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Maximal (Abelian) Repetitions in Strings

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Finding repetitions in strings is a fundamental task in many applications, e.g. data compression and analysis, bioinformatics, etc. Since any repetiton is contained in a maximal one, one can limit the search to maximal repetitions, also called runs.

Recently, a 15 year-old conjecture stating that the maximum number of runs in a string of length n is less than n has been positively solved. We illustrate the ideas at the basis of the solution, as well as recent developments.

Abelian repetitions in strings have been considered since a paper by Erdős of 1961. We introduce the notion of a maximal abelian repetition (abelian run) and efficient algorithms to locate abelian runs in a string.

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All interested people, in particular students, are invited to participate