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some problems in mathematical physics", formulates the Schrödinger equations for a system of particles in a potential field, in such a manner that if we make Planck's constant tend to zero in the equations, then these equations tend to those for classical mechanics. K. A. Bezhanov writes on "*The interaction between a shock wave and the free surface of a liquid*", and I. I. Nochevkina writes on "*Supersonic flow around conical bodies in an ideal liquid at different angles of attack*". V. V. Martynyuk's paper on "*The division of an algorithm scheme into networks*" is concerned with the transformation of computing algorithms into forms which are suitable for automatic programming. I. L. Sobel'man, in "*The relation between computing time, stage length and frequency of random machine errors*", examines the problem of optimizing the length of the stages into which a program should be divided in order to guard against machine faults.

Next there are three short communications on "*A method for partitioning a high order matrix into blocks in order to find its eigenvalues*" by V. A. Shishov, "*On some infinite systems of equations*" by E. G. Deĭch, and "*An approximate method of solution of Schrödinger's equation*" by V. B. Uvarov and A. F. Nikiforov. Finally, this issue lists the papers published in the remaining five parts of Volume 1 (1961), which include the Report on ALGOL 60 by Naur *et al.* Other papers are devoted to numerical solution of polynomials, theory of automata, error analysis in linear algebra, reactor kinetics, automatic programming, aerodynamics, queueing theory, finite-difference techniques for solving differential equations, and many other branches of numerical analysis and mathematical physics.

This translated journal should be a most useful addition to any mathematical library. But if any prospective reader hesitates to pay £50 per year, he is advised to acquire a smattering of the Russian language, buy a good Russian-English mathematical dictionary, and subscribe to the Russian journal at £4. 6s. 0d. per year. G. J. TEE

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Sir,

A Hardware Representation for ALGOL 60 using Creed Teleprinter Equipment

Regarding the paper by Gerard and Sambles (this *Journal*, Vol. 5, p. 338, 1963) and subsequent correspondence, I am surprised that no one has suggested designing a 5-hole tape code quite specifically for the representation of ALGOL. By using two non-feed characters, ___ and | , it is possible to have a code that gives printed texts that look like ALGOL, the main restriction being that only one size of letter is available. Such a code has, in fact, been implemented on conventional teleprinter equipment for R.R.E., Malvern, but as far as I know has not been publicized.

I have yet to be convinced that the advantages of 7- and 8-hole tape are so overwhelming that they justify the considerable price difference between the editing equipment required and that available for 5-hole tape. I suggest that it is worth our while to consider and agree on such a 5-hole code as this gives us the advantage of compatibility of our ALGOL representations and also allows the use of cheaper equipment. I would welcome the views of your readers.

Yours faithfully,

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