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Preface

The papers contained in this volume were presented at the 22nd Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2011) held in Mondello (Palermo), Italy, during June 27–29, 2011.

All the papers presented at the conference are original research contributions. We received 70 submissions from 20 countries; each paper was reviewed by at least three reviewers. The whole submission and review process was carried out with the invaluable help of the EasyChair conference system.

The committee decided to accept 36 papers. The program also included three invited talks by Nello Cristianini from the University of Bristol, UK, Gadi Landau from the University of Haifa, Israel, and Martin Vingron from the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics, Berlin, Germany.

The objective of the annual CPM meetings is to provide an international forum for research in combinatorial pattern matching and related applications. It addresses issues of searching and matching strings and more complicated patterns such as trees, regular expressions, graphs, point sets, and arrays. The goal is to derive non-trivial combinatorial properties of such structures and to exploit these properties in order to either achieve superior performance for the corresponding computational problems or pinpoint conditions under which searches cannot be performed efficiently. The meeting also deals with problems in computational biology, data compression and data mining, coding, information retrieval, natural language processing, and pattern recognition.

The Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching started in 1990, and has since taken place every year. Previous CPM meetings were held in Paris, London, Tucson, Padova, Asilomar, Helsinki, Laguna Beach, Aarhus, Piscataway, Warwick, Montreal, Jerusalem, Fukuoka, Morelia, Istanbul, Jeju Island, Barcelona, London, Ontario, Pisa, Lille, and New York.

Starting from the third meeting, proceedings of all meetings have been published in the LNCS series, volumes 644, 684, 807, 937, 1075, 1264, 1448, 1645, 1848, 2089, 2373, 2676, 3109, 3537, 4009, 4580, 5029, 5577, and 6129.

Selected papers from the first meeting appeared in volume 92 of *Theoretical Computer Science*, from the 11th meeting in volume 2 of *Journal of Discrete Algorithms*, from the 12th meeting in volume 146 of *Discrete Applied Mathematics*, from the 14th meeting in volume 3 of *Journal of Discrete Algorithms*, from the 15th meeting in volume 368 of *Theoretical Computer Science*, from the 16th meeting in volume 5 of *Journal of Discrete Algorithms*, from the 19th meeting in volume 410 of *Theoretical Computer Science*, and from the 20th meeting in volume 9 of *Journal of Discrete Algorithms*.

For this year, a special issue of *Theoretical Computer Science* is already planned for expanded versions of selected extended abstracts presented at the symposium.

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Special thanks are due to the members of the Program Committee who worked very hard to ensure the timely review of all the submitted manuscripts, and participated in stimulating discussions that led to the selection of the papers for the conference.

 ${\rm April}\ 2011$

Raffaele Giancarlo Giovanni Manzini

Best Student Paper Award

This year the Program Committee Co-chairs and the Local Organizing Committee sponsored a Best Student Paper Award. The award was reserved for papers authored solely by PhD students or by researchers in their first year of a Post-Doc assignment.

Among the 70 submissions received by the Program Committee, five of them were eligible for the award. The committee decided unanimously to assign the award to the paper:

Succincter Text Indexing with Wildcards

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We study the problem of indexing text with wildcard positions, motivated by the challenge of aligning sequencing data to large genomes that contain millions of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) —positions known to differ between individuals. SNPs modeled as wildcards can lead to more informed and biologically relevant alignments. We improve the space complexity of previous approaches by giving a succinct index requiring $(2+o(1))n\log \sigma + O(n) + O(d\log n) + O(k\log k)$ bits for a text of length n over an alphabet of size σ containing d groups of k wildcards. The new index is particularly favorable for larger alphabets and comparable for smaller alphabets, such as DNA. A key to the space reduction is a result we give showing how any compressed suffix array can be supplemented with auxiliary data structures occupying $O(n) + O(d \log \frac{n}{d})$ bits to also support efficient dictionary matching queries. We present a new query algorithm for our wildcard index that greatly reduces the query working space to $O(dm + m \log n)$ bits, where m is the length of the query. We note that compared to previous results this reduces the working space by two orders of magnitude when aligning short read data to the human genome.

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