We are currently using a disk for secondary storage, which is grossly inadequate for heavy swapping, but consider that our swapping problems can be virtually eliminated by the use of Extended Core Storage, which has a transfer rate of $600,000,000$ bits per second.

The remaining problem is thus that of software, namely the possibility of completing it before the machine is obsolete. Our experience in this area may be of some interest. The peripheral program constituting the SHARER monitor comprises about 400012 -bit instructions (perhaps equivalent to 1000 instructions of a conventional large machine). The central program is written in Fortran and amounts to about 2000 statements. Thirty-five utility routines, largely written in Fortran, have also been provided. About six man years of work have gone into the system thus far, expended by a group averaging four persons over an 18 -month period.

We were fairly careful to maintain high standards of documentation during our programming effort. An initial design document specifying all principal system interfaces, table formats, and algorithms was written before any programming was started. This "reference manual" was kept in the form of a deck of cards. Modifications to the system were incorporated into this document as soon as convenient after decisions were made. The effort of documentation has more than paid for itself in reducing confusion in the coordination and debugging of the system programming.

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## ALGORITHM 312 <br> ABSOLUTE VALUE AND SQUARE ROOT OF A COMPLEX NUMBER, [A2]

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real procedure $c a b s(x, y)$;
value $x, y$; real $x, y$;
comment This procedure returns the absolute value of the complex number $x+i y$. The procedure provides for the possible overflow on $x^{2}+y^{2}$ in $|x+i y|=\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}$;

## begin

$x:=a b s(x) ; \quad y:=a b s(y)$;
$c a b s:=$ if $x=0$ then $y$ else if $y=0$ then $x$ else
if $x>y$ then $x \times \operatorname{sqrt}(1+(y / x) \uparrow 2)$
else $y \times \operatorname{sqrt}(1+(x / y) \uparrow 2)$
end cabs;
procedure csqrt ( $x, y, a, b$ );
value $x, y$; real $x, y, a, b$;
comment This procedure computes $a$ and $b$ where $a+i b=$
$\sqrt{x+i y}$. For $x=y=0$ we have that $a=b=0$ so we will assume that $x$ and $y$ are not both zero.
Solving simultaneously for $a$ and then $b \ldots$

$$
\begin{equation*}
a= \pm \sqrt{\frac{x \pm|x+i y|}{2}}, \quad b=y /(2 a) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and for $b$ and then $a \ldots$

$$
\begin{equation*}
b= \pm \sqrt{\frac{-x \pm|x+i y|}{2}}, \quad a=y /(2 b) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

To keep the radical real, we will always use the positive sign with $|x+i y|$ and use equation (1) with the sign of " $a$ " taken positive for $x \geq 0$ and (2) when $x<0$, with the sign of " $b$ " taken positive for $y \geq 0$ and negative for $y<0$;

## begin

if $x=0 \wedge y=0$ then $a:=b:=0$ else
begin
$a:=\operatorname{sqrt}((a b s(x)+c a b s(x, y)) \times 0.5) ;$
if $x \geq 0$ then $b:=y /(a+a)$ else
begin
$b:=$ if $y<0$ then $-a$ else $a ;$
$a:=y /(b+b)$
end
end
end csqrt

## ALGORITHM 313

## MULTI-DIMENSIONAL PARTITION

GENERATOR [A1]
P. Bratley and J. K. S. McKay (Recd. 23 Aug. 1966, 15 Feb. 1967 and 14 Apr. 1967)
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procedure partition ( $N$, dim, use) ;
value $N$, dim; integer $N$, dim; procedure use;
comment A partition of $N$ is an ordered sequence of positive integers, $n_{1} \geq n_{2} \geq n_{z} \geq \cdots \geq n_{k}$, such that $\sum_{i=1}^{k} n_{i}=N$. Such a partition may be represented by a Ferrers-Sylvester graph of nodes with $n_{i}$ nodes in the $i$ th row, e.g.,

$$
\begin{array}{lllll}
* & * & * & * & * \\
* & * & * & * & \\
* & * & & & \\
* & * & & &
\end{array}
$$

represents $5,4,2,2$. This two-dimensional diagram may be generalized in a natural way to three, or more, dimensions. More formally, we regard a $d$-dimensional partition of $n$ as a set $S$ of $n$ nodes, each defined by its non-negative integer coordinates such that
$\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \cdots, x_{d}\right) \in S$ if and only if $\left(x_{1}{ }^{\prime}, x_{2}{ }^{\prime}, \cdots, x_{d}{ }^{\prime}\right) \in S$
whenever

$$
0 \leq x_{i}{ }^{\prime} \leq x_{i} \text { for all } i=1,2, \cdots, d
$$

This generalization reduces to the usual definition when $d=2$. There is little literature on these generalized partitions. It is with a view to facilitating numerical studies that th is algorithm is published.

After generation, each partition is presented to the procedure use, which should be supplied by the user for the purpose he requires. use has three formal parameters, the first being the name of a two-dimensional integer array, and the second and third being integers giving the size of this array. When the procedure is called by

> use (current, dim, N)
then the coordinates of the nodes entering into the newly generated multi-dimensional partition will be found in current [1:dim, $1: N]$. The parameters of use should be called by value, or alternatively care should be taken that neither $\operatorname{dim}, N$, nor the contents of the array current are disturbed.
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begin
integer $i$; integer array current $[1: d i m, 1: N]$, $x[1: \operatorname{dim}, 0:(N-1) \times \operatorname{dim}] ;$
procedure part ( $n, q, r$ ); value $n, q, r$; integer $n, q, r$;
begin integer $s, i, j, k, p, m, z$;
for $p:=q$ step 1 until $r-1$ do

## begin

for $i:=1$ step 1 until dim do current $[i, n]:=x[i, p]$;
if $n=N$ then begin use (current,dim,N); go to $L 2$ end; $s:=r$;
for $i:=1$ step 1 until dim do begin
for $j:=1$ step 1 until dim do $x[j, s]:=x[j, p]$;
$x[i, s]:=x[i, s]+1 ;$
for $j:=1$ step 1 until dim do
begia
if $x[j, s]=0$ then go to $L 3$;
for $k:=1$ step 1 until $n$ do
begin
for $m:=1$ step 1 until dim do
hegin
$z:=$ if $j=m$ then 1 else 0 ;
f ciurrent $[m, k] \neq x[m, s]-z$ theng go to $L 4$
end;
go to L3;
L4:
end $k$;
go to $L 5$;
L3:
end $j$;
$s:=s+1$;
$L 5$ :
end $i$;
part $(n+1, p+1, s)$;
L2: end $p$
end part;
for $i:=1$ step 1 until $\operatorname{dim}$ do $x[i, 0]:=0 ; \operatorname{par} i(1,0,1)$
end partition

## REMARK ON CORRECTION TO CERTIIICATION

 OF ALGORITHM 279 [D1]CHEBYSHEV QUADRATURE [F.R.A. Hopgood and C. Litherland, Comm. ACM 9 (Apr. 1966), 270 and 10 (May 1967), 294]
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There are two corrections that should be appended to the certification of Algorithm 279.

Due to programming error, the integrand function routines for $e^{-x^{2}}$ and $\sin (x)+1$, used by the Chebyshev routine, incorrectly evaluated the functions at $x=0$, thus delaying convergence.

The revised Chebyshev routine still converges more rapidly than the original scheme in the first two examples, but the advantage is muct less pronounced than previously indicated.

The amended Table I should read as follows, with the numerical corrections italicized.

TABLE I


