDED TWIDDLE is initialized in the main program. k is equated to J , u is equated to $C[1] + \dots + C[J] + 1$, $done$ is equated to **false**, and $p[0]$ and $p[u]$ are equated to $J+1$. $p[1:u-1]$ is initialized by setting the members of the I th interval, of length $C[I]$, equal to $J-I+1$ ($I=1$ to J);

That the procedure proceeds by transpositions (not necessarily adjacent, this being impossible in general) will introduce a special economy in some cases. If this feature is of no value in a particular application, then the algorithm of Bratley [1] or of Sagg [4] might be appropriate. For $J = 2$, TWIDDLE [2], which also has the transposition feature, will be more efficient than EXTENDED TWIDDLE. If each $C[I] = 1$, then Trotter's algorithm [5] for generating permutations by transpositions, is appropriate.

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begin integer s, i, j, b;
j := b := s := 0;
L1:
j := j + 1; if abs (p[j]) = k then
begin if p[j] < 0 then s := j; go to L1 end;
if p[j-1] = k then
begin
for i := j - s - 1 step -1 until 2 do p[s + i] := -k;
if s > b then p[s] := k;
p[s+1] := p[j]; p[j] := k; x := s + 1; y := j; go to L4
end;
if s > b then p[s] := k;
L2:
j := j + 1; if abs (p[j]) < k then go to L2;
if j = u then
begin
if k = 2 then begin done := true; go to L4 end;
j := b := s; k := k - 1; go to L1
end;
i := b := j - 1;
L3:
i := i + 1; if p[i] = k then
begin p[i] := -k; go to L3 end;
if p[i] = -k then
begin
p[i] := p[b]; p[b] := -k; x := b; y := i; go to L4
end;
if i = u then
begin
if k = 2 then begin done := true; go to L4 end;
u := j; j := b := s; k := k - 1; go to L1
end;
x := j; y := i; p[j] := p[i]; p[i] := k;
L4:
end EXTENDED TWIDDLE

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The following algorithm by G. W. Stewart relates to the paper by the same author in the Numerical Mathematics department of this issue on pages 365-367. This concurrent publication in Communications follows a policy announced by the Editors of the two departments in the March 1967 issue.

ALGORITHM 384
EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS OF A REAL SYMMETRIC MATRIX [F2]

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DESCRIPTION:

SYMQR finds the eigenvalues and, at the users option, the eigenvectors of a real symmetric matrix. If the matrix is not initially tridiagonal, it is reduced to tridiagonal form by Householder's method [2, p. 290]. The eigenvalues of the tridiagonal matrix are calculated by a variant of the QR algorithm with origin shifts [1]. Eigenvectors are calculated by accumulating the products of the transformations used in the Householder transformations and the QR steps, a procedure which guarantees a nearly orthonormal set of approximate eigenvectors.

At each QR step the eigenvalues of the 2×2 submatrix in the lower right-hand corner are computed, and the one nearest the last diagonal element is distinguished. When these numbers settle down they are used as origin shifts.

The user may choose between absolute and relative convergence criteria. The former accepts the last diagonal element as an approximate eigenvalue when the last off-diagonal element is a small multiple (EPS) of the infinity norm of the matrix. The latter requires that the last off-diagonal be small compared to the last two diagonal elements. To avoid an excessive number of QR steps, an important consideration when eigenvectors are computed, the following guidelines should be followed. The convergence tolerance should not be smaller than the data warrants [2, p. 102]. The relative convergence criterion should be used only when there are eigenvalues, small compared to the elements of the matrix, that are nonetheless determined to high relative accuracy. Finally, when there is a wide disparity in the sizes of the elements of the matrix, the matrix should be arranged so that the smaller elements appear in the lower right hand corner.

The program will work with matrices whose elements very nearly underflow or overflow the range of a floating-point word. Some accuracy may be gained by accumulating inner products. The places where this should be done are signaled by the appearance of the variables SUM and SUM1.

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ALGORITHM:

SUBROUTINE SYMQR(A,D,E,KO,N,NA,EPS,ABSCNV,VEC,TRD,FAIL)

EXPLANATION OF THE PARAMETERS IN THE CALLING SEQUENCE.

- A A DOUBLE DIMENSIONED ARRAY. IF THE MATRIX IS NOT INITIALLY TRIDIAGONAL, IT IS CONTAINED IN THE LOWER TRIANGLE OF A. IF EIGENVECTORS ARE NOT REQUESTED THE LOWER TRIANGLE OF A IS DESTROYED WHILE THE ELEMENTS ABOVE THE DIAGONAL ARE LEFT UNDISTURBED. IF EIGENVECTORS ARE REQUESTED, THEY ARE RETURNED IN THE COLUMNS OF A.
- D A SINGLY SUBSCRIPTED ARRAY. IF THE MATRIX IS INITIALLY TRIDIAGONAL, D CONTAINS ITS DIAGONAL ELEMENTS. ON RETURN D CONTAINS THE EIGENVALUES OF THE MATRIX.
- E A SINGLY SUBSCRIPTED ARRAY. IF THE MATRIX IS INITIALLY TRIDIAGONAL, E CONTAINS ITS OFF-DIAGONAL ELEMENTS. UPON RETURN E(I) CONTAINS THE NUMBER OF ITERATIONS REQUIRED TO COMPUTE THE APPROXIMATE EIGENVALUE D(I).
- KO A REAL VARIABLE CONTAINING AN INITIAL ORIGIN SHIFT TO BE USED UNTIL THE COMPUTED SHIFTS SETTLE DOWN.
- N AN INTEGER VARIABLE CONTAINING THE ORDER OF THE MATRIX.
- NA AN INTEGER VARIABLE CONTAINING THE FIRST DIMENSION OF THE ARRAY A.
- EPS A REAL VARIABLE CONTAINING A CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE.
- ABSCNV A LOGICAL VARIABLE CONTAINING THE VALUE .TRUE. IF THE ABSOLUTE CONVERGENCE CRITERION IS TO BE USED OR THE VALUE .FALSE. IF THE RELATIVE CRITERION IS TO BE USED.
- VEC A LOGICAL VARIABLE CONTAINING THE VALUE .TRUE. IF EIGENVECTORS ARE TO BE COMPUTED AND RETURNED IN THE ARRAY A AND OTHERWISE CONTAINING THE VALUE .FALSE..

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C
C   TRD   A LOGICAL VARIABLE CONTAINING THE VALUE .TRUE.
C         IF THE MATRIX IS TRIAGONAL AND LOCATED IN THE ARRAYS
C         D AND E AND OTHERWISE CONTAINING THE VALUE .FALSE..
C
C   FAIL  AN INTEGER VARIABLE CONTAINING AN ERROR SIGNAL.
C         ON RETURN THE EIGENVALUES IN D(FAIL+1)...D(N)
C         AND THEIR CORRESPONDING EIGENVECTORS MAY BE PRESUMED
C         ACCURATE.
C
C   REAL
1A(NA,1)*D(1),E(1),K0,D1,D2,K,EPS,S2,CON,NINF,TEST,CB,CC,CD,
2C,S,TEMP,P,PP,Q,QQ,NORM,R,TITTER,SUM,SUM1,MAX
C   INTEGER
1N,NM1,NM2,NA,FAIL,I,I1,J,L,L1,LL,LL1,NL,NU,NUM1,SINCOS,RETURN
C   LOGICAL
1ABSCNV,VEC,TRD,SHFT
TITTER = 50.
NM1 = N-1
NM2 = N-2
NINF = 0.
ASSIGN 500 TO SINCOS
C
C   SIGNAL ERROR IF N IS NOT POSITIVE.
C
C   IF(N.GT.0) GO TO 1
FAIL = -1
RETURN
C
C   SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR A MATRIX OF ORDER ONE.
C
1 IF(N.GT.1) GO TO 5
IF(.NOT.TRD) D(1) = A(1,1)
IF(VEC) A(1,1) = 1.
FAIL = 0
RETURN
C
C   IF THE MATRIX IS TRIAGONAL, SKIP THE REDUCTION.
C
5 IF(TRD) GO TO 100
IF(N.EQ.2) GO TO 80
C
C   REDUCE THE MATRIX TO TRIAGONAL FORM BY HOUSEHOLDERS METHOD.
C
DO 70 L=1,NM2
L1 = L+1
D(L) = A(L,L)
MAX = 0.
DO 10 I=L1,N
10 MAX = AMAX1(MAX,ABS(A(I,L)))
IF(MAX.NE.0.) GO TO 13
E(L) = 0.
A(L,L) = 1.
GO TO 70
13 SUM = 0.
DO 17 I=L1,N
A(I,L) = A(I,L)/MAX
17 SUM = SUM + A(I,L)**2
S2 = SUM
S2 = SQRT(S2)
IF(A(L1,L).LT. 0.) S2 = -S2
E(L) = -S2*MAX
A(L1,L) = A(L1,L) + S2
A(L,L) = S2*A(L1,L)
SUM1 = 0.
DO 50 I=L1,N
SUM = 0.
DO 20 J=L1,I
20 SUM = SUM + A(I,J)*A(J,L)
IF(I.EQ.N) GO TO 40
I1 = I+1
DO 30 J=I1,N
30 SUM = SUM + A(J,L)*A(J,I)
40 E(I) = SUM/A(L,L)
50 SUM1 = SUM1 + A(I,L)*E(I)
CON = .5*SUM1/A(L,L)
DO 60 I=L1,N
E(I) = E(I) - CON*A(I,L)
DO 60 J=L1,I
60 A(I,J) = A(I,J) - A(I,L)*E(J) - A(J,L)*E(I)
70 CONTINUE
80 D(NM1) = A(NM1,NM1)
D(N) = A(N,N)
F(NM1) = A(N,NM1)
C
C   IF EIGENVECTORS ARE REQUIRED, INITIALIZE A.
C
C   100 IF(.NOT.VEC) GO TO 180
C
C   IF THE MATRIX WAS TRIAGONAL, SET A EQUAL TO THE IDENTITY MATRIX.
C
IF(.NOT.TRD .AND. N.NE.2) GO TO 130
DO 120 I=1,N
DO 110 J=1,N
110 A(I,J) = 0.
120 A(I,I) = 1.
GO TO 180
C
C   IF THE MATRIX WAS NOT TRIAGONAL, MULTIPLY OUT THE
C   TRANSFORMATIONS OBTAINED IN THE HOUSEHOLDER REDUCTION.
C
130 A(N,N) = 1.
A(NM1,NM1) = 1.
A(NM1,N) = 0.
A(N,NM1) = 0.
DO 170 L=1,NM2
LL = NM2-L+1
LL1 = LL+1
DO 140 I=LL1,N
SUM = 0.
DO 135 J=LL1,N
135 SUM = SUM + A(J,LL)*A(J,I)
140 A(LL,I) = SUM/A(LL,LL)
DO 150 I=LL1,N
DO 150 J=LL1,N
150 A(I,J) = A(I,J) - A(I,LL)*A(LL,J)
DO 160 I=2,NM1
NINF = AMAX1(ABS(D(1))+ABS(E(1)),ABS(D(N))+ABS(E(NM1)))
IF(N.EQ.2) GO TO 200
DO 190 I=2,NM1
190 NINF = AMAX1(NINF,ABS(D(I))+ABS(F(I))+ABS(E(I-1)))
C
C   START THE QR ITERATION.
C
200 NU = N
NUM1 = N-1
SHFT = .FALSE.
K1 = K0
TEST = NINF*EPS
E(N) = 0.
C
C   CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE AND LOCATE THE SUBMATRIX IN WHICH THE
C   QR STEP IS TO BE PERFORMED.
C
210 DO 220>NNL=1,NUM1
NL = NUM1-NNL+1
IF(.NOT.ABSCNV) TEST = EPS*AMIN1(ABS(D(NL)),ABS(D(NL+1)))
IF(ABS(E(NL)) .LE. TEST) GO TO 230
220 CONTINUE
GO TO 240
230 E(NL) = 0.
NL = NL+1
IF(NL .NE. NU) GO TO 240
IF(NUM1 .EQ. 1) RETURN
IF(E(200).NE.0.) PRINT 2000,(D(I),E(I),I=1,NU)
2000 FORMAT(1H010E12.4/(1H 10E12.4))
NU = NUM1
NUM1 = NU-1
GO TO 210
240 E(NU) = E(NU)+FLOAT(NUM1-NL)
IF(1. .EQ. 1.) GO TO 250
IF(0. .EQ. 1.) GO TO 250
FAIL = NU
RETURN
C
C   CALCULATE THE SHIFT.
C
250 CB = (D(NUM1)-D(NU))/2.
MAX = AMAX1(ABS(CB),ABS(E(NUM1)))
CB = CB/MAX
CC = (E(NUM1)/MAX)**2
CD = SQRT(CB**2 + CC)
IF(CB .NE. 0.) CD = SIGN(CD,CB)
K2 = D(NU) - MAX*CC/(CB+CD)
IF(SHFT) GO TO 270
IF(ABS(K2-K1) .LT. .5*ABS(K2)) GO TO 260
K1 = K2
K = K0
GO TO 300
260 SHFT = .TRUE.
270 K = K2
C
C   PERFORM ONE QR STEP WITH SHIFT K ON ROWS AND COLUMNS
C   NL THROUGH NU
C
300 IF(E(200).NE.0. .AND. K.LE.1.E-14*ABS(D(NL))) K=0.
P = D(NL) - K
Q = E(NL)
ASSIGN 310 TO RETURN
GO TO SINCOS,(500)
310 DO 380 I=NL,NUM1
C
C   IF REQUIRED, ROTATE THE EIGENVECTORS.
C
IF(.NOT.VEC) GO TO 330
DO 320 J=1,N
TEMP = C*A(J,I) + S*A(J,I+1)
A(J,I+1) = -S*A(J,I) + C*A(J,I+1)
320 A(J,I) = TEMP
C
C   PERFORM THE SIMILARITY TRANSFORMATION AND CALCULATE THE NEXT
C   ROTATION.
C
330 D(I) = C*D(I) + S*E(I)
TEMP = C*E(I) + S*D(I+1)
D(I+1) = -S*E(I) + C*D(I+1)
F(I) = -S*K
D(I) = C*D(I) + S*TEMP
IF(I .EQ. NUM1) GO TO 380
IF(ABS(S) .GT. ABS(C)) GO TO 350
R = S/C
D(I+1) = -S*E(I) + C*D(I+1)
P = D(I+1) - K
Q = C*F(I+1)
ASSIGN 340 TO RETURN
GO TO SINCOS,(500)
340 E(I) = R*NORM
F(I+1) = Q
GO TO 380
350 P = C*E(I) + S*D(I+1)
Q = S*E(I+1)
D(I+1) = C*P/S + K
E(I+1) = C*E(I+1)
ASSIGN 360 TO RETURN
GO TO SINCOS,(500)
360 E(I) = NORM

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380 CONTINUE
TEMP = C*(NUM1) + S*(NU)
D(NU) = -S*(NUM1) + C*(NU)
E(NUM1) = TEMP
GO TO 210
C
INTERNAL PROCEDURE TO CALCULATE THE ROTATION CORRESPONDING TO
THE VECTOR(P,Q).
C
500 PP = ABS(P)
QQ = ABS(Q)
IF(QQ.GT. PP) GO TO 510
NORM = PP*SQR(1. + (QQ/PP)**2)
GO TO 520
510 IF(QQ.EQ. 0.) GO TO 530
NORM = QQ*SQR(1. + (PP/qq)**2)
520 C = P/NORM
S = Q/NORM
GO TO RETURN,(310,340,360)
530 C = 1.
S = 0.
NORM = 0.
GO TO RETURN,(310,340,360)
END

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CERTIFICATION OF ALGORITHM 245 [M1]
TREESORT 3 [Robert W. Floyd, *Comm. ACM* 7 (Dec.
1964), 701]: PROOF OF ALGORITHMS—A NEW
KIND OF CERTIFICATION

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ABSTRACT: The certification of an algorithm can take the form
of a proof that the algorithm is correct. As an illustrative but
practical example, Algorithm 245, *TREESORT 3* for sorting an
array, is proved correct.

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Certification of algorithms by proof. Since suitable techniques
now exist for proving the correctness of many algorithms [for
example, 3-7], it is possible and appropriate to certify algorithms
with a proof of correctness. This certification would be in addi-
tion to, or in many cases instead of, the usual certification. Cer-
tification by testing still is useful because it is easier and because it
also provides, for example, timing data. Nevertheless the existence
of a proof should be welcome additional certification of an algo-
rithm. The proof shows that an algorithm is debugged by showing
conclusively that no bugs exist.

It does not matter whether all users of an algorithm will wish
to, or be able to, verify a sometimes lengthy proof. One is not
required to accept a proof before using the algorithm any more
than one is expected to rerun the certification tests. In both
cases one could depend, in part at least, upon the author and the
referee.

As an example of a certification by proof, the algorithm
TREESORT 3 [2] is proved to perform properly its claimed task
of sorting an array $M[1:n]$ into ascending order. This algorithm
has been previously certified [1], but in that certification, for
example, no arrays of odd length were tested. Since *TREESORT 3*

is a fast practical algorithm for in-place sorting and one with
sufficient complexity so that its correctness is not immediately
apparent, its use as the example is more than an abstract exercise.
It is an example of considerable practical importance.

Outline of TREESORT 3 and method of proof. The algorithm is
most easily followed if the array is viewed as a binary tree.
 $M[k+2]$ is the parent of $M[k]$, $2 \leq k \leq n$. In other words the
children of $M[j]$ are $M[2j]$ and $M[2j+1]$ provided one or both
of the children exist.

The first part of the algorithm permutes the M array so that
for a segment of the array, each parent is larger than both of the
children (one child if the second does not exist). Each call of the
auxiliary procedure *siftup* enlarges the segment by causing one
more parent to dominate its children. The second part of the
algorithm uses *siftup* to make the parents larger over the whole
array, exchanges $M[1]$ with the last element and repeats on an
array one element shorter. The above statements are motivation
and not part of the formal proof.

That *TREESORT 3* is correct is proved in three parts. First
the procedure *siftup* is shown to perform as it is formally defined
below. Then the body of *TREESORT 3*, which uses *siftup* in two
ways, is shown to sort the array into ascending order. (The proof
of the procedure *exchange* is omitted.) The proofs are by a method
described in [3, 4, 7]: assertions concerning the progress of the
computation are made between lines of code, and the proof consi-
sts of demonstrating that each assertion is true each time con-
trol reaches that assertion, under the assumption that the previ-
ously encountered assertions are true. Finally termination of the
algorithm is shown separately.

The lines of the original algorithm have been numbered and the
assertions, in the form of program comments, are numbered cor-
respondingly. The numbers are used only to refer to code and to
assertions and have no other significance. One extra begin-end
pair has been inserted into the body of *TREESORT 3* in order
that the control points of two assertions (3.1 and 4.1) could be dis-
tinguished. In *siftup* the assertions 10.1 and 10.2 express the cor-
rect result; in the body of *TREESORT 3* the assertions 9.3 and
9.4 do likewise.

Definition of siftup and notation. We now define formally the
procedure *siftup*(i, n), where n is a formal parameter and not the
length of the array M . Let $A(s)$ denote the set of inequalities
 $M[k+2] \geq M[k]$ for $2s \leq k \leq n$. (If $s > n+2$, then $A(s)$ is a vacu-
ous statement.) If $A(i+1)$ holds before the call of *siftup*(i, n)
and if $1 \leq i \leq n \leq$ array size, then after *siftup*(i, n):

- (1) $A(i)$ holds;
- (2) the segment of the array $M[i]$ through $M[n]$ is permuted;
and
- (3) the segment outside $M[i]$ through $M[n]$ is unaltered.

In order to prove these properties of *siftup*, some notation is
required. The formal parameter i will be changed inside *siftup*.
Since i is called by value, that change will be invisible outside
siftup. Nevertheless it is necessary to use the initial value of i
as well as the current value of i in the proof of *siftup*. Let i_0 denote
the value of i upon entry to *siftup*.

Similarly let M_0 denote the M array upon entry to *siftup*.
The notation " $M = p(M_0)$ with $M := copy$ " means "if $M[i] :=$
 $M_0[i]$ were done, M is some permutation of M_0 as described in (2)
and (3) of the definition of *siftup*." " $M = p(M_0)$ " means the
same without the reference to $M[i] := copy$ being done.

Code and assertions for siftup.

```

0 procedure siftup(i, n); value i, n; integer i, n;
1 begin real copy; integer j;
comment
1.1:  $1 \leq i_0 = i \leq n \leq$  array size
1.2:  $A(i_0+1)$ 
1.3:  $M = p(M_0)$ ;

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2  copy := M[i];
3  loop: j := 2 × i;
   comment
   3.1: i ≤ n
   3.2: 2i = j
   3.3: i = i0 or i ≥ 2i0
   3.4: M = p(M0) with M[i] := copy
   3.5: A(i0) or (i = i0 and A(i0+1))
   3.6: M[i÷2] > copy or i = i0
   3.7: M[i÷2] ≥ M[i] or i = i0;
4  if j ≤ n then
5  begin if j < n then
6a  begin if M[j+1] > M[j] then
6b  j := j + 1 end;
   comment
   6.1: i = j ÷ 2
   6.2: 2i ≤ j ≤ n
   6.3: i = i0 or i ≥ 2i0
   6.4: M = p(M0) with M[i] := copy
   6.5: A(i0) or (i = i0 and A(i0+1))
   6.6: M[i÷2] > copy or i = i0
   6.7: M[i÷2] ≥ M[i] or i = i0
   6.8: (2i < n and M[j] = max(M[2i], M[2i+1])) or
       (2i = n and M[j] = M[n])
   6.9: M[i] ≥ M[j] or i = i0;
7  if M[j] > copy then
8a  begin M[i] := M[j];
   comment
   8.1: i = i0 or i ≥ 2i0
   8.2: 2i ≤ j ≤ n
   8.3: M[j÷2] = M[i] = M[j] > copy
   8.4: M[i÷2] ≥ M[j] or i = i0
   8.5: M = p(M0) with M[j] := copy
   8.6: A(i0);
8b  i := j;
   comment
   8.7: i ≥ 2i0
   8.8: i = j ≤ n
   8.9: M[i÷2] > copy
   8.10: M[i÷2] ≥ M[i]
   8.11: M = p(M0) with M[i] := copy
   8.12: A(i0);
8c  go to loop end
9  end;
   comment
   9.1: M[j] ≤ copy if reached from 7 or
       2i = j > n if reached from 4;
10 M[i] := copy;
   comment
   10.1: M = p(M0)
   10.2: A(i0);
11 end siftup;

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Verification of the assertions of *siftup*. Reasons for the truth of each assertion follow:

- 1.1-1.2: Assumptions for using *siftup*.
1.3: *p* is the identity permutation.
3.1-3.7: If reached from 2,
3.1: 1.1.
3.2: 3.
3.3, 3.5-3.7: $i = i_0$ by 1.1. 3.5 also requires 1.2.
3.4: 1.3 and 2.
If reached from 8, respectively, 8.8, 3, 8.7, 8.11, 8.12, 8.9 and 8.10.
6.1: At 3.2 $j = 2i$ and by 6b, j might be $2i + 1$. $i = j \div 2$ in either case.
6.2: After 4, $j \leq n$. j is altered from 3.1 to 6.2 only at 6b. Before 6b, $j < n$ by 5. Hence $j \leq n$ at 6.2. $2i \leq j$ by 6.1.
6.3-6.7: 3.3-3.7, respectively.

- 6.8: If 4 is true and 5 is false, $j = 2i = n$ (using 3.2) so the second clause of 6.8 holds. If 4 is true and 5 is true, then at 6a, $2i = j < n$ (using 3.2) so $M[j+1] = M[2i+1]$ is defined. Now at 6.8, $j = 2i$ or $j = 2i+1$. In either case, by 6a and 6b, the first clause of 6.8 holds.
6.9: By 6.5 $i \neq i_0$ gives $A(i_0)$. $2i_0 \leq 2i \leq j \leq n$ by 6.3 and 6.2. Hence $A(i_0)$ and 6.1 give $M[i] = M[j \div 2] \geq M[j]$.
8.1: 6.3.
8.2: 6.2.
8.3: $i = j \div 2$ by 6.1, $M[i] = M[j]$ by 8a and $M[j] > copy$ by 7.
8.4: 6.7 and 6.9.
8.5: 6.4 requires that $M[i]$ be replaced by *copy*. Since $M[i] = M[j]$ by 8a, $M[j]$ may equally well be replaced with *copy*. 8.1 and 8.2 give $i_0 \leq i \leq n$ so that the change to M at 8a is in the segment $M[i_0]$ through $M[n]$.
8.6: By 8a and if 6.8 (first clause) holds, $M[i] \geq M[2i]$ and $M[i] \geq M[2i+1]$. By 8a and if 6.8 (second clause) holds, $M[i] = M[j] = M[n] = M[2i]$ and $M[2i+1]$ does not exist for this call of *siftup*. $A(i_0+1)$ holds at 6.5 since $A(i_0)$ implies $A(i_0+1)$. If $i = i_0$, $A(i_0+1)$ and the relations above on $M[i]$ give $A(i_0)$. If $i \neq i_0$, then 8a, 8.4, $A(i_0)$ at 6.5 and the relations above on $M[i]$ give $A(i_0)$ at 8.6.
8.7: 8b, 8.1 and 8.2.
8.8: 8b and 8.2.
8.9: 8b and 8.3.
8.10: At 8.6, $2i_0 \leq j \leq n$ by 8.1 and 8.2. Hence by 8.6, $M[j \div 2] \geq M[j]$. Use 8b on $M[j \div 2] \geq M[j]$.
8.11: 8b and 8.5.
8.12: 8.6.
9.1: 9.1 is reached only if 7 is false or if 4 is false. $2i = j$ by 3.2.
10.1-10.2: If reached from 7,
10.1: 6.4 and 10. (6.2 and 6.3 give $i_0 \leq i \leq n$ ensuring the change to M at 10 is in the segment $M[i_0]$ through $M[n]$.)
10.2: By 10, 9.1, 6.2 and 6.8, $M[i] = copy \geq M[j] \geq M[2i]$ and, if $M[2i+1]$ exists, $M[j] \geq M[2i+1]$. If $i = i_0$, 10.2 follows as in 8.6. If $i \neq i_0$, 6.6 and 10 give $M[i \div 2] > copy = M[i]$. $A(i_0)$ at 6.5 now gives $A(i_0)$ at 10.2.
If reached from 4,
10.1: 3.4 and 10. (3.1 and 3.3 give $i_0 \leq i \leq n$.)
10.2: $2i > n$ means no relations in $A(i_0)$ of the form $M[i] \geq \dots$. If $i = i_0$, 3.5 gives 10.2. If $i \neq i_0$, 3.6 and 10 give $M[i \div 2] > copy = M[i]$. $A(i_0)$ at 3.5 now gives 10.2.

Code and assertions for the body of *TREESORT 3*.

```

0  integer i;
   comment
   0.1: A(n÷2+1);
1  for i := n÷2 step -1 until 2 do
2  begin
   comment
   2.1: A(i+1)
   2.2: Assumptions of siftup satisfied;
3  siftup(i,n);
   comment
   3.1: A(i);
4  end;
   comment
   4.1: M[p] ≤ M[p+1] for n + 1 ≤ p ≤ n - 1
   4.2: A(2), i.e. M[k÷2] ≥ M[k] for 4 ≤ k ≤ n;
5  for i := n step -1 until 2 do
6  begin
   comment
   6.1: M[p] ≤ M[p+1] for i + 1 ≤ p ≤ n - 1
   6.2: M[k÷2] ≥ M[k] for 4 ≤ k ≤ i
   6.3: M[i+1] ≥ M[r] for 1 ≤ r ≤ i
   6.4: Assumptions of siftup satisfied;

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7  siftup (1,i);
   comment
   7.1:  $M[p] \leq M[p+1]$  for  $i + 1 \leq p \leq n - 1$ 
   7.2:  $M[k \div 2] \geq M[k]$  for  $2 \leq k \leq i$ 
   7.3:  $M[1] \geq M[r]$  for  $2 \leq r \leq i$ 
   7.4:  $M[i+1] \geq M[1]$ ;
8  exchange (M[1], M[i]);
   comment
   8.1:  $M[i] \geq M[r]$  for  $1 \leq r \leq i - 1$ 
   8.2:  $M[p] \leq M[p+1]$  for  $i \leq p \leq n - 1$ 
   8.3:  $M[k \div 2] \geq M[k]$  for  $4 \leq k \leq i - 1$ ;
9  end;
   comment
   9.1:  $M[p] \leq M[p+1]$  for  $2 \leq p \leq n - 1$ 
   9.2:  $M[2] \geq M[1]$ 
   9.3:  $M[p] \leq M[p+1]$  for  $1 \leq p \leq n - 1$ , i.e.  $M$  is fully
       ordered
   9.4:  $M$  is a permutation of  $M_0$ ;

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Verification of the assertions for the body of TREESORT 3.

Reasons for the truth of each assertion follow:

- 0.1: Vacuous statement since $2(n \div 2 + 1) > n$.
- 2.1: If reached from 0.1, by 1 substitute $i = n \div 2$ in 0.1.
 If reached from 3.1, by 1 substitute $i = i + 1$ in 3.1 to account for the change in i from 3.1 to 2.1.
- 2.2: 2.1, the bound on i implied by 1 and the array size being n .
- 3.1: 2.1 and the definition of *siftup*(i, n).
- 4.1: Vacuous statement.
- 4.2: If $n \geq 4$, 3 is executed; hence 3.1 with $i = 2$. If $n \leq 3$, vacuous statement.
- 6.1-6.3: If reached from 4.1,
 6.1-6.2: By 5 substitute $i = n$ in 4.1 and 4.2.
 6.3: Vacuous statement for $i = n$.
 If reached from 8.1, by 5 substitute $i = i + 1$ in 8.2, 8.3 and 8.1, respectively.
- 6.4: 5 and 6.2, i.e. A(2) for the subarray $M[1:i]$.
- 7.1: 6.1 and (3) of *siftup*.
 7.2: 6.2 and (1) of *siftup*.
 7.3: 7.2 noting that $M[1] = M[k \div 2]$ if $k = 2$ and using the transitivity of \geq .
 7.4: Vacuous for $i = n$. Otherwise 6.3 for the appropriate r since by (2) of *siftup*, $M[1]$ at 7.3 is one of the $M[r]$, $1 \leq r \leq i$, at 6.3.
- 8.1: 7.3 with the changes caused by 8 (only $M[1]$ and $M[i]$ are altered by 8).
 8.2: By 8 substitute $M[i]$ for $M[1]$ in 7.4; then 7.1 also holds for $p = i$.
 8.3: 7.2 excluding only the one or two relations $M[1] \geq \dots$, and the one relation $\dots \geq M[i]$.
- 9.1-9.3: If $n \geq 2$, 8 is executed;
 9.1: 8.2 with $i = 2$.
 9.2: 8.1 with $i = 2$.
 9.3: 9.1 and 9.2.
 If $n \leq 1$, 9.1-9.3 are vacuous statements.
- 9.4: The only operations done to M are *siftup* and *exchange* all of which leave M as a permutation of M_0 .

Proof of termination of TREESORT 3. Provided *siftup* and *exchange* terminate, it is clear that *TREESORT 3* terminates. Note that each parameter of *siftup* is called by value so that i is not changed in the body of the for loops.

The procedure *exchange* certainly terminates. In *siftup* the only possibility for an unending loop is from 3 to 8b and back to 3. Note that all changes to i (only at 8b) and to j (only at 3 and 6b) occur in this loop and that on each cycle of this loop both i and j are changed. By the test at 4, it is sufficient to show that j strictly increases in value. $i \geq 1$ means $2i > i$. At 8b, $j = i < 2i$ while at 3, $j = 2i$, i.e. $j(\text{at } 3) = 2i > i = j(\text{at } 8b)$. Hence each setting to j

at 3 strictly increases the value of j . The only other setting to j (at 6b), if made, similarly increases the value of j .

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REMARK ON ALGORITHM 201 [M1]

SHELLSORT [J. Boothroyd, *Comm. ACM* 6 (Aug. 1963), 445]

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Hibbard [1] has coded this method in a way that increases the speed significantly. In SHELLSORT, each stage of each sift consists of successive pair swaps. The modification replaces each set of n pair swaps by one "save," $n - 1$ moves, and one insertion.

Table I gives timing information for ALGOL, FORTRAN, and COMPASS (assembly language) versions of SHELLSORT and the

TABLE I. SORTING TIMES IN SECONDS FOR 10,000 RANDOMLY ORDERED NUMBERS ON THE CDC 6400 COMPUTER

Algorithm	Source Language		
	ALGOL	FORTRAN	COMPASS
SHELLSORT	53.40	7.18	2.38
SHELLSORT2	36.56	5.98	1.87

modified version (called SHELLSORT2), for the CDC 6400 computer. The savings in time achieved by the modification are 32%, 17%, and 21%, respectively. The savings are greater than this when vectors of more than one word each are being sorted.

The comparative execution times of the ALGOL and FORTRAN versions, for these compilers, are quite interesting.

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REMARK ON ALGORITHM 351 [D1]
MODIFIED ROMBERG QUADRATURE

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Algorithm 351 was compiled and run successfully in FORTRAN IV on a CDC 6400 computer. Computation times for equivalent orders were essentially the same as for a FORTRAN version of Algorithm 60 Romberg Integration [1]; storage requirements were approximately 20 percent greater.

Algorithm 351 incorporates two modifications to the standard Romberg algorithm, each designed to reduce roundoff: (1) the Krasun and Prager [3] replacement of the table of trapezoidal values T_j^k with a table of rectangular values R_j^k ; (2) the method proposed by Rutishauser [6] for the evaluation of the rectangular sums R_0^k . Since neither of these modifications has been properly evaluated we have chosen to compare integral values returned by five variants of the Romberg algorithm:

1. Conventional Romberg integration as described by Algorithm 60
2. A Krasun and Prager modification of Algorithm 60 (T_j^k table replaced by R_j^k table)
3. A Rutishauser modification of Algorithm 60 (T_j^k table extrapolation with improved evaluation of the R_0^k)
4. Modified Romberg integration as described by Algorithm 351 (R_j^k table; improved R_0^k evaluation)
5. Algorithm 351 with the Rutishauser procedure replaced by the standard evaluation of the R_0^k (R_j^k table extrapolation)

The following test integrals were investigated.

A. $\int_{.01}^{1.1} x^{-\alpha} dx, \alpha = 3.0, 4.0, 5.0$

B. $\int_0^1 (1+x^2)^{-1} dx, \alpha = 1.0, 4.0$

C. $\int_1^{10} \ln x dx$

D. $\int_0^5 e^{-x^2} dx$

Integral A was suggested by Thacher [7], Integral B by Rabinowitz [5], Integral C by Hillstrom [2], and Integral D by Hill-

strom and by Kubik [4]. All computation was carried out in CDC 6400 single-precision floating-point arithmetic. Results were recorded to 14 decimal digits. (CDC 6400 word length corresponds to 14+ decimal digits.) The data obtained in this manner are summarized in Tables I-IV.

For a specified order of extrapolation m , Algorithm 60 variants require $2^m + 1$ function evaluations and return T_m^0 . Algorithm 351 requires $2^{(m+1)} + 1$ function evaluations and returns T_m^1 . Thus one cannot meaningfully compare integral values returned by the two algorithms for the same specified order. We have therefore chosen to compare integral values resulting from the same number of function evaluations and have tabulated these data in terms of the Algorithm 60 order m . The corresponding specified order for Algorithm 351 variants is $m - 1$.

In each example considered, Algorithm 351 returns integral values for the optimum extrapolation order that are more accurate than the Algorithm 60 solutions by from one to two significant figures. There is, of course, no increase in the rate of convergence and little difference in solution accuracy for approximation orders less than that corresponding to the maximum attainable accuracy. If one were interested in, e.g. six or eight significant figure accuracy, either algorithm would be satisfactory. If accuracy requirements are not severe and one is satisfied with integral values correct to a number of significant figures less than half the computer word length, either algorithm may be used. If one seeks the maximum achievable accuracy, Algorithm 351 is clearly the proper choice.

Tables I-IV include data recorded when the order was over-specified, i.e. when m was greater than that required for optimum accuracy. For both algorithms the accuracy at first increases with increasing order. This continues until an optimum accuracy obtains. With Algorithm 60 a further increase in m results in a decline, at times rather rapid, in evaluation accuracy. With Algorithm 351 there is little loss in accuracy with increasing order. The accuracy decline rate is strongly retarded and in many cases practically eliminated. This is a very significant result.

In routine use of the algorithms, the unwary may overestimate the order required for optimum convergence (Algorithm 60 terminates only when a specified order has been obtained) or may specify an accuracy criterion for termination that cannot be satisfied. With Algorithm 351 the only loss is that of computer time; with Algorithm 60 solution accuracy may be impaired.

From the data presented in Tables I-IV we may determine the extent to which each of the procedural modifications contributes to the overall superiority of Algorithm 351. It is immediately evident that the Krasun and Prager modification has little effect either on the accuracy of the algorithms or on the loss of accuracy as the optimum order is exceeded. Results obtained using this modification differ from those returned by Algorithm 60 by at most 2 in the 14th figure. When the Rutishauser procedure is subtracted from Algorithm 351, the algorithm becomes, for all practical purposes, equivalent in accuracy to Algorithm 60. This conclusion has been further supported by results obtained in the evaluation of eight additional test integrals selected from the literature.

If, on the other hand, the Rutishauser procedure is added to Algorithm 60, the results obtained are essentially the same as those recorded for Algorithm 351. Clearly the Rutishauser modification is the dominant factor determining the superiority of Algorithm 351.

The success of the Rutishauser modification tempts one to expand the procedure to include an additional summation level. Experiments with such expansions indicate that they may be of value where slow Romberg convergence requires the use of orders $m > 13$.

The following changes are suggested as possible improvements in the algorithm. The integration interval ($B-A$) is now computed $K + 2$ times where K is the order of approximation on exit

TABLES. COMPARISONS OF ROMBERG METHOD VARIATIONS

(KP = Krasun-Prager Modification; RUT = Rutishauser Modification; NSF = Number of Significant Figures)

Romberg Order m	Variations Returning T_m^0				Variations Returning T_m^1					
	Algorithm 60		Algorithm 60 + KP		Algorithm 60 + RUT		Algorithm 351 (KP + RUT)		Algorithm 351 (KP only)	
	Digits 1-14	NSF	Digits 1-14	NSF	Digits 1-14	NSF	Digits 6-14	NSF	Digits 1-14	NSF

Romberg Order m	Variations Returning T_m^0				Variations Returning T_m^1					
	Algorithm 60		Algorithm 60 + KP		Algorithm 60 + RUT		Algorithm 351 (KP + RUT)		Algorithm 351 (KP only)	
	Digits 1-14	NSF	Digits 1-14	NSF	Digits 1-14	NSF	Digits 6-14	NSF	Digits 1-14	NSF

I. IN THE EVALUATION OF $I(\alpha) = \int_0^1 (1+x^\alpha)^{-1} dx$
 $I(1) = 0.69314\ 71805\ 59945$; $I(4) = 0.86697\ 29873\ 3991$

III. IN THE EVALUATION OF $I = \int_1^{10} \ln x dx = 14.025\ 85092\ 99404\ 6$

1.0	3	69314	74776	4482	6	4482	6	4482	6	79014	8123	5	8123	5
	4	69314	71819	1673	8	1673	8	1673	8	71830	7192	8	7192	8
4.0	4	86697	29736	8070	7	8070	7	8070	7	30046	3711	7	3711	7
	5	86697	29872	2539	9	2539	9	2539	9	29872	1216	9	1216	9

4	4	14025	60234	7275	5	7275	5	7275	5	60498	3885	5	3885	5
	5	14025	84455	4627	6	4627	6	4627	6	84433	5675	6	5675	6
8	8	86697	29873	3983	12	3984	12	3987	13	29873	3988	13	3979	12
	9	86697	29873	3977	12	3978	12	3986	13	29873	3987	13	3979	12

II. IN THE EVALUATION OF $I(\alpha) = \int_{.01}^{1.1} x^{-\alpha} dx$
 $I(3) = 0.49995\ 86776\ 85950 \times 10^4$; $I(4) = 0.33333\ 30828\ 95066 \times 10^6$;
 $I(5) = 0.24999\ 99982\ 9247 \times 10^8$

IV. IN THE EVALUATION OF $I = \int_0^5 e^{-x^2} dx = 0.88622\ 69254\ 51396$

3.0	8	50289	45604	1249	2	1249	2	1255	2	49952	9475	2	9469	2
	9	50007	88217	4010	3	4010	3	4037	3	88324	8156	3	8128	3
4.0	8	33918	76383	3713	1	3713	1	3717	1	83321	8573	1	8568	1
	9	33362	40891	0012	3	0011	3	0028	3	41103	2353	3	2337	3
5.0	8	25979	73076	7608	1	7608	1	7611	1	82577	2026	1	2023	1
	9	25058	17539	3846	2	3846	2	3857	2	17890	9312	2	9300	2

5	5	88622	59970	9402	5	9043	5	9042	5	59296	9073	5	9073	5
	6	88622	69310	8538	7	8539	7	8541	7	69308	5739	7	5736	7
10	10	33333	31207	4466	7	4466	7	4547	7	31207	4679	7	4598	7
	11	33333	30829	8056	9	8055	9	8220	9	30829	8220	9	8056	9

from the routine. We suggest an initial definition of a variable, e.g. SH = (B-A) and the replacement of (B-A) by SH in these statements where (B-A) appears. Initialization should also include a test to insure that the maximum extrapolation order MAXE permitted is less than or equal to 15 with a possible replacement MAXE = 15 if this condition is violated. Alternatively, one could replace the statement DO 11 K = 1, MAXE with DO 11 K = 1, 15 and test for K < MAXE prior to executing statement no. 11. The GO TO 3 statement following statement no. 1 should read GO TO 4. If N ≤ 32, N is also ≤ 512.

Upon exit, the input parameter MAXE is assigned either the value MAXE = K, where K is the approximation order, or MAXE = 0 if the accuracy criterion has not been satisfied. We

believe that it is poor programming practice to have a subroutine alter the value of an input parameter. We suggest the addition of an output parameter, e.g. MFIN = K which returns the order on exit. Where we now set MAXE = 0, we could set MFIN = 16. One can test as easily for MFIN ≤ 15 as for MAXE = 0. This would eliminate the necessity for resetting MAXE each time the subroutine is entered. It is also useful to return the final value of the accuracy ERR. In the event that MAXE = 0, one could test ERR to determine whether or not the returned integral value falls within acceptable limits.

In practical applications we prefer to express the procedure as a function subprogram and to add the name of the generating function F to the argument list. We also consider a test for relative error rather than absolute error to be more useful in routine use of the algorithm.

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REMARK ON ALGORITHM 361 [G6]
 PERMANENT FUNCTION OF A SQUARE MATRIX
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 above two algorithms:

- (A) In procedure *per1(A, n)*
 - (1) in line 43, the variable name *pira* should be *pera*
 - (2) in line 44, the variable name *per* should be *per1*.
- (B) In procedure *per2(A, n)*
 - (1) in line 47, the variable name *per* should be *per2*.

REMARK ON ALGORITHM 382 [G6]
 COMBINATIONS OF M OUT OF N OBJECTS
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The following driver program illustrates the use of Algorithm
 382.

```

begin integer m, n, i, x, y, z, q, r; Boolean done;
integer array a, b, c[1:30], p[0:31];
procedure TWIDDLE (x, y, z, done, p);
comment Body of TWIDDLE is to be inserted here;
comment TWIDDLE is here used to generate: (1) all combi-
nations c[1:m] of a[1:n]. Here we take a[i] equal to i, each i.
(2) all sequences b[1:n] consisting of m 1's and (n-m) 0's.
The user must supply m and n such that 0 ≤ m ≤ n and 1 ≤ n.
(Our declarations here require n ≤ 30.);
ininteger (2, m); ininteger (2, n);
for i := n step -1 until 1 do a[i] := i;
comment We initialize the parameters p and done of
TWIDDLE as follows;
r := n - m;
for i := r step -1 until 1 do p[i] := 0;
for i := m step -1 until 1 do p[r+i] := i;
p[0] := n + 1; p[n+1] := -2; done := false;
if m = 0 then p[1] := 1;
comment We initialize c[1:m];
for i := m step -1 until 1 do c[i] := a[r+i];
comment Next we initialize b[1:n];
for i := m step -1 until 1 do b[r+i] := 1;
for i := r step -1 until 1 do b[i] := 0;
comment Now we generate and output our successive com-
binations and sequences;
q := 0;

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L:
q := q + 1;
outinteger (1, q);
for i := m - 1 step -1 until 0 do outinteger (1, c[m-i]);
for i := n - 1 step -1 until 0 do outinteger (1, b[n-i]);
TWIDDLE (x, y, z, done, p);
if ¬ done then
begin
c[z] := a[x]; b[x] := 1; b[y] := 0; go to L
end
end of driver program

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REMARK ON ALGORITHM 383 [G6]
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The following driver program illustrates the use of Algorithm
 383.

```

begin integer x, y, k, u, J, Q, I, L; Boolean done;
integer array p[0:31], A, C, N[1:30];
procedure EXTENDED TWIDDLE (x, y, k, u, done, p);
comment Body of EXTENDED TWIDDLE is to be inserted
here;
comment Program uses EXTENDED TWIDDLE in generat-
ing all permutations of C[I] numbers equal to N[I] (I=1 to J).
They are successively stored in A and output. The user must
supply: 1. J (indexing above requires J ≤ 30); 2. C[I] (I=1 to
J), each ≥ 1 (indexing above requires C[1]+...+C[J] ≤ 30);
3. N[I] (I=1 to J), distinct numbers (declarations above
requires integer type);
ininteger (2, J);
for I := 1 step 1 until J do
begin ininteger (2, C[I]); ininteger (2, N[I]) end;
comment The array A is initialized;
L := 1;
for I := 1 step 1 until J do
for Q := C[I] step -1 until 1 do
begin A[L] := N[I]; L := L + 1 end;
comment EXTENDED TWIDDLE is initialized;
L := 1;
for I := 1 step 1 until J do
for Q := C[I] step -1 until 1 do
begin p[L] := J - I + 1; L := L + 1 end;
p[0] := p[L] := J + 1;
done := false;
k := J; u := L;
comment Permutations are successively generated and
output;
Q := 0; L := u - 1;
L1:
Q := Q + 1;
outinteger (1, Q);
for I := u - 2 step -1 until 0 do outinteger (1, A[L-I]);
EXTENDED TWIDDLE (x, y, k, u, done, p);
I := A[x]; A[x] := A[y]; A[y] := I;
if ¬ done then go to L1
end of driver program

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