

On the Graph Isomorphism Problem

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abstract

Motivated by Babai's recent breakthrough, a quasi-polynomial time algorithm for the graph isomorphism problem, I shall describe the unique position of this problem within the computational complexity hierarchy. In particular, I will show why the problem is believed not to be NP-complete, and how it is possible to give short proofs that two graphs are NOT isomorphic. Some non-trivial special cases of the problem that have polynomial-time algorithms will be mentioned. I will also talk about the relationship of the problem with permutation groups and the string isomorphism problem.

