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1	4422	4564	4707	4849	4991	5134	5276	5418	5561	5703
2	5845	5988	6130	6272	6414	6557	6699	6841	6984	7126
3	7268	7410	7553	7695	7837	7979	8121	8264	8406	8548
4	8690	8833	8975	9117	9259	9401	9543	9686	9828	9970
5	485 0112	0254	0396	0539	0681	0823	0965	1107	1249	1391
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7	2954	3096	3239	3381	3523	3665	3807	3949	4091	4233
8	4375	4517	4659	4801	4943	5085	5227	5369	5511	5653
9	5795	5937	6079	6221	6363	6505	6647	6788	6930	7072
<b>3060</b>	7214	7356	7498	7640	7782	7924	8066	8208	8350	8491
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<b>2</b>	<b>5845</b>	<b>5988</b>	<b>6130</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>7268</b>	<b>7410</b>	<b>7553</b>	<b>7</b>
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ARITHMETICA LOGARITHMICA translated and annotated by Ian Bruce, University of Adelaide, Australia

Chapter six <Chapters/Ch6.pdf> The Logarithms are formed from continued means: in which the repeated square root of 10 is taken to establish eventually a proportionality between the fractional part of the root and the index. Some non-fatal but time wasting errors are uncovered by the translator.

## Chapter Six §6.1. Synopsis: Chapter Six.

In the present chapter, the real business of determining the (base 10) logarithms gets under way. Briggs constructs a sequence of rational logarithms formed from successive square roots of 10, in which a given root is the absolute number (evaluated with much labour), and the corresponding index is the logarithm of this absolute number: what happens if you persist with this sequence of continued mean numbers to ever decreasing values?

By persisting with the evaluation of successive square roots of 10, a well-defined pattern begins to emerge, and finally does so at the 54 th root extraction, labeled  $P$  in Table 6-2, to the 34 significant figures of the calculation.

<i>D</i>		<i>E</i>	
Numbers from Continued Means between Ten & One.		Rational Logarithms	
	10		1,000
1	31622,77660,16837,93319,98893,54		0,50
2	17782,79410,03892,28011,97304,13		0,25
3	13335,21432,16332,40256,65389,308		0,125
4	11547,81984,68945,81796,61918,213		0,0625
5	10746,07828,32131,74972,13817,6538		0,03125
	...		...
51	10000,00000,00000,102255319456025921	<i>L</i>	0,00000,00000,00000,44408,92098,50062,61
52	10000,00000,00000,051127659728012947	<i>M</i>	0,00000,00000,00000,22204,46049,25031,30
53	10000,00000,00000,025563829864006470	<i>N</i>	0,00000,00000,00000,11102,23024,62515,65
54	10000,00000,00000,012781914932003235	<i>P</i>	0,00000,00000,00000,05551,11512,31257,82

[Table 6-2]

At this stage, the number of zeros of the continued mean, after the initial 1, is the same as the number of significant places after the zeros [note: 0(15) below represents a string of

15 zeros, etc], and that the remaining digits are in proportion to the index or logarithm of the mean. Reversing the procedure, all the means labeled 54 - 1 in the table are continued squares of the mean  $P$  [Table 6-3], and those immediately adjoining  $P$  labeled  $N$ ,  $M$ , and  $L$  show proportionality between themselves and also their logarithms. Thus, for level  $P$ , in modern notation:  $10^{1/2^{54}} = r = 1 + \Delta$ , where  $\Delta = 0.0(15)1278191493200323442$ ; with the corresponding logarithm  $\ell = 1/2^{54} = 0.0(16)555111512312578270212$ . For the next level  $N$ :  $r^2 \sim 1 + 2\Delta$ ; with logarithm  $2\ell$ ; and subsequently for  $M$ :  $r^4 \sim 1 + 4\Delta$ ; with logarithm  $4\ell$ ; and finally  $L$ :  $r^8 \sim 1 + 8\Delta$ , with logarithm  $8\ell$ ; . The intermediate values  $r^3, 3\ell; r^5, 5\ell$ ; etc, are also readily found. Hence, the numbers  $\Delta$  and  $\ell$  define a proportionality between the fractional part of the continued mean and the corresponding logarithm, between the values of the roots designated from  $P$  to  $L$ , and the logarithm of any other small number of the form  $1 + \delta$  in this region can be found by proportionality to be  $\delta\ell/\Delta$ . All of this has been established arithmetically by Briggs: the links to modern analysis are investigated a little in the notes to the chapter. However, we may note at this stage that from the proportionality,  $\Delta/\ell$  can be written in the form  $(10^{1/2^{54}} - 1) \cdot 2^{54} \sim \ln(10)$ , the natural logarithm of 10.

$$A^{1/N} = \exp\left(\frac{\ln A}{N}\right) = 1 + \frac{K}{N} + \underbrace{\frac{K^2}{2N^2} + \dots}_{\text{négligeable si } N \text{ assez grand}}, \quad K = \ln A \text{ (ici, } A = 10).$$

Chapter seven <Chapters/Ch7.pdf> The Logarithm of 2 is found by the Radix Method, and subsequently the logs of 5 and 3.

### §7.1. Synopsis: Chapter Seven.

The region  $L$  and onwards in the series of continued means has been established in Chapter 6, in which there is finally proportionality between the fractional parts of the means and their known logarithms. Briggs shows how the logarithms of 2 and 3 can be found using a method based on this proportionality, upon forming a sequence of continued mean numbers based on the repeated square root extraction of a number derived from 2 or 3, that eventually lie in the above region. Initially, 2 is converted to  $2^{10}/10^3 = 1.024$  prior to forming the mean sequence: a process that reduces the number of means evaluated; in the region  $L$ , the fractional part of the 47th continued mean of 1.024 is compared with a continued mean of 10, as we have indicated in the extended note in the last chapter, from which the logarithm of 2 is determined. The logarithm of 5, and multiples of 2, 5, and 10

can then be found. Similarly, in the case of 3, the logarithm of 6 is found from  $6^9/10^7$  or 1.0077696, again reducing the number of operations slightly.

	<i>Number of successive means</i>	<i>Logarithms</i>
	1024 - - - - -	0,01029,99566,39811,95265,27744
47	10119,28851,25388,13862,397	0,00514,99783,19905,97632,63872
46	10059,46743,74634,83266,5424	0,00257,49891,,59952,98816,31936
45	10029,68064,49807,87373,6268	0,00128,74945,79976,49408,15968
	...	...
11	10000,00000,00017,25604,42423,25943,477	0,00000,00000,00074,94204,79391,98911,283
	...	...
1	10000,00000,00000,01685,16057,05394,977	0,00000,00000,00000,07318,55936,90623,9368

En effet,  $a^{1/N} = \exp\left(\frac{\ln a}{N}\right) = 1 + \frac{K \log_A(a)}{N} + \dots$

**RADIX TABLE OF NATURAL LOGARITHMS**

**Table 4.3**

$x$	$n$	$\ln (1+x10^{-n})$					$-\ln (1-x10^{-n})$				
1	5	0.00000	99999	50000	33333	08334	0.00001	00000	50000	33333	58334
2	5	0.00001	99998	00002	66662	66673	0.00002	00002	00002	66670	66673
3	5	0.00002	99995	50008	99979	75049	0.00003	00004	50009	00020	25049
4	5	0.00003	99992	00021	33269	33538	0.00004	00008	00021	33397	33538
5	5	0.00004	99987	50041	66510	42292	0.00005	00012	50041	66822	92292
6	5	0.00005	99982	00071	99676	01555	0.00006	00018	00072	00324	01555
7	5	0.00006	99975	50114	32733	11695	0.00007	00024	50114	33933	61695
8	5	0.00007	99968	00170	65642	73220	0.00008	00032	00170	67690	73221
9	5	0.00008	99959	50242	98359	86809	0.00009	00040	50243	01640	36811
1	4	0.00009	99950	00333	30833	53332	0.00010	00050	00333	35833	53335

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§12.1. Synopsis: Chapter Twelve.

Briggs demonstrates an improved method of subtabulation, far superior to the

'proportional parts' method of the previous chapter. The new scheme involves the use of finite differences, and can be applied when first and second order differences only need be considered, the latter being constant, or nearly so, ( and negative, though the negative signs are suppressed); Briggs uses this method extensively to fill in the blank spaces in his Chiliads of logarithms: the missing Chiliades from the 31st to the 89th represents the region where this simple scheme does not work. In modern terms, if A and B are the logarithms of two successive numbers in a table of logarithms, with first and second order differences a and b, where b is constant or almost so, in some region, then the logarithms of 9 equally spaced numbers  $z_i$  between the successive numbers are generated by the formula  $z_i = A + xa + [x(x - 1)/2]b$ , where  $x = i/10$ , and  $1 \leq i \leq 9$ . There is not of course an algebraic representation in the *Arithmetica* of this formula, or any other. Initially, Briggs uses a numerical scheme to calculate and add on successive difference to previously found intermediate logarithm as he proceeds; he then demonstrates the formula shown above numerically, by means of which any intermediate logarithm can be found, without the requirement of evaluating all the others up to that stage; finally, he shows how the method greatly improves on finding the square root of a number with a known logarithm. This scheme is identical with that later formulated by Newton, and is now known as Newton's Forward Difference Method. In the notes, we give a little historical

digression concerning the possible origins of this method.

## §12.2. Chapter Twelve. [p.24.]

For two given nearby numbers, together with the logarithms of these: to place nine other numbers equidistant between them; and to find the logarithms of these. If the second differences of the given logarithms are almost equal, it will not be difficult to perform this: otherwise, if third differences are summoned, here the method is somewhat deficient.

Two nearby numbers  $A$  are taken, and the logarithms of these  $B$ , together with the first and second differences of these,  $C$  and  $D$ . [Table 12-1.] If the second differences are equal, one of these is multiplied by the numbers in the Table E, [12-2], with the ten numbers adjoined to the first [difference]; ...



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*VS FORTRAN Application Programming: Library Reference*, IBM Program Product SC26-3989, 1981<sup>1</sup>,

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$$2^{-x} \approx 1 - \frac{2x}{0.034657359x^2 + x + 9.9545948} - \frac{617.97227}{x^2 + 87.417497}$$

avec une erreur  $< 10^{-8}$  quand on s'est ramené à  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

Des formules de même type sont utilisées pour sin, ln, etc.

Cf. aussi J.F. Hart & *al.*, *Computer Approximations*, Wiley, 1968.

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<sup>1</sup>Grand merci à M. J.L. Marrion qui a fourni cette documentation.

Re: polynomial approx. of natural logarithm

From: israel@xxxxxxxxxxxxx Date: 26 Jan 2007 10:23:19 -0800

>>>  $\log(y + 1) = a_0/2 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_k T_k(2 * y - 1)$  where  $T_k$  are the Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind and  $a_k$  the corresponding coefficients, e.g. in Clenshaw's tables published by N.I.S.T. 16 digits precision requires degree 18 here. Using the Clenshaw trick to compute such Chebyshev developments you need then 18 multiplications only. There are better (max-error optimal) approximations in the book of Hart, Cheney et al on "computer approximations" (Wiley interscience) hence you need additions and multiplications only as desired.

>> According to Maple's "minimax", the following expression approximates  $\ln(x)$  on the interval [1,2] with maximum error less than  $3.08e-16$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &.405465108108164479766848218041 + (.6666666666666677733176708586037 \\ &+ (-.2222222222222292615563999977470 + (.987654320961263302457746148661e-1 \\ &+ (-.493827160409480212568624479861e-1 + (.263374487439984912536137644541e-1 \\ &+ (-.146319162610832072489328323277e-1 + (.836108894173642764386658876471e-2 \end{aligned}$$



Also, I'd choose the interval  $[1/2,1)$  rather than  $[1,2]$  which seems more in keeping with how numbers are stored internally.

> Just some ideas. > Jen

the true minimax polynomial is a bit better than the chebyshev expansion. but your second idea is no longer valid: in IEEE the mantissa is normalized to be in  $[1,2]$  rather than  $[\.5,1]$  (as earlier) this is due to the implied "thought" leading 1 (not stored) if  $x \neq 0$ . we did not ask the original questioner whether this makes sense at all. if he works on a cpu without division he also might have to work on a cpu without IEEE or floating point at all. this makes it a bit harder but the ideas presented here would nethertheless be applicable.

For the problem at hand, what does it matter whether an implied 1 is stored or not? Whether you choose to normalize your  $x$  to  $[1,2]$  or  $[\.5,1]$  will just change the exponent, not the mantissa. Does a shift of 1 in the exponents cause a significant change in the speed of floating-point arithmetic?

Robert Israel

## TRANSCENDENTAL FUNCTIONS

### COMMON LOGARITHMS

$x$	$\log_{10} x$		$x$	$\log_{10} x$	
200	30102	99957	250	39794	00087
201	30319	60574	251	39967	37215
202	30535	13694	252	40140	05408
203	30749	60379	253	40312	05212
204	30963	01674	254	40483	37166
205	31175	38611	255	40654	01804
206	31386	72204	256	40823	99653
207	31597	03455	257	40993	31233
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209	32014	62861	259	41329	97641

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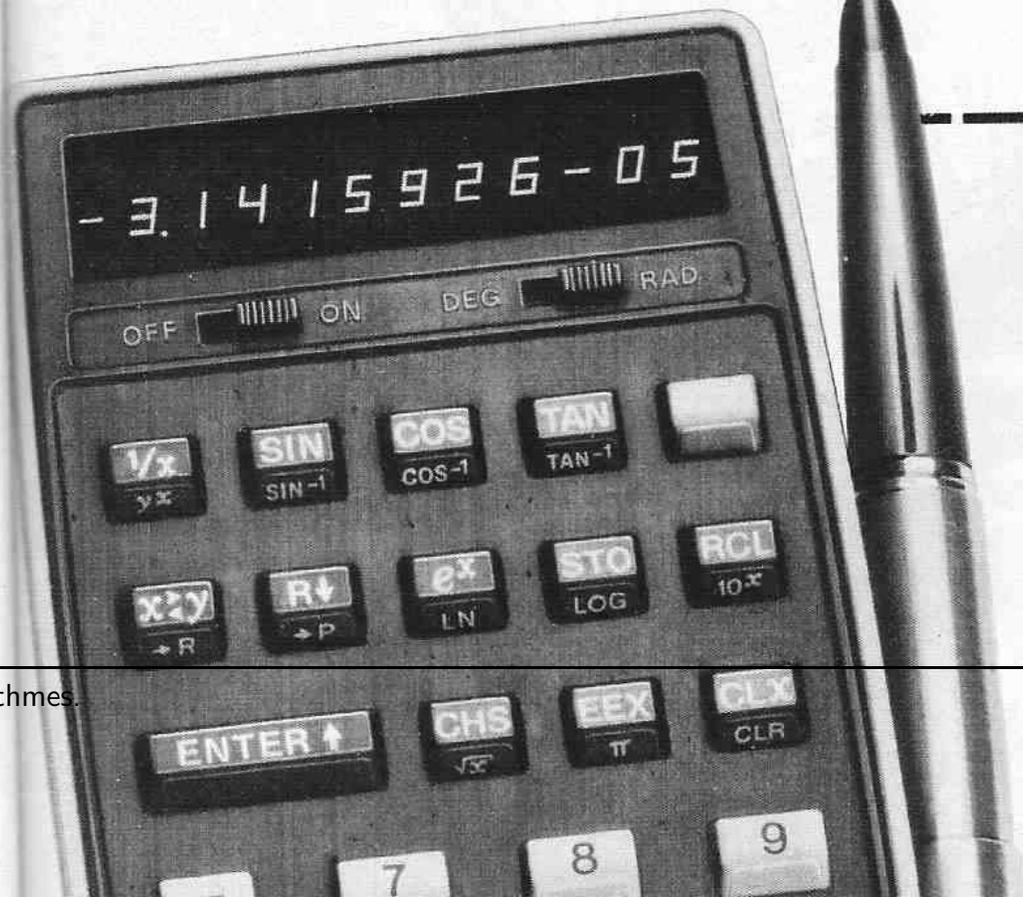
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