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If we disregard numbers that are purposefully distributed, can we find a pattern in the distribution of first digits? Surprisingly, yes. I'll share a formula that gives amazingly close results to our data. This is an easy and interesting topic that allows for simple data collection for analysis and comparison. (Received September 14, 2008)