

Correspondence

DEAR EDITOR,

I regret that I failed to correct a misprint in my Note on *Trig ratios, surds and Galois theory* in the Feedback section of the March 2004 *Gazette*. On p. 158 line 12, the equation should read $\sigma(\xi) = \xi^q$.

Yours sincerely,

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DEAR EDITOR,

I should like to take this opportunity to give readers an update on the *Gazette* Cumulative Index. Thanks to the sterling work of Richard Kirby, it is essentially finished. It can be viewed by going to the MA website

<http://www.m-a.org.uk>

and following Periodicals to get to the section on the *Gazette* where two versions of the Index are available. One is a searchable version whereas, in the other, it is only possible to access items by decades. However, this second source, available directly at

<http://www.wpr.augonline.net/gazette>

does contain other *Gazette* items: facsimiles of the indexes of the first two volumes, an analysis of the number of pages in each of the 500+ issues, and a list of some of the places which house extensive runs of the *Gazette*.

A comment was made to me that a single file for the Cumulative Index would be most useful. I agree with this in principle but wonder if the file would be too large for on-line use. In addition, making updates on a regular basis would be very time-consuming. However, in true British style, I have begun work on a compromise, namely a file to include all issues from 1894 to 1999 inclusive. I do not know if this will go onto the Internet, it could certainly be available on a CD-Rom.

Other extensions to the background material which are being considered are a list of photographs and an index of editors. Should anything else be attempted?

Yours sincerely,

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