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Foreword

The papers in this volume were presented at SWAT'94, the Fourth Scandinavian Workshop on Algorithm Theory. The workshop, which is really a conference, continues the tradition of SWAT'88, SWAT'90 and SWAT'92, and of the Workshops on Algorithms and Data Structures (WADS'89, WADS'91 and WADS'93), and is intended as an international forum for researchers in the area of design and analysis of algorithms. The SWAT conferences are coordinated by the SWAT steering committee, which consists of B. Aspvall (Bergen), S. Carlsson (Luleå), H. Hafsteinsson (Reykjavík), R. Karlsson (Lund), A. Lingas (Lund), E. M. Schmidt (Aarhus) and E. Ukkonen (Helsinki).

The call for papers sought contributions in algorithms and data structures, in all areas, including combinatorics, computational geometry, data bases, parallel and distributed computing, and graphics. A total of 100 papers were submitted and the program committee selected 31 for presentation. In addition, invited lectures were presented by Michael Fredman (Rutgers), Johan Håstad (Stockholm) and Ketan Mulmuley (Chicago).

SWAT'94 was held in Århus, July 6-8, 1994 and was organized by an organizing committee consisting of L. Arge, G. S. Frandsen, K. Kjær Møller, E. M. Schmidt (chairman) and S. Skyum, all from the Computer Science Department of Aarhus University.

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