

Personnage du jour



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Nombreuses contributions en informatique fondamentale, dont l'algorithme L^* qui "apprend" efficacement un **langage régulier** caché (à partir de requêtes).

Inventaire des techniques de preuves :

Proof by example :

The author gives only the case $n=2$ and suggests that it contains most of the ideas of the general proof.

Proof by intimidation :

'Trivial.'

Proof by vigorous handwaving :

Works well in a classroom or seminar setting.

Proof by cumbersome notation :

Best done with access to at least four alphabets and special symbols.

Proof by exhaustion :

An issue or two of a journal devoted to your proof is useful.

Proof by omission :

'The reader may easily supply the details.'

'The other 253 cases are analogous.'

Proof by obfuscation :

A long plotless sequence of true and/or meaningless syntactically related statements.

Proof by funding :

How could three different government agencies be wrong ?

Proof by eminent authority :

'I saw Karp in the elevator and he said it was probably NP-complete.'

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<https://users.cs.northwestern.edu/~riesbeck/proofs.html>