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A Research Report is a timely, short (4–8 pages) report on a recent accomplishment in mathematical research. It should be written so as to be understandable by mathematicians who are not experts in the subject matter of the Report. The context giving significance to the research being reported on should be made clear, and the consequences or potential consequences should be described. Usually only the barest hint of the methods of proof should

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