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THE PERIOD VARIATIONS OF UX Dra

New times of minimum light of the carbon star UX Dra were derived from the three colour photoelectric observations made at Brno Observatory and from the observations made by Dzervitis et al. (1973). They are collected in the following table:

JD _{min}	(O-C)	E	Observer
244 1705:	-3.7	0	Dzervitis et al.
2040:	9.0	2	Dzervitis et al.
4331	-2.6	16	Vetešnik
4500	-1.3	17	Vetešnik
4665	2.7	18	Vetešnik
4833	-4.8	19	Vetešnik
5005	-1.7	20	Vetešnik
5179	3.0	21	Vetešnik

The minima express the effect of the lengthening of the period and can be well represented with the quadratic formula

$$JD_{\min} = 244\,1708.7 + 160.7E + 0.21E^2$$

This ephemeris was used for the computation of the (O-C)'s in the table above.

Our attention was also directed to consider the behaviour of the light changes of the star in the time of the old photographic observations made by Payne-Gaposchkin (1952). It was found that the period varied almost linearly in two long term cycles in the duration of about 5000 days. The lengthening of the period from 155 to 185 days was interrupted with an abrupt break at the end of each cycle. The breaks during which the period fell down to the minimum value were: JD 241 7400, 242 2000 and 242 8000. The mean period of about 170 days is keeping till this time.

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