YEAR-END FINALE

You are reading this Volume 43 Year-End Finale of year 2017 in year 2017. When I first stepped into the Editor-in-Chief position, I was faced with the task of clearing a year-long backlog. The majority of people I talked to considered the backlog problem to be essentially unsolvable, yet it took less time to work out than my PhD (significantly less, I might add). And that is because I wasn’t alone in it: the entire Editorial Board greatly contributed to this amazing achievement and I am immensely thankful for their efforts and their enthusiasm. Not only did they believe in the mission, they rather happily adjusted to the increased workload and faster deadlines. The entire Crux team together with the CMS staff, we collectively dealt with the influx of new proposals like we have never seen before and the nap-time-only schedule during my maternity leave helped to ensure that it did not affect our progress. We succeeded.

This Volume, like any other past Volume of Crux, is now a Cheshire Cat: just like the cat disappears but leaves his grin, the year 2017 disappears but leaves Volume 43 behind. Volume 44 is a house cat: it patiently waits for you to come home so you can chase mice/problems together. Volume 45, is a Schrödinger’s Cat: just like the cat may or may not be alive, Volume 45+ may or may not happen.

As I am writing this, I am headed to the Canadian Mathematical Society meeting where the future of Crux will be discussed yet again: do we go full electronic or stay in print, do we aim for open access or keep the subscription fees, do we push for fundraising, do we eliminate some sections, and so on. If you have ideas for the future of Crux, drop me a line at crux-editors@cms.math.ca.

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