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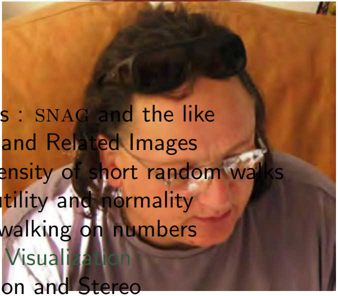

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where a_i are integers—if one exists and provides an exclusion bound otherwise.

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Top Ten Algorithms: all but one well used in CARMA

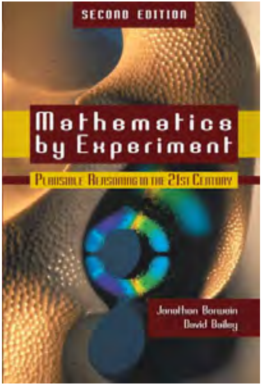
Algorithms for the Ages

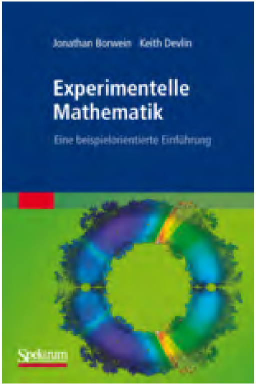
"Great algorithms are the poetry of computation," says Francis Sullivan of the Institute for Defense Analyses' Center for Computing Sciences in Bowie, Maryland. He and Jack Dongarra of the University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory have put together a sampling that might have made Robert Frost beam with pride--had the poet been a computer jock. Their list of 10 algorithms having "the greatest influence on the development and practice of science and engineering in the 20th century" appears in the January/February issue of Computing in Science & Engineering. If you use a computer, some of these algorithms are no doubt crunching your data as you read this. The drum roll, please:

1. **1946: The Metropolis Algorithm for Monte Carlo.** Through the use of random processes, this algorithm offers an efficient way to stumble toward answers to problems that are too complicated to solve exactly.
2. **1947: Simplex Method for Linear Programming.** An elegant solution to a common problem in planning and decision-making.
3. **1950: Krylov Subspace Iteration Method.** A technique for rapidly solving the linear equations that abound in scientific computation.
4. **1951: The Decompositional Approach to Matrix Computations.** A suite of techniques for numerical linear algebra.
5. **1957: The Fortran Optimizing Compiler.** Turns high-level code into efficient computer-readable code.
6. **1959: QR Algorithm for Computing Eigenvalues.** Another crucial matrix operation made swift and practical.
7. **1962: Quicksort Algorithms for Sorting.** For the efficient handling of large databases.
8. **1965: Fast Fourier Transform.** Perhaps the most ubiquitous algorithm in use today, it breaks down waveforms (like sound) into periodic components.
9. **1977: Integer Relation Detection.** A fast method for spotting simple equations satisfied by collections of seemingly unrelated numbers.
10. **1987: Fast Multipole Method.** A breakthrough in dealing with the complexity of n-body calculations, applied in problems ranging from celestial mechanics to protein folding.

From *Random Samples*, Science page 799, February 4, 2000.

Experimental Mathematics: PSLQ is core to CARMA





Experimental Mathematics (2004-08, 2009, 2010)

Notices of AMS 2011: and hundreds of online publications

Exploratory Experimentation and Computation

David H. Bailey and Jonathan M. Borwein

> The authors' thesis—once controversial, but now a commonplace—is that computers can be a useful, even essential, aid to mathematical research.
>
> —Jeff Shallit

Jeff Shallit wrote this in his recent review (MR2427663) of [10]. As we hope to make clear, Shallit was entirely right in that many, if not most, research mathematicians now use the computer in a variety of ways to draw pictures, inspect numerical data, manipulate expressions symbolically, and run simulations. However, it seems to us that there has not yet been substantial and intellectually rigorous progress in the way mathematics is presented in research papers, textbooks, and classroom instruction or in how the mathematical discovery process is organized.

Mathematicians Are Humans

We share with George Pólya (1887–1985) the view [25, vol. 2, p. 128] that, while learned,

> intuition comes to us much earlier and with much less outside influence than formal arguments.

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Pólya went on to reaffirm, nonetheless, that proof should certainly be taught in school.

We turn to observations, many of which have been fleshed out in coauthored books such as *Mathematics by Experiment* [10] and *Experimental Mathematics in Action* [1], in which we have noted the changing nature of mathematical knowledge and in consequence ask questions such as "How do we teach what and why to students?", "How do we come to believe and trust pieces of mathematics?", and "Why do we wish to prove things?" An answer to the last question is "That depends." Sometimes we wish insight and sometimes, especially with subsidiary results, we are more than happy with a certificate. The computer has significant capacities to assist with both.

Small [27, p. 113] writes:

> the large human brain evolved over the past 1.7 million years to allow individuals to negotiate the growing complexities posed by human social living.

As a result, humans find various modes of argument more palatable than others and are more prone to make certain kinds of errors than others. Likewise, the well-known evolutionary psychologist Steve Pinker observes that language [24, p. 83] is founded on

> the ethereal notions of space, time, causation, possession, and goals that appear to make up a language of thought.

This remains so within mathematics. The computer offers scaffolding both to enhance mathematical reasoning, as with the recent computation connected to the Lie group E_8 (see http://www.aimath.org/E8/computerdetails.html), and to restrain mathematical error.

Experimental Methodology

Justice Potter Stewart's famous 1964 comment, "I know it when I see it," is the quote with which

The Computer as Crucible [13] starts. A bit less informally, by *experimental mathematics* we intend [10]:

(a) gaining insight and *intuition*;
(b) *visualizing* math principles;
(c) *discovering* new relationships;
(d) *testing* and especially *falsifying* conjectures;
(e) *exploring* a possible result to see if it *merits* formal proof;
(f) *suggesting* approaches for formal proof;
(g) *computing* replacing lengthy hand derivations;
(h) *confirming* analytically derived results.

Of these items, (a) through (e) play a central role, and (f) also plays a significant role for us but connotes computer-assisted or computer-directed proof and thus is quite distinct from *formal proof* as the topic of a special issue of the *Notices* in December 2008; see, e.g., [20].

Digital Integrity: I. For us, (g) has become ubiquitous, and we have found (h) to be particularly effective in ensuring the integrity of published mathematics. For example, we frequently check and correct identities in mathematical manuscripts by computing particular values on the LHS and RHS to high precision and comparing results—and then if necessary use software to repair defects.

As a first example, in a current study of "character sums" we wished to use the following result derived in [14]:

$$(1)\quad \sum_{m=1}^{\infty}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^{m+n+1}}{(2m-1)(m+n-1)^3} \stackrel{?}{=} 4\,\mathrm{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)-\frac{51}{2880}\pi^4-\frac{1}{6}\pi^2\log^2(2) +\frac{1}{6}\log^4(2)+\frac{7}{2}\log(2)\zeta(3).$$

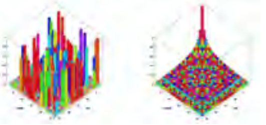
Here $\mathrm{Li}_4(1/2)$ is a polylogarithmic value. However, a subsequent computation to check results disclosed that, whereas the LHS evaluates to $-0.872929289\ldots$, the RHS evaluates to $2.509330815\ldots$. Puzzled, we computed the sum, as well as each of the terms on the RHS (sans their coefficients), to 500-digit precision, then applied the "PSLQ" algorithm, which searches for integer relations among a set of constants [16]. PSLQ quickly found the following:

$$(2)\quad \sum_{m=1}^{\infty}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^{m+n+1}}{(2m-1)(m+n-1)^3} = 4\,\mathrm{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)-\frac{151}{2880}\pi^4-\frac{1}{6}\pi^2\log^2(2) +\frac{1}{6}\log^4(2)+\frac{7}{2}\log(2)\zeta(3).$$

In other words, in the process of transcribing (1) into the original manuscript, "151" had become "51". It is quite possible that this error would have gone undetected and uncorrected had we not been

Caption for attached graphic:

Mathematicians often work with matrices, which are arrays of numbers. When written on a page, a matrix can look like a sea of numbers, so any patterns that might occur in the numbers can be difficult to discern. More and more, mathematicians are turning to graphical representations of matrices, like the two examples here. By using color and form to indicate the values of the numbers in the matrix, these graphical representations can instantly give a sense of the patterns in the matrix. The first picture is a representation of a matrix in which the numbers exhibit a clear pattern; the second picture, by contrast, is a matrix in which the numbers are random. (Graphic by David Bailey and Jonathan Borwein. Request their permission before reproducing the graphic.)



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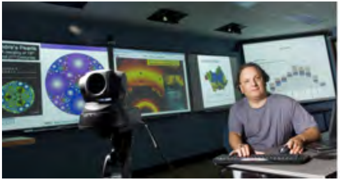

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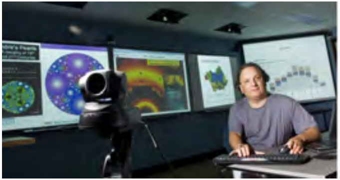

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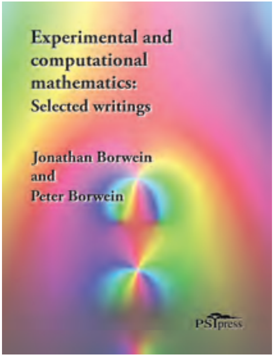

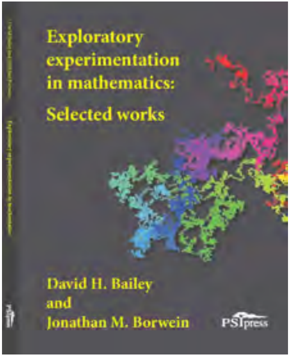

Communicating Mathematics (2008, 2010, 2012)

- 2012 *Science Communication* paper on AG seminars at `http://www.carma.newcastle.edu.au/jon/c2c11.pdf`

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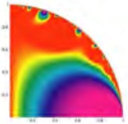

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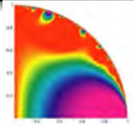

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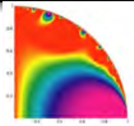

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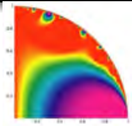

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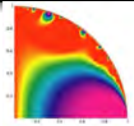

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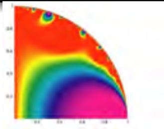

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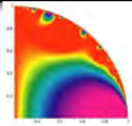

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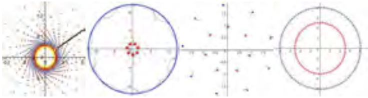

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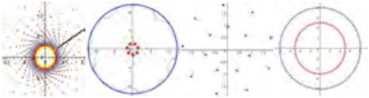

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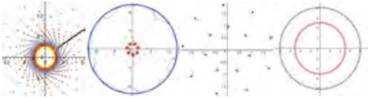

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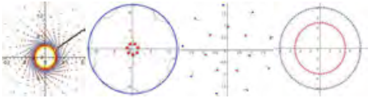

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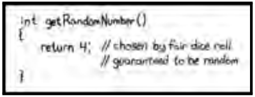

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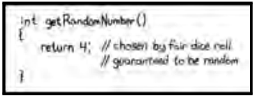

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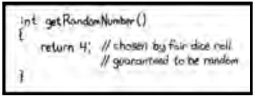

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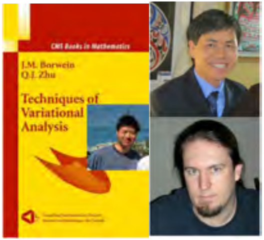

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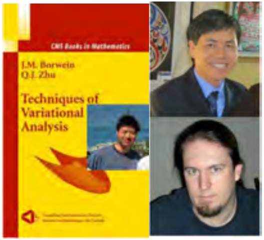

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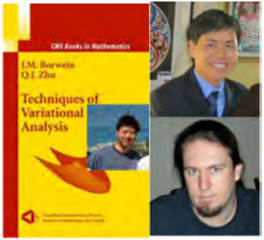

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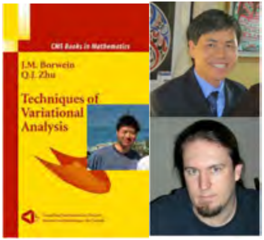

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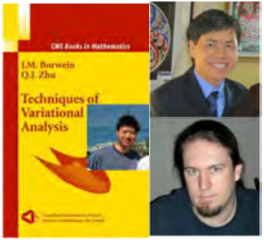

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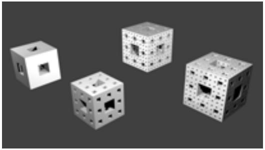

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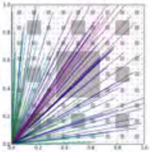

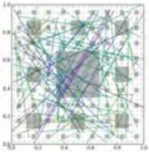

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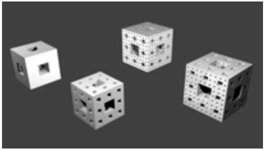

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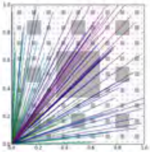

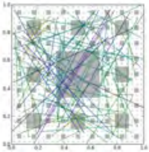

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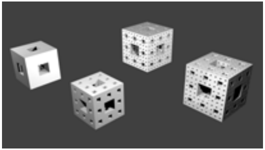

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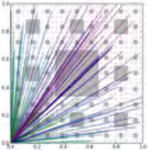

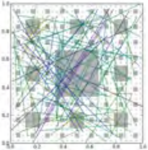

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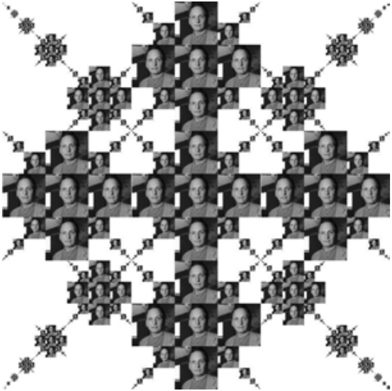

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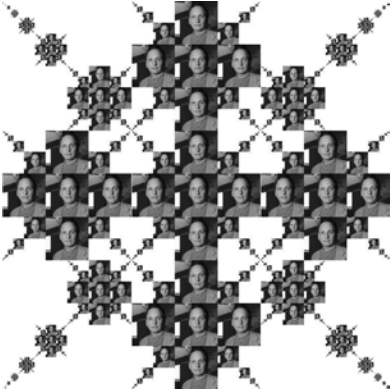

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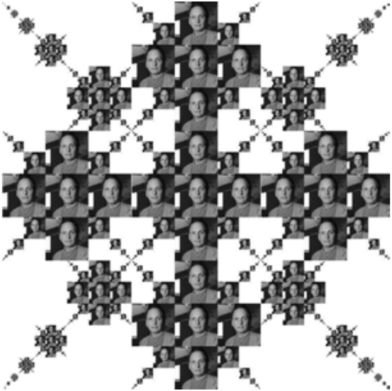

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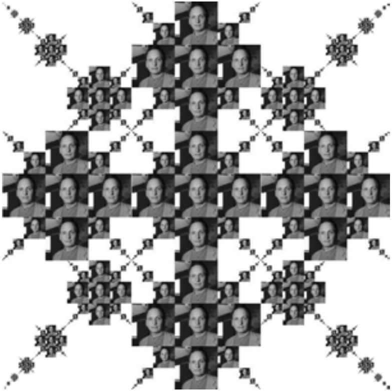

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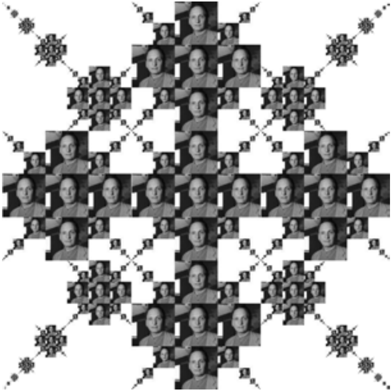

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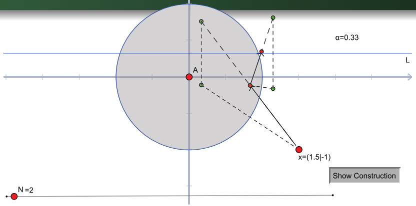

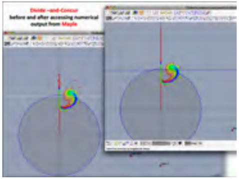

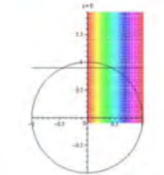

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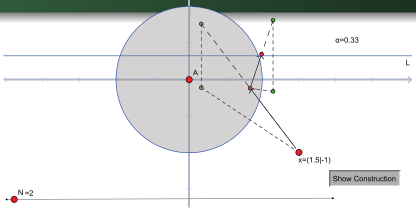

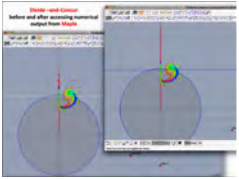

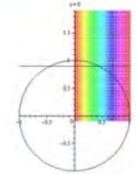

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2011. AS won ACM-ISSAC Best Student Paper prize
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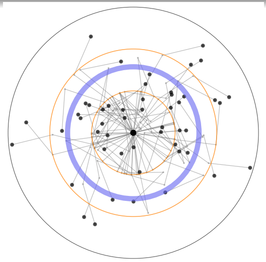

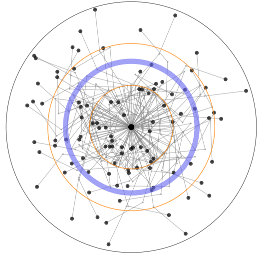

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(b) *For every natural number* $k = 1, 2, \ldots,$

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Theorem (Meijer-G form for W_4)

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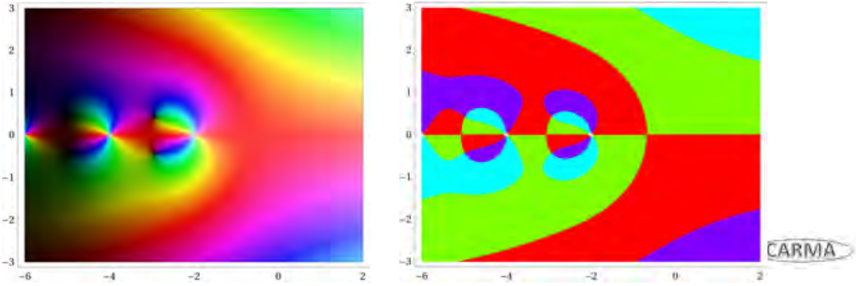

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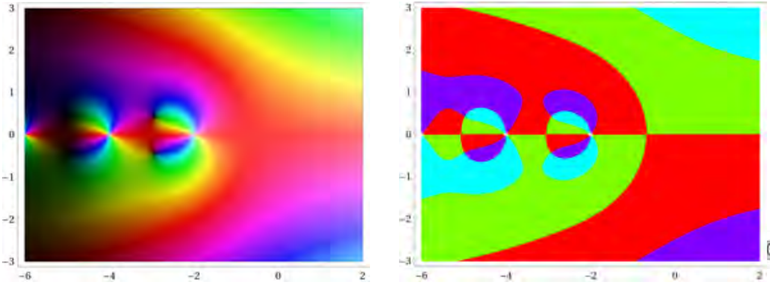

3. Density of a Three and Four Step Walk (BSW, 2010)

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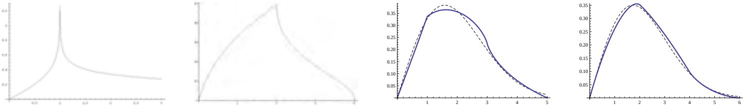

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4. Pi Photo-shopped: a 2010 Pi Day Contest

Royal Society: "Nullius in Verba" (trust not in words)

Many mathematicians: "Noli Credere Pictis"

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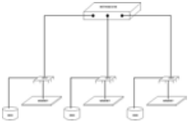

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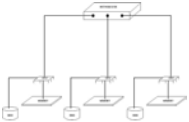

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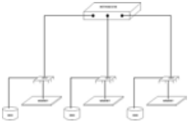

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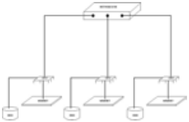

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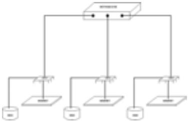

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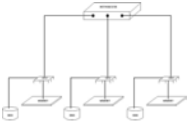

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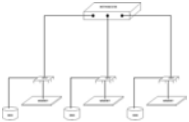

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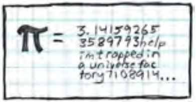

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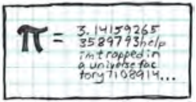

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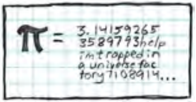

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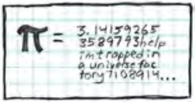

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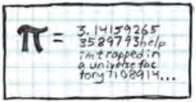

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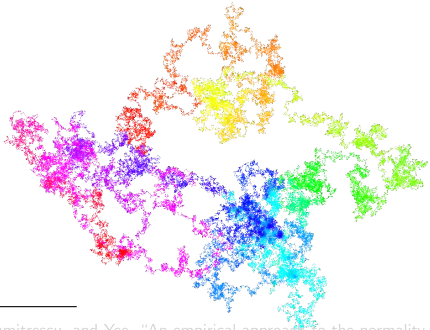

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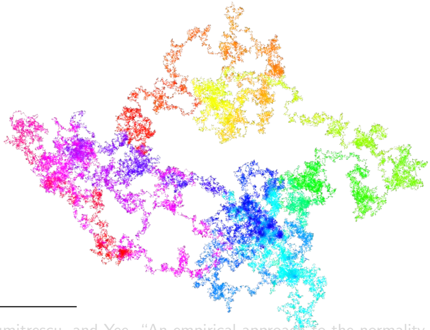

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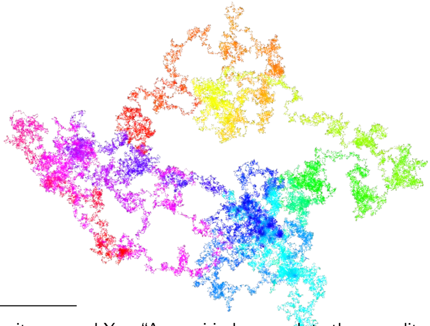

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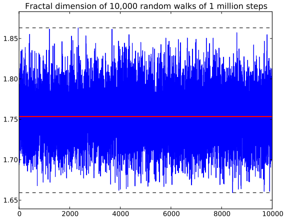

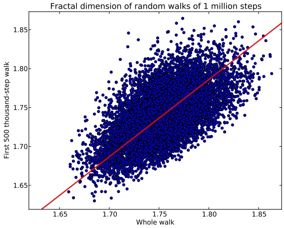

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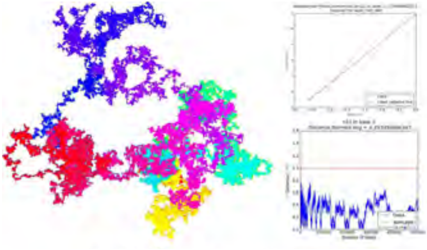

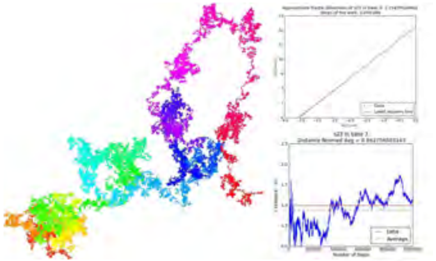

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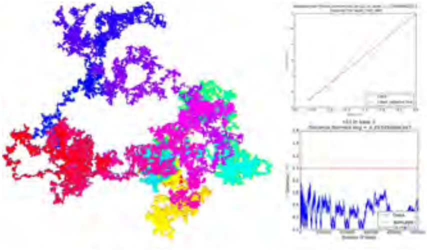

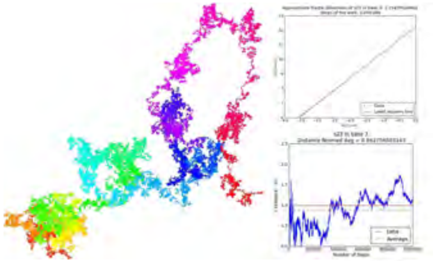

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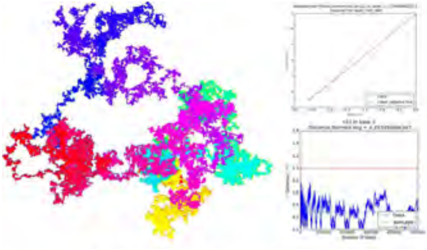

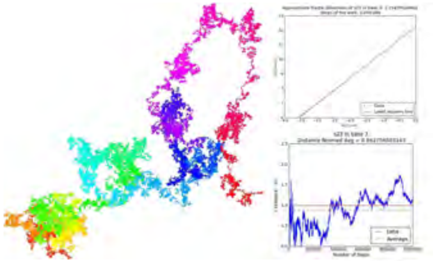

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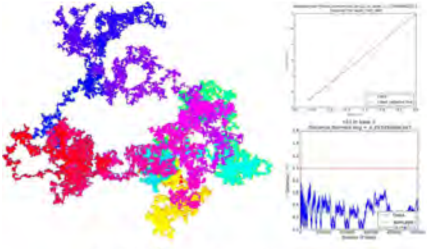

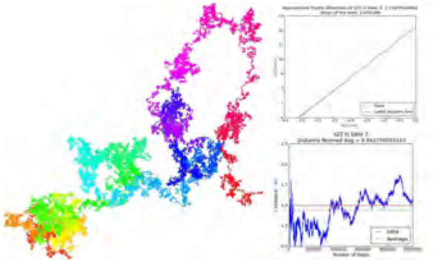

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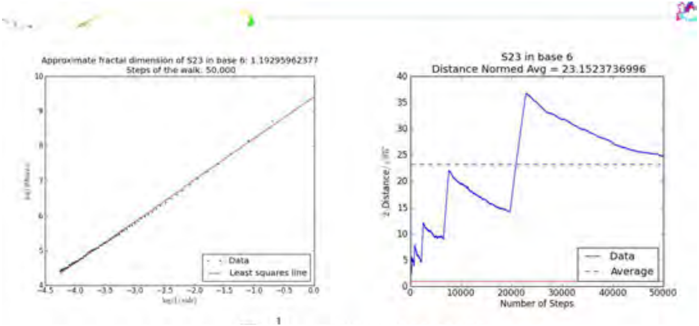

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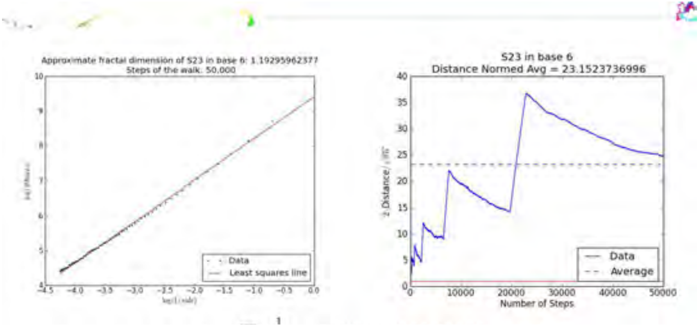

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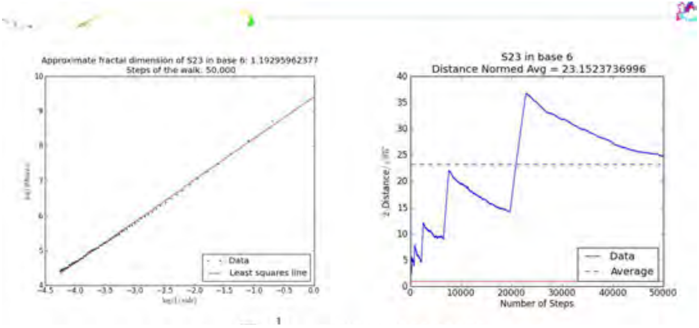

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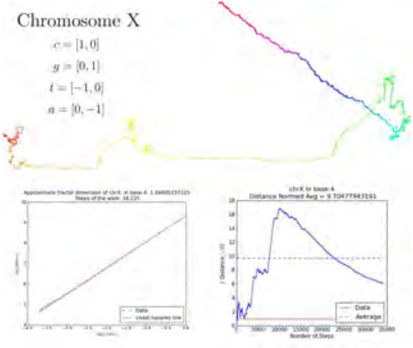

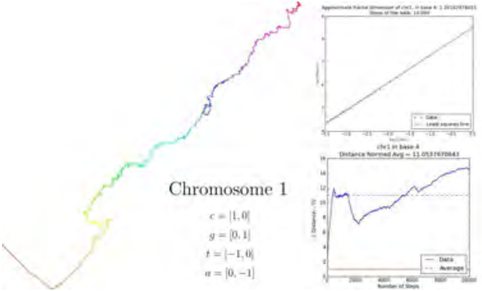

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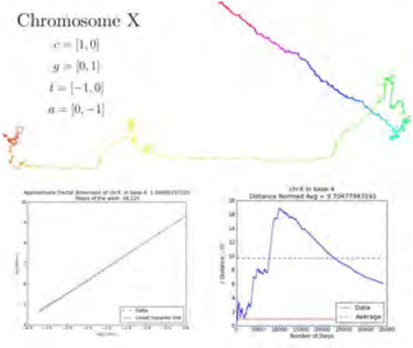

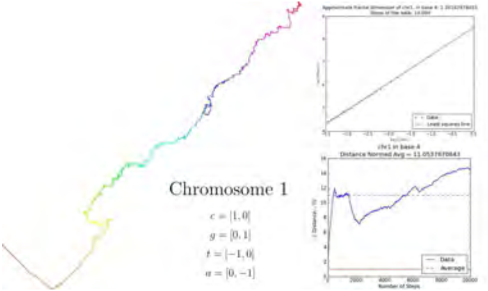

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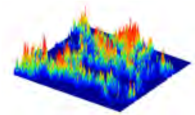

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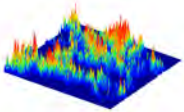

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