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On 4 Oct 2005 23:09:45 -0700,
acout@xxxxxxx <acout@xxxxxxx>, in
<1128492585.026322.200150@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

- >+ Say x changes from 0 to -10.
- >+ In math, x is decreasing. But if x means error, the error should be
- >+ increasing but not decreasing.
- >+ How should I describe it?
- >+ (1) the error is decreasing ? (I don't like it, it's misleading.)
- >+ (2) the error is increasing ?

Most times, one would be interested purely in the magnitude of the error, the absolute value.

Then it becomes a simple increase/decrease evaluation.

James

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I can please only one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow isn't looking good, either.

I am BOFH. Resistance is futile. Your network will be assimilated.

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• *References:*

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- ◇ *From:* acout

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