

# ERRORSUMS FOR THE VALUES OF THE EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION

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Let  $p_n/q_n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) denote the  $n$ -th convergent from the continued fraction expansion of some real number  $\alpha$ . There are various studies about series formed by their error terms  $q_n\alpha - p_n$ . In this article we investigate their generating function

$$\mathcal{E}(\alpha, t) := \sum_{n \geq 0} t^n |q_n\alpha - p_n|,$$

under various analytical and arithmetical aspects, and focus on values of the Exponential Function. Furthermore we introduce a new kind of error sum function

$$\mathcal{E}_{NB}(\alpha, t) := |\alpha - a_0| + \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} t^\nu \sum_{1 \leq b \leq a_\nu} |(bq_{\nu-1} + q_{\nu-2})\alpha - (bp_{\nu-1} + p_{\nu-2})|,$$

which takes all the minor convergents of  $\alpha$  into account.

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