TI-89 / TI-92 Plus Tip List 10.0

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Dedicated to my wife,
Janet Katherine Scholz Burkett,
who cheerfully tolerates all this silliness...

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This document is a collection of useful tips and hints relating to the TI-89 and TI-92 Plus calculators. The tips come from user experience and many other sources, and apply to all facets of calculator operation and programming. The tip list has grown to include reference material, humor and oddities, so perhaps the name *Tip List*, is no longer appropriate, but it stands for now.

The tip list is not a buglist, a wishlist or a FAQ. I maintain a wishlist, and good FAQs are available. While a FAQ is, by definition, frequently asked questions, this list instead describes useful techniques which may be 'infrequently asked'. These are sophisticated calculators and some features are not obvious. All users have different skills, and what is obvious to some is not obvious to all.

I want the tip list to be the ultimate, exhaustive source of TI-89 / TI-92+ operation. If you find a good tip or clever solution, please email me. In general I give credit to the first person to submit a particular tip. Let me know if your tip is from a manual, or you really learned it from someone else. If a tip gives no credit, that only means I came up with it on my own, not that I am the original inventor.

Bhuvanesh Bhatt has generously volunteered to keep this list on his site:

http://triton.towson.edu/~bbhatt1/ti/

Thanks Bhuvanesh! Bhuvanesh also maintains a bug list for these calculators.

Through the gracious efforts of Andrew Cacovean, the tip list is also available here:

http://www.angelfire.com/realm/ti_tiplist/

Andrew developed and maintains this site. You can download the entire tip list or individual tips, tip list code and also the wishlist. Andrew has also written some very good examples of operation.

Some tips include code listings, which can be typed in. Most of the code is included in a zip file called *tlcode.zip*. I use lots of comments and white space in these listings, so you will save considerable RAM or archive memory by deleting these comments. Beginning with version 9.0, the code listings shown in the tips are not the same as those in the *tlcode.zip* file. The code shown in the tips contains explanatory comments. Those comments are not actually included in the *tlcode.zip* versions, to reduce RAM/flash requirements. Code from earlier tip list versions may still have all the comments included.

The tips are organized in these sections:

There are also a few appendices of reference material:

Note that the table of contents includes active links to all the tips.

I hope you find this useful or interesting, and that you will consider contributing your ideas and corrections to this list.

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Introduction: Update Bhuvanesh' URL.
[1.16], [7.8], [7.36], [7.40] Update for new version of *copyto_h()*
[1.1] Links fixed
[1.10] Add more patents
[1.7] Add Bhuvanesh' method
[2.10] Considerably clarified, thanks to Carlos Becker
[2.13] Limit problem fixed in AMS 2.05
[3.4] Add *listrev()* function
[4.1] Added *when()* method
[6.4] Rename to *Gamma, log-gamma and factorial functions*. Add factorial function.
[9.5] Add method of saving defaults as a list
[9.14] Substantially changed
[B-1] Add actual TI FAQs contents, not just topics.
[B-4] New bibliography
[C] Many corrections and additions.
[D] Correct entries for *avgRC()*, *setMode()*, *Table, Logistic*.

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