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CARMA Retreat 2011

- **Location:** Conference Room, 412 Sandgate Road, Shortland (Hunter Wetlands Centre)
- **Dates:** Tue, 19th Jul 2011 - Tue, 19th Jul 2011

[CARMA COLLOQUIUM](#)

[V129, Mathematics Building]

- **Speaker:** Boris Mordukhovich, Department of Mathematics, Wayne State University
- **Title:** *Generalized Newton's method based on graphical derivatives*
- **Location:** V129, Mathematics Building
- **Time and Date:** 4:00 pm, Thu, 21st Jul 2011

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[V129, Mathematics Building]

- **Speaker:** Prof David Bailey, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- **Title:** *Hand-to-Hand Combat with Thousand-Digit Integrals*
- **Location:** V129, Mathematics Building
- **Time and Date:** 12:00 pm, Fri, 22nd Jul 2011

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- **Speaker:** Wojciech Kozłowski, University of NSW
- **Title:** *Common fixed points for semigroups of pointwise Lipschitzian mappings in Banach spaces*
- **Location:** V129, Mathematics Building
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where a_i are integers — if one exists and provides an **exclusion bound** otherwise.

- If $a_0 \neq 0$ then (1) assures β is in rational vector space generated by $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$.
- $\beta = 1, \alpha_i = \alpha^i$ means α is algebraic of degree n .
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Top Ten Algorithms

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.

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Experimental Mathematics: PSLQ is core to CARMA

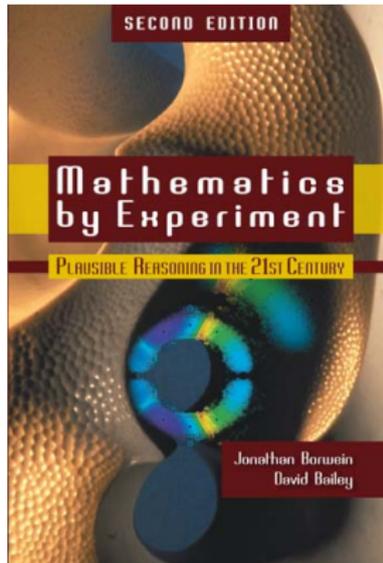
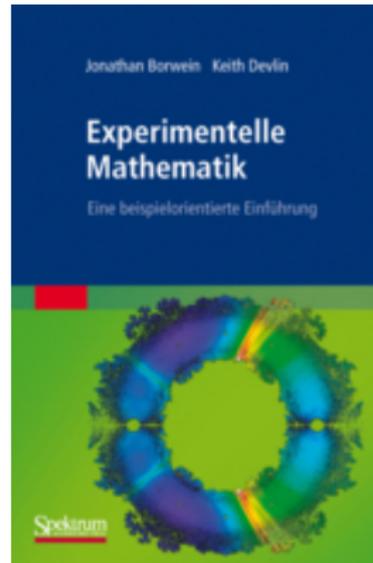
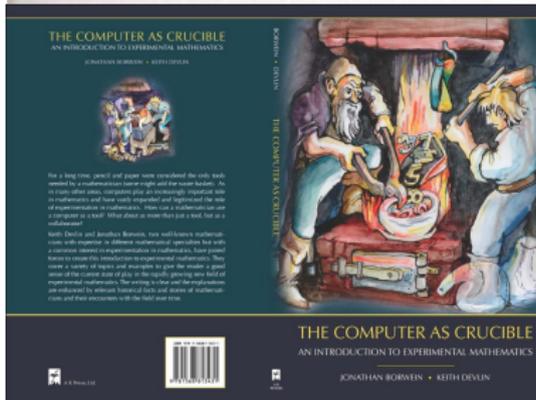


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Experimental Mathematics (2004-08, 2009, 2010)



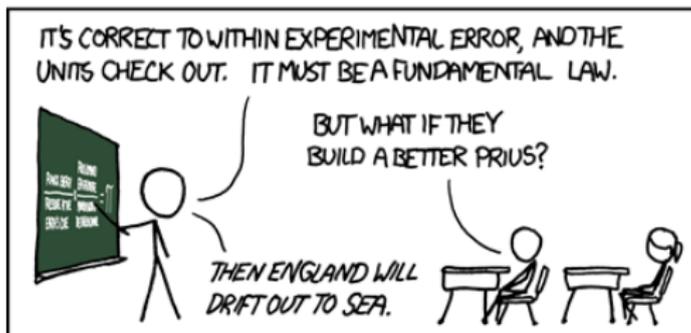
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Experimental Mathematics: KARMA takes many forms

MY HOBBY:
ABUSING DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

$$\frac{\text{PLANCK ENERGY}}{\text{PRESSURE AT THE EARTH'S CORE}} \times \frac{\text{PRIUS COMBINED EPA GAS MILEAGE}}{\text{MINIMUM WIDTH OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL}} = \pi$$



... and there are always black swans

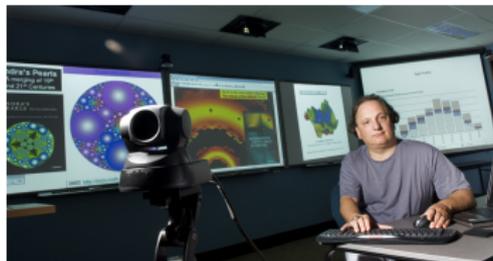


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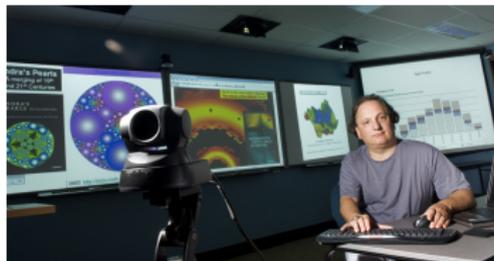


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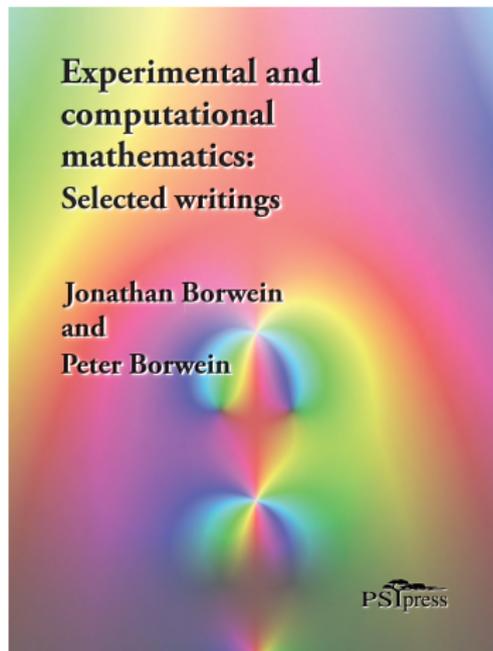
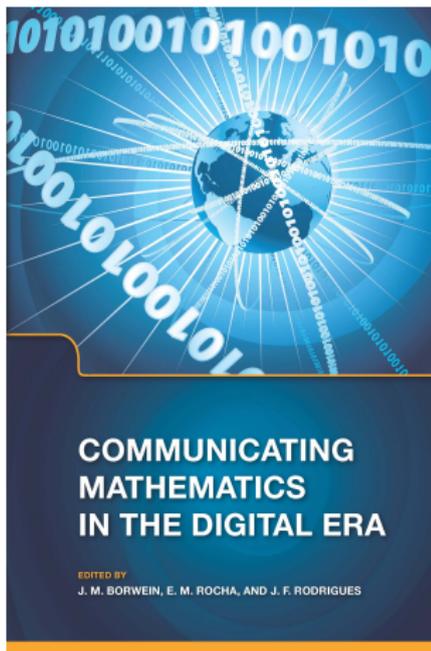
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Communication and Computation: are entangled



Communicating Mathematics (2008, 2010)

- See <http://carma.newcastle.edu.au/jon/c2c08.pdf> for chapter on Access Grid.

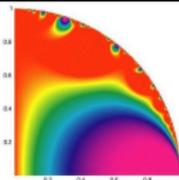


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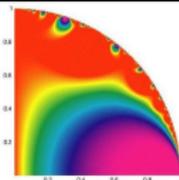
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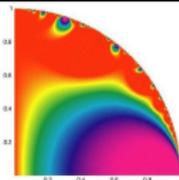
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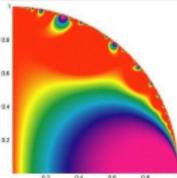
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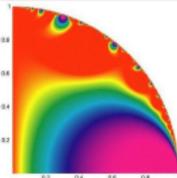
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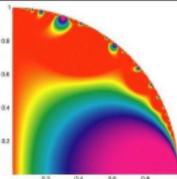
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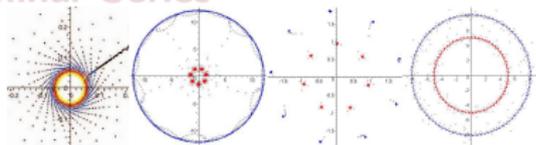


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Continuing Scientific Activities Include

- **Regular Colloquia and Seminar Series**

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- **AMSI Access Grid Activities:** www.amsi.org.au

- ANZIAM SIGMAopt Seminar with UoSA and RMIT
<http://sigmaopt.newcastle.edu.au>
- Trans Pacific Workshop: with UBC-O and SFU (monthly-ish)
- Short Lecture Series (2-5 lectures)
2010 Rockafellar on *Risk* and Diestel on *Haar measure*
2011 Cominetti on *Scheduling* and Zhu on *Finance*
- AMSI Honours (MSc) Courses (400 hours per term)

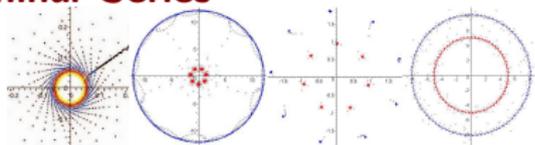
- **International Workshops and Conferences:**

- IP Down Under Satellite for INFORS 2011 (July 6-8, 2011)
- Number Th. in Honour of Alf Van der Poorten (March, 2012)
- ANZIAM 2013 (Jan 27-31, 2013)

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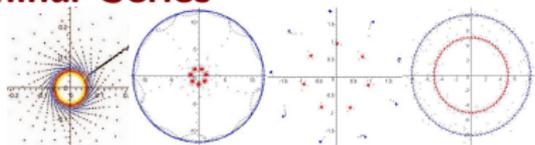
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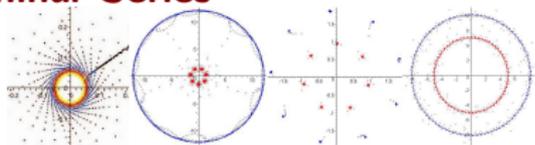
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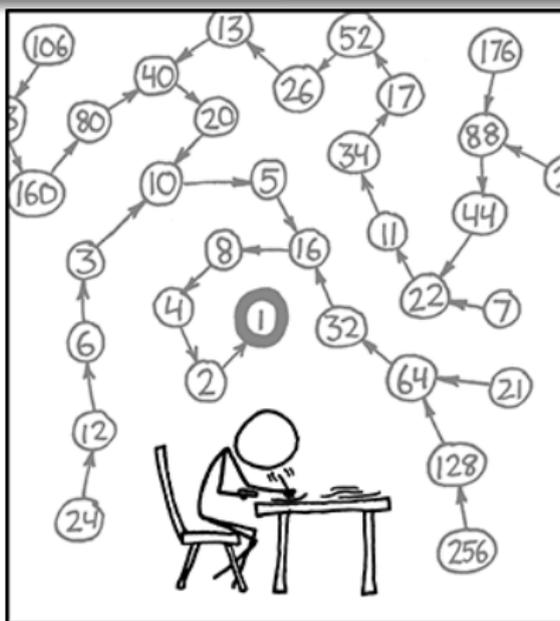
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2012

March 12-16, 2012. [Number Theory Conference in Memory of Alf van der Poorten](#) at CARMA.

2011

- June 16, 2011. Second semester AMSI [Honours Course on MZVs](#) (Borwein-Zudilin).
- June 2-4. JMB at the [World Science Festival](#)
- May 16-20. [JonFest](#) at the IRMACS centre. (Pictures and videos of lectures available.)
- April 19. [Blue Gene/BBP article](#) from Australian. Also [Pi](#), [HPCnet](#) and [energy.gov](#)
- April 5. Interactive [BBP digit database](#) online.
- March 15. My AGR [PiDay Talk](#) V206 at Univ of Newcastle at 10am ([Details](#))
- March 14. My webcast [PiDay Talk](#) from University of Technology Sydney
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- March 10. Happy Pi Day: [The infinite appeal of Pi](#).
- Feb 1. Newcastle Applied Maths [ranked top in Australia](#).

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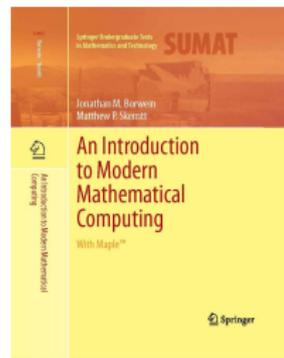
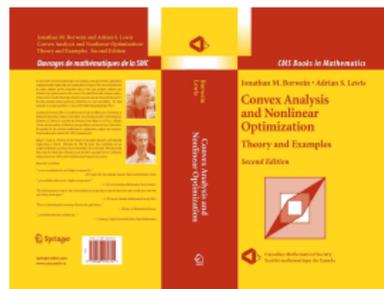
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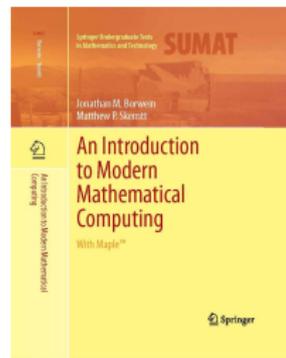
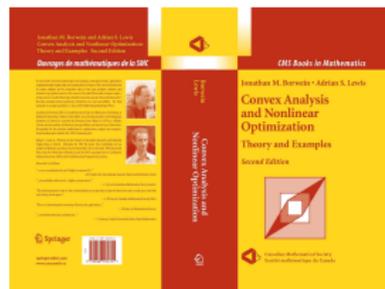
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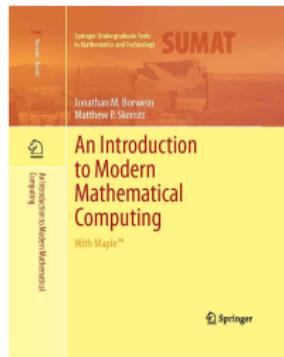
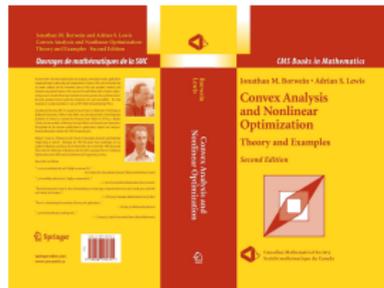
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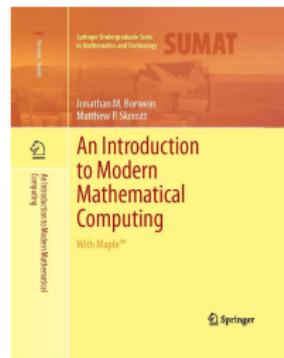
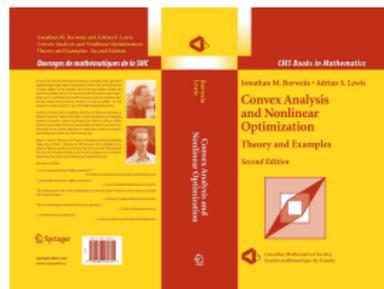
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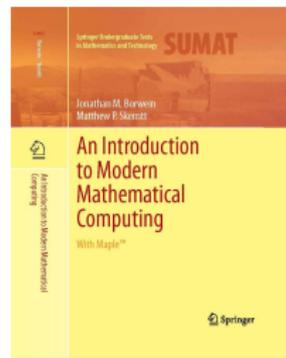
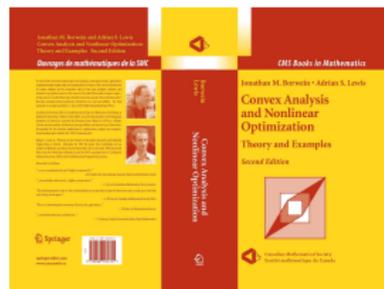
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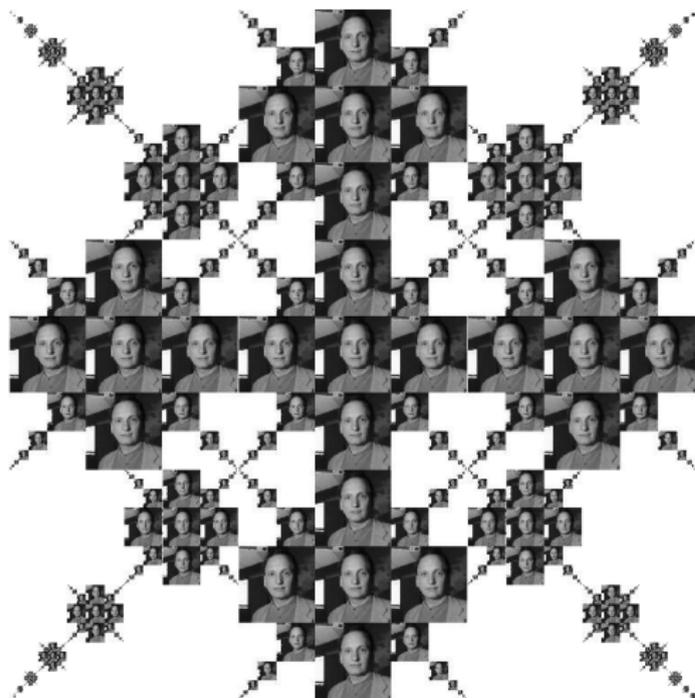
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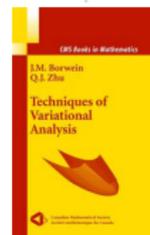


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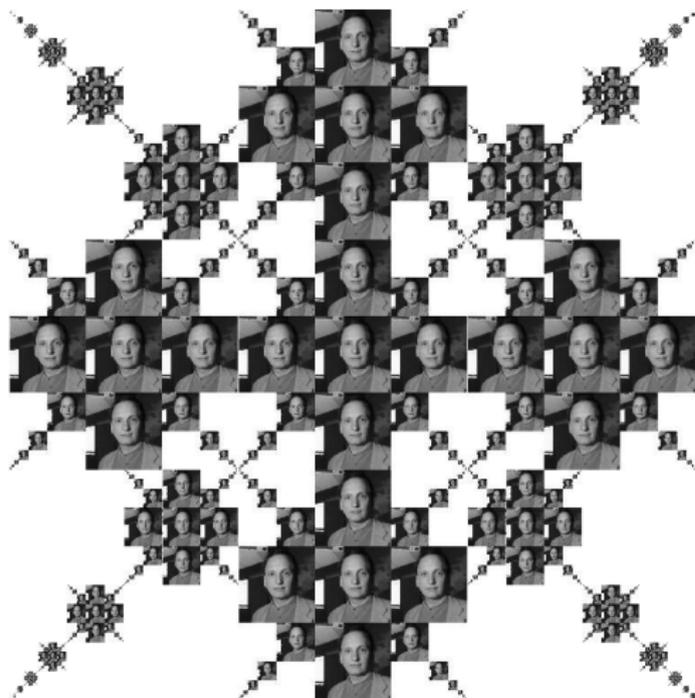


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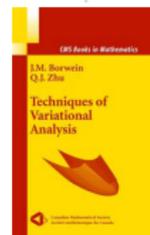


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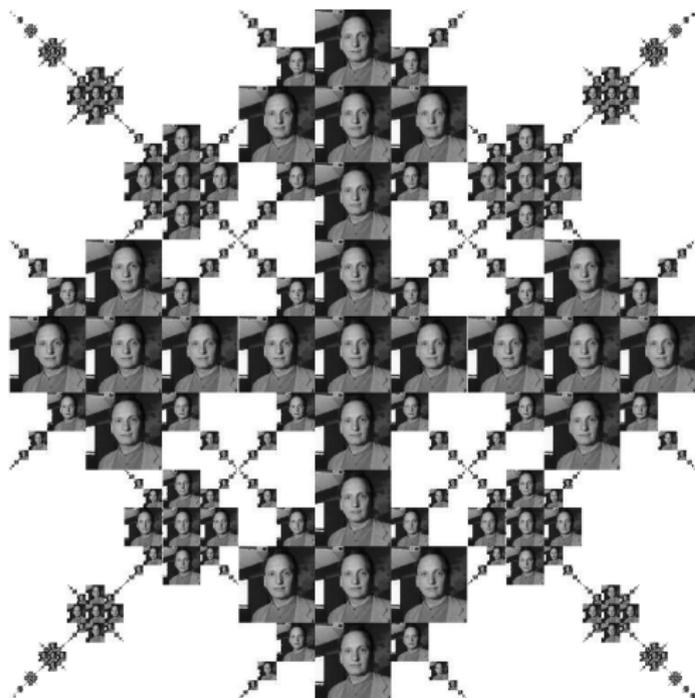


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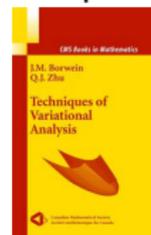


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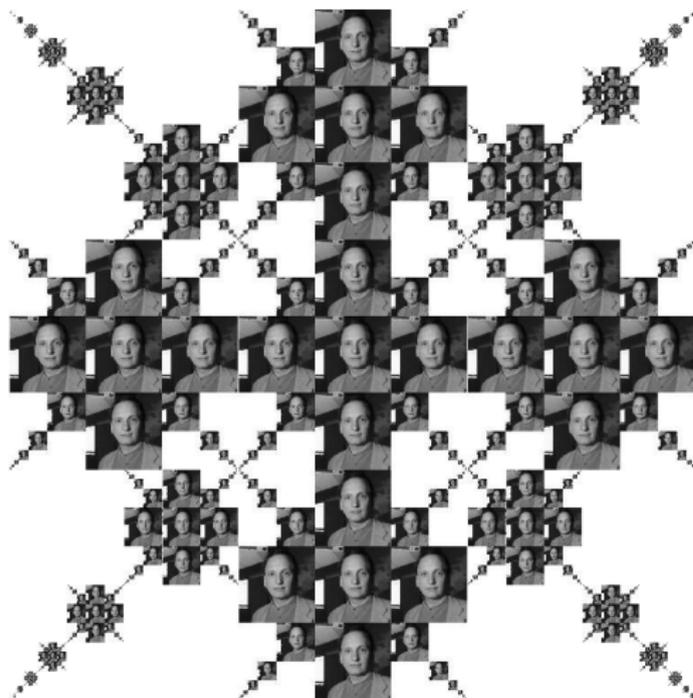


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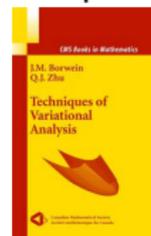


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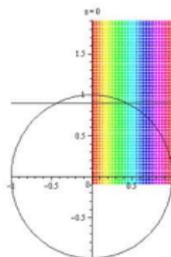
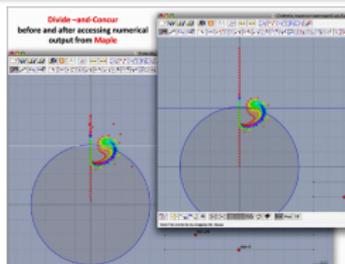
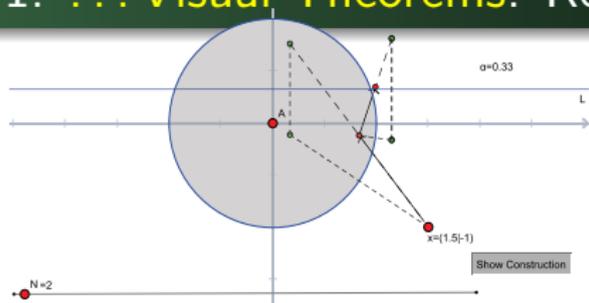


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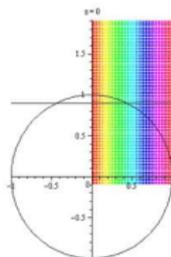
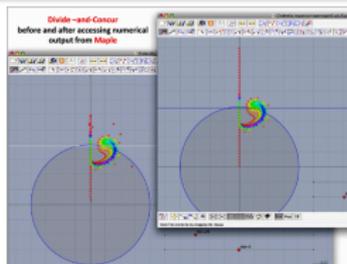
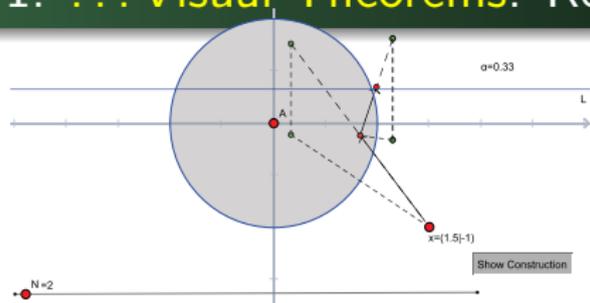
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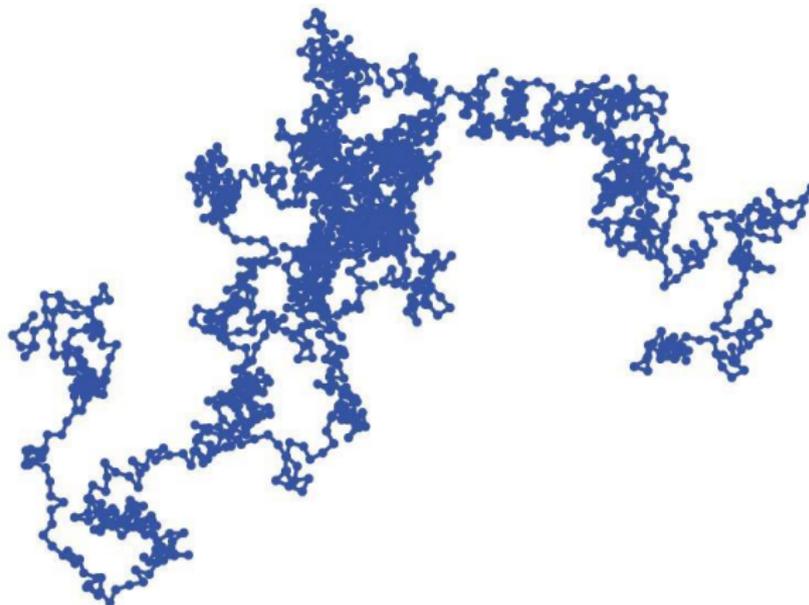
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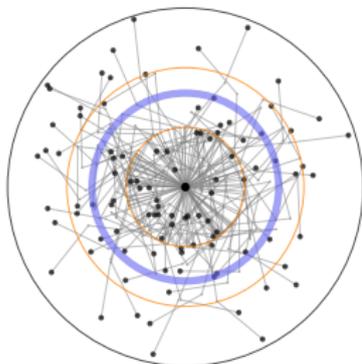
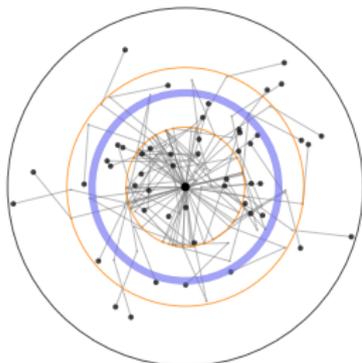
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*A drunk man will
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— Shizuo
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3. 50, 100, 1000 3-step Walks: a less familiar picture?

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$$W_3(1) = \frac{16 \sqrt[3]{4} \pi^2}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})^6} + \frac{3\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})^6}{8 \sqrt[3]{4} \pi^4}$$



3. Moments of a Three Step Walk: in the complex plane

Theorem (Tractable hypergeometric form for W_3)

(a) For $s \neq -3, -5, -7, \dots$, we have

$$W_3(s) = \frac{3^{s+3/2}}{2\pi} \beta\left(s + \frac{1}{2}, s + \frac{1}{2}\right) {}_3F_2\left(\begin{matrix} \frac{s+2}{2}, \frac{s+2}{2}, \frac{s+2}{2} \\ 1, \frac{s+3}{2} \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{1}{4}\right). \quad (2)$$

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

$$W_3(-2k - 1) = \frac{\sqrt{3} \binom{2k}{k}^2}{2^{4k+1} 3^{2k}} {}_3F_2\left(\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ k+1, k+1 \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{1}{4}\right).$$

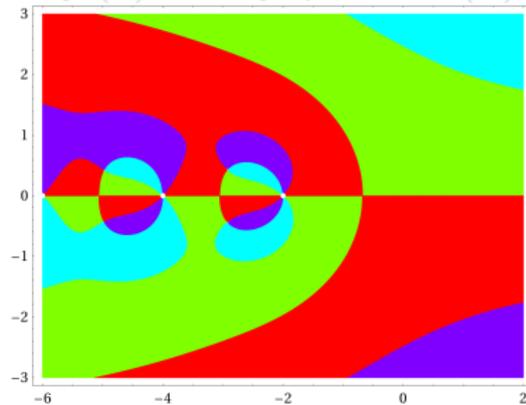
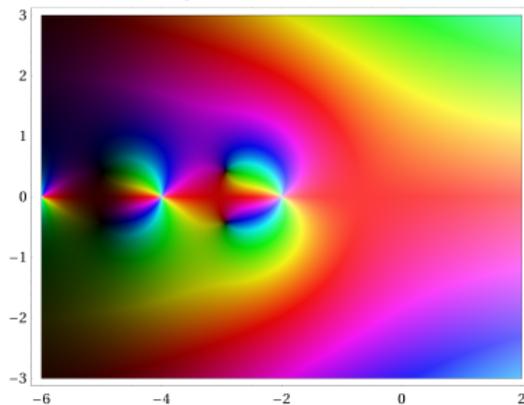
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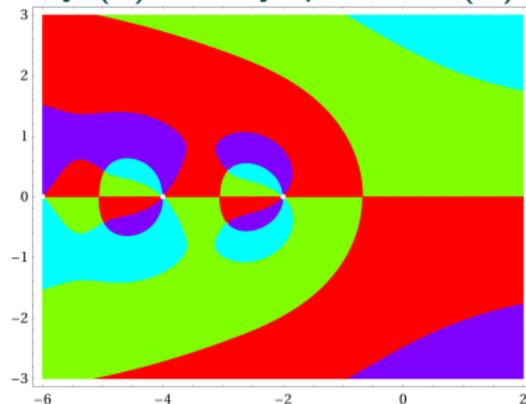
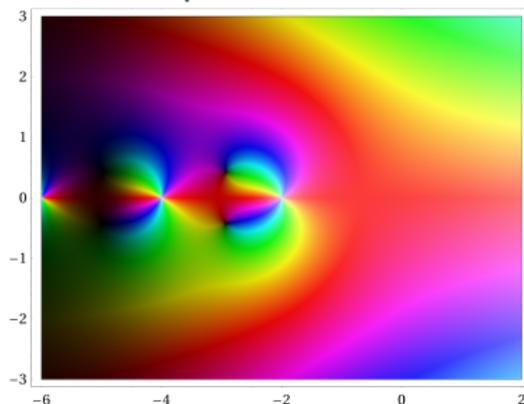
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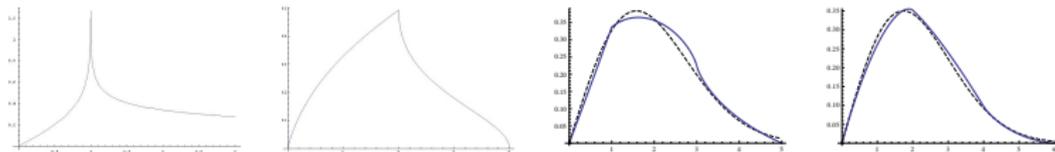
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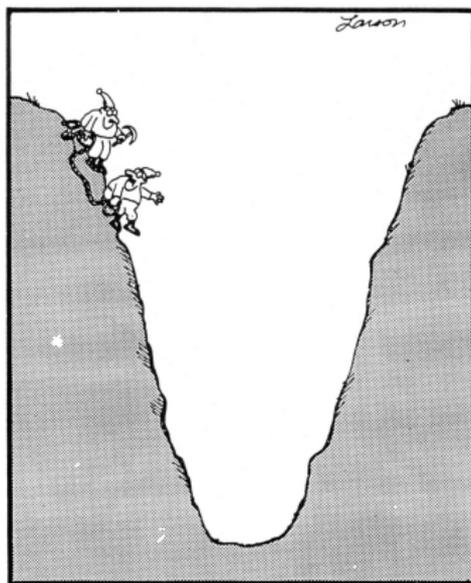
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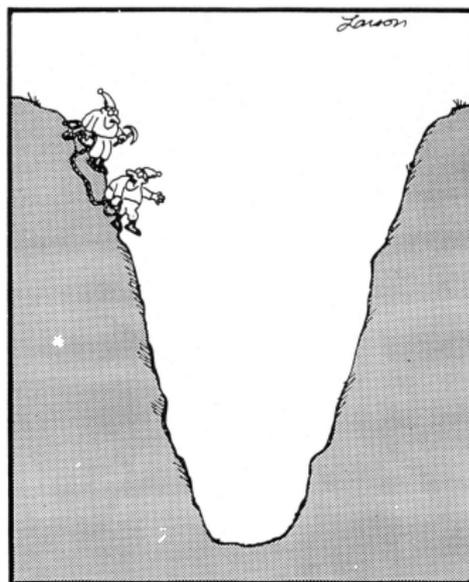
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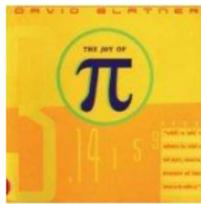
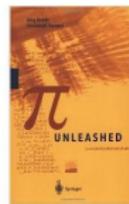
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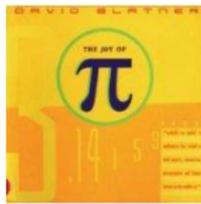
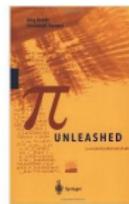
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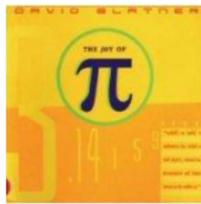
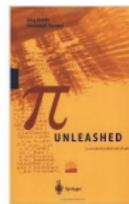
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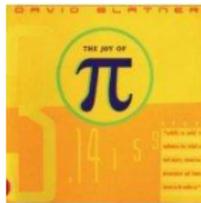
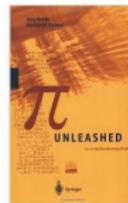
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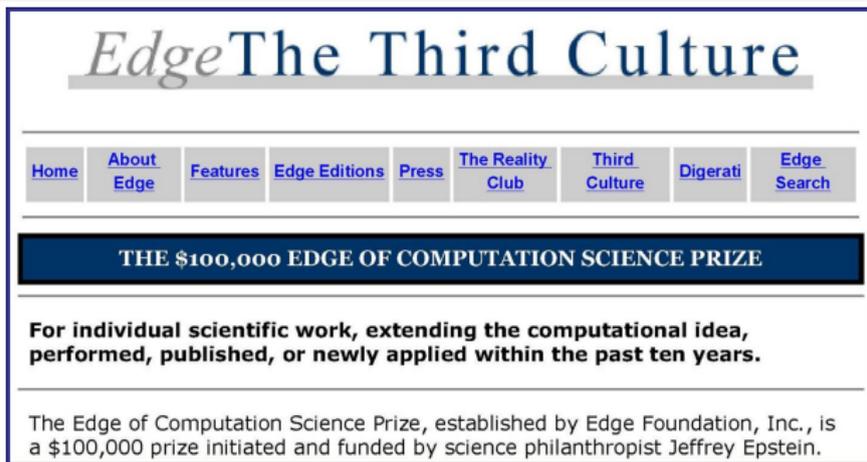
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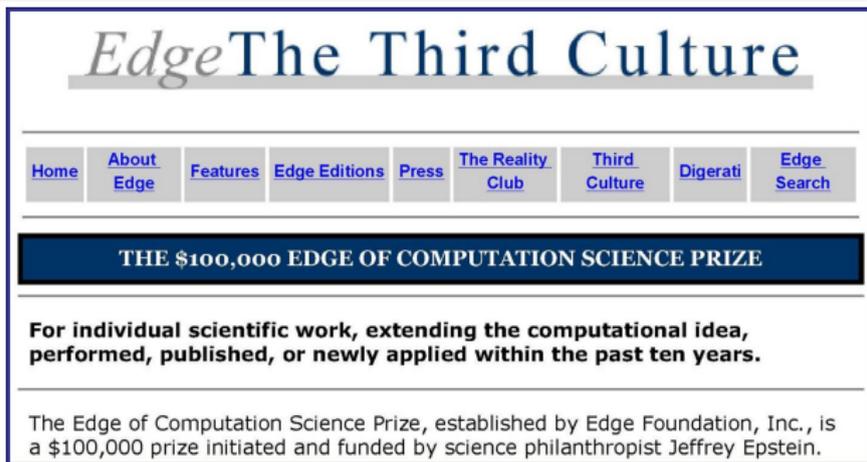
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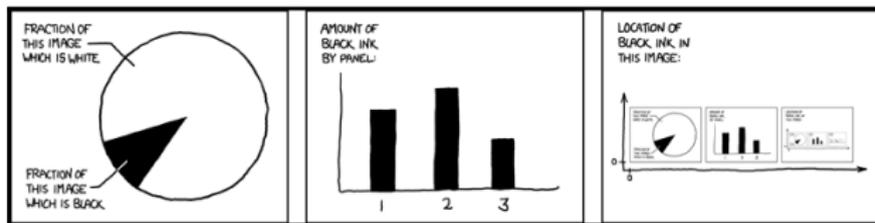
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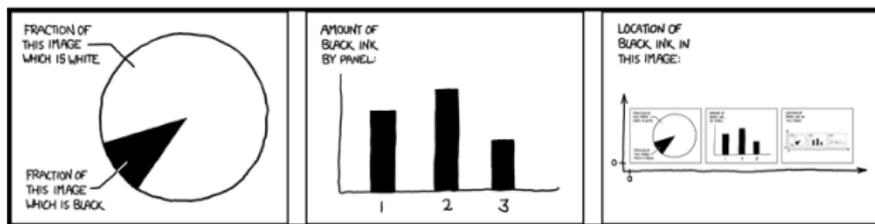
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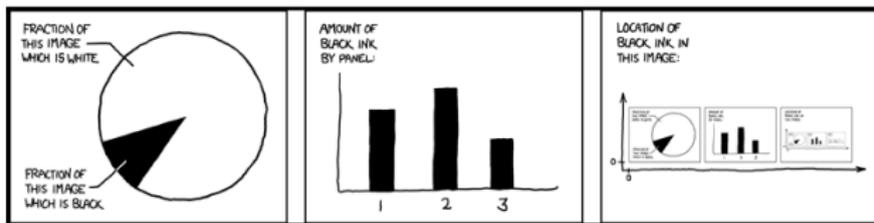
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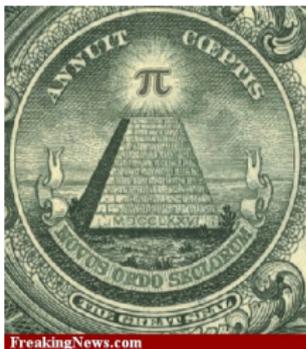


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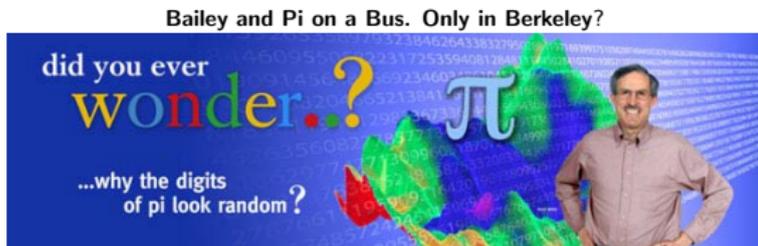
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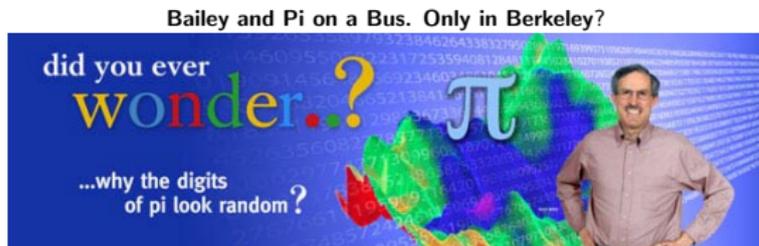
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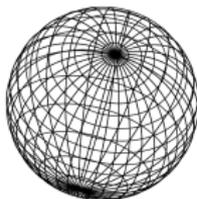
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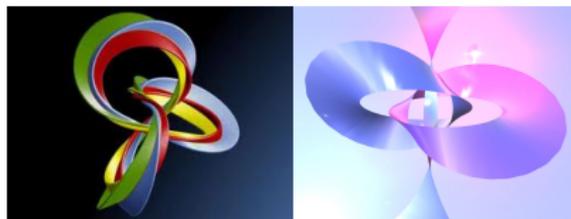
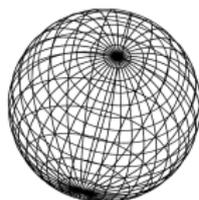


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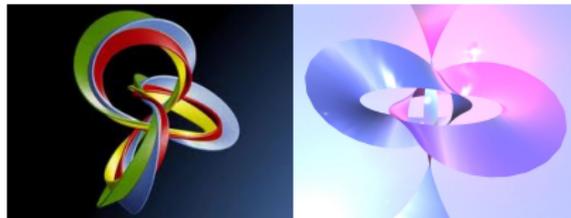
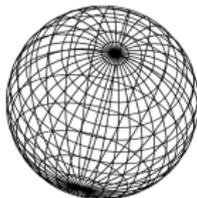


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on a **4-rack BlueGene/P system** at IBM's Benchmarking Centre in Rochester, Minn, USA.

How The Australian Reported This

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HUMAN ingenuity and awesome computing power have combined to deliver an algorithm that can identify potential weaknesses in computer system hardware and software.

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"It was believed to be impossible until not very long ago that we would ever know the billionth decimal digit of pi," said Newcastle University laureate professor Jon Borwein.

Professor Borwein, a world-famous mathematical expert, said the computer time spent on the work was equivalent to the time that went into creating a computer-generated movie such as Toy Story 3. "My estimate is that it may be by a factor of three the largest single computation done for any mathematical object ever," he said.

The work would have taken about 1500 years on a single CPU, but it took just a few months of super-computing time. The project was done in conjunction with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and IBM Australia.

"What this is driving is a new attack on various classical questions about how random or how complex various bits of math are, and how best to program these things on really large environments with tens or hundreds of thousands of processors," said Professor Borwein, who is also an expert on pi, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, especially its computation.

"If we could prove pi squared was random in some sense then we could use it instead of all the expensive quantum random number generators or pseudo-random number generators that make all of our banking codes safe," he said.

Professor Borwein believes the calculation means more realistic samples could be made.

"We may be able to put some of these algorithms together, mixing this idea of algorithmic randomness with this fairly new area called quantum randomness, using natural processes to build random things," he said.

Professor Borwein hopes a prototype planned for later this year may lead to further advances in the field.

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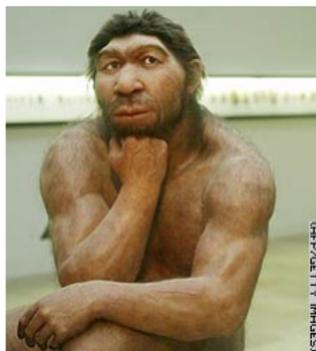
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IBM's New Results: π^2 base 2

Algorithm (10 trillionth digits of π^2 in base 64 — in 230 years)

- The calculation took, on average, **253529** seconds per **thread**.
It was broken into 7 “**partitions**” of **2048** threads each.
For a total of $7 \cdot 2048 \cdot 253529 = 3.6 \cdot 10^9$ CPU seconds.
- On a single **Blue Gene/P CPU** it *would* take **115 years!**
Each **rack** of BG/P contains 4096 threads (or cores).
Thus, we used $\frac{7 \cdot 2048 \cdot 253529}{4096 \cdot 60 \cdot 60 \cdot 24} = \mathbf{10.3}$ “**rack days**”.
- The verification run took the same time (within a few minutes): **106 base 2 digits** are in agreement.

base-8 digits = 75|60114505303236475724500005743262754530363052416350634|573227604
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IBM's New Results: π^2 base 3

Algorithm (10 trillionth digits of π^2 in base 729 — in **414** years)

- The calculation took, on average, **795773** seconds per **thread**.
 It was broken into 4 “**partitions**” of **2048** threads each.
 For a total of $4 \cdot 2048 \cdot 795773 = 6.5 \cdot 10^9$ CPU seconds.
- On a single **Blue Gene/P CPU** it *would* take **207 years!**
 Each **rack** of BG/P contains 4096 threads (or cores).
 Thus, we used $\frac{4 \cdot 2048 \cdot 795773}{4096 \cdot 60 \cdot 60 \cdot 24} = \mathbf{18.4}$ “**rack days**”.
- The verification run took the same time (within a few minutes): **94 base 3 digits are in agreement**.

base-9 digits = 001|12264485064548583177111135210162856048323453468|10565567|635862
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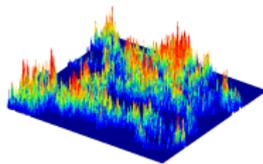
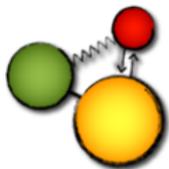
Algorithm (10 trillionth digits of G in base 4096 — in 735 years)

- 1 The calculation took, on average, **707857** seconds per **thread**.
It was broken into 8 “**partitions**” of **2048** threads each.
For a total of $8 \cdot 2048 \cdot 707857 = 1.2 \cdot 10^{10}$ CPU seconds.
- 2 On a single **Blue Gene/P CPU** it *would* take **368 years!**
Each **rack** of BG/P contains 4096 threads (or cores).
Thus, we used $\frac{8 \cdot 2048 \cdot 707857}{4096 \cdot 60 \cdot 60 \cdot 24} = \mathbf{32.8}$ “**rack days**”.
- 3 The verification run took the same time (within a few minutes): **141 base 2 digits** **were in agreement**.

base-8 digits = 76|34705053774777051122613371620125257327217324522|6000177545727
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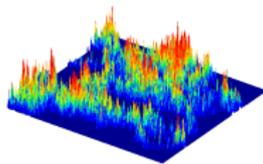
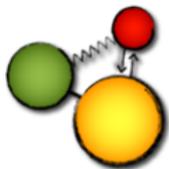


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