

## Re: Surrogate factoring, theory versus implementation

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On 23 Jan 2005 08:51:42 -0800, [jstevh@msn.com](mailto:jstevh@msn.com) wrote:

>[...]

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>*First thing with a young theory with an implementation that doesn't  
>behave as expected is to check the theory!!!*

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>*Maybe it's just wrong.*

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>*I've checked the theory, and it's not wrong.*

You really have no idea how awesomely hilarious this is?  
People all over the planet are rolling on the floor right  
this second.

How many times have you explained that something must  
be right because you've proved it, later to admit that  
no, it was wrong? More than a hundred, surely. More  
than a thousand? Ten thousand?

>*Maybe I messed up in checking my own theory, so it seems reasonable  
>that I might suppose that if there were any serious people on these  
>groups with a modicum of interest that they might go check the theory  
>and point out any errors in it.*

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>[...]

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>*Right now I'm not most interested in the successes here, but in the  
>failures.*

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>*If you are a highly intelligent person with a great deal of competence  
>in this area then you will find that I will not react badly to a cogent  
>reply.*

Ditto. The number of times that you've reacted badly to perfectly  
polite and compelling refutations is where we math guys got the

word "uncountable".

>You may also find that you will be verbally abused if you just make a  
>cogent reply without joining in the gang behavior of simply trying to  
>\*claim\* I'm wrong.

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>In my experience that is a serious fear for most of you. You do not  
>wish to look stupid, in such a public arena, and you do not want to  
>anger the posters who make it a point of going after people who don't  
>follow a certain line.

Guffaw. Is this a new one? The many people who agree you're right about everything are just afraid to speak up for fear of the rest of us?

Fascinating. That also explains why journals reject your papers, right?

>Ok, that's your choice. But make no mistake, this research could very  
>well impact your life, and sooner, not later.

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>If down the road your simple social fears meant that you did not make  
>yourself part of the process and maybe help produce a better outcome,  
>then remember that, as your own failure.

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>But still, often the best beginnings are with failures,

Excellent. Then you've made about a thousand great beginnings since you started posting on sci.math.

>if you can  
>learn from them.

Oops, there's that.

>James Harris

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