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Jeffrey Shallit* (shallit@cs.uwaterloo.ca), School of Computer Science, University of Waterloo, 200 University Ave. W., Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1, Canada. *New Results On Infinite Words Obtained with an Automatic Prover.*

In this talk I'll survey some results we recently obtained with an automatic prover written by my student Hamoon Mousavi. This software package, written in Java, takes as input an automaton M specifying an infinite word \mathbf{x} and a predicate $P(n)$ (expressed in a logical language) about the factors of \mathbf{x} , and returns an automaton accepting the representation of those n for which the predicate holds. Depending on the size of the initial automaton M , the type of representation (base- k for $k \geq 2$; Fibonacci representation; Tribonacci representation), and the complexity of the predicate, many nontrivial assertions can be proven mechanically in a few seconds or minutes.

As an example, we used this prover to show the existence of an aperiodic infinite binary word avoiding the pattern xxx^R and infinitely many distinct primitive words t such that $t^\omega = ttt \cdots$ avoids the same pattern.

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