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## Parallelism of stable traces

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### Abstract

A parallel  $d$ -stable trace is a closed walk which traverses every edge of a graph exactly twice in the same direction and for every vertex  $v$ , there is no subset  $X \subseteq N(v)$  with  $1 \leq |N| \leq d$  such that every time the walk enters  $v$  from  $X$ , it also exits to a vertex in  $X$ . In the past,  $d$ -stable traces were investigated as a mathematical model for an innovative biotechnological procedure – self-assembling of polypeptide structures. Among other, it was proven that graphs that admit parallel  $d$ -stable traces are precisely Eulerian graphs with minimum degree strictly larger than  $d$ . In the present paper we give an alternative, purely combinatorial proof of this result.

*Keywords:* Eulerian graph, parallel  $d$ -stable trace, nanostructure design, self-assembling, polypeptide.

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# Paralelnost stabilnih obhodov

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## Povzetek

Paralelen  $d$ -stabilen obhod je sklenjen sprehod, ki vsako povezava grafa prečka natanko dvakrat v isti smeri, pri tem pa za vsako vozlišče  $v$  velja, da ne obstaja tako podmnožica njegovih sosedov  $X \subseteq N(v)$ ,  $1 \leq |X| \leq d$ , da vsakič, ko sprehod pride v  $v$  iz vozlišča v  $X$ , tudi zapusti  $v$  v smeri proti vozlišču v  $X$ . V preteklosti so bili  $d$ -stabilni obhodi, kot matematični model za nove in inovativne biotehnološke raziskave, že raziskani. Med drugim so bili grafi, ki vsebujejo paralalne  $d$ -stabilne obhode karakterizirani kot Eulerjevi grafi z minimalno stopnjo  $\delta > d$ . V pričujočem članku je podan alternativni (kombinatorični) dokaz tega rezultata.

*Ključne besede:* Eulerjev graf, paralelni  $d$ -stabilni obhodi, oblikovanje nanostruktur, samosestavljenost, polipeptidi.

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