

## Mathematica Code

Below is *Mathematica* code for the evaluation of compressed series for  $e$  as described in the article to appear in the *College Mathematics Journal* entitled "Improving the Convergence of Newton's Series Approximation for  $e$ " by Harlan J. Brothers.

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The following code takes an arbitrary number of terms, shows their compressed simplified form, the summand (with  $k$  substituted for  $n$ ), and the approximate numerical error relative to  $e$ . Here  $TC$  represents the number of terms (from Newton's series) to be combined into a single term of the new series while  $t$  sets the number of these new terms to be evaluated.

### Compressing Series For $e$ :

```
Clear[k]; TC = 1; t = 20;
numerat[1] = 1;
numerat[TC_] := numerat[TC - 1] * (n + TC - 1) + 1;
denominat = (n + TC - 1) !;
summand = Together[Expand[numerat[TC] / denominat]]
expressn = summand /. n -> (TC * k)
k = t; acc = Floor[N[-Log[10, expressn]]] + 15;
Print["Error ≈ ", N[E - N[Sum[expressn, {k, 0, t - 1}], acc], acc]]
```

### Compressing Series For $e^x$ :

```
Clear[k, x]; TC = 1; t = 20;
numerat[1] = x^n;
numerat[TC_] := numerat[TC - 1] * (n + TC - 1) + x^(n + TC - 1);
denominat = (n + TC - 1) !;
summand = Together[Expand[numerat[TC] / denominat]]
pwexpressn = summand /. n -> (TC * k)
x = 1 / 2;
k = t; acc = Floor[N[-Log[10, pwexpressn]]] + 15;
Print["Error ≈ ", N[E - N[Sum[pwexpressn, {k, 0, t - 1}]^1/x, acc], acc]]
```