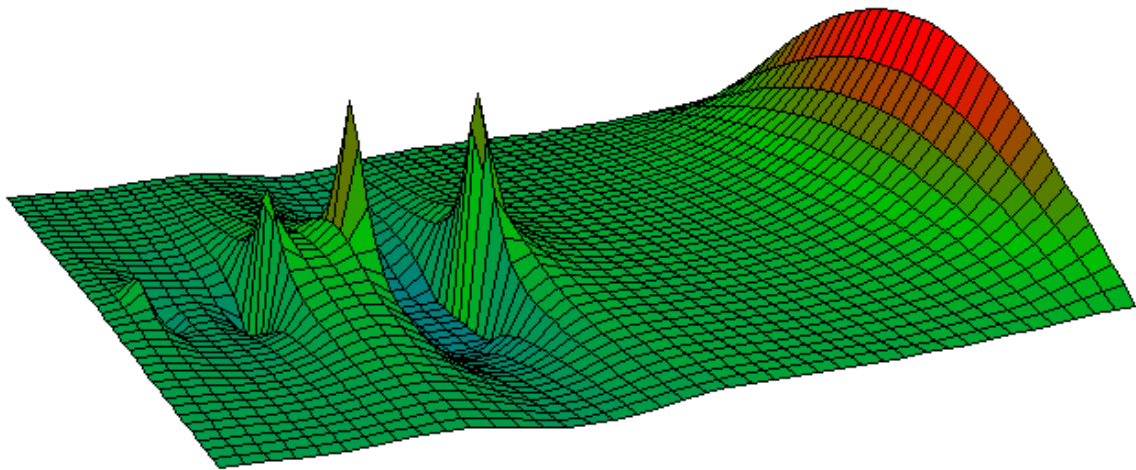


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```
r=: 1 2 3 4
z=: r %:/ y
z
0 1      2      3      4      5      6
0 1 1.41421 1.73205      2 2.23607 2.44949
0 1 1.25992 1.44225 1.5874 1.70998 1.81712
0 1 1.18921 1.31607 1.41421 1.49535 1.56508
```



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En este año que casi termina, comienza su andadura este proyecto. *Journal of J* nace como un experimento a raíz de la participación de los editores en el foro de Jsoftware. Como “sucesor” de APL, J es un lenguaje de programación que resulta extraño a primera vista. Sin embargo, tras su inicial dificultad se esconde una potencia y eficacia poco habituales. J es algo más que un lenguaje de programación, es una filosofía. No obstante J requiere cierto tiempo para habituarse. Efectivamente, los programas en J son a veces tan concisos como

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“Critique” of the Mathematical Abilities of J


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In this short note, we will review some of the issues raised by Michael Wester in their work *Critique of The Mathematical Abilities of CA Systems*¹.

Of course, J is not a Computer Algebra System, but is a interesting exercise check J in this context. We focus on few aspects, but we suggest exploring the rest.  

Symbols

In Wester’s paper a special notation is used to classify the results. In this summary we will use Wester’s notation with some changes.

- success! (hurrah!)
- ★ success but a little fudging or subtlety required, or the answer could be just a little nicer or more complete (yes!)
-  success but you need to write a verb (uff!)

Numerical questions

✓ C1 Problem •

$$50! \Rightarrow 3.0414093201..0000000000.10^{64}$$

Big factorials are easy with J and concrete precision,

`!50`

`3.04141e64`

If we need more resolution, we can use

`!50x`

`3041409320171337804361260816606476884437764156896051200000
0000000`

Extended precision integer constants can be entered as a sequence of decimal digits terminated by an x.

✓ C2 Problem •★

$$\text{factor}(50!) \Rightarrow 2^{47} 3^{22} 5^{12} 7^8 11^4 13^3 \dots 47$$

In J we have the verb `q:` to obtain prime factors. The answer is correct but need simplification!

`q: !50x`

```
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
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3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 7 7 7
7 7 7 7 7 11 11 11 11 13 13 13 17 17 19 19 23 23 29 31
37 41 43 47
```

✓

✓ C3 Problem •🏠

$$10!! \Rightarrow 3840, 9!! \Rightarrow 945$$

Some systems lack this feature but in J is possible to define a verb for double factorial (see Essays/Double Factorial – J Wiki)

`Fe=: 2&^ * !`

`Fo=: !@+: % 2&^ * !`

`Fd=: (Fe@-:) `(Fo@-:@>:)@.(2&|)"0`

`Fd 10`

3840

✓ C4, C5 & C6 Problems

$$ABC_{16} \Rightarrow 2748_{10}$$

✓ C7 Problem •

$$\log_8 32768 \Rightarrow 5$$

In J the *base-x logarithm* is `x^.y`

`8^.32768`

5

✓ C10 Problem •

$$\frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{10} \Rightarrow \frac{4861}{2520}$$

`1r2+1r3+1r4+1r5+1r6+1r7+1r8+1r9+1r10`

4861r2520

✓ C11 Problem •

$$N\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) \Rightarrow \overline{0.142857}$$

1%7

0.142857

✓ C12 Problem •

$$N\left(\frac{7}{11}\right)N\left(\frac{22}{7}\right) \Rightarrow 2$$

(7%11)*(22%7)

2

7r11*22r7

2

✓ C23 Problem •

$$2^\infty - 3 \Rightarrow \infty$$

(2*_)-3

—

✓ D4 Problem •

$$\left\lfloor -\frac{5}{3} \right\rfloor \Leftrightarrow -2 ; \left\lceil -\frac{5}{3} \right\rceil \Rightarrow -1$$

Floor and Ceiling functions are implemented in J:

< . (-5r3)

_2

> . (-5r3)

_1

✓ F9 Problem • 

$$\phi(1776) \Rightarrow 576$$

```
totient=: (- ~:)&.q:
```

```
totient 1776
```

```
576
```

Summary In this simple and little exercise, we have seen the good numerical abilities of J. Many issues addressed by Wester remain to be explored in J context.

A lo largo de estas páginas podemos encontrar el símbolo superior. Nos encontramos ante una sugerencia y/o ejercicio propuesto por el editor que pretender abrir nuevos campos de empleo de J como herramienta de análisis científico.

Short Note (J2-Team, Mikel Paternain, Editor)

Cantor function

and some experiments.

In J is easy compute the Cantor function:

```
Cantorf =: 3 #. #:  
plot Cantorf i.1000
```



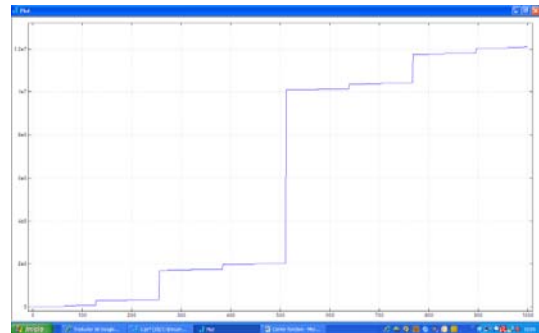
```
Cantorf i.20
```

```
0 1 3 4 9 10 12 13 27 28 30 31 36 37 39 40 81 82 84 85
```

This is A005836-OEIS sequence of numbers whose base 3 representation contains no 2.

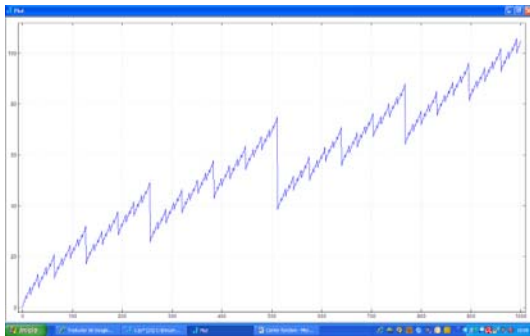
The first natural experiment is change the *radix* and use other number. For example 6:

```
Cantorf =: 6 #. #:
```

Another natural extension is consider a rational number

```
Cantorf =: 3r2 #. #:
```

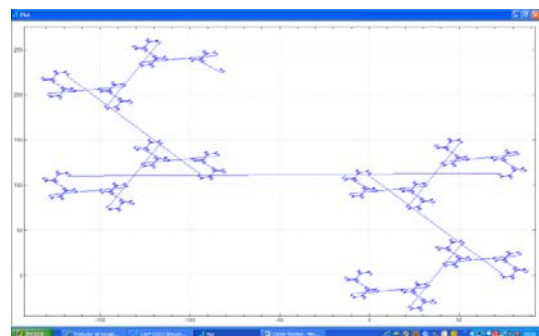


In this case, the change is evident.

Now, we will try a more drastic change:

```
Cantorf =: 1j3r2 #. #:
```

```
plot Cantorf i.1000
```

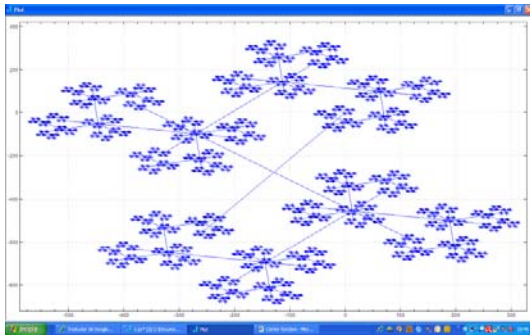


With complex numbers Cantorf function lies in the ccomplex domain and we obtain a bi-dimensional graph.

Varying the value of radix, we get a variety of graphics.

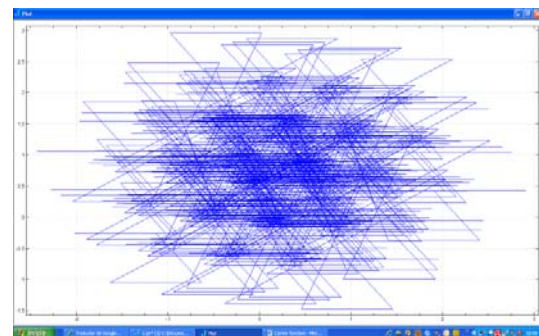
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Cantorf =: 1r2j3r2 #. #:
```

```
plot Cantorf i:30000
```



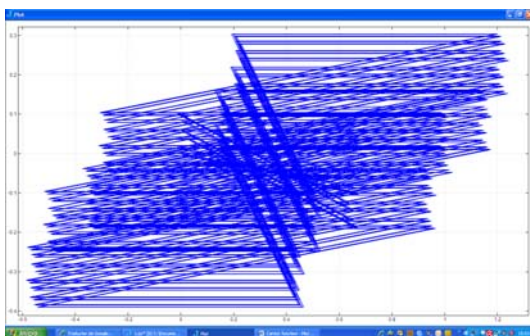
```
Cantorf =: 1r2j4r5 #. #:
```

```
plot Cantorf i:1000
```



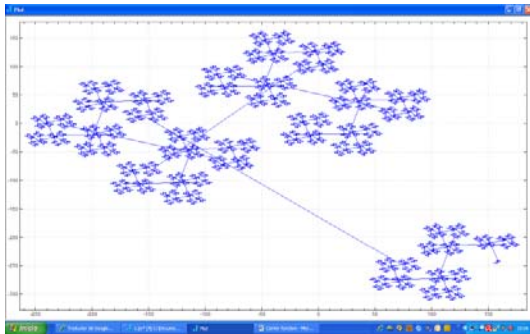
```
Cantorf =: _4r8j_1r5 #. #:
```

```
plot Cantorf i:1000
```



```
Cantorf =: 1r3j3r2 #. #:
```

```
plot Cantorf i.10000
```



These graph are similar to the Dragon Curves.

The last example is a fractal carpet.

```
Cantorf =: 1r8000j3r2 #. #:pplot Cantorf i.100000
```



Digital Binary Sums

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We begin with a binary representation of a number. Next, count the number of 1s in this binary representation. This value is $s(n)$. We are interesting about sums $S(n) = \sum_{s=0}^n s(n)$.

It is easy to check the values of the following table for $S(n)$.

n	<i>binary base</i>	$s(n)$	$S(n)$
0	0000	0	-
1	0001	1	1
2	0010	1	2
3	0011	2	4
4	0100	1	5
5	0101	2	7
6	0110	2	9
7	0111	3	12
8	1000	1	13
9	1001	2	15
10	1010	2	17

With J is straightforward $s(n)$. We use the verb # :

```
#: 16
```

```
1 0 0 0 0
```

The verb +/ is useful to sum all elements of a list , which applied to the previous binary expansion gives us the desired value of $s(n)$.

```
+/#: 16
```

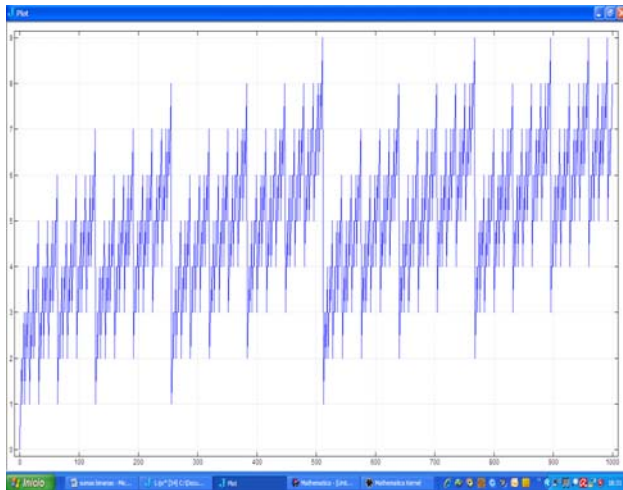
```
1
```

Using plot utility is easy to visualize the behavior of the function $s(n)$.

```
Load 'plot'
```

```
Plot +/ |:#: i.1000
```

Note that we have made use of the verb `| :` to sort the list resulting from applying `# :` to `i . 1000`. The interesting behavior of $s(n)$ shown in the figure below .



The sequence $s(n)$ corresponds to A000120-OEIS

We are however now interested in the behavior of the sums

$$S(n) = \sum_{s=0}^n s(n).$$

We do:

```
+/\ +/ | : # : i . 16
```

```
0 1 2 4 5 7 9 12 13 15 17 20 22 25 28 32
```

Consider the case where $S(N)$ is a power of 2, $N = 2^k, k = 0, 1, \dots$

You can see that:

$$S(2^k) = \frac{k 2^k}{2},$$

Can also be written as

$$S(N) = \frac{\log N}{2 \log 2} \text{ for } N = 2^k.$$

The behavior of $S(N)$ is more complicated when N is not a power of 2. It is not strange to assume that:

$$S(N) \sim \frac{N \log N}{2 \log 2} \text{ if } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

In fact one can show that

$$S(N) = \frac{N \log N}{2 \log 2} + O(N), N \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let us show you a formula for $S(N)$ valid for all N . The formula is based on a function, now called Takagi function, that is continuous but not differentiable.

we defined previously the “tent” function:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}(1-x) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Takagi function is:

$$h(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^r} g(2^r x)$$

H. Delange showed that:

$$S(N) = \frac{N \log N}{2 \log 2} + N \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{\log N}{\log 2}\right)$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}(l) = \frac{1}{2}(1-l) + 2^{1-l} h(2^{l-1}), 0 \leq l \leq 1.$$

The function $\mathcal{F}(l)$ is the Delange. function

J-Corner

We start by defining the function tent using control structures, ie without tacit programming:

🌐 Cliff Reiter

```
g1=: 3 : 'if. y<: 0.5 do. -:y else. -:-.y end.'"
```

Using @:

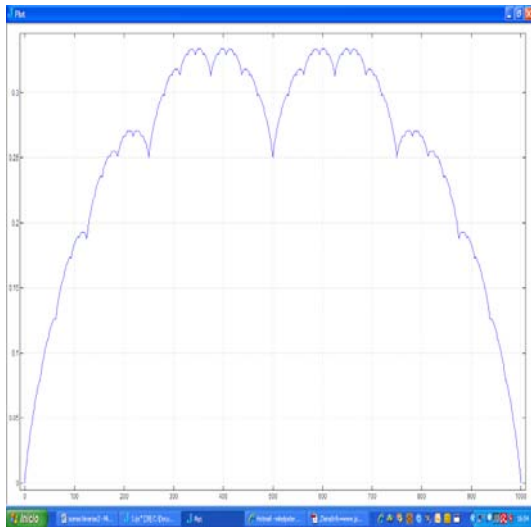
```
g2=:                                     -:`(-:@-. )@.( >&0.5 )"0
plot (;g2) 0.01*i.101
```

Using absolute values and arithmetic

```
g3=:0.25&*@:-.@:+:@:|@:(-&0.5)
```

```
g=-:~:@:|@:(1&|&.(0.5&-))
```

```
h=:1:0("0)
r=.2^i.m
+/(g y*r)%r)
plot 100 h 0.001*i.1001
```



The code for Delange function is

```
F=: -:~:@-.+(%~ 100 h)@:(2 ^ -.)
plot F 0.001*i.1001
```

🌐 Ric Sherlock provides a tacit approximation to the “tent” function:

```
tent=:0:`-:~(-:~:@-.)`0:@.(0 0.5 1&I.)"0
```

Then we will consider exponential sums of the form

$$E(N) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} 2^{s(n)},$$

In J can be expressed as

```
+/\(2^+/:#i.16)
```

1 3 5 9 11 15 19 27 29 33 37 45 49 57 65 81

This sequence is A006046-OEIS

If $2^k = N$ Then $E(2^k) = 3^k$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots$

Similar to as seen above, we can write

$$E(N) = N^\theta, \text{ para } N = 2^k, \text{ donde } \theta = \frac{\log 3}{\log 2}.$$

We can assume that $E(N) = N^\theta$ but reality is more complicated (*Stolarsky*):

$$\frac{1}{3} < \frac{E(N)}{N^\theta} < 3.$$

With J we can calculate θ assuming that $E(N) = N^\theta$.

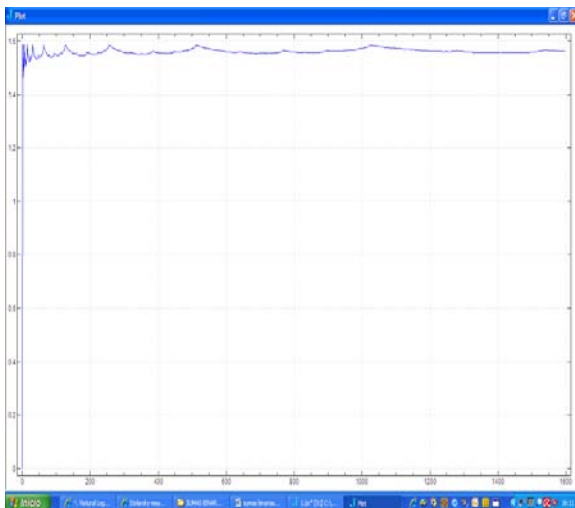
```
E= ./\ ( 2^+ / | : # : i . 1600 )
```

```
N= . i . 1600
```

```
Load 'plot'
```

```
plot (^ . E ) % ( ^ . N + 1 )
```

Next figure shows the relation $\frac{\ln E(N)}{\ln N}$.



consider the quotient graph

$$\frac{E(N)}{N^\theta} \text{ and } \theta = \frac{\log 3}{\log 2}$$

```
f=+/\(2^+/\| :#:i.1600)
```

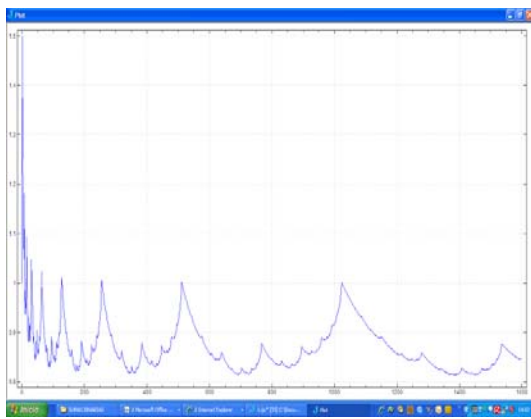
```
n=. i.1600
```

```
fi=. (^3)%(^2)
```

```
nn=. n^fi
```

```
F=.f%(nn+1)
```

```
plot F
```



There is a relationship between the sums we are dealing and Pascal's triangle.

$2^{s(k)}$ is equals to the number of odd binomial coefficients of the form $\binom{k}{j}, 0 \leq j \leq k$

As a result of this, the number of odd elements of the first n rows is:

$$E(N) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} 2^{s(n)}$$

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