The Movie I chose to watch was the 1969 Disney film, “The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes”. I chose to watch this movie, because there is a clear correlation between the film and the power of computers, and this movie is a family favorite. Because of the year in which the film was produced, the computer is quite ancient compared to our modern computers, but the basic principles of computation remain the same.

In the film, Dexter Riley and his friends of Medfield College are able to convince a wealthy businessman A. J. Arno to donate a computer to their university. The computer takes up an entire room which I find kind of humorous because a modern i-phone is way more powerful and can fit in the palm of your hand. While trying to fix a part on the computer, Dexter gets an electric shock from the computer and is infused with all of the knowledge and computing capabilities of the computer. Soon enough his superhuman intelligence is exposed and he becomes world famous. The movie reaches its peak as A. J. Arno kidnaps Dexter during a collegiate academic competition because Arno realizes that Dexter’s mind contains all his secret gambling locations. Through a comical series of events, Dexter is saved by his friends and they win the competition, but in the process Dexter gradually loses his superhuman intelligence due to a concussion he received.

While highly unrealistic I found this film delightable to watch. I like how the film is very family friendly yet good for all ages. The use of humor through fanciful elements put a grin on my face as I watched the film. Rather than taking the AI computer becoming a human stance, does the opposite and makes the human a computer. I found it interesting how not only did Dexter obtain the information from the computer, but the ability to learn as a computer would learn. The film shows dexter learning new languages and memorizing entire dictionaries. He demonstrates both the human and computer aspects of his brain. If humans were to embed computer chips or processors in their brain it would kind of be the same thing.

Overall, I’d give this film a 10/10. A nice relaxing movie that talks about computers, but keeps it comical and doesn’t get too freaky with sci fi stuff.