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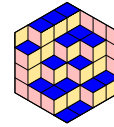


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This is the inaugural issue of a new journal, *Algebraic Combinatorics*, owned by mathematicians, and dedicated to the principles of Fair Open Access.

In 1992, three members of our editorial board, Chris Godsil, Ian Goulden, and David Jackson, founded a different journal, *The Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics* (JACO), with the same goals and scope: to emphasize the rich interplay between algebra and combinatorics. We applaud their vision and their success. This previous journal was published originally by Kluwer Academic Publishers, and later bought by Springer, which currently owns that title.

We believe that it is important for the primary journal in this area to be owned not by a commercial publisher, but by mathematicians, to be available freely without subscriptions, and without author page charges. Among our reasons for this belief are the rising costs of library journal subscriptions, the decreasing cost of mathematical typesetting and editing, and the waning importance of print versions for journals.

Much of the mathematical community seems to agree. Support for this new journal *Algebraic Combinatorics* has been overwhelming, not only from all of our editorial board members who have left JACO to join the new journal, but also in the warm wishes and excellent submissions received from mathematicians worldwide.

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