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Preface

The papers in this volume were presented at the First Annual International Computing and Combinatorics Conference, held August 24-26, 1995, in Xi'an, China. The topics cover all aspects of theoretical computer science and combinatorics related to computing. The conference was sponsored by the National Natural Science Foundation of China, Xi'an Jiaotong University, and the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

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