

11. Solomon W. Golomb: *Random permutations.*

Let  $L_N$  be the expected length of the longest cycle in a random permutation on  $N$  letters, and let  $\lambda_N = L_N/N$ . (Thus,  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 3/4$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 13/18$ ,  $\lambda_4 = 67/96$ , etc.) It is easily shown that the sequence  $\{\lambda_N\}$  is monotonically decreasing, and hence a limit  $\lambda$  exists. Computation has shown  $\lambda = .62432965 \dots$ , but nothing is known of the relationship of  $\lambda$  to other constants. What can be proved about the irrationality or transcendence of  $\lambda$ , and its relationship to classical mathematical constants? (Some nearby values *unequal* to  $\lambda$  include  $5/8$ ,  $1 - e^{-1}$ ,  $(5^{1/2} - 1)/2$ , and  $\pi/5$ .) (Received June 8, 1964.)

## ERRATA

Robert R. Korfhage: *Correction to 'On a sequence of prime numbers.'*

It has been brought to my attention that because of the lack of an overflow check in the programming system used the factors listed for  $n = 7$  are in error. Thus the value of  $P_8$  is also wrong. Present knowledge indicates that probably  $P_9 > P_8$ , and thus Mullin's problem is still open. (Received July 16, 1964.)