

“My friend Clift Norris has identified a fundamental constant that I call Norris’ number, the average amount of code an untrained programmer can write before he or she hits a wall.

Clift estimates this as 1,500 lines. Beyond that the code becomes so tangled that the author cannot debug or modify it without herculean effort.”

–<https://www.johndcook.com/blog/2011/11/22/norris-number/>

“When the code is under 2,000 lines you can write any tangled garbage and rely on your memory to save you.