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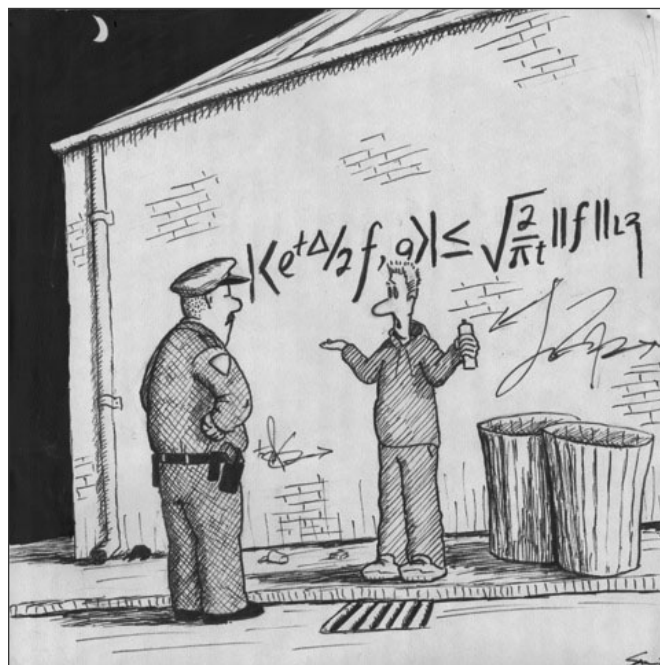
—Israel M. Gelfand (1913–2009)

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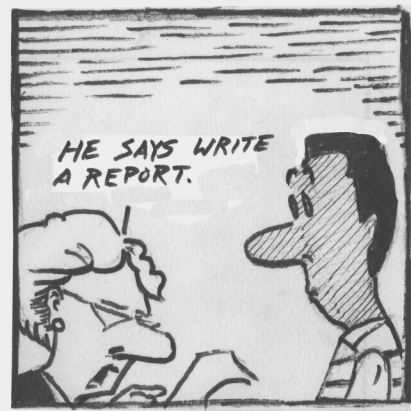
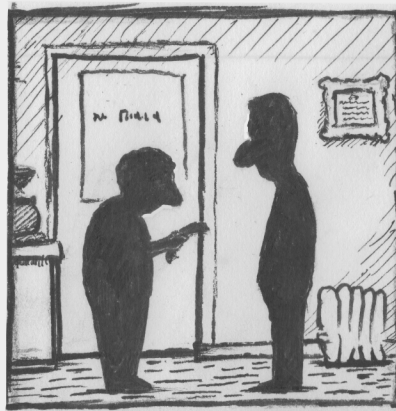
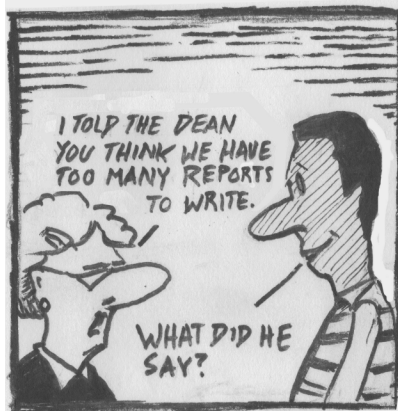
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QUESTIONABLE MATHEMATICS

Where ... the ENIAC is equipped with 18,000 vacuum tubes and weighs 30 tons, computers in the future may have only 1,000 vacuum tubes and weigh only 1.5 tons.

—Popular Mechanics, 1949

(Quotes in Jonathan M. Borwein, "The future of mathematics 2015–2065." Stephen F. Kennedy, ed., *A Century of Advancing Mathematics*, Math Assn. Amer., 2015.)

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