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My dear Ron,

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We did not settle what to do about the alternative version of the Fisher-Behrens test provided by G.W. Thomson. I don't think we should be justified in including both versions of the table, nor do I think that his change from angles to ratios is really any more convenient. It is, in fact, slightly quicker to read off ~~30°~~ on a slide rule than to work out c algebraically. I also feel it is a mistake to change from one form of table to another unless there is really good reason, since people rapidly become accustomed to using a particular form. In any case the question of convenience is of very small importance as the frequency with which the test requires to be used cannot be large.

I am returning your copy of the table as Thomson also sent me a copy.

I much enjoyed my night in Cambridge. I hope that you will have a good trip to India.

Yours,

Frank

Professor Sir Ronald Fisher