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Editors' Foreword

This is the second Special Issue of COMBINATORICA fully dedicated to the Theory of Computing. (The first one was Vol. 6, No. 2 (1986).) The papers included here were presented at the 17th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), Providence, R. I., May 6—8, 1985. Preliminary versions of these papers appeared in the proceedings of the meeting. The authors of selected papers were invited to submit completed versions for this Special Issue.

All papers were subject to the normal refereeing process.

The choice of the STOC papers was made by members of the program committee of the symposium in cooperation with editors of COMBINATORICA. It is our pleasure to acknowledge their fine work.

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