

2. The choice of problem families is a subjective element which remains in this evaluation procedure.
3. It is a relatively expensive procedure.
4. To obtain full benefit, the user has to 'tune' the value of  $\epsilon_{\text{quad}}$ .
5. Only accuracy and economy are tested; i.e. warning

messages, etc. are disregarded.

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## A historic computer film

In 1951 a film was made in the Mathematical Laboratory at Cambridge University illustrating the operation of the EDSAC which had then been working since May 1949. The film was originally shown at the First Joint Computer Conference held in Philadelphia in December 1951 and is believed to be the first film describing a stored program computer to be made. Among the computer pioneers who took part in it were A. S. Douglas, S. Gill, and E. N. Mutch.

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