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Dear Alf,

Thank you ever so much for the two new books; I am looking forward to reading them. They are both of the kind I like. I am glad to hear that you received the parcel with your books.

Thank you for correcting our joint paper; the journal Mathematics of Computation seems to be the right place for it.

My congratulations to your solving the problem on digits 0, 1, -1. I did not work on it since I did not find any way of solving the problem.

It will be a pity if the proof of Riemann's conjecture turns out to be incomplete. As you know, I am not convinced that the RC is true. The numerical results go only to a limit which is relatively small when we think of numbers like 10^{10} .

Cambridge University Press just sent me a copy of the new book "Ultrametric Calculus" by W.H. Schikhof. It is a little like my "p-adic numbers and their functions", but is less elementary. It contains a great deal of interesting results which are not in my book. The best way to a good understanding of p-adics is probably first to try my book and then to study that by Schikhof. You may have research students who want to know the p-adic theory; this approach would be quite painless!

It is a combination of Angina and Arthritis which makes it now hard for me to walk. Otherwise I should certainly come to your meeting. It would be nice if some of your foreign visitors could visit Canberra and repeat their lectures in our seminar.

All good wishes,

K. Mahler