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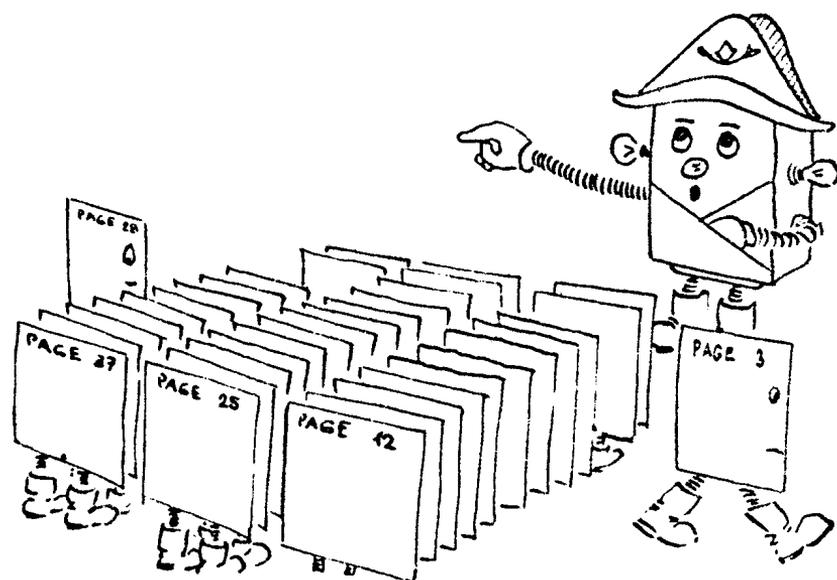
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Preface

Mathematicians dream of a digital archive containing all peer-reviewed mathematical literature ever published, properly linked and validated/verified. It is estimated that the entire corpus of mathematical knowledge published over the centuries does not exceed 100,000,000 pages, an amount easily manageable by current information technologies.

The workshop's objectives were to formulate the strategy and goals of a global mathematical digital library and to summarize the current successes and failures of ongoing technologies and related projects, asking such questions as:

- * What technologies, standards, algorithms and formats should be used and what metadata should be shared?
- * What business models are suitable for publishers of mathematical literature, authors and funders of their projects and institutions?
- * Is there a model of sustainable, interoperable, and extensible mathematical library that mathematicians can use in their everyday work?
- * What is the best practice for
 - retrodigitized mathematics (from images via OCR to MathML and/or \TeX);
 - retro-born-digital mathematics (from existing electronic copy in DVI, PS or PDF to MathML and/or \TeX);
 - born-digital mathematics (how to make needed metadata and file formats available as a side effect of publishing workflow [CEDRAM model])?

The intention was to have the workshop as a forum for presentation and discussion of the latest developments in the the field of digitization of mathematics, as the last event specialized on these topics held two years ago in Aveiro (CMDE 2006, Communicating Mathematics in the Digital Era), and similar event has not been organized during Fifth European Congress of Mathematics in Amsterdam in July this year.

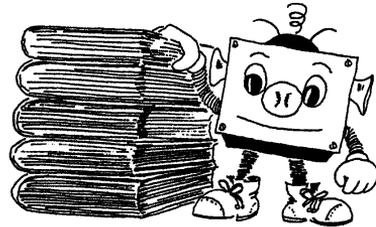
Topics of the Workshop included

- * search, indexing and retrieval of mathematical documents
- * ranking of mathematical papers, similarity of mathematical documents
- * math OCR with MathML/ \TeX output
- * document conversions from/to MathML, OpenMath, \LaTeX , PostScript and [tagged] PDF
- * mathematical document compression
- * processing of scanned images
- * algorithms for crosslinking of bibliographical items, intext citations search
- * mathematical document classification, MSC 2010
- * mathematical text mining

- * mathematical documents metadata exchange via OAI-PMH and/or OAI-ORE
- * long term archiving, data migration
- * reports and experience from math digitization projects
- * math publishing with long term archival goal
- * software engineering aspects of creating, handling MathML, OMDoc, OpenMath documents, and displaying them in web browsers.

This volume contains the Proceedings of the Workshop *Towards Digital Mathematics Library (DML 2008)*, organized by the Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University with University of Birmingham, and held on July 27th, 2008 in Birmingham, UK, as satellite event of CICM 2008 (Conference on Intelligent Computer Mathematics). The Proceedings is divided into five parts:

1. Towards Digital Mathematics Library,
2. Towards Mathematical OCR and Search,
3. Digitization Reports,
4. Digitization Technologies and Platforms and
5. Digitization Tools.



My very special thanks go to the Program Committee members for their hard work during review periods. Most of the submitted papers were reviewed by three members of the Program Committee. We employed rebuttal phase, where authors were given the possibility to comment on the preliminary review reports and to answer anonymous reviewer's questions. It helped to increase the quality of final paper versions considerably.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the members of the Organizing Committee for their efforts in organizing the Workshop and ensuring its smooth running. Last but not least, the cooperation of Masaryk University as publisher of these Proceedings, and of Tribun EU, Ltd. as printer is gratefully acknowledged.

DML 2008 offered a rich program of presentations, short talks/posters, technical papers and [panel] discussions. I hope that one of the steps towards future Digital Mathematics Library has been successfully completed.

Brno, July 2008

Petr Sojka

Organization

DML 2008 was organized by Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic together with University of Birmingham, UK. Web page of the workshop is <http://www.fi.muni.cz/~sojka/dml-2008.xhtml>.

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