# BULLETIN of the 

A MERICAN MATHEMATICALSOCIETY

Editors


Available electronically at www.ams.org/bull/

## Bulletin (New Series) of the American Mathematical Society

The Bulletin publishes expository articles on contemporary mathematical research written in a way that gives insight to mathematicians who may not be experts in the particular topic. The Bulletin publishes, by invitation only, reviews of selected books in mathematics and short articles in the "Mathematical Perspectives" section.

Submission information. See Information for Authors at the end of this issue.
Publisher Item Identifier. The Publisher Item Identifier (PII) appears at the top of the first page of each article published in this journal. This alphanumeric string of characters uniquely identifies each article and can be used for future cataloging, searching, and electronic retrieval.

Postings to the AMS website. Articles are posted to the AMS website individually after proof is returned from authors and before appearing in an issue.

Subscription information. Bulletin (New Series) of the American Mathematical Society is published quarterly. The Bulletin is also accessible electronically, starting with the January 1992 issue, from www.ams.org/journals/. For paper delivery, subscription prices for Volume 45 (2008) are US $\$ 435$ list, US $\$ 348$ institutional member, US $\$ 261$ individual member. The subscription price for members is included in the annual dues. A late charge of $10 \%$ of the subscription price will be imposed upon orders received from nonmembers after January 1 of the subscription year. Subscribers outside the United States and India must pay a postage surcharge of US\$8; subscribers in India must pay a postage surcharge of US\$15. Expedited delivery to destinations in North America is US\$12; elsewhere US\$28.

Back number information. For back issues see www.ams.org/bookstore/.
Subscriptions and orders should be addressed to the American Mathematical Society, P.O. Box 845904 , Boston, MA 02284-5904 USA. All orders must be accompanied by payment. Other correspondence should be addressed to the American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA.

Copying and reprinting. Material in this journal may be reproduced by any means for educational and scientific purposes without fee or permission with the exception of reproduction by services that collect fees for delivery of documents and provided that the customary acknowledgment of the source is given. This consent does not extend to other kinds of copying for general distribution, for advertising or promotional purposes, or for resale. Requests for permission for commercial use of material should be addressed to the Acquisitions Department, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA. Requests can also be made by email to reprint-permission@ams.org.

Excluded from these provisions is material in articles for which the author holds copyright. In such cases, requests for permission to use or reprint should be addressed directly to the author(s). (Copyright ownership is indicated in the notice in the lower right-hand corner of the first page of each article.)

[^0](C) 2008 American Mathematical Society. All rights reserved.

This journal is indexed in Mathematical Reviews, Science Citation Index ${ }^{\circledR}$, Science Citation Index ${ }^{T M}$-Expanded, ISI Alerting Services ${ }^{\text {SM }}$, CompuMath Citation Index ${ }^{\circledR}$, and Current Contents ${ }^{\circledR} /$ Physical, Chemical \& Earth Sciences. This journal is archived in Portico. Printed in the United States of America.
(®) The paper used in this journal is acid-free and falls within the guidelines established to ensure permanence and durability. $10987654321 \quad 131211100908$

# BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY CONTENTS 

Vol. 45, No. 4

October 2008

## ARTICLES

D. Hejhal and P. Sarnak, Some commentary on Atle Selberg's mathe- matics ..... 485
Peter J. Forrester and S. Ole Warnaar, The importance of the Selberg integral ..... 489
Maria J. Esteban, Mathieu Lewin, and Eric Séré, Variational methods in relativistic quantum mechanics ..... 535
M. Joachim and D. J. Wraith, Exotic spheres and curvature ..... 595
MATHEMATICAL PERSPECTIVES
Nils A. Baas and Christian F. Skau, The lord of the numbers, Atle Selberg. On his life and mathematics ..... 617
Selected Mathematical Reviews ..... 651
BOOK REVIEWS
Philip Protter (Reviewer), Louis Bachelier's Theory of speculation: The origins of modern finance, by Mark Davis and Alison Etheridge ..... 657
V. S. Varadarajan (Reviewer), Lie groups. An approach through invariants and representations, by Claudio Procesi ..... 661
R. E. Borcherds (Reviewer), Moonshine beyond the monster: The bridge connecting algebra, modular forms and physics, by Terry Gannon ..... 675
ERRATA
Helmut Kaul, Erratum to the review of "Minimal surfaces and functions of bounded variation" ..... 681


Atle Selberg, 1917-2007
Photo, June 1, 1992, Institute for Advanced Study

# INDEX TO VOLUME 45 (2008) 

## BULLETIN ARTICLES

Bárány, Imre. Random points and lattice points in convex bodies, 339
Dolgachev, Igor V. Reflection groups in algebraic geometry, 1
Elliott, George A., and Andrew S. Toms. Regularity properties in the classification program for separable amenable $C^{*}$-algebras, 229
Esteban, Maria J., Mathieu Lewin, and Eric Séré. Variational methods in relativistic quantum mechanics, 535
Forrester, Peter J., and S. Ole Warnaar. The importance of the Selberg integral, 489
Ghrist, Robert. Barcodes: The persistent topology of data, 61
Hejhal, D., and P. Sarnak. Some commentary on Atle Selberg's mathematics, 485
Joachim, M., and D. J. Wraith. Exotic spheres and curvature, 595
Kaloshin, Vadim, and Mark Levi. An example of Arnold diffusion for near-integrable Hamiltonians, 409
Łaba, Izabella. From harmonic analysis to arithmetic combinatorics, 77
Landsberg, J. M. Geometry and the complexity of matrix multiplication, 247
Levi, Mark. See Kaloshin, Vadim
Lewin, Mathieu. See Esteban, Maria J.
Maggi, F. Some methods for studying stability in isoperimetric type problems, 367
Mazur, Barry. Finding meaning in error terms, 185
Sarnak, P. See Hejhal, D.
Séré, Eric. See Esteban, Maria J.
Stoimenow, A. Tait's conjectures and odd crossing number amphicheiral knots, 285
Toms, Andrew S. See Elliott, George A.
Venkatesh, Akshay. The work of Einsiedler, Katok and Lindenstrauss on the Littlewood conjecture, 117
Warnaar, S. Ole. See Forrester, Peter J.
Wraith, D. J. See Joachim, M.

## MATHEMATICAL PERSPECTIVES

Alexanderson, Gerald L. About the cover: James Joseph Sylvester's Spring's Début, 429
Baas, Nils A., and Christian F. Skau. The lord of the numbers, Atle Selberg. On his life and mathematics, 617
Gray, Jeremy, and Mario Micallef. About the cover: The work of Jesse Douglas on minimal surfaces, 293
Lax, Peter D. Mathematics and physics, 135
Micallef, Mario. See Gray, Jeremy
Skau, Christian F. See Baas, Nils A.
Stuhler, Ulrich, Carsten Thiel, and Stefan Wiedmann. About the cover: Alfred Clebsch on crystallography, 153
Thiel, Carsten. See Stuhler, Ulrich
Wiedmann, Stefan. See Stuhler, Ulrich

## BOOK REVIEWS

Björner, Anders, and Francesco Brenti. Combinatorics of Coxeter groups, reviewed by Michael W. Davis, 445

Brenti, Francesco. See Björner, Anders
Capogna, Luca, Carlos E. Kenig, and Loredana Lanzani. Harmonic measure: Geometric and analytic points of view, reviewed by John B. Garnett, 321
Davis, Mark, and Alison Etheridge. Louis Bachelier's Theory of speculation: The origins of modern finance, reviewed by Philip Protter, 657
Demuth, Michael, and M. Krishna. Determining spectra in quantum theory, reviewed by Peter D. Hislop, 469

Dragomir, Sorin, and Giuseppe Tomassini. Differential geometry and analysis on CR manifolds, reviewed by John P. D'Angelo, 177
Efrat, Ido. Valuations, orderings and Milnor K-theory, reviewed by Murray Marshall, 439
Etheridge, Alison. See Davis, Mark

Gannon, Terry. Moonshine beyond the monster: The bridge connecting algebra, modular forms and physics, reviewed by R. E. Borcherds, 675
Gesztesy, Fritz, and Helge Holden. Soliton equations and their algebro-geometric solutions. Vol. I. $(1+1)$-dimensional continuous models, reviewed by Emma Previato, 459

Henrot, Antoine. Extremum problems for eigenvalues of elliptic operators, reviewed by Leonid Friedlander, 335
Holden, Helge. See Gesztesy, Fritz
Kenig, Carlos E. See Capogna, Luca
Kono, Akira, and Dai Tamaki. Generalized cohomology, reviewed by John R. Harper, 309
Krishna, M. See Demuth, Michael
Lam, T. Y. Serre's problem on projective modules, reviewed by Richard G. Swan, 451
__. Introduction to quadratic forms over fields, reviewed by Eva Bayer-Fluckiger, 479
Lanzani, Loredana. See Capogna, Luca
Meyer, Christian. Modular Calabi-Yau threefolds, reviewed by Kefeng Liu, 163
Moreno, Carlos. Advanced analytic number theory: L-functions, reviewed by S. Gelbart, 169
Procesi, Claudio. Lie groups. An approach through invariants and representations, reviewed by V. S. Varadarajan, 661

Tamaki, Dai. See Kono, Akira
Tomassini, Giuseppe. See Dragomir, Sorin
Weiss, Richard M. Quadrangular algebras, reviewed by Mark A. Ronan, 315
Zoladek, H. The monodromy group, reviewed by Yulij Ilyashenko, 329
ERRATA
Kaul, Helmut. Erratum to the review of "Minimal surfaces and functions of bounded variation", 681


A MERICAN M ATHEMATICALSOCIETY

EDITORS<br>Susan Friedlander, Chief Editor<br>Robert L. Devaney, Book Reviews<br>ASSOCIATE EDITORS<br>Jonathan L. Alperin<br>Persi Diaconis<br>Lawrence Craig Evans<br>Edward Frenkel<br>Mark Goresky<br>Andrew J. Granville<br>Steven G. Krantz<br>Peter Kuchment<br>Bryna Kra<br>Barry Mazur<br>Robert A. Oliver<br>Ken Ono<br>Philip E. Protter<br>Paul H. Rabinowitz<br>Panagiotis E. Souganidis<br>Lisa Traynor<br>Yuri Tschinkel<br>Michael Wolf

CONSULTANTS TO THE EDITORS
Gerald L. Alexanderson
Jane Kister

[^1]
## Bulletin (New Series) of the American Mathematical Society

The Bulletin publishes expository articles on contemporary mathematical research written in a way that gives insight to mathematicians who may not be experts in the particular topic. The Bulletin publishes, by invitation only, reviews of selected books in mathematics and short articles in the "Mathematical Perspectives" section.

Submission information. See Information for Authors at the end of this issue.
Publisher Item Identifier. The Publisher Item Identifier (PII) appears at the top of the first page of each article published in this journal. This alphanumeric string of characters uniquely identifies each article and can be used for future cataloging, searching, and electronic retrieval.

Postings to the AMS website. Articles are posted to the AMS website individually after proof is returned from authors and before appearing in an issue.

Subscription information. Bulletin (New Series) of the American Mathematical Society is published quarterly. The Bulletin is also accessible electronically, starting with the January 1992 issue, from www.ams.org/journals/. For paper delivery, subscription prices for Volume 45 (2008) are US $\$ 435$ list, US $\$ 348$ institutional member, US $\$ 261$ individual member. The subscription price for members is included in the annual dues. A late charge of $10 \%$ of the subscription price will be imposed upon orders received from nonmembers after January 1 of the subscription year. Subscribers outside the United States and India must pay a postage surcharge of US\$8; subscribers in India must pay a postage surcharge of US\$15. Expedited delivery to destinations in North America is US\$12; elsewhere US\$28.

Back number information. For back issues see www.ams.org/bookstore/.
Subscriptions and orders should be addressed to the American Mathematical Society, P.O. Box 845904 , Boston, MA 02284-5904 USA. All orders must be accompanied by payment. Other correspondence should be addressed to the American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA.

Copying and reprinting. Material in this journal may be reproduced by any means for educational and scientific purposes without fee or permission with the exception of reproduction by services that collect fees for delivery of documents and provided that the customary acknowledgment of the source is given. This consent does not extend to other kinds of copying for general distribution, for advertising or promotional purposes, or for resale. Requests for permission for commercial use of material should be addressed to the Acquisitions Department, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA. Requests can also be made by email to reprint-permission@ams.org.

Excluded from these provisions is material in articles for which the author holds copyright. In such cases, requests for permission to use or reprint should be addressed directly to the author(s). (Copyright ownership is indicated in the notice in the lower right-hand corner of the first page of each article.)

[^2](C) 2008 American Mathematical Society. All rights reserved.

This journal is indexed in Mathematical Reviews, Science Citation Index ${ }^{\circledR}$, Science Citation Index ${ }^{T M}$-Expanded, ISI Alerting Services ${ }^{\text {SM }}$, CompuMath Citation Index ${ }^{\circledR}$, and Current Contents ${ }^{\circledR} /$ Physical, Chemical \& Earth Sciences. This journal is archived in Portico. Printed in the United States of America.
(®) The paper used in this journal is acid-free and falls within the guidelines established to ensure permanence and durability. $10987654321 \quad 131211100908$

# BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY CONTENTS 

Vol. 45, No. 1
January 2008
Articles
Igor V. Dolgachev, Reflection groups in algebraic geometry ..... 1
Robert Ghrist, Barcodes: The persistent topology of data ..... 61
Izabella Laba, From harmonic analysis to arithmetic combinatorics ..... 77
Akshay Venkatesh, The work of Einsiedler, Katok and Lindenstrauss on the Littlewood conjecture ..... 117
Mathematical Perspectives
Peter D. Lax, Mathematics and physics ..... 135
Ulrich Stuhler, Carsten Thiel, and Stefan Wiedmann, About the cover: Alfred Clebsch on crystallography ..... 153
Selected Mathematical Reviews ..... 157
Book Reviews
Kefeng Liu (Reviewer), Modular Calabi-Yau threefolds, by Christian Meyer ..... 163
S. Gelbart (Reviewer), Advanced analytic number theory: L-functions, by Carlos Moreno ..... 169
John P. D'Angelo (Reviewer), Differential geometry and analysis on CR manifolds, by Sorin Dragomir and Giuseppe Tomassini ..... 177
Vol. 45, No. 2April 2008
Articles
Barry Mazur, Finding meaning in error terms ..... 185
George A. Elliott and Andrew S. Toms, Regularity properties in the classification program for separable amenable C*-algebras ..... 229
J. M. Landsberg, Geometry and the complexity of matrix multiplication ..... 247
A. Stoimenow, Tait's conjectures and odd crossing number amphicheiral knots ..... 285
Mathematical Perspectives
Jeremy Gray and Mario Micallef, About the cover: The work of Jesse Douglas on minimal surfaces ..... 293
Selected Mathematical Reviews ..... 303

## Book Reviews

John R. Harper (Reviewer), Generalized cohomology, by Akira Kono and Dai Tamaki ..... 309
Mark A. Ronan (Reviewer), Quadrangular algebras, by Richard M. Weiss ..... 315
John B. Garnett (Reviewer), Harmonic measure: Geometric and analytic points of view, by Luca Capogna, Carlos E. Kenig, and Loredana Lanzani ..... 321
Yulij Ilyashenko (Reviewer), The monodromy group, by H. Zoladek ..... 329
Leonid Friedlander (Reviewer), Extremum problems for eigenvalues of elliptic operators, by Antoine Henrot ..... 335
Vol. 45, No. 3July 2008
Articles
Imre Bárány, Random points and lattice points in convex bodies ..... 339
F. Maggi, Some methods for studying stability in isoperimetric type problems ..... 367
Vadim Kaloshin and Mark Levi, An example of Arnold diffusion for near-integrable Hamiltonians ..... 409
Mathematical Perspectives
Gerald L. Alexanderson, About the cover: James Joseph Sylvester's Spring's Début ..... 429
Selected Mathematical Reviews ..... 435
Book Reviews
Murray Marshall (Reviewer), Valuations, orderings and Milnor $K$-theory, by Ido Efrat ..... 439
Michael W. Davis (Reviewer), Combinatorics of Coxeter groups, by Anders Björner and Francesco Brenti ..... 445
Richard G. Swan (Reviewer), Serre's problem on projective modules, by T. Y. Lam ..... 451
Emma Previato (Reviewer), Soliton equations and their algebro-geometric solutions. Vol. I. $(1+1)$-dimensional continuous models, by Fritz Gesztesy and Helge Holden ..... 459
Peter D. Hislop (Reviewer), Determining spectra in quantum theory, by Michael Demuth and M. Krishna ..... 469
Eva Bayer-Fluckiger (Reviewer), Introduction to quadratic forms over fields, by T. Y. Lam ..... 479

## Articles

D. Hejhal and P. Sarnak, Some commentary on Atle Selberg's mathematics
Peter J. Forrester and S. Ole Warnaar, The importance of the Selberg integral ..... 489
Maria J. Esteban, Mathieu Lewin, and Eric Séré, Variational methods in relativistic quantum mechanics ..... 535
M. Joachim and D. J. Wraith, Exotic spheres and curvature ..... 595
Mathematical Perspectives
Nils A. Baas and Christian F. Skau, The lord of the numbers, Atle Selberg. On his life and mathematics ..... 617
Selected Mathematical Reviews ..... 651
Book Reviews
Philip Protter (Reviewer), Louis Bachelier's Theory of speculation: The origins of modern finance, by Mark Davis and Alison Etheridge ..... 657
V. S. Varadarajan (Reviewer), Lie groups. An approach through invariants and representations, by Claudio Procesi ..... 661
R. E. Borcherds (Reviewer), Moonshine beyond the monster: The bridge connecting algebra, modular forms and physics, by Terry Gannon ..... 675

## Errata

Helmut Kaul, Erratum to the review of "Minimal surfaces and functions of bounded variation" ..... 681

Persi Diaconis<br>Lawrence Craig Evans<br>Edward Frenkel<br>Susan Friedlander, Chair<br>Mark Goresky<br>Andrew J. Granville<br>Bryna R. Kra

Barry Mazur
Robert A. Oliver
Paul H. Rabinowitz
Panagiotis E. Souganidis
Yuri Tschinkel
Michael Wolf

Editorial Board for Book Reviews

Jonathan L. Alperin
Robert L. Devaney, Chair
Steven G. Krantz
Peter Kuchment

Ken Ono
Philip E. Protter
Lisa Traynor

Consultants to the Editors<br>Gerald L. Alexanderson<br>Jane Kister

## Chief Editor: Susan Friedlander

## Editorial Information

Information on the backlog for this journal can be found on the AMS website starting from http://www.ams.org/bull.

In an effort to make articles available as quickly as possible, articles are posted to the AMS website individually after proof is returned from authors and before appearing in an issue.

A Consent to Publish is required before a paper will be published in this journal. After a paper is accepted for publication, the Providence office will send a Consent to Publish form to all authors of the paper. By submitting a paper to this journal, authors certify that the results have not been submitted to nor are they under consideration for publication by another journal, conference proceedings, or similar publication.

## Information for Authors

The Bulletin publishes expository articles on contemporary mathematical research written in a way that gives insight to mathematicians who may not be experts in the particular topic. The first page must consist of a short descriptive title, followed by an abstract that summarizes the article in language suitable for mathematicians in the general area. The descriptive title should be short but informative; useless or vague phrases such as "some remarks about" or "concerning" should be avoided. The abstract should be a brief technical description of the new material.

A well-written expository article will include motivating problems and examples, some indication of the historical development of the subject, and of course the results and open problems that make it an interesting and exciting area of mathematics. In most cases proofs should be at most briefly sketched, and there should be a good bibliography whose main aim is to help those wishing to pursue the subject further. Articles reporting on recent mathematical research should include an introductory section addressed to nonexperts describing the motivation, background, and significance of the results announced. Following the statement of results, there should be a sketch of proofs that may be addressed to experts, including elements of the proof which are novel. References should be given so that an interested reader can find the details.

Each paper should include a footnote with the 2000 Mathematics Subject Classification representing the primary and secondary subjects of the article. The classifications are accessible from www.ams.org $/ \mathrm{msc} /$. The list of classifications is also available in print starting with the 1999 annual index of Mathematical Reviews. The Mathematics Subject

Classification footnote may be followed by a list of key words and phrases describing the subject matter of the article and taken from it. Journal abbreviations used in bibliographies are listed in the latest Mathematical Reviews annual index. The series abbreviations are also accessible from www.ams.org/msnhtml/serials.pdf. To help in preparing and verifying references, the AMS offers MR Lookup, a Reference Tool for Linking, at www.ams.org/mrlookup/. When the manuscript is submitted, authors should supply the Editor with electronic addresses if available.

Unsolicited manuscripts are encouraged. In particular, those giving lectures (Gibbs Lectures, Colloquium Lectures, and Progress in Mathematics Lectures) or invited hour addresses at meetings of the Society are encouraged to write up their lectures using the guidelines for expository articles described above. Unsolicited submissions will be reviewed by the Editorial Board for Articles, and authors will be notified of its decision.

Book Reviews are by invitation only. The first page must include the title of the book being reviewed; the name(s) of the author(s); publisher; city of publication; year of publication; number of pages, including front matter; price if known; and ISBN. There should also be a footnote with the 2000 Mathematics Subject Classification representing the primary and secondary subjects of the book under review. The classifications are accessible from www.ams.org $/ \mathrm{msc} /$ and are also available in print starting with the 1999 annual index of Mathematical Reviews. To help in preparing and verifying references, the AMS offers MR Lookup, a Reference Tool for Linking, at www.ams.org/mrlookup/.

Initial submission. Authors of articles may submit manuscripts for consideration as PDF files at http://www.ams.org/peer-review/submission.pl. Manuscripts must be a single file with images embedded. Authors will have a chance to view the manuscript and data entered before releasing the manuscript into the system. Two-digit 2000 Mathematics Subject Classification numbers are included in a pull-down menu; classifications are accessible from http://www.ams.org $/ \mathrm{msc} /$. Complete author instructions are available at the site.

Authors who cannot supply a PDF file may submit a paper copy of their manuscript to Bulletin/Peer-Review Manuscript Submissions, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 029042294 USA. These submissions will be scanned into a PDF file and entered by AMS staff into the peer-review system. All the data required in the submission form must be provided to avoid delays in posting the manuscript.

The Bulletin Chief Editor will be notified as new submissions arrive. The Editor will collect these submissions and assign them to subject area specialists for peer review. Queries concerning the status of submissions should be sent to the Editor at bulletin@math.uic.edu.

Electronically prepared manuscripts. The AMS encourages electronically prepared manuscripts, with a strong preference for $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S}$-EAT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. To this end, the Society has prepared $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{E}^{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ author packages for each AMS publication. Author packages include instructions for preparing electronic manuscripts, the AMS Author Handbook, samples, and a style file that generates the particular design specifications of that publication series. Articles properly prepared using the $\mathcal{A} \mathcal{M}$ S-EATEX style file and the $\backslash$ label and $\backslash$ ref commands automatically enable extensive intra-document linking to the bibliography and other elements of the article for searching electronically on the Web. Because linking must often be added manually to electronically prepared manuscripts in other forms of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, using $\mathcal{A} \mathcal{M} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{EA}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ also reduces the amount of technical intervention once the files are received by the AMS. This results in fewer errors in processing and saves the author proofreading time. $\mathcal{A} \mathcal{M} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{E} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ papers also move more efficiently through the production stream, helping to minimize publishing costs.
$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{A} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ is the highly preferred format of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, but author packages are also available in $\mathcal{A} \mathcal{M} \mathcal{S}$-TEX. Those authors who make use of these style files from the beginning of the writing process will further reduce their own efforts. Manuscripts prepared electronically in $\mathrm{EA} T_{E} \mathrm{X}$ or plain $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ are normally not acceptable due to the high amount of technical time required to insure that the file will run properly through the AMS in-house production system. $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ users will find that $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{EAT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ is the same as $\mathrm{EA}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ with additional
commands to simplify the typesetting of mathematics, and users of plain $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ should have the foundation for learning $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{ET}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.

Authors may retrieve an author package for the Bulletin of the AMS from www.ams. org/bull/bullauthorpac.html or via FTP to ftp.ams.org (login as anonymous, enter username as password, and type cd pub/author-info). The AMS Author Handbook and the Instruction Manual are available in PDF format from the author package link. The author package can also be obtained free of charge by sending email to tech-support@ ams.org (Internet) or from the Publication Division, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA. When requesting an author package, please specify $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{ET}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ or $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S}-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and the publication in which your paper will appear. Please be sure to include your complete email address.

After acceptance. The final version of the electronic manuscript should be sent to the Providence office immediately after the paper has been accepted for publication. Authors should indicate if the paper has been prepared using $\mathcal{A} \mathcal{M} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{ET} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{EX}}$ or $\mathcal{A} \mathcal{M} \mathcal{S}$ - $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{EX}}$. Electronically prepared manuscripts can be submitted via the Web at www.ams.org/submit-bookjournal/, sent via email to pub-submit@ams.org (Internet), or sent on diskette to the Electronic Prepress Department, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA. When sending a manuscript electronically via email or diskette, please be sure to include a message indicating in which publication the paper has been accepted. No corrections will be accepted electronically. Authors must mark changes on their proof copies and return them to the Providence office. Complete instructions on how to send files are included in the author package.

The final file of an accepted Article should also be sent by email to both bulletin@math. uic.edu and susan@math.northwestern.edu.

Electronic graphics. Comprehensive instructions on preparing graphics are available from www.ams.org/authors/journals.html. A few of the major requirements are given here.

Submit files for graphics as EPS (Encapsulated PostScript) files. This includes graphics originated via a graphics application as well as scanned photographs or other computergenerated images. If this is not possible, TIFF files are acceptable as long as they can be opened in Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator. No matter what method was used to produce the graphic, it is necessary to provide a paper copy to the AMS.

Authors using graphics packages for the creation of electronic art should avoid the use of any lines thinner than 0.5 points in width. Many graphics packages allow the user to specify a "hairline" for a very thin line. Hairlines often look acceptable when proofed on a typical laser printer. However, when produced on a high-resolution laser imagesetter, hairlines become nearly invisible and will be lost entirely in the final printing process.

Screens should be set to values between $15 \%$ and $85 \%$. Screens which fall outside of this range are too light or too dark to print correctly. Variations of screens within a graphic should be no less than $10 \%$.

AMS policy on making changes to articles after posting. Articles are posted to the AMS website individually after proof is returned from authors and before appearing in an issue. To preserve the integrity of electronically published articles, once an article is individually posted to the AMS website but not yet in an issue, changes cannot be made in place in the paper. However, an "Added after posting" section may be added to the paper right before the References when there is a critical error in the content of the paper. The "Added after posting" section gives the author an opportunity to correct this type of critical error before the article is put into an issue for printing and before it is then reposted with the issue. The "Added after posting" section remains a permanent part of the paper. The AMS does not keep author-related information such as affiliation, current address, and email address up to date after a paper is initially posted.

Once the article is assigned to an issue, even if the issue has not yet been posted to the AMS website, corrections may be made to the paper only by submitting a traditional
errata to the Editor. The errata will appear in a future print issue and will link back and forth on the Web to the original article online.

Secure manuscript tracking on the Web. Authors can track their manuscripts through the AMS journal production process using the personal AMS ID and Article ID printed in the upper right-hand corner of the Consent to Publish form sent to each author who publishes in AMS journals. Access to the tracking system is available from www.ams.org/mstrack/. An explanation of each production step is provided on the Web through links from the manuscript tracking screen. Questions may be sent to bull-query@ams.org.
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{X}$ files available upon request. Authors may request $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ files by sending email to file-request@ams.org or by contacting the Electronic Prepress Department, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA. The request should include the title of the paper, the name(s) of the author(s), the name of the publication publishing the paper, and the volume and issue numbers if known. The TEX file will be sent to the author making the request after the article has gone to the printer. Authors who can receive Internet email should include the email address to which the file should be sent. Otherwise a diskette format and a postal mailing address should be indicated. Note: Because $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ production at the AMS sometimes requires extra fonts and macros that are not yet publicly available, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ files cannot be guaranteed to run through the author's version of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ without errors. The AMS regrets that it cannot provide support to eliminate such errors in the author's $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ environment.

Inquiries. Any inquiries concerning a paper that has been accepted for publication that cannot be answered via the manuscript tracking system mentioned above should be sent to bull-query@ams.org or directly to the Electronic Prepress Department, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA.

## BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY CONTENTS

Vol. 45, No. 4<br>October 2008

## ARTICLES

D. Hejhal and P. Sarnak, Some commentary on Atle Selberg's mathe- matics ..... 485
Peter J. Forrester and S. Ole Warnaar, The importance of the Selberg integral ..... 489
Maria J. Esteban, Mathieu Lewin, and Eric Séré, Variational methods in relativistic quantum mechanics ..... 535
M. Joachim and D. J. Wraith, Exotic spheres and curvature ..... 595
MATHEMATICAL PERSPECTIVES
Nils A. Baas and Christian F. Skau, The lord of the numbers, Atle Selberg. On his life and mathematics ..... 617
Selected Mathematical Reviews ..... 651
BOOK REVIEWS
Philip Protter (Reviewer), Louis Bachelier's Theory of speculation: The origins of modern finance, by Mark Davis and Alison Etheridge ..... 657
V. S. Varadarajan (Reviewer), Lie groups. An approach through invariants and representations, by Claudio Procesi ..... 661
R. E. Borcherds (Reviewer), Moonshine beyond the monster: The bridge connecting algebra, modular forms and physics, by Terry Gannon ..... 675
ERRATA
Helmut Kaul, Erratum to the review of "Minimal surfaces and functions of bounded variation" ..... 681


[^0]:    Bulletin (New Series) of the American Mathematical Society (0273-0979) is published quarterly by the American Mathematical Society at 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA. Periodicals postage is paid at Providence, Rhode Island, and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Bulletin, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 029042294 USA.

[^1]:    PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND USA

[^2]:    Bulletin (New Series) of the American Mathematical Society (0273-0979) is published quarterly by the American Mathematical Society at 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294 USA. Periodicals postage is paid at Providence, Rhode Island, and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Bulletin, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 029042294 USA.

