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ABSTRACT

The first ten positive values of  $x$  satisfying  $a \tan(\pi x) = -b \tan(a\pi x)$  are given to four places for several values of  $a$  and  $b$  in the range  $0.001 \leq a \leq 1.0$  and  $0.001 \leq b \leq 1000$ .

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$$\tan \lambda_k = -\frac{M}{\alpha} \tan \alpha \lambda_k \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

must be solved for  $\lambda_k$ .<sup>1</sup> If the parameters of the diffusion problem lie in the range  $0.001 \leq \alpha \leq 1.0$  and  $0.001 \leq M \leq 1000$ , then Table I may be used directly by taking  $a = \alpha$  and  $b = M$ . The eigenvalues are then given by  $\lambda_k = \pi x_k$ . If, on the other hand,  $1.0 < \alpha \leq 1000$ , then take  $a = \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $b = \frac{1}{M}$ , and the eigenvalues are given by  $\lambda_k = \pi x_k / \alpha$ .

For each  $\alpha, M$  pair the solutions were calculated by first locating the interval of the appropriate branch of  $\tan x$  in which the solution for a particular  $k$  lay and then using Newton's method to obtain this solution to at least eight digits. Table I gives the rounded values of these solutions. The calculations were performed on a CDC 6600 computer using a Chippewa FORTRAN program.

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<sup>1</sup> Paul Concus and Donald R. Olander, Transient Diffusion in a Composite Slab, Lawrence Radiation Laboratory Report UCRL-17607, June 1967 (to be published).













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