

Special Session on Modern Software Tools for Analytic Combinatorics

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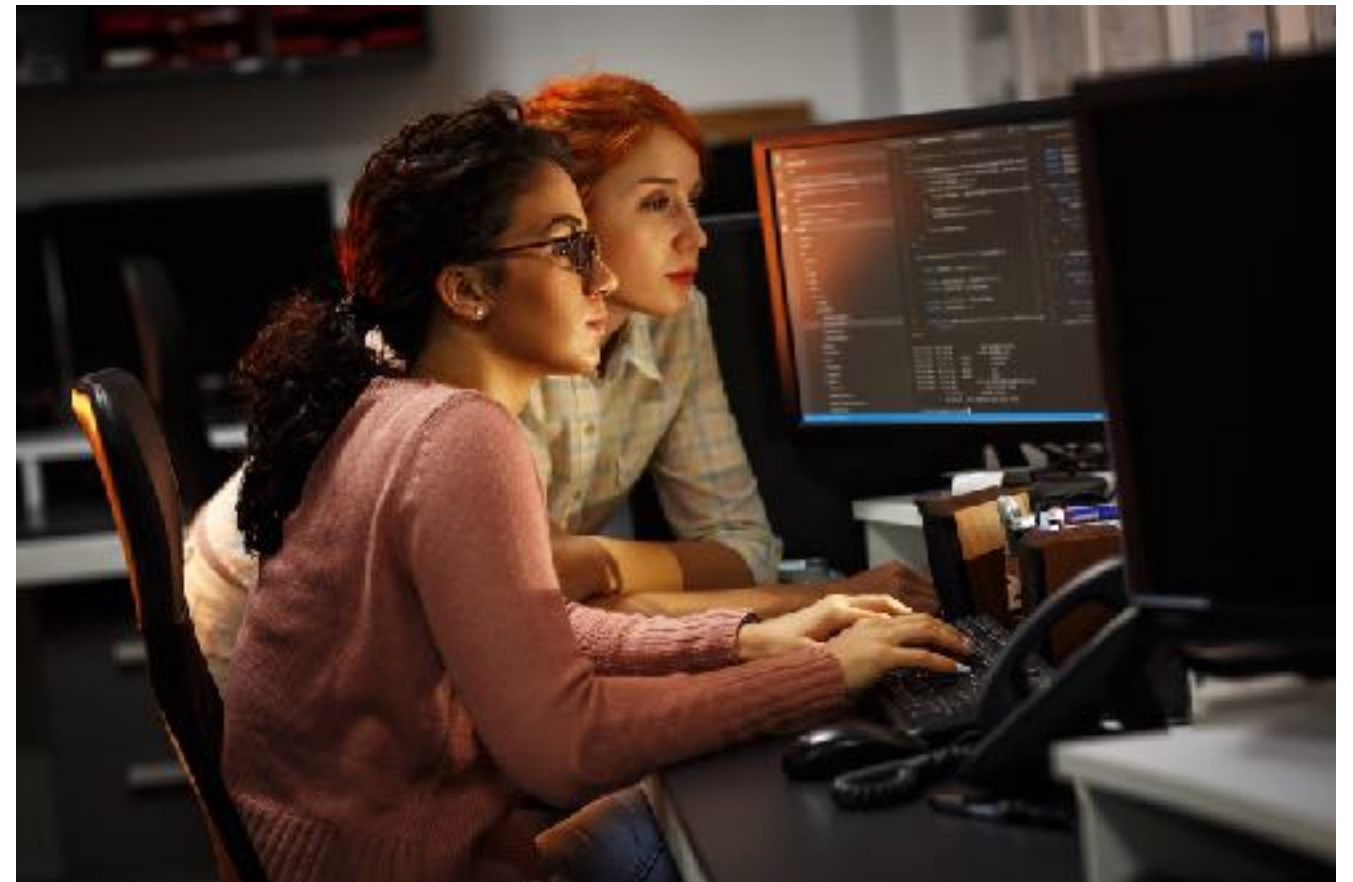
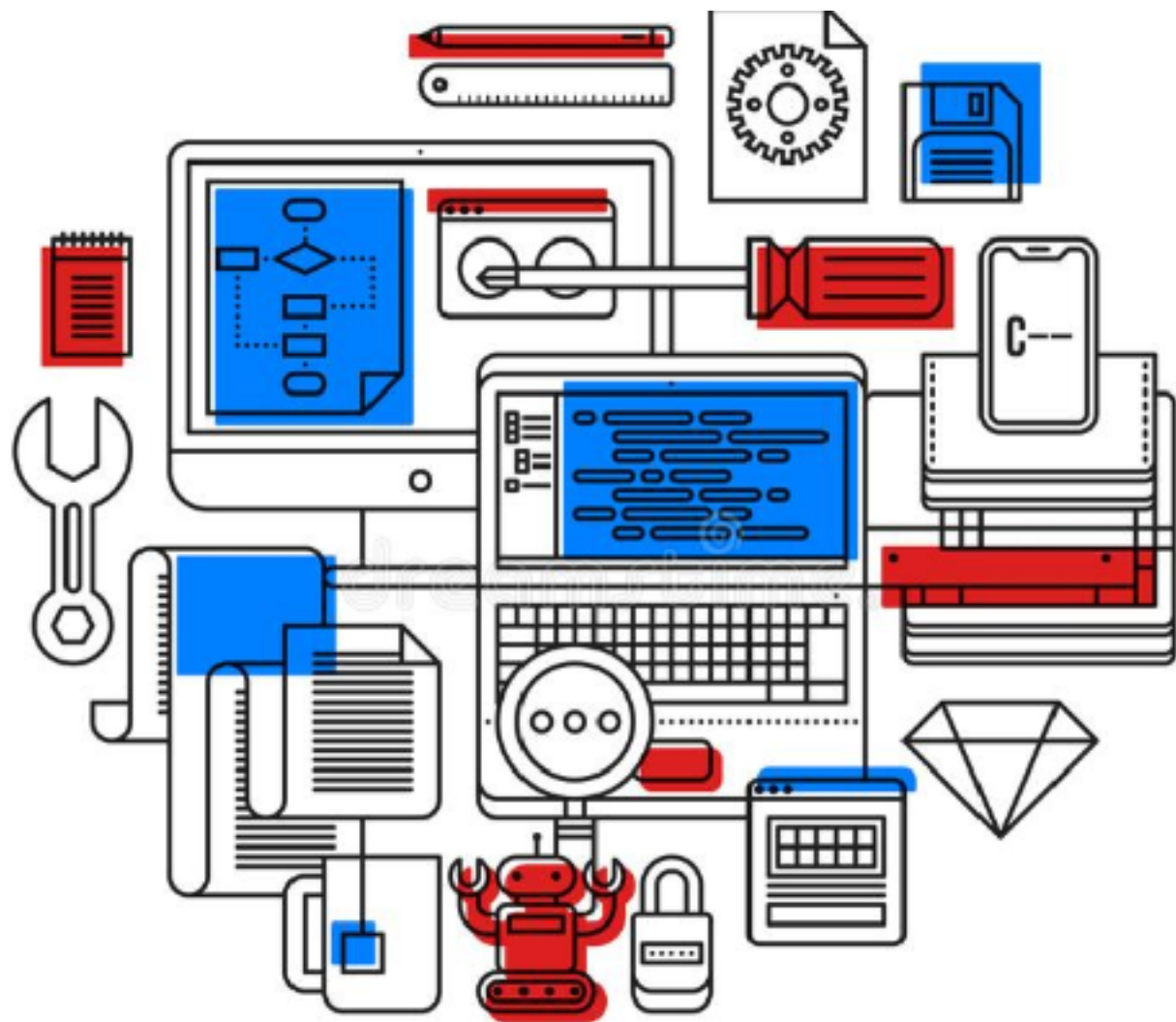
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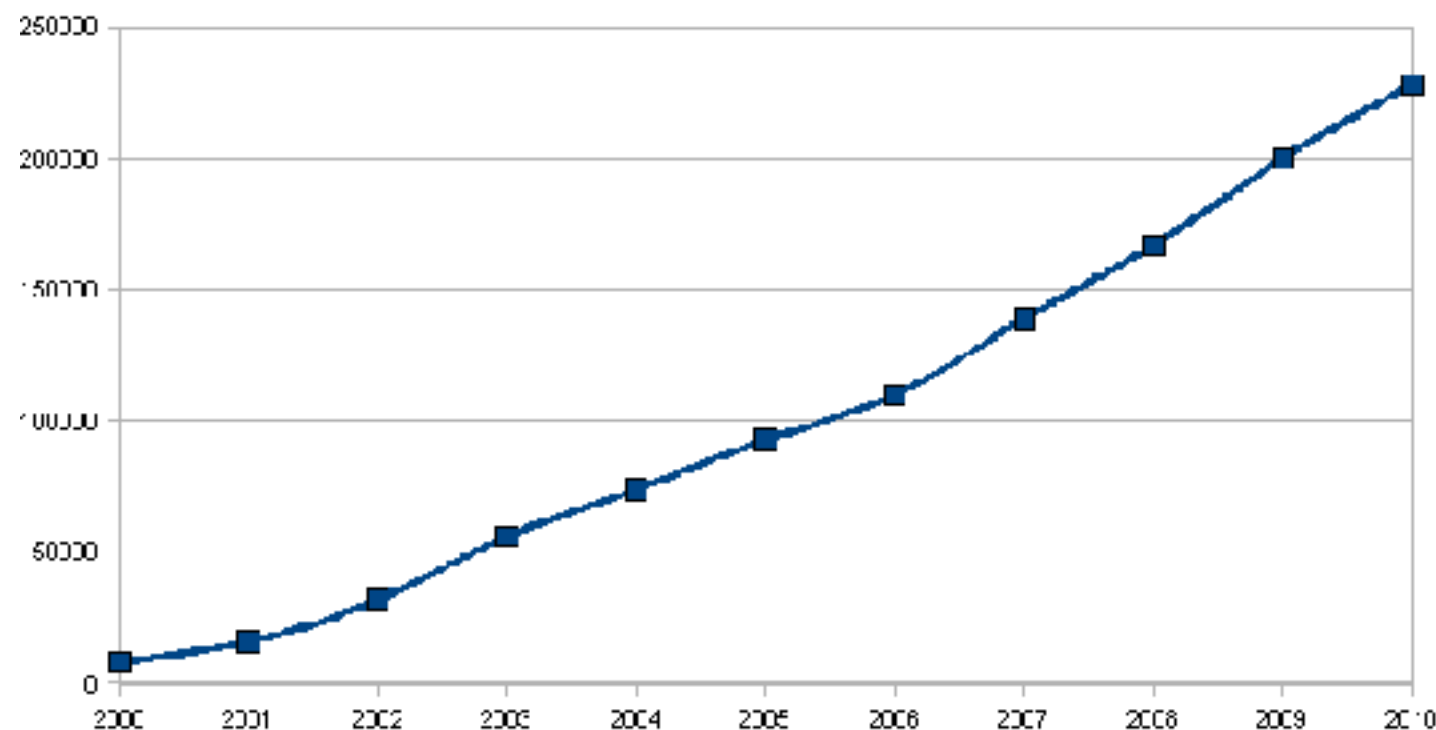
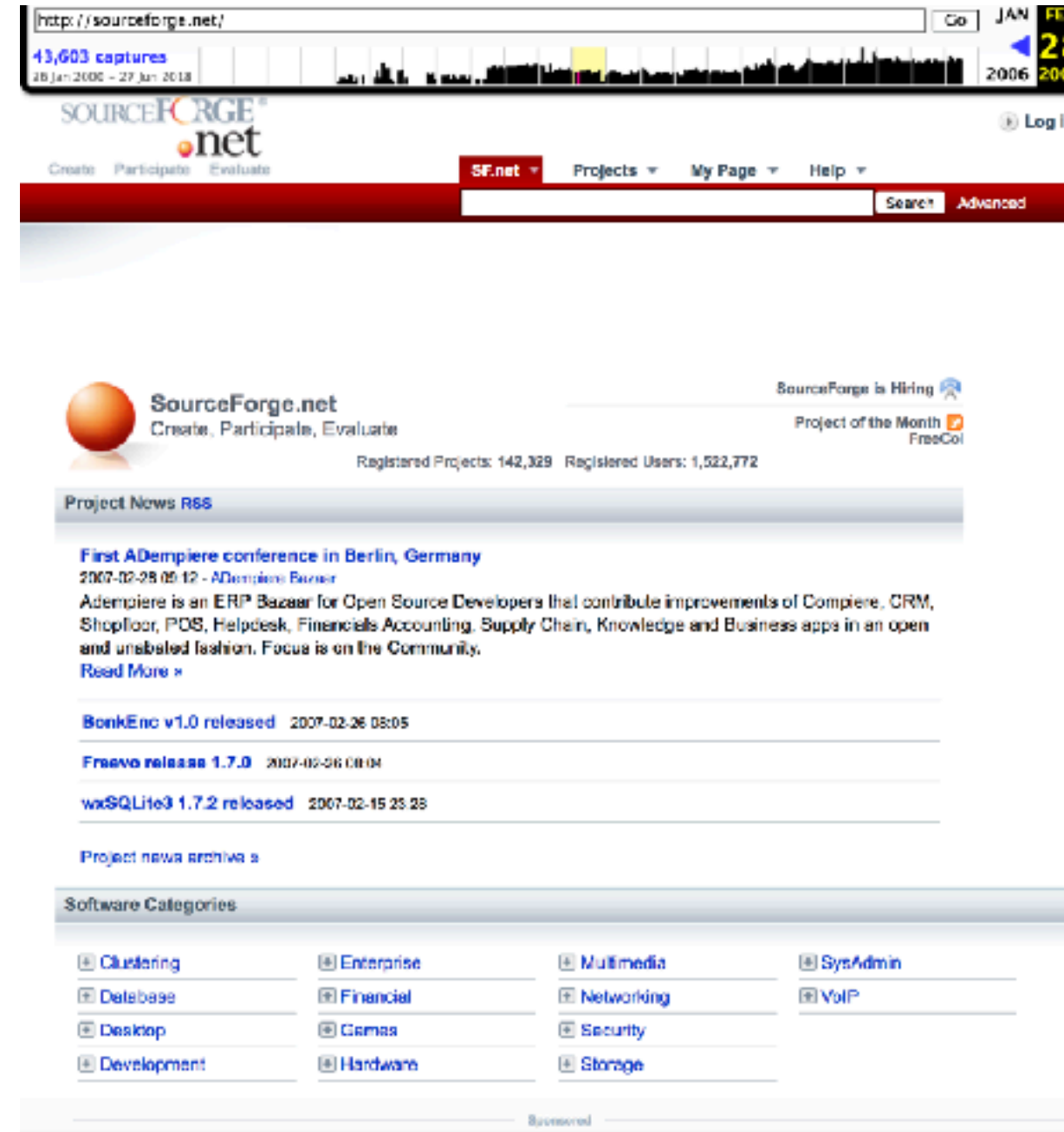
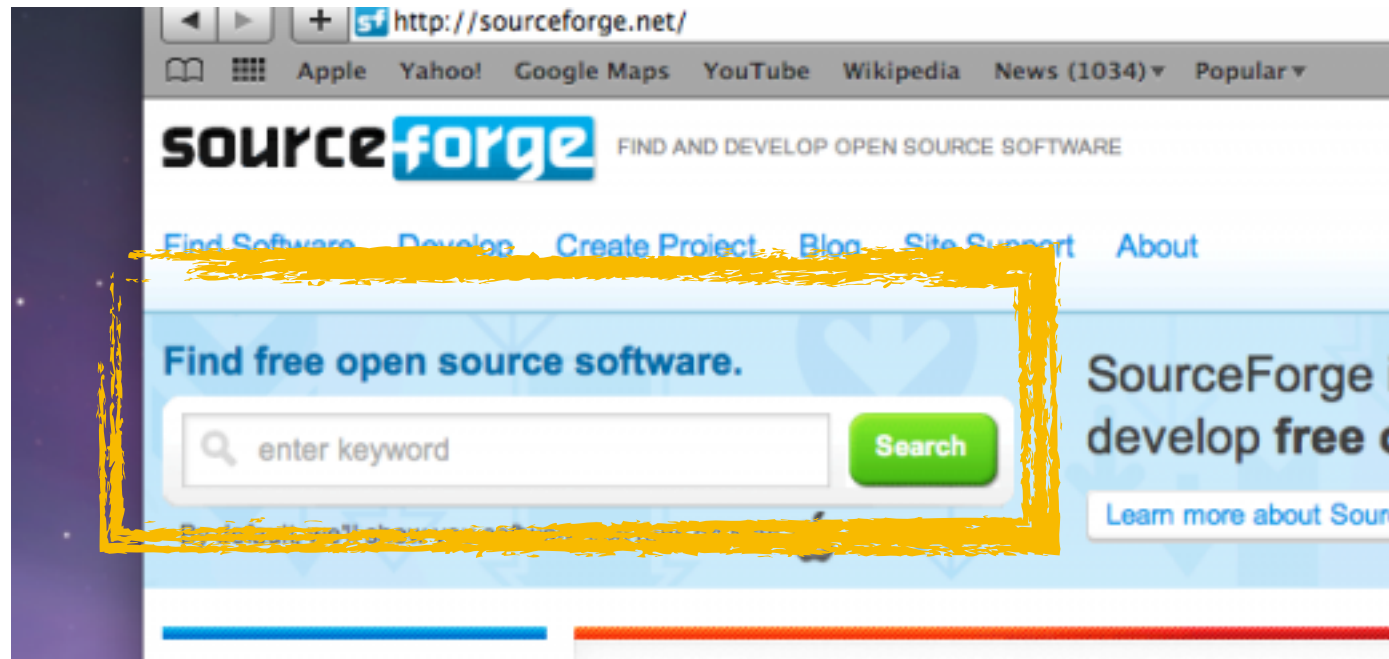
Modern Open-Source for Analytic Combinatorics

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1. Modern Programming Tools



Open-Source 18 years ago



(Non-Exhaustive List of) Open-Source Projects

Back in the 2000s

Top Downloads

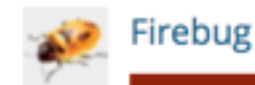
- 1 eMule
- 2 Azureus - BitTorrent Client
- 3 BitTorrent
- 4 DC++
- 5 Shareaza
- 6 VirtualDub
- 7 eMule Plus
- 8 CDex
- 9 ABC [Yet Another Bittorrent Client]
- 10 guliverkli

Most Active

- 1 Gaim
- 2 eGroupWare: Enterprise Collaboration
- 3 FCKeditor
- 4 MinGW - Minimalist GNU for Windows
- 5 Azureus - BitTorrent Client
- 6 Exponent Content Management System
- 7 7-Zip
- 8 phpMyAdmin
- 9 openCRX - Limitless Relationship Mgmt
- 10 WebCalendar



More recently



(since 2008)

GitHub

the engine of the open-source revolution

"HOW GITHUB CONQUERED GOOGLE,
MICROSOFT, AND EVERYONE ELSE"
<http://bit.ly/WiredGitHub>

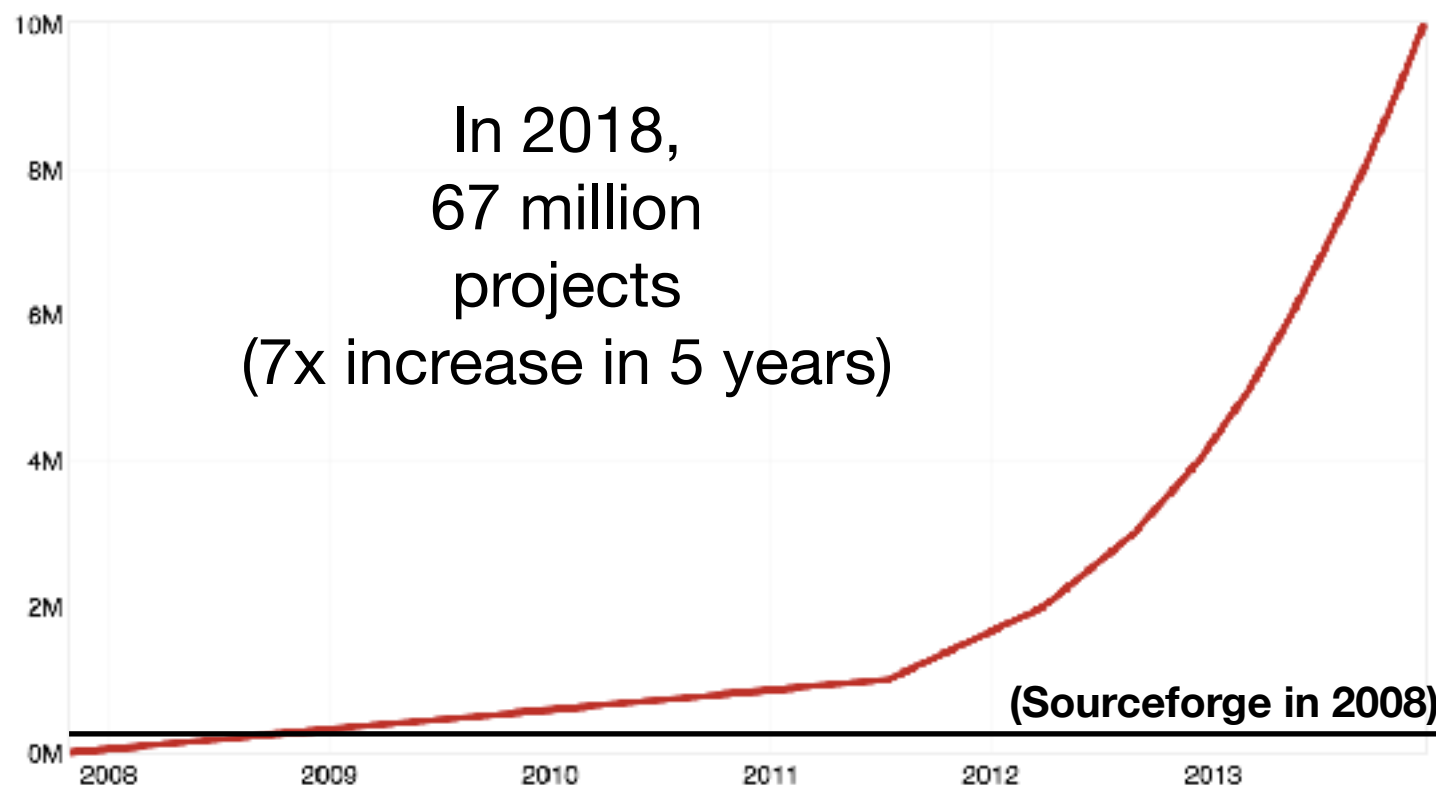


Position of GitHub in
Alexa Top 50.

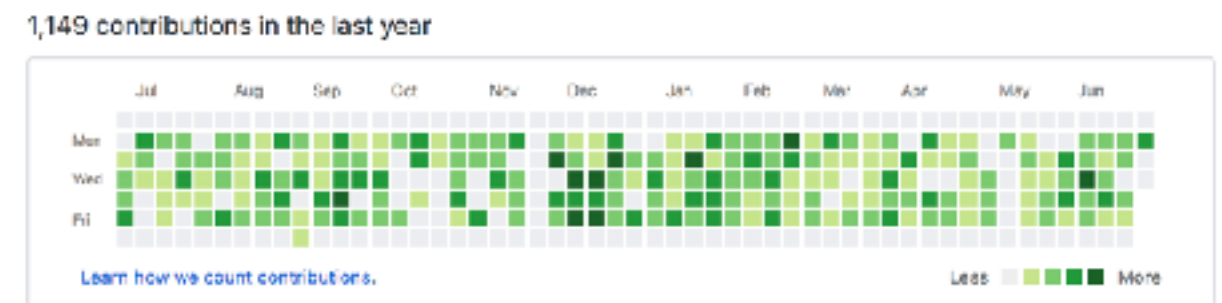
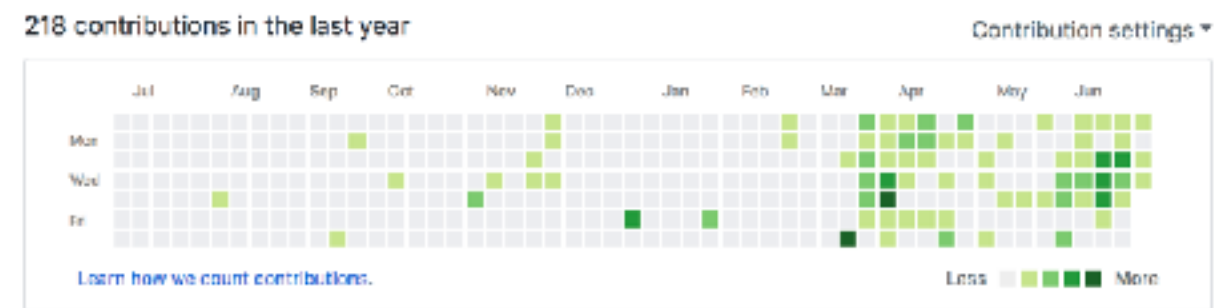
- First social media targeting developers
- Used gamification and policy to incentivize positive community contributions; guaranteed free hosting
- Streamlined collaboration by **many orders of magnitude**
- Took an active role building the open-source community

USA:	34
Sweden:	37
Denmark:	37
Portugal:	40
Austria:	44
U.K.:	46
China:	47

Not in Top 50 for Australia,
Belgium, France,
Germany, Italy, Spain.



<https://octoverse.github.com/> (2018)

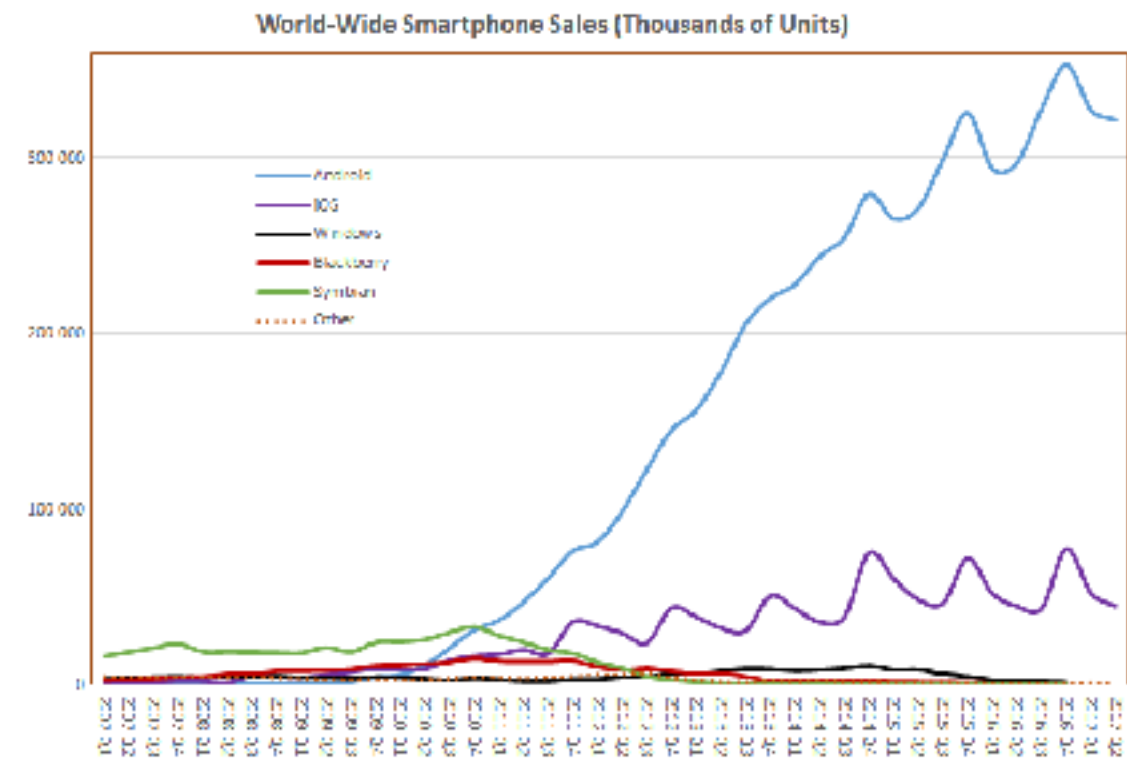
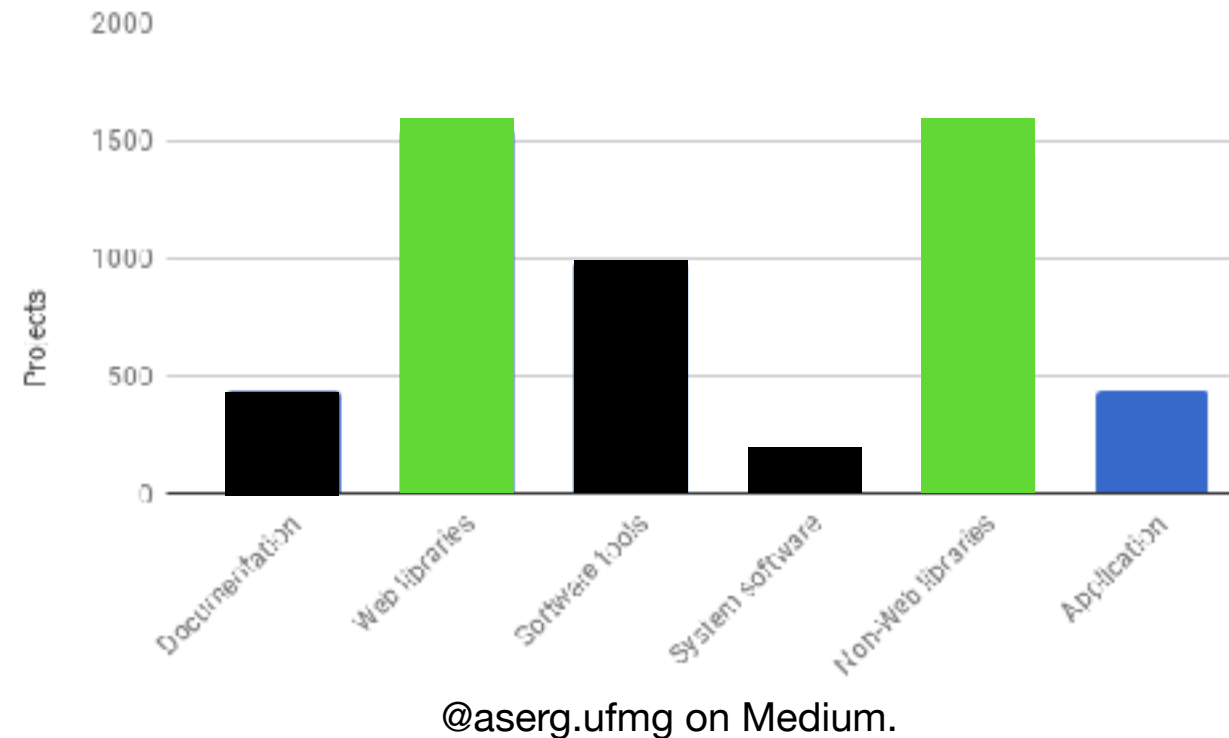


Modularity of design

Doug McIlroy*, inventor of Unix pipes:
"[Write programs that do one thing and do it well.](#) Write programs to work together. Write programs to handle text streams, because that is a **universal interface.**"

(nowadays text streams = APIs)

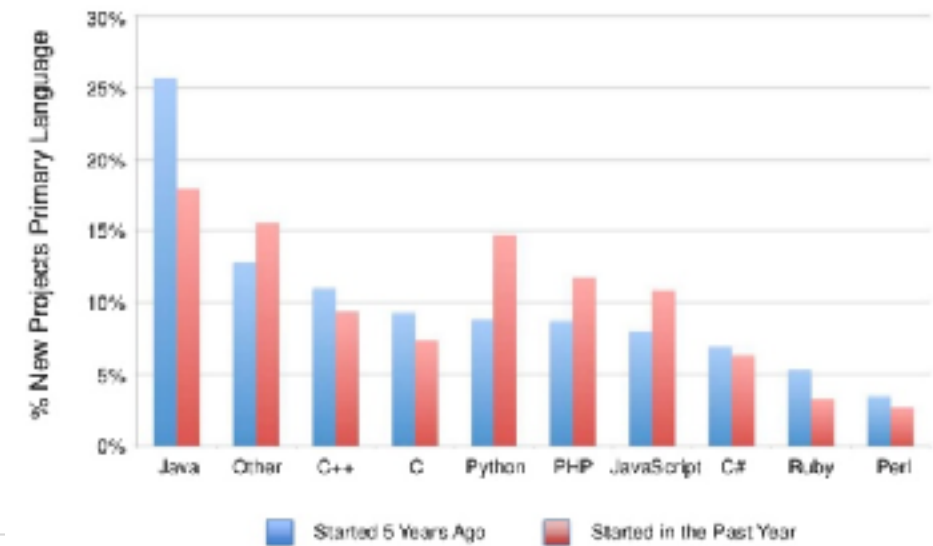
- The second wave of "open-source focused on libraries
- This modular design: Pioneered by Unix (Linux now dominates all OSes: macOS/iOS, Android)
- **Modular design is future-proof**



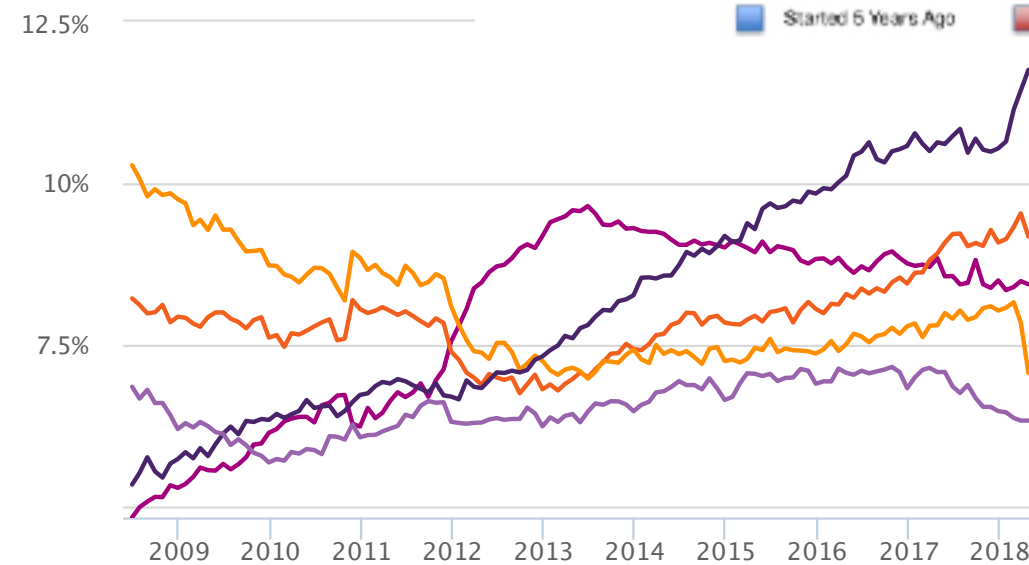
* also provided Philippe with the idea for "Approximate Counting" (1983)



Languages of New Projects – Then and Now



- Healthy, active community; many standard libraries; rich ecosystem external libraries (NumPy, SciPy, Django, scikit-learn, nltk, etc.)
- Popular in Data science (2nd to R)
- Corporate sponsors (Google since 2006)
- Machine Learning
- Simple syntax, REPL, interoperability



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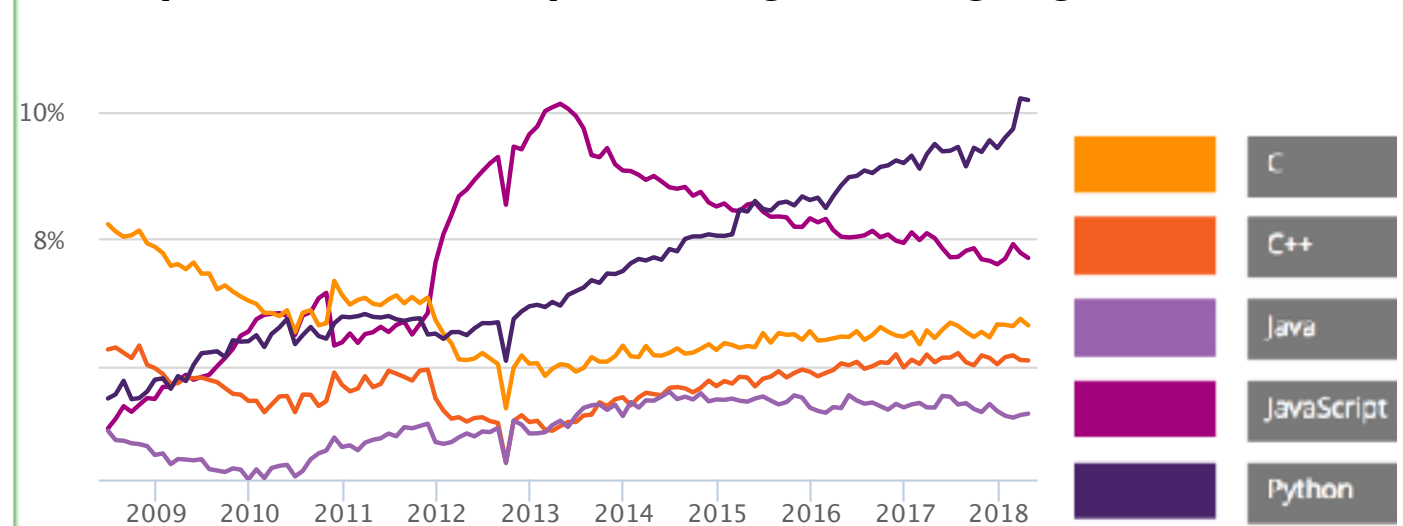
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Proportion of developers in a given language



Proportion of projects in a given language



- Jupyter (JULia-PYThon-R, the three founding languages) is a standalone REPL environment, designed to **reproducible research** comfortable - also supports SAGE
- REPL (Read-Eval-Print-Loop) is how symbolic systems work, but relatively rare for a programming language
- Python's REPL instrumental in popular
- Jupyter integrates with everything (graphic, interaction, etc.), and can be displayed on the web

A screenshot of a Jupyter notebook interface. At the top, it shows the branch "master" and the file path "random-degree-constrained-trees / notebook.ipynb". Below this, there's a header with the Jupyter logo and the text "Jupyter This change and added reference to annotated data." followed by the date "72u7288 on Mar 18". The main content area has a title "Standalone Analytic Samplers for Degree Constrained Trees" and a subtitle "In this Jupyter notebook, we fully implement, using standard Python libraries, very generic analytic samplers which can generate non-plane unlabeled trees given any constraint on the degrees. — J. Lumbroso & R. Sedgewick, Princeton, 17-03-2018." Below the title, there are three code cells. The first cell is empty. The second cell contains a Python function definition for "poly_eval". The third cell contains a Python function definition for "poly_findroot". A large, semi-transparent "Demo Mode" watermark is overlaid on the right side of the code cells.

```
In [1]: #nextplink inline
```

```
In [2]: def poly_eval(x, coeff):
    result = coeff[-1]
    for i in range(-2, -len(coeff)-1, -1):
        result = result*x + coeff[i]
    return result
```

```
In [3]: def poly_findroot(coeff, min_x=0.0, max_x=1.0, epsilon=0.01, target=0.3, failsafe=0.001):
    lo = min_x
    hi = max_x
    old = -1.0

    while True:
        mid = lo + (hi - lo)/2
        val = poly_eval(x=mid, coeff=coeff)

        err = val - target
```

Anecdote from R. J. Lipton




Philippe, is this conjecture true??

Conjecture (Turán): Suppose for all s with real part greater than 1, the partial sum

$$\sum_{n=1}^M \frac{1}{n^s}$$

is always non-zero, for $M \geq 1$. Then the Riemann Hypothesis is true.

Completely false! Never seen this conjecture, but it only took me a day to *compute* several counter-examples!



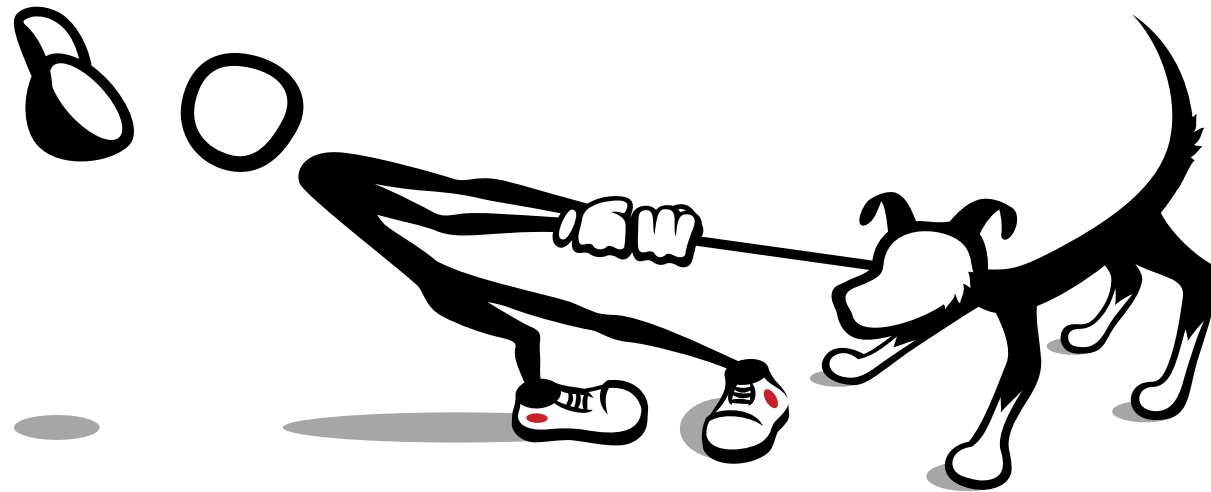
My bad. Actually, I now realize Montgomery (1983) just came out with a proof of what you have already shown me!

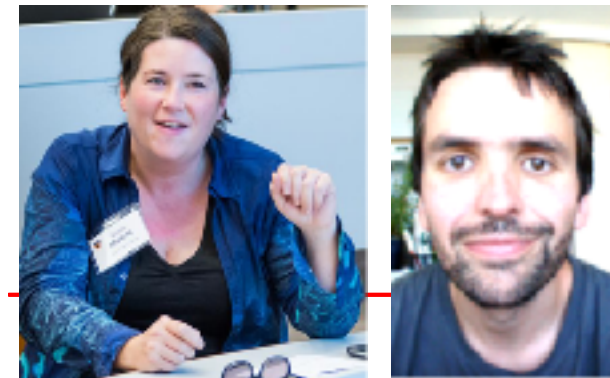
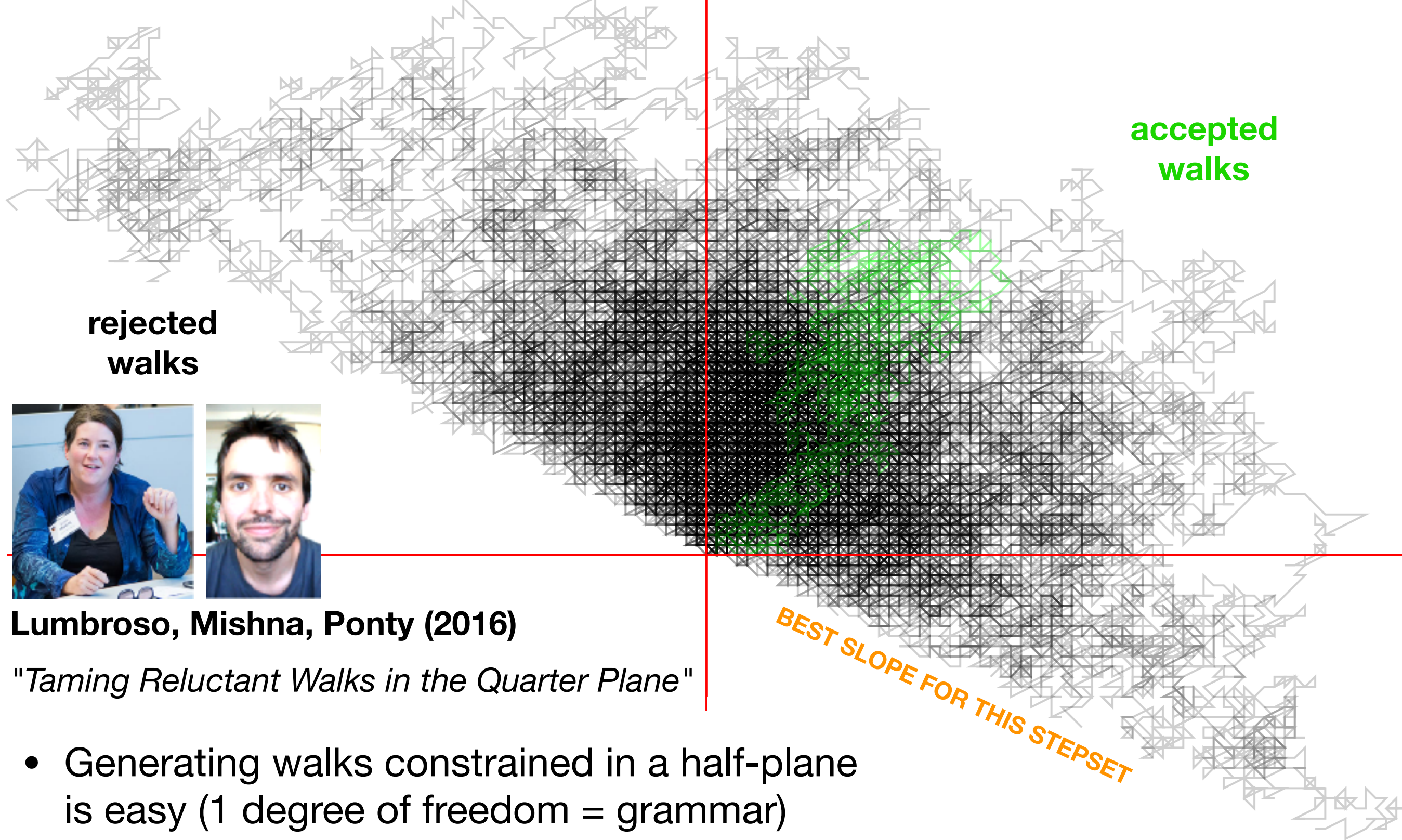
Zeros of approximations to the zeta function

by

H. L. MONTGOMERY* (Ann Arbor)

2. Reluctant Walks





Lumbroso, Mishna, Ponty (2016)

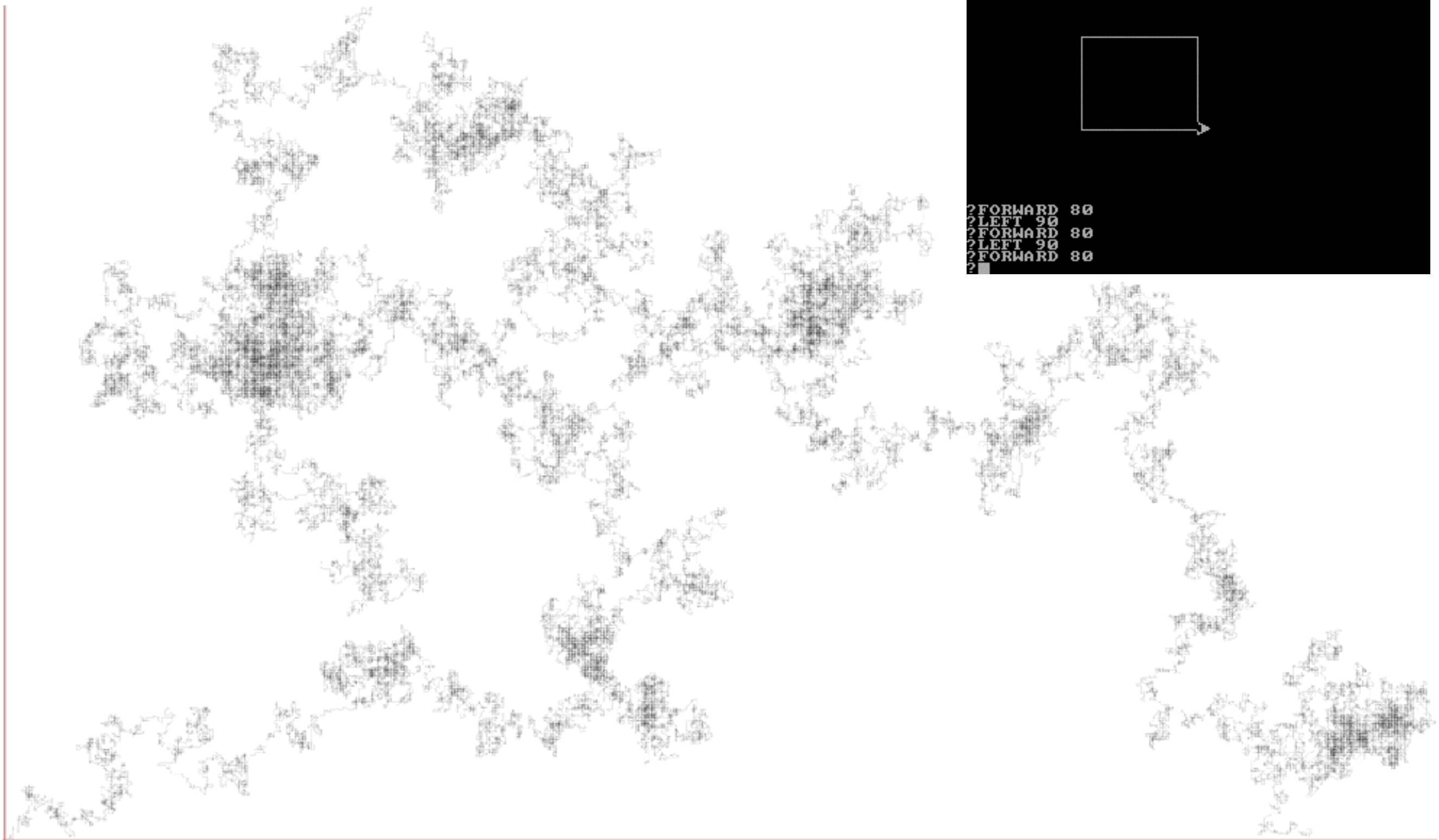
"Taming Reluctant Walks in the Quarter Plane"

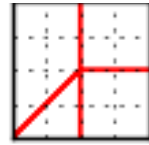
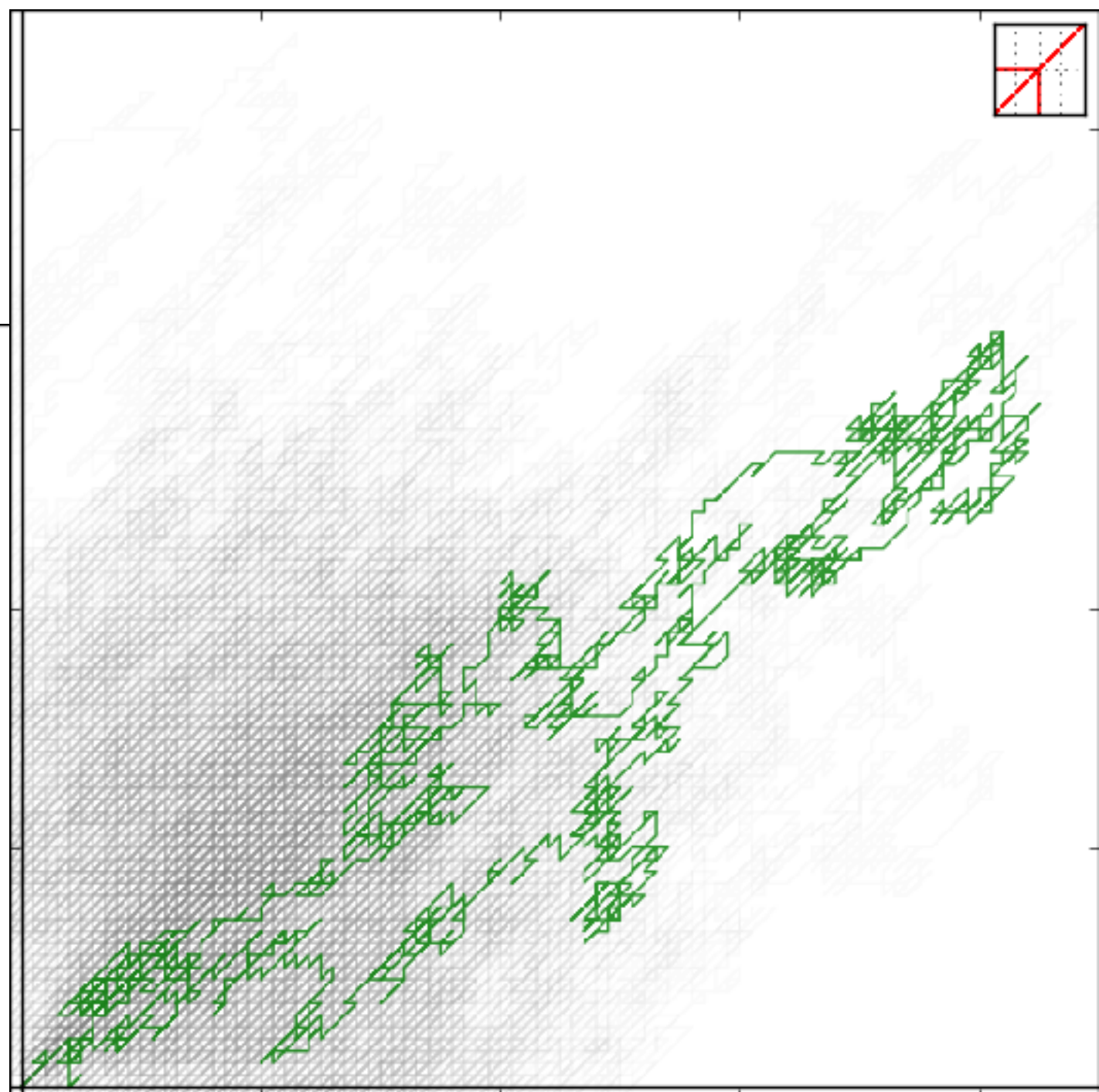
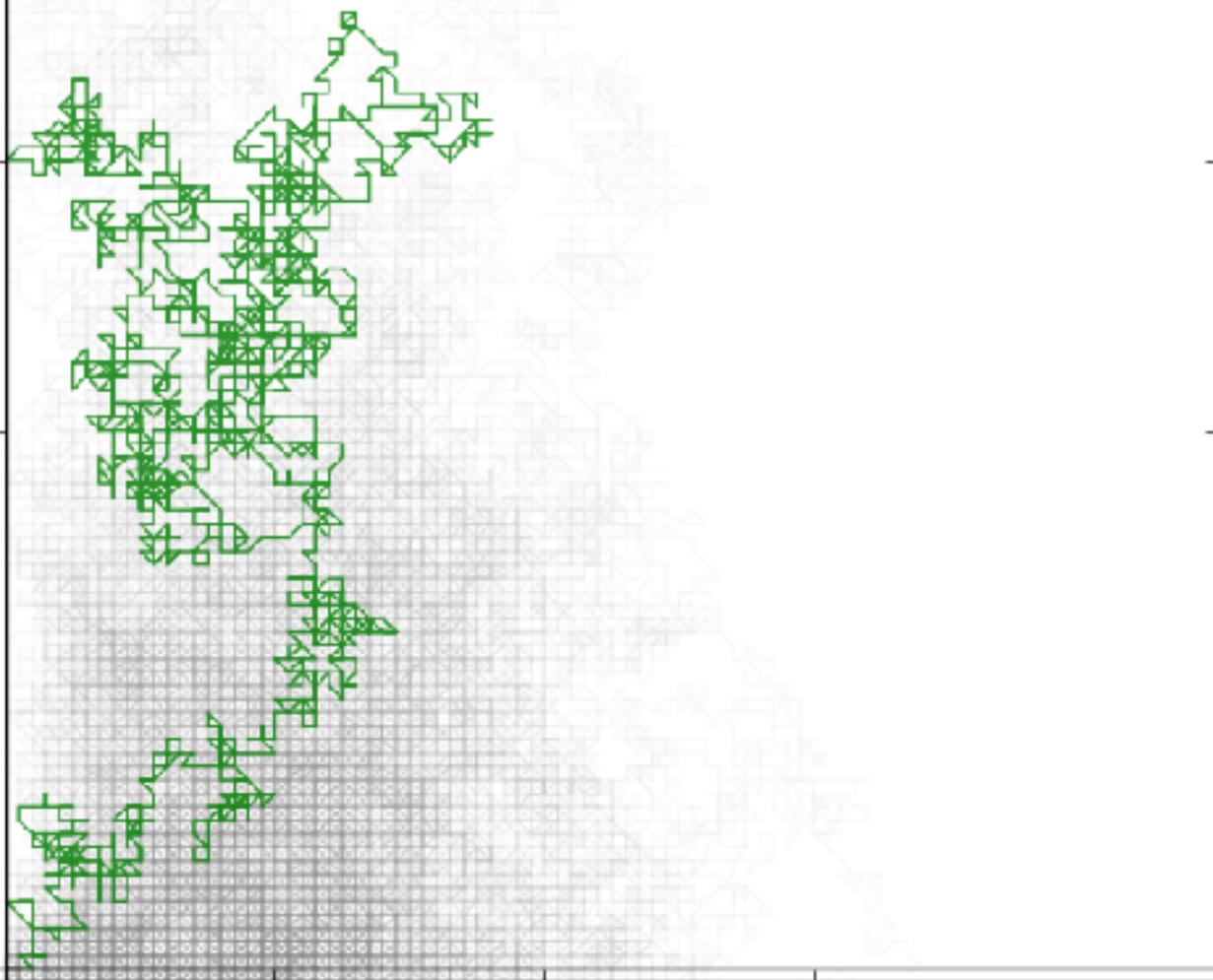
- Generating walks constrained in a half-plane is easy (1 degree of freedom = grammar)
- So generate in a half-plane + reject what is not in quarter-plane
- Using prior result (Johnson *et al.*), pick *best* half-plane (with least rejection)

Lumbroso, Mishna, Ponty (2016)

A big (91760 steps), *very difficult to generate* reluctant quarter plane walk.

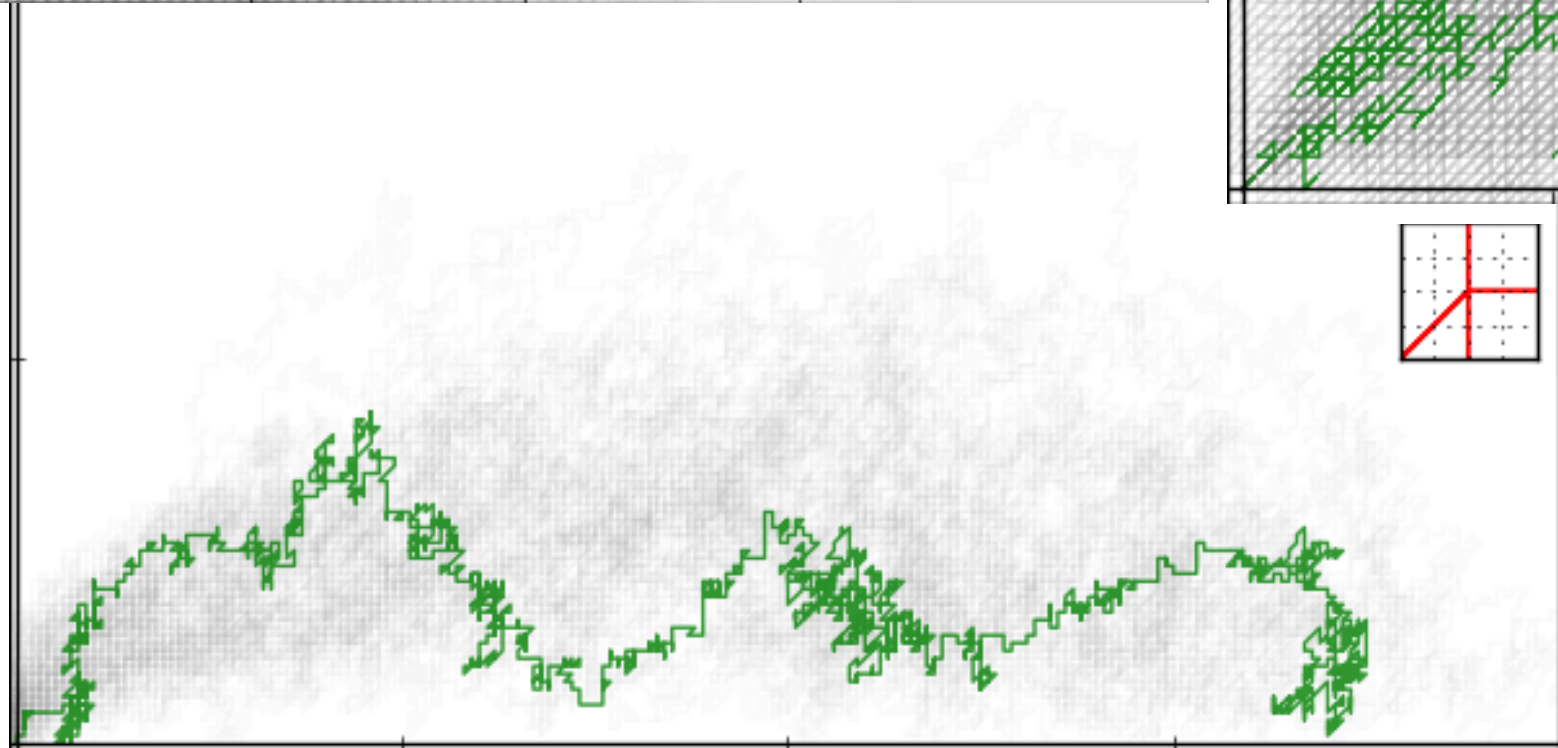
`walk-6_6-91760.pdf`





github.com/jlumbroso/reluctant-walks

(2018)



334 lines (333 sloc) 810 KB

Examples of different walks

```
In [1]: %matplotlib inline

In [2]: # Fix path to have the root of the 'reliquant_walks'
import sys
sys.path.append("../")

In [3]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import reliquant_walks

from reliquant_walks import Step, StepSet
from reliquant_walks.compilers.geargens import GenRG
from reliquant_walks.compilers.combstruct import Comb

from reliquant_walks.reference import is_quarter_plane,
model, POSSIBLE_NT_SLOPES

from reliquant_walks.graphics import plot_walk
from reliquant_walks.graphics import plot_walk_region
from reliquant_walks.graphics import plot_stepsets, p

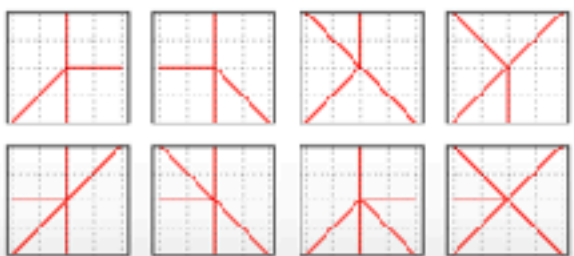
In [4]: plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (6.0, 6.0)

In [5]: by_best_slope = list(POSSIBLE_NT_SLOPES)
if 0 in by_best_slope:
    del by_best_slope[by_best_slope.index(0)]
models_1 = get_nontrivial_qw_model(by_drift=[-1], by
st_slope=by_best_slope)
models_2 = get_nontrivial_qw_model(by_drift=[-2], by
st_slope=by_best_slope)
models = models_1
model = models[2]

Out[5]: {'best_slope': (3, 1),
'coord': (4, 10),
'drift': -1,
'id': 17,
'size': 4,
'steps': [(0, 1), (1, -1), (-1, -1), (-1, 1)],
'stepset': StepSet
  s61: (0, +1) weight: 1
  s62: (+1, -1) weight: -1
  s63: (-1, -1) weight: -1
  s64: (-1, +1) weight: 1
}

In [7]: ax = plot_stepsets(map(lambda x: x['stepset'], models_1),
len(models_1))

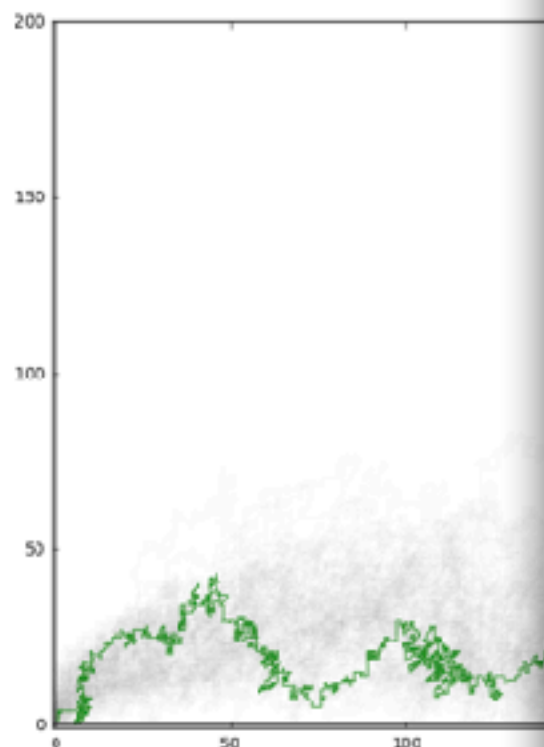
Out[7]: 11
```



Plotting different models

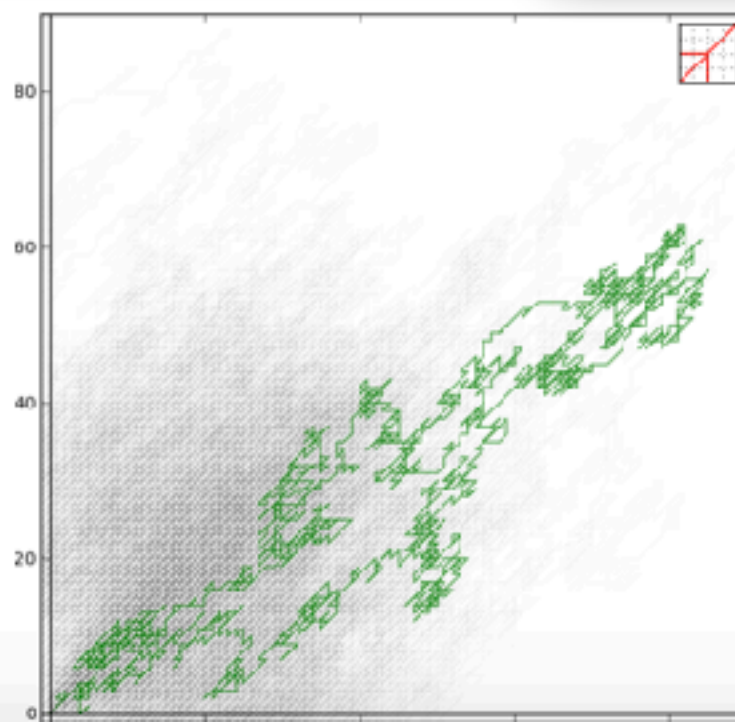
```
In [12]: a_ssp = sel_models[0]
a_ssp.slope = a_ssp.get_best_slope()
a_ggwc = GenRGWalkCompiler(a_ssp)
a_u_walks = a_ggwc.generate(100, 2000)
a_r_walks = filter(is_quarter_plane, a_u_walks)
a_b_walks = filter(lambda w: not is_quarter

In [13]: (afig, aax) = plot_walk_region(a_b_walks +
200, 200), inset_stepset=a_ssp, inset_loc=
```



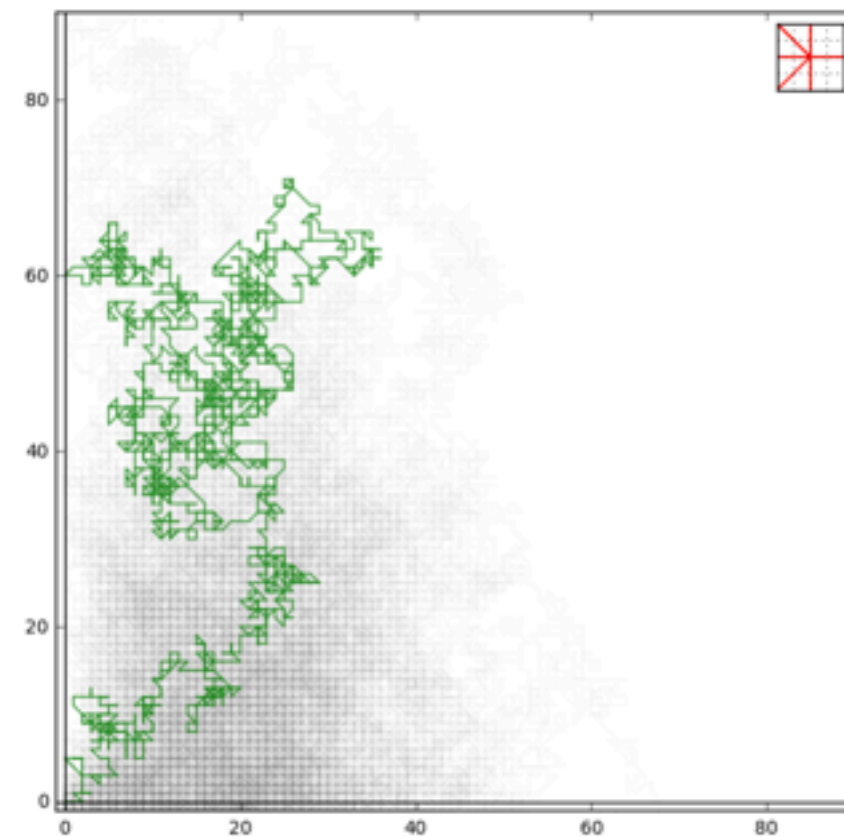
```
In [14]: b_ssp = sel_models[1]
b_ssp.slope = b_ssp.get_best_slope()
b_ggwc = GenRGWalkCompiler(b_ssp)
b_u_walks = b_ggwc.generate(100, 2000)
b_r_walks = filter(is_quarter_plane, b_u_walks)
b_b_walks = filter(lambda w: not is_quarter

In [15]: (bfig, bax) = plot_walk_region(b_b_walks + [b_r_walks[0]], borders=(-1,-1),
90, 50), inset_stepset=b_ssp, inset_loc=1)
```



```
In [16]: c_ssp = sel_models[2]
c_ssp.slope = c_ssp.get_best_slope()
c_ggwc = GenRGWalkCompiler(c_ssp)
c_u_walks = c_ggwc.generate(100, 2000)
c_r_walks = filter(is_quarter_plane, c_u_walks)
c_b_walks = filter(lambda w: not is_quarter_plane(w), c_u_walks)

In [17]: (cfig, cax) = plot_walk_region(c_b_walks + [c_r_walks[1]], borders=(-1,-1),
90, 90), inset_stepset=c_ssp, inset_loc=1)
```



```
In [18]: afig.savefig("example_a.png")
bfig.savefig("example_b.png")
cfig.savefig("example_c.png")
```

Powered by:



Hoping for a healthier project

- Hosting the project on GitHub
- Other can fork and modify

Rich meta-data on the project, for discovery

Reluctant walks tend to exit the quarter-plane in which they are constrained (because of strong negative drift), but this work shows how to randomly sample large reluctant walks anyway. (Lumbroso, Mishna, Ponty, 2017)

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31 commits 1 branch 0 releases 1 contributor LGPL-3.0

Examples/Tests

examples Removed ugly border from example image. 3 months ago

reluctant-walks Added several plotting features, which are insets of the set. Added new... 3 months ago

gitignore Initial major refactoring of the legacy codebase. reluctant_walks ini... 3 months ago

LICENSE Initial commit. 3 months ago

README.md Version change for pypi. 3 months ago

setup.cfg Added setup.cfg for pypi. 3 months ago

Short & Sweet README

Sampling from Reluctant Quarter-Plane Walks

Reluctant walks tend to exit the quarter-plane in which they are constrained, but this work shows how to randomly sample large reluctant walks anyway.

Installation

One-Line Installation

```
pip install reluctant_walks
```

Although the package will degrade gracefully, it has some dependencies for certain of its functionalities:

- The Sage environment, to solve the equation necessary to compute the best slope for any family of quarter-plane walk. (Without Sage, it is possible to experiment on the "79 non-trivial small stepset models" for which we have precomputed the best slope with some accuracy.)

- Repository self-documented, both for potential/actual users, and future contributors/person who will take-over eventually

- Either [GenRGenS](#) or [Maple](#) as a backend to randomly sample walks given an algebraic grammar, if you wish to be able to randomly generate walks.

In addition, it is recommended to have [matplotlib](#) to visualize the walks, and [Jupyter Notebook](#) to experiment with the package. See the [notebook](#) folder for examples.

Example

Typical/Promotional Example

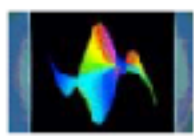
Below is a single walk of size 2000 in green, on a backdrop of many other walks that were also sampled, but which do not remain in the upper-right quarter-plane. There are further such examples in the [VisualizingWalks.ipynb](#) notebook.



Bibliography

Bousquet-Mélou, Mireille, and Marni Mishna (2010). "Walks with small steps in the quarter plane." *Contemporary Mathematics*, 520, pp. 1-40.

Lumbroso, Jeremie, Marni Mishna, and Yann Ponty (2017). "Taming Reluctant Random Walks in the Positive Quad" *Electronic Notes in Discrete Mathematics* (59), pp. 99-114.



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Combinatorics meets computer algebra!

Here is a series of notes that describe interactions between combinatorial analysis, discrete mathematics, and computer algebra. They discuss combinatorial explorations using the Maple system for symbolic computation, in conjunction with packages like *Comstruct*, *Gfun* and *Mgfun* that are described under the topic [Library](#).

- [Introductory worksheets](#)
- [Volume I \(1996\)](#)
- [Volume II \(1997\)](#)
- [Volume III \(2001–2003\)](#)

The documents are mostly in the form of Maple Worksheets (mws), Postscript (ps) and Html (html) files.

These pages are maintained by [Frédéric Chyzak](#), [Phillippe Flajolet](#), and [Bruno Salvy](#).

Volume III (2001–2003)

• Special Functions Manipulations

- *Borel Resummation of Divergent Series Using Gfun* [Frédéric Chyzak, Marianne Durand, and Bruno Salvy]. For some "irregular singular" problems coming from differential equations, there exist formal power series solutions that are everywhere divergent. These power series turn out to make sense as asymptotic expansions of actual solutions. The Borel summation technique is used to recover convergent representations for these actual functions solutions. For a fairly large class of integrands, this technique leads to algorithmic calculations using Gfun. [[mws](#) | [ps](#) | [html](#)]
(This session is based on a talk by Lutz at our seminar, of which a summary is also available [[ps](#) | [pdf](#)].)
- *An Algolib-aided version of Apéry's proof of the irrationality of zeta(3)* [Bruno Salvy]. This worksheet gives a complete proof of this irrationality. A central part of it has already been discussed in our Volume II (Variations on the Sequence of Apéry Numbers). [[mws](#) | [ps](#) | [html](#)]
- *A Computer-Aided Proof of a Corrected Version of 10.2.32 in Abramowitz & Stegun's HNS* [Frédéric Chyzak]. This work derives a closed-form for the derivative of the modified Bessel function of the first kind, $I_\nu(x)$ with regard to the parameter ν , evaluated at $\nu=1/2$, in terms of exponential integrals. The original formula in the celebrated Handbook of Mathematical Functions has a sign error. Here, we rediscover the correct expression. [[mw](#) | [ps](#) | [pdf](#)]

Volume II (1997)

• Combinatorics

- *Combinatorics of Non-Crossing Configurations* [Frédéric Cazals]. Take points on a circle and consider graphs based on these points such that no edges cross. A [fairly complete theory](#) of these constrained random graphs can be developed. Planarity entails a very strong combinatorial decomposability that is especially well suited to a detailed treatment by Comstruct. [[mws \(138kb\)](#) | [ps \(407kb\)](#) | [html](#)]
- *Constrained Permutations and the Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion* [Phillippe Flajolet]. This is a Maple worksheet (Maple, version 5.4) based on the Comstruct and Gfun packages. It shows how to enumerate many classes of permutations with constraints on the number of occurrences of different patterns (permutations, elements). This covers some celebrated combinatorial problems (the



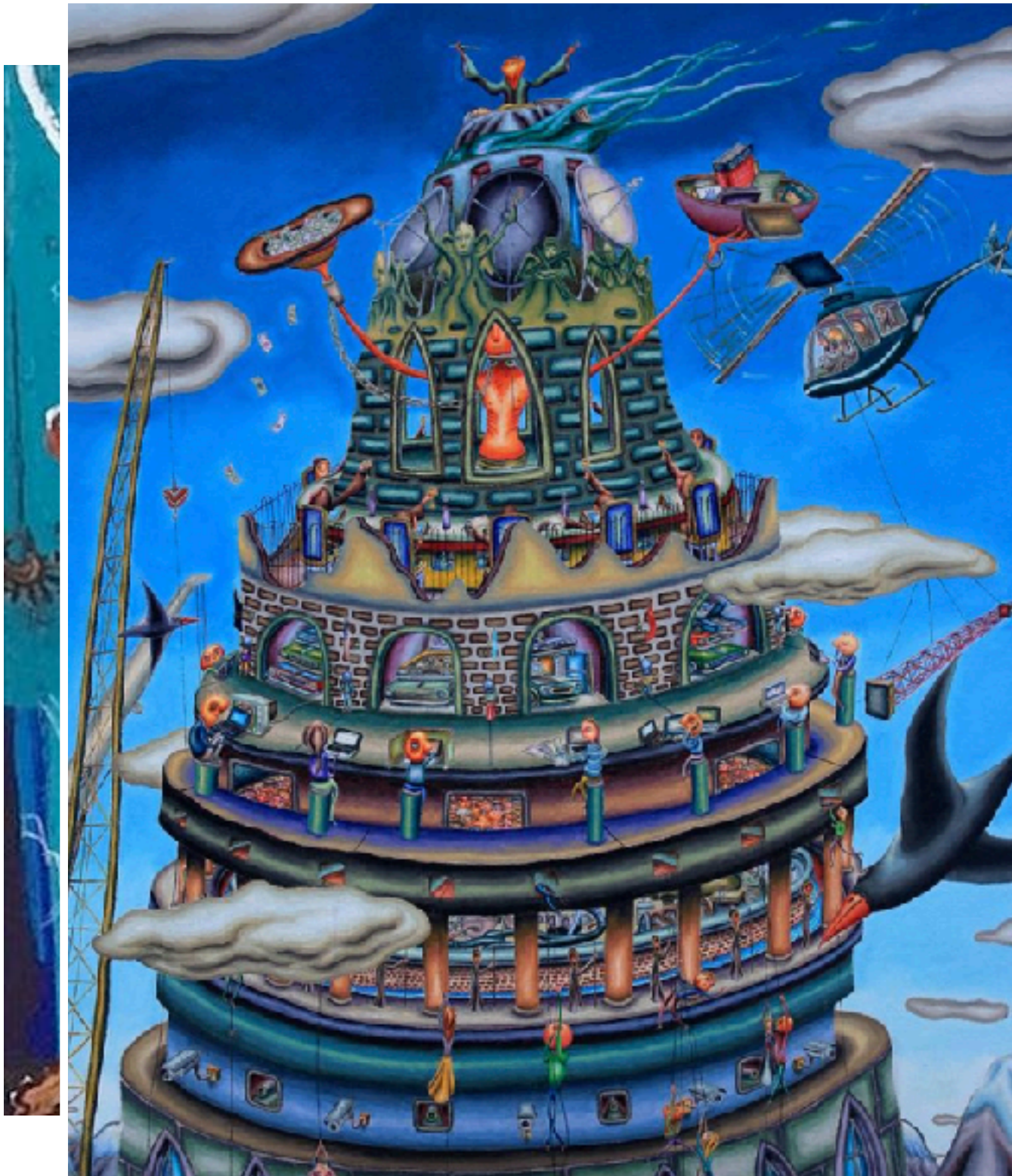
That was the plan all along...

Recall the AofA Motto: “If you can *specify* it...”

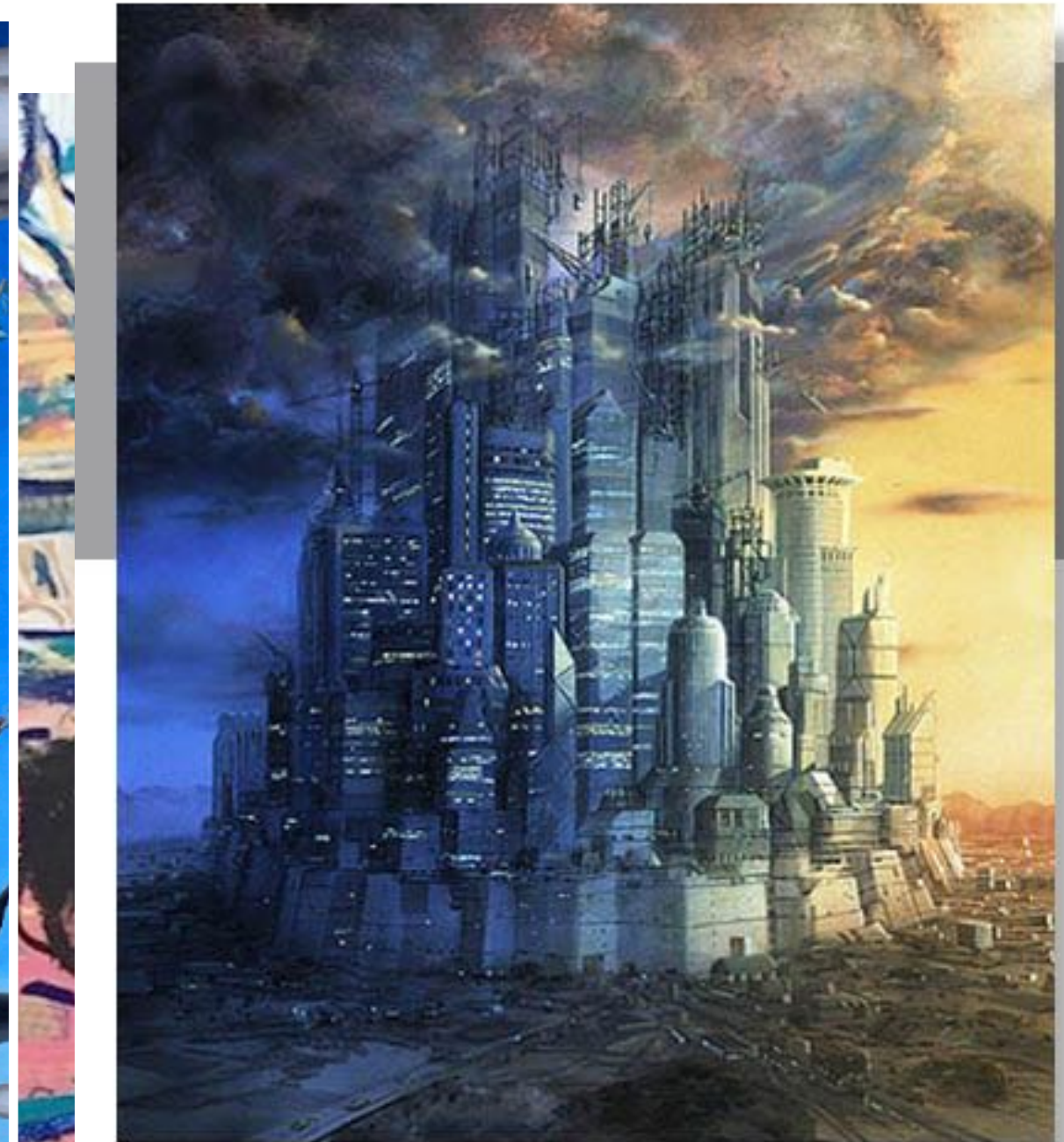
- Emphasis on grammars as a first-order tool
- Emphasis on automated theorems



3. *Can you Specify it?*



Rebuilding The Tower Of Babel is a painting by Marcel Flisiuk which was uploaded on January 18th, 2011, fair use.

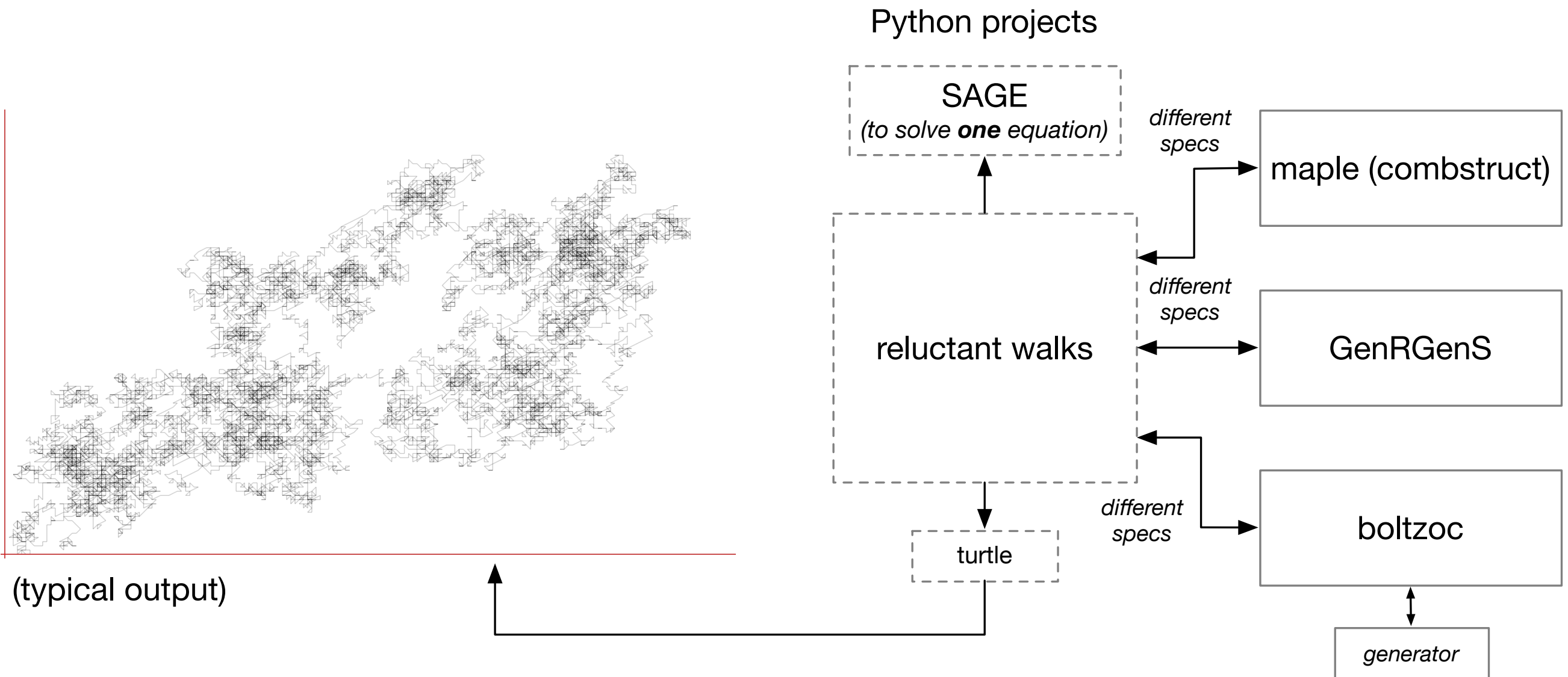


2000, 500 x 600 mm, Gesso, Acrylics and oil Pencil on Board.
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Tarek Sebastian Al-shammaa. *Tower of Babel*, 2016, Acrylic and oil on canvas, 183 x 184 cm, fair use.

reluctant_walks architecture



- `reluctant_walks` built on software of community
- that meant producing very different formats of grammar specifications

Different Specs Yesterday

```
TYPE = GRAMMAR
```

```
SYMBOLS = LETTERS
```

GenRGenS

```
RULES = (Ponty, Denise, 2006)
```

```
S -> a S b S;
```

```
S -> c S;
```

```
S -> ;
```

```
{  
  S = Union(  
    Prod(Prod(a, S), Prod(b, S)),  
    Union(Prod(c, S),  
          Epsilon)),  
  a = Atom,  
  b = Atom,  
  c = Atom,  
} construct (Maple/Zimmerman, Mishna, ... 94)
```

boltzoc (Darrasse, 2010, recently Lumbroso, 2016–)

```
s = sys_new(4);  
sys_add_eq(s, 1, sum(prod(  
  prod(ref(2), ref(1)), prod(ref(3),  
  ref(1))),  
  sum(prod(ref(4), ref(1),  
  epsilon())));  
sys_add_eq(s, 2, atom());  
sys_add_eq(s, 3, atom());  
sys_add_eq(s, 4, atom());
```

Different Specs Today

```
set zstart 0.01
set min 10
set max 200
set try 50000
```

Arbogen
(Peschanski, Dien, 2014)

```
Tree ::= Serie + Parallel
Serie ::= Leaf * <z> + P * P * SEQ(P)
P ::= Parallel + Leaf * <z>
Parallel ::= Leaf * <z> + S * S * SEQ(S)
S ::= Serie + Leaf * <z>
```

```
-- Motzkin trees
```

```
@module Sampler
@precision 1.0e-12
@maxiter 30
```

```
@withIO y
@withLists y
@withShow y
```

```
M = Leaf | Unary M [0.3] | Binary M M.
```

Boltzmann Brain
(Bendkowski, Bodini, Dovgal, 2018)

```
{-# LANGUAGE DeriveDataTypeable #-}
```

```
import Test.QuickCheck BoltzmannSamplers
import Data.Data (Li-yao Xia, 2017)
import Boltzmann.Data
```

```
data Term = Lambda Int Term | App Term Term | Var Int
  deriving (Show, Data)
```

```
instance Arbitrary Term where
  arbitrary = sized $ generatorPWith [positiveInts]
```

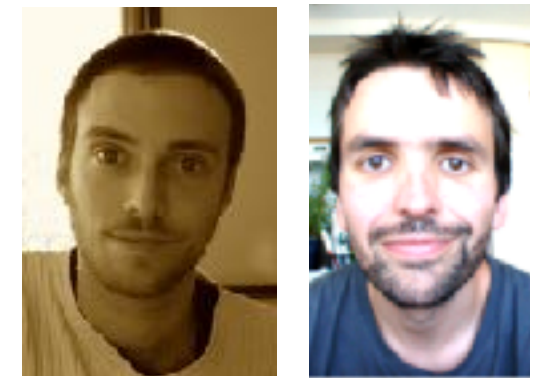
```
positiveInts :: Alias Gen
positiveInts =
  alias $ \() -> fmap getPositive arbitrary :: Gen Int
```

```
main = sample (arbitrary :: Gen Term)
```

(The prog. language connections
is in large part thanks to
Darrasse and Canou, and APR.)



(See RDOS for proof!)



lipn.univ-paris13.fr/rdos/index.php
(2013)

- online website to run our tools without installing them
- was designed before the recent API-craze
- one pitfall is that all tools require very different input parameters



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combstruct2json (2018)

Using a common input format

- Optimized library written in C
- 5000+ eqs, 115.95 MB only takes 1 min. system on my Macbook
- Wrapper in Python/Sage (next page)

```
$ pip install combstruct2json
```

```
$ cat tests/cographs
```

```
G = Set(Co),  
Co = Union(Ge, Gc, v, Prod(v,v)),  
Ge = Union(Set(Sc, card=2), Prod(Sc,v)),  
Gc = Set(Union(v, Sc), card>=3),  
Sc = Set(Union(v, C), card>=2),  
C = Set(Union(v, Sc), card>=2),  
v = Atom
```

```
$ cat example.py
```

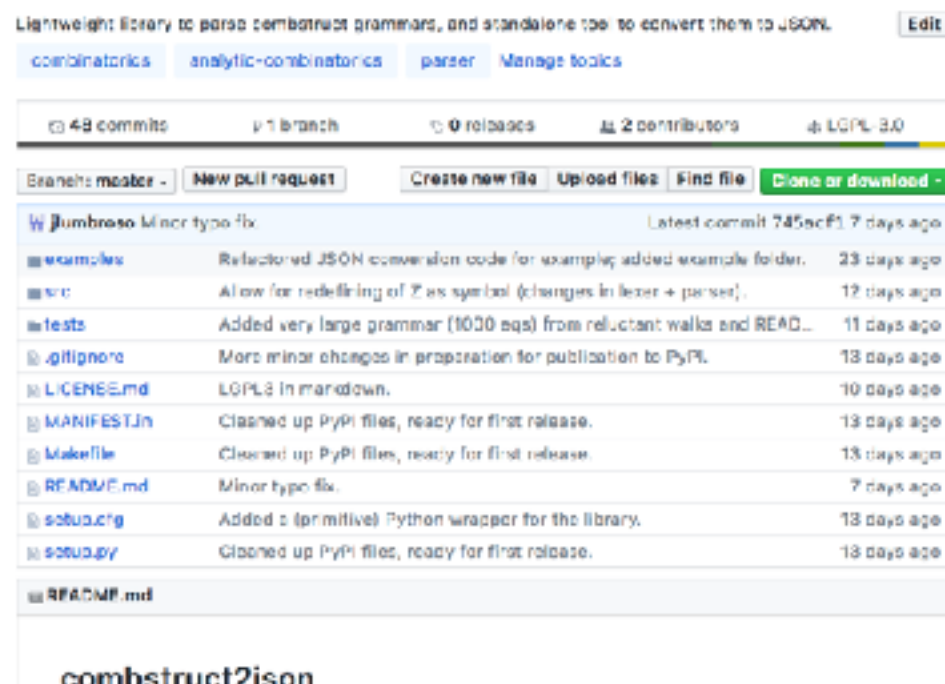
```
import combstruct2json  
d = combstruct2json.read_file("tests/cographs")  
print("Top-level symbols:")  
print(d.keys())
```

```
$ ./example.py
```

```
Top-level symbols:  
[u'C', u'Co', u'G', u'Ge', u'Gc', u'v', u'Sc']
```

github.com/jlumbroso/combstruct2json

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The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'combstruct2json'. At the top, it says 'Lightweight library to parse combstruct grammars, and standalone tool to convert them to JSON.' Below this are navigation links for 'combinatorics', 'analytic-combinatorics', 'parser', and 'Manage tools'. The repository statistics show 48 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, 2 contributors, and a license of LGPL 3.0. The current branch is 'master'. A list of recent commits is visible, including 'Refactored JSON conversion code for example; added example folder.' (23 days ago), 'Allow for redefining of Z as symbol (changes in lexer + parser).' (12 days ago), and 'Added very large grammar (1000 eqs) from reluctant walks and READ...' (11 days ago). The repository name 'combstruct2json' is visible at the bottom.

combstruct2json (2018)

Using a common input format

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W	Jumbroso	Minor type fix	Latest commit 745acff 7 days ago
examples	Refactored JSON conversion code for examples; added example folder.	23 days ago	
src	Allow for redefining of Z as symbol (changes in lexer + parser).	12 days ago	
tests	Added very large grammar (1000 eqs) from reluctant walks and READ...	11 days ago	
.gitignore	More minor changes in preparation for publication to PyPI.	13 days ago	
LICENSE.md	LGPL3 in markdown.	10 days ago	
MANIFEST.in	Cleaned up PyPI files, ready for first release.	13 days ago	
Makefile	Cleaned up PyPI files, ready for first release.	13 days ago	
README.md	Minor type fix.	7 days ago	
setup.cfg	Added a (primitive) Python wrapper for the library.	13 days ago	
setup.py	Cleaned up PyPI files, ready for first release.	13 days ago	

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combstruct2json

This project provides:

1. A highly optimized, extensible, lightweight linkable library to parse [combstruct](#) grammars, implemented in C/C++.
2. An independently available Python wrapper that, given a grammar file, outputs a `dict` according to the JSON specification below.
3. A standalone commandline utility that can be piped to other tools (or called as an external system command from a host language such as Ruby, or JavaScript).

The folder `examples` contains usage examples for the linkable library, the folder `tests` contains sample grammars that can be parsed.

This library is already used by projects, such as [boltzoc](#), the fast Analytic Sampler Grade in C.

Example

```
$ cat tests/cographs
G = Set(Co),
Co = Union(Ge, Sc, v, Prod(v,v)),
Ge = Union(Set(Sc, card=2), Prod(Sc,v)),
Sc = Set(Union(v, Sc), card=3),
Sv = Set(Union(v, C), card=2),
C = Set(Union(v, Sc), card=2),
v = Atom
```

would then produce the following JSON output:

```
$ make all
$ ./combstruct2json tests/cographs
{ "G": [ { "type": "op", "op": "Set", "param": [ { "type": "id", "id": "Co" } ] }, {
```

which can be prettified, for instance, using Python, for better legibility:

```
$ ./combstruct2json tests/cographs | python -m json.tool | head
{
  "G": [
    {
      "op": "Set",
      "param": [
        {
          "op": "Union",
          "param": [
            {
              "id": "v",
              "type": "id"
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

if you build and install the Python wrapper, you may also read a grammar directly from a Python program:

```
import combstruct2json
d = combstruct2json.read_file("tests/cographs")
print("Top-level symbols:")
print(d.keys())
```

which would print out:

```
Top-level symbols:
['G', 'Co', 'Ge', 'Sc', 'v', 'C', 'Sv']
```

Installation

You can build the project from scratch, if you have the necessary dependencies:

1. You may need to install `flex` and `libson`, if you don't already have them.
2. Run `make all` to create the executable `combstruct2json`, the static C/C++ library, and the Python wrapper library.
3. Run `./combstruct2json <filename>` to print the parsed JSON output, from the grammar contained in the given file.

Alternatively, you may wish to install the Python library directly from PyPI (possibly in your user directory). This step will fetch the latest source after it has been processed by `testparser` and so does not require they be installed:

```
$ pip install combstruct2json
```

Draft specification of JSON output

Because one purpose to enable easier interoperability with existing work using symbolic specifications in Maple, this library uses [Maple's specification](#) for `combstruct` grammars as a starting point.

The output is a JSON string which represents a dictionary mapping symbol names to an abstract syntax tree. Each node of the grammar is represented by a node in the JSON tree:

- For unit elements (with or without a weight), the `type` is `unit`; the available field is `unit` to describe the type of element (an atom, or epsilon). Example:

```
{ "type": "unit", "unit": "Epsilon" }
```

- For variable references, the `type` is `id`; the available field is `id` which should specify the

```

#include <Python.h>
#include "../combstruct2json.h"

/*****
Adapted from:
https://dfm.io/posts/python-c-extensions/
*****/

/* Exception */
static PyObject *Combstruct2JsonError;

/* Docstrings */
static char module_docstring[] =
    "This module provides an interface " +
    "for parsing combstruct grammars.";
static char read_file_docstring[] =
    "Parse the combstruct grammar file " +
    "and return JSON string.";

/* Available functions */
static PyObject *combstruct2json_read_file(
    PyObject *self, PyObject *args);

/* Module specification */
static PyMethodDef module_methods[] = {
    {"read_file", combstruct2json_read_file,
     METH_VARARGS, read_file_docstring},
    {NULL, NULL, 0, NULL}
};

/* Initialize the module */
void initcombstruct2json(void)
{
    PyObject *m = Py_InitModule3("combstruct2json",
                                module_methods,
                                module_docstring);

    if (m == NULL)
        return;

    // Initializing our custom exception
    Combstruct2JsonError = PyErr_NewException(
        "combstruct2json.error", NULL, NULL);
    Py_INCREF(Combstruct2JsonError);
    PyModule_AddObject(m, "error", Combstruct2JsonError);
}

```

**Actual
external
call**



```

static PyObject *combstruct2json_read_file(PyObject *self,
                                           PyObject *args)
{
    char *arg_filename;

    /* Parse the input tuple */
    if (!PyArg_ParseTuple(args, "s", &arg_filename)) {
        PyErr_SetString(Combstruct2JsonError,
            "Parsing filename for `read_file` failed.");
        return NULL;
    }

    /* Call the external C function to parse the grammar. */
    Grammar* root = readGrammar(arg_filename);

    /* Convert to JSON string. */
    char *ret_jsonstr = root->toJson(root);

    if (ret_jsonstr == NULL) {
        free(root);
        PyErr_SetString(Combstruct2JsonError,
            "Parsing grammar failed for unknown reasons.");
        return NULL;
    }

    /* Build the Python output string. */
    PyObject *py_ret_jsonstr = Py_BuildValue("s", ret_jsonstr);

    /* Run "import json; json.loads(s)" to return dictionary. */
    PyObject* myModuleString = PyString_FromString((char*)"json");
    PyObject* myModule = PyImport_Import(myModuleString);
    PyObject* myFunction = PyObject_GetAttrString(myModule,
                                                (char*)"loads");

    PyObject* myArgs = PyTuple_Pack(1, py_ret_jsonstr);
    PyObject* py_ret_json = PyObject_CallObject(myFunction,
                                                myArgs);

    /* Clean up. */
    free(root);
    free(ret_jsonstr);

    Py_DECREF(myModuleString);
    Py_DECREF(myModule);
    Py_DECREF(myFunction);
    Py_DECREF(myArgs);

    /* Return output. */
    return py_ret_json;
}

```


What is the point of making an effort?

- We have terrific results, which perhaps could have more impact, particular externally
- Results grounded in theory; users of the theory don't necessarily want (or are able) to understand anything about it
- Case in point:

Unfortunately, that is subsumed by ██████████ in expressiveness and in performance, even though Boltzmann generators theoretically have the best asymptotic complexity.

Summary

- Open-source has dramatically changed: From dominated (by Microsoft, etc.), to dominating (phone OSes, Internet libraries, backend libraries and servers, etc.)
- **reluctant_walks**: a project for random generation of reluctant walks that integrates well with Sage; GitHub repository is a template of one model for sustainable package development in our community
- First set of integrated libraries and tools:
 - **combstruct2json**: a project to unify grammar specification languages
 - **ecs-data**: Encyclopedia of Combinatorial Structures in JSON+combstruct format, to provide robust base dataset in the grammar specification format
 - **boltzoc**: standard oracle for algebraic (tree) grammars
- Tools can be integrated in SAGE (eventual goal) or any other project
- Recommend a **regular session software at every edition of AofA**

And now...

