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A \bigstar , here and in the text, indicates a special topic. As indicated by the double star, section 18 involves a more complicated situation.

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Typographical notes

This book was set in pure T_EX.

The main part of the text is set in "ptmr8t at 12.5pt" (Times with the 256 character Cork encoding). Bold and italics were "ptmb8t at 12.5pt" and "ptmri8t at 12.5pt" respectively.

Programs and Octave output are set in "cmtt10 at 12.5pt" (Computer Modern type-writer, i.e. equally spaced, type).

Graphs were saved in *.eps ("encapsulated postscript") format and imported using T_EX and PSTricks commands of the form:

\centerline{\epsfxsize = 11.0 truecm\epsfbox{birthday_connected.eps}}}

The diagram in section 17 was drawn using the T_EX and PSTricks commands:

\hskip 2.7truecm \psline[linewidth = 5pt](0,0)(4,0) \psline[linewidth = 2pt](4,0)(10,0)

Special spacing and font macros were written by the author and imported into the TEX files.