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1. INTRODUCTION

2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

3. METHOD AND ALGORITHM OF SOLUTION

4. DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

5. CONCLUSIONS

REFERENCES

FIGURES

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Information about authors

Introduction. In the introduction, the subject of research should be explained in a way understandable to nonspecialists; the history of the problem should be briefly highlighted; the place of original study among other studies should be justified.

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