Counting Self-Avoiding Walks: An Open-Loop Algorithm and the Complexity of the Brute-Force Approach

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Abstract. We have investigated the problem of constructing parallel algorithms for counting self-avoiding walks and we present a new algorithm called an Open-Loop Algorithm. We have also worked on the complexity of the brute-force algorithm. In our research we have discovered interesting features of self-avoiding walks and advanced two hypotheses: one about the existence of the \( \kappa \) constant and one about its connection with \( \mu \) (connective constant). Also some remarks about programming with OpenMP and Sun’s C compiler are made.

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