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Dear Prof. Madhava Rao,

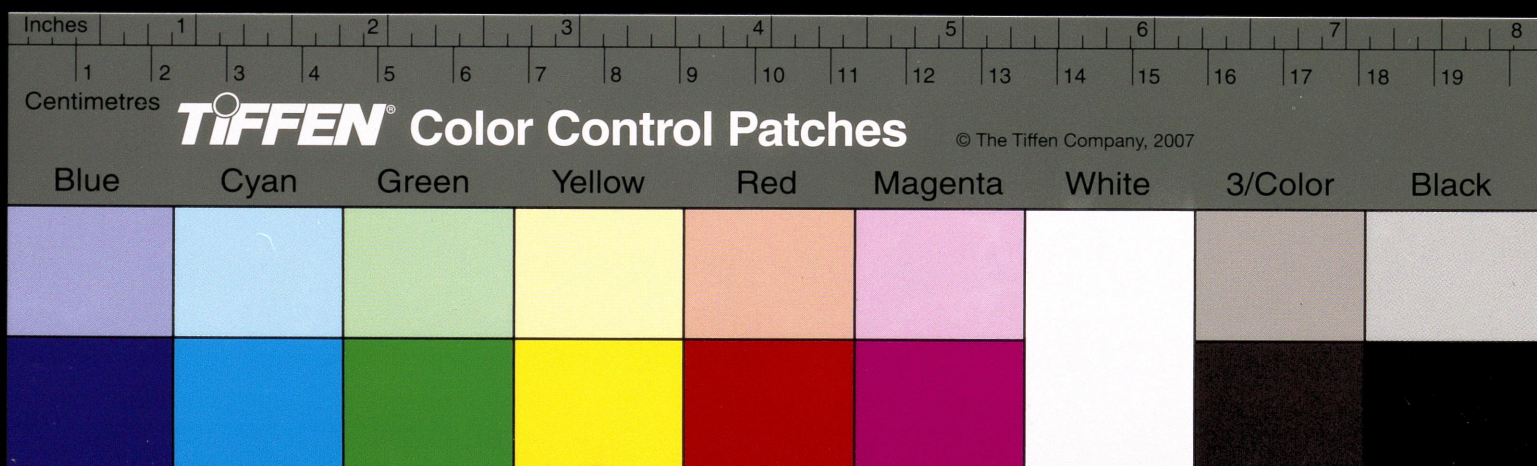
As you have probably seen by the last issue of the Mathematics Student, there is to be a symposium on generalised geometry (including tensor analysis, relativity and field theory) on December 21, at the Hyderabad Conference of our Mathematical Society. I understand that I am the Chairman designate. Will you do me the honour of being one of the speakers at the colloquium, and thus helping to make it a success?

The length of time allotted to each speaker will be about twenty minutes. If you do me the favour of accepting this invitation to lecture before the meeting, I suggest that you should send me a list of various topics, within the scope of the colloquium, on which you are prepared to speak, with your own order of preference. After comparing all the lists submitted, I shall take the liberty of suggesting that particular topic of each speaker's choice which would fit in best with the general idea of presenting a ~~the~~ cohesive but non-overlapping selection for the colloquium.

An early answer will be anxiously awaited and gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

D. D. Kosambi
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Poona, July 21, 1939.

Dear Prof. Madhava Rao,

I am sorry that my letter of invitation was not more clearly worded. A tentative or probable acceptance of the invitation will not do, as we have to know in advance precisely how many speakers there are to be, so as to adjust the time. In addition, in order to prevent confusion at the symposium, it is proposed that all the full text of all the lectures be printed well in advance so as to be available for distribution to the audience. And here again, the notation must be standardized to give some sort of uniformity for all the subjects.

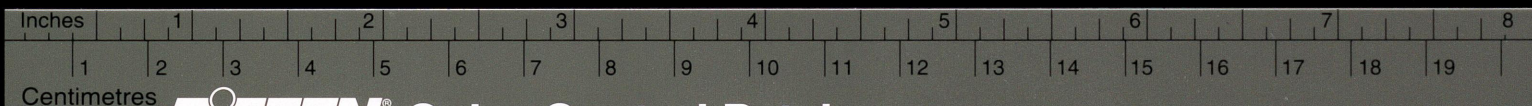
Be good enough, therefore, to give me a definite acceptance or refusal of the invitation. Of the topics you give, only topology and the Born-Infeld field theory have not been adequately covered. Please specify, if you mean to accept the invitation, which of the two you ~~prefer~~ choose.

Awaiting the favour of an early reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

D. D. Kosambi

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