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Dear Wishart,

[*] Now that Watson has completed his table I should certainly not like to stand in the way of its publication, especially if the Edinburgh Society are willing to pay for it. I suppose it will cost them about £80. If I were on the Committee of the Society I should be inclined to ask Watson if he would put up some of the cost, as, though it is desirable to put the material on record, its publication cannot be considered as meeting any urgent need.

Though I have always used the standard deviation, I think now that there was practically nothing to gain in replacing the modulus by it, as was done, as far as this country is concerned, by Pearson, I suppose influenced by German tradition. The χ^2 formulae come more simply in terms of the modulus. However, what is done is done, and I should be the last to want to make any further change, so I think it is a pity that Watson has chosen to use the modulus.

Yours sincerely,

[* G.N. Watson; table of $\int_x^\infty \exp(x^2-t^2) dt$]. J.H.B.