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FOREWORD

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The MFCS'75 Symposium is the fourth in the series of annual international meetings held every even year in Poland and every odd year in Czechoslovakia, with the aim to bring together specialists in theoretical fields of computer science from various countries.

The present Proceedings include the texts of invited one-hour lectures and of short communications, the latter selected by the Program Committee among about 90 submitted papers. It was not possible to include a few manuscripts not received before the deadline.

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