

INPUT N 0000 'FRUIT PI+' PAU PAU  
 = 0011 CE CHR 035 ' OF DI'  
 # OF DIGITS 0021 'GITS?' BRK STD 000  
 N MUST BE 0030 2070 INV IF< 000  
 NO LARGER 0038 GTD 0059 'TOO MANY'  
 THAN 2070 0049 ' DIGITS' GTD 0009  
 9 OR 10 0059 CFG 770 INV IF< 000  
 PEG REGISTER 0067 SF 03 800.2600 PAR  
 0078 CLR x+t RCL 000 CMS  
 INITIALIZATION 0084 FIX 9 STD 474 +8+0  
 0093 TF 03 1=/(9+0 TF 03  
 0104 1)= INT STD 473  
 0111 RCL 474 +1=/5 LDC +  
 0121 1=/2= INT STD 000 1  
 0131 STD 003 (9+0 TF 03  
 0140 1) INV LDC STD 004  
 0147 \*80= STD 238 238  
 0157 STD 001 8 STD 002  
 0164 RCL 473 STD 005 CLR  
 0171 STD 006 STD 471  
 0177 STD 472 RCL IND 001  
 0184 INV IF= 472  
 0188 GTD 0204 INC 001  
 0194 INC 002 INV INC 005  
 0201 GTD 0180 RCL 471 \*  
 0208 RCL 004 +  
 0212 RCL IND 001 -( CE /  
 0220 25) INT STD IND 001  
 0228 \*25= STD 471  
 0235 RCL 006 \* RCL 004 +  
 0243 RCL IND 001 -( CE /  
 0251 RCL 003 ) INT  
 0256 STD 006 \* RCL 003 =  
 0264 EXC 006 TF 01 +/-  
 0270 ST+ IND 002 INC 001  
 0277 INC 002 DSZ 005  
 0283 GTD 0204 TF 01  
 0288 GTD 0296 SF 01  
 0293 GTD 0298 RF 01  
 0298 INC 003 INC 003  
 0304 DSZ 000 GTD 0154  
 0310 RCL 474 +1=/239 LDC  
 0321 +1=/2= INT STD 000  
 0331 1 STD 003 956\*  
 0339 RCL 004 = STD 238  
 0346 SF 01 238 STD 001 8  
 0355 STD 002 RCL 473  
 0361 STD 005 CLR STD 006  
 0368 STD 471 STD 470  
 0374 STD 472 RCL IND 001  
 0381 INV IF= 472  
 0385 GTD 0401 INC 001  
 0391 INC 002 INV INC 005  
 0398 GTD 0377 RF 02  
 0403 GTD 0408 SF 02

PART  
A

16 ARCTAN (1/5)

PART  
B

4 ARCTAN (1/239)

PART  
B

PART  
C

DIRECT  
PRINTING  
OF  
10 DIGIT  
REGISTERS

CHANGE  
9  
DIGIT  
REGISTERS  
TO  
10  
DIGIT  
GROUPS  
AND  
PRINT

0408 RCL 471 x+t RCL 470  
 0415 STD 471 x+t \*  
 0420 RCL 004 +  
 0424 RCL IND 001 -( CE /  
 0432 239) INT  
 0437 STD IND 001 \*239=  
 0446 STD 470 INV TF 02  
 0452 GTD 0406 RCL 006 \*  
 0459 RCL 004 +  
 0463 RCL IND 001 -( CE /  
 0471 RCL 003 ) INT  
 0476 STD 006 \* RCL 003 =  
 0484 EXC 006 TF 01 +/-  
 0490 ST+ IND 002 INC 001  
 0497 INC 002 DSZ 005  
 0503 GTD 0401 TF 01  
 0508 GTD 0516 SF 01  
 0513 GTD 0518 RF 01  
 0518 INC 003 INC 003  
 0524 DSZ 000 GTD 0348  
 0530 RCL 473 STD 001 +7=  
 0539 STD 002 RCL IND 002  
 0546 EXC 472 RCL 004 INV  
 0553 IF< 472 GTD 0577  
 0559 ST- IND 002 INV  
 0564 INC 002 INC IND 002  
 0571 INC 002 GTD 0542  
 0577 CLR STD 472  
 0581 RCL IND 002 INV  
 0586 IF< 472 GTD 0614  
 0592 RCL 004 ST+ IND 002  
 0599 INV INC 002 INV  
 0604 INC IND 002 INC 002  
 0611 GTD 0577 INV  
 0615 INC 002 DSZ 001  
 0621 GTD 0542 INV TF 03  
 0627 GTD 0663 7 STD 001  
 0634 RCL 473 +1= STD 002  
 0643 RCL IND 001 PRT INV  
 0649 TF 74 BRK INC 001  
 0655 DSZ 002 GTD 0643  
 0661 CLR HLT RCL 007 PRT  
 0667 INV TF 74 BRK 0  
 0672 STD 000 8 STD 001 9  
 0680 STD 002 (<  
 0684 RCL IND 001 IF= 000  
 0691 HLT INC 001 /  
 0696 RCL 002 INV INC 002  
 0703 INV LDC ) FRC \*10  
 0710 INV LDC +(<  
 0714 RCL IND 001 /  
 0719 RCL 002 INV LDC )  
 0725 INT = PRT INV TF 74  
 0731 BRK CLR INV IF= 002  
 0737 GTD 0683 INC 001 9  
 0744 ST+ 002 GTD 0683

LOTS OF PIE, by Bob Fruit. (no pun intended) Bob has risen to the challenge and the problem of PI. I hope that this first "sheep" being over the herd. Let's show the "friends" from the HP PPC that we are not beaten yet, even we lost (temporarily) the battle of the calendar, intend to loose the whole "war."

On the next page you will find a table of PI computed to the first 1 It was obtained in July 1961 by Shanks and Wrench on an IBM 7090. At that time computed PI to 100,265 places. This table was reprinted with permission of the American Mathematical Society, from Mathematics of Computation, 1962, v14n

obvious printing advantages too). This means that I will only get 460 decimal places in my calculation of  $\pi$ . I would need 207 registers to be able to get 1,000 decimal places. As best I can determine (I can not really read H-P program code) the H-P people used 205 registers in their effort on  $\pi$ . Since the H-P calculator has more user memory they will be able to calculate more decimal places using similar algorithms.

The procedure for running programs II are: Load all the programs on to magnetic cards (the calculator configurations are II-A 479.59, II-B 159.99, II-C 159.99). Make sure that registers 90-99 are all zero when saving program II-B. Read in program II-A and press A. Read in program II-A. Put program II-B in the card reader (it will be read when the calculator is ready for it). After program II-B has been read put program II-C into the card reader. To print additional copies of the answer use INV LIST. The last digit is too large by 4 (the last 3 digits should be 799).

What happens while the program is running? Program II-A sets the calculator in fast mode and calculates the value of  $16 * \arctan(1/5)$ . Program II-B calculates the value of  $4 * \arctan(1/239)$  and subtracts it from the value found in the first program. Program II-C takes the value of  $\pi$  and performs all the carry/borrow 1 operations that were ignored during the addition/subtractions in the first two programs and prints the results.

Programs II will calculate the value of  $\pi$  to 460 decimal places (with the error noted before) in 6 hours 18 minutes 15 seconds. For program II-A the running time is 4:14:51. Program II-B's running time is 2:03:24. I do not count the couple of minutes of program II-C running time since that is not part of the calculation of  $\pi$ .

Now for the disappointing part. It is easy to project the running time if 1,000 decimal places could be calculated on a TI-59. There is a linear relationship between the number of decimal places and the running time of the programs, so  $1000 / 460 * (6:18:15) = 13:46$ . This puts my approach 2 1/2 hours longer than the H-P effort.

Time will not permit me to get back into this problem now. If I do come back to this problem I will look at incorporating the algebraic contraction the H-P people developed for the formulas. I don't know if that would significantly improve the run times I have already gotten. I would like to thank Rich Nelson, editor for the H-P newsletter, for sending me a copy of their article  $\pi$ . I had sent him a SASE with my request.

The "Calcu-Letter" column of Popular Science (July, 1981) reported that the Hewlett-Packard calculator club had calculated the value of  $\pi$  to 1,000 decimal places in less than 1 1/4 hours and had challenged the Texas Instruments Personal Calculator Club to try and beat their time. This got my interest on the subject of calculating the value of  $\pi$  on my TI-59. I had never considered trying to calculate the value of  $\pi$ , particularly to 1,000 places.

I started by writing to both the TI club (to join it) and the H-P club (to get a copy of the article on their calculating the value of  $\pi$ ). Not waiting for the replies I went about figuring out how I would tackle this problem. That effort led to program I. It is shown here because it makes it easier to follow the programming techniques and algorithms developed here, but also used in my later programs. (There are many improvements that are obviously needed in program I, but I do not want to dwell on them here. Remember it is just to help you see what's going on in the later program.)

When considering doing a problem like  $\pi$  you must determine how to do two things: First, what algorithm to use for calculating the value of  $\pi$ ? I looked in Petr Beckman's book A History of  $\pi$  (this book is much more entertaining than the title might imply) to see what algorithms had been used in the past. The one I liked was;

$$\pi = 16 * \arctan(1/5) - 4 * \arctan(1/239)$$

This turned out to be the same algorithm the H-P people used. The arctan function has a nice numerical method;

$$\arctan(x) = x - x^3/3 + x^5/5 - x^7/7 + \dots$$

The second thing needed is, how to do the multi-precision arithmetic. The multi-precision addition and subtraction is not hard to figure out, but the multi-precision division looked like a formidable challenge. It turns out that a multi-precision numerator divided by a single precision denominator (the situation faced in this problem) is easy. Look at each block of digits of the multi-precision numerator as a stand alone single precision number. Carry out the normal division between two numbers, save the dividend (this is part of the multi-precision answer), and add the remainder onto the front of the next block of digits. Repeat the division process until the entire multi-precision division is complete. This is just the way long division is taught in grade school, it just looks a little different.

Since the largest remainder could be 238 not more than 10 digits can be stored in each register or you would exceed the 13 digit accuracy of the TI-59 (and there are some

