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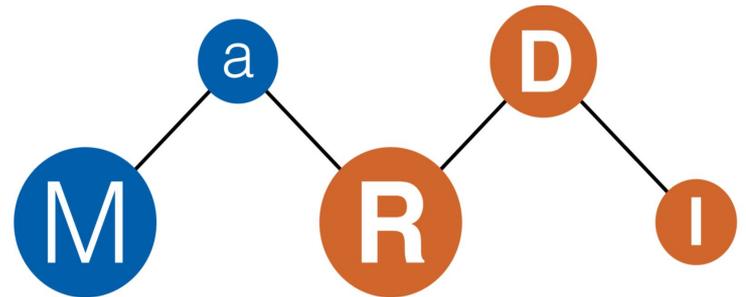
an example of a mathematical research-data repository

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# National research-data infrastructure NFDI

## Some facts



- 90 mio euros funding volume
- 20-30 consortia
- 5-10 years
- aim: make research data FAIR
  
- management guidelines, data formats, workflows, knowledge graphs, ...
- 'joint solutions for individual problems'
- 'culture change'

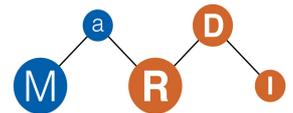
But: no hardware infrastructure.

→ **Where should you store your research data?**

Hartl, N., Wössner, E. & Sure-Vetter, Y. Nationale Forschungsdateninfrastruktur (NFDI). *Informatik Spektrum* **44**, 370–373 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00287-021-01392-6>



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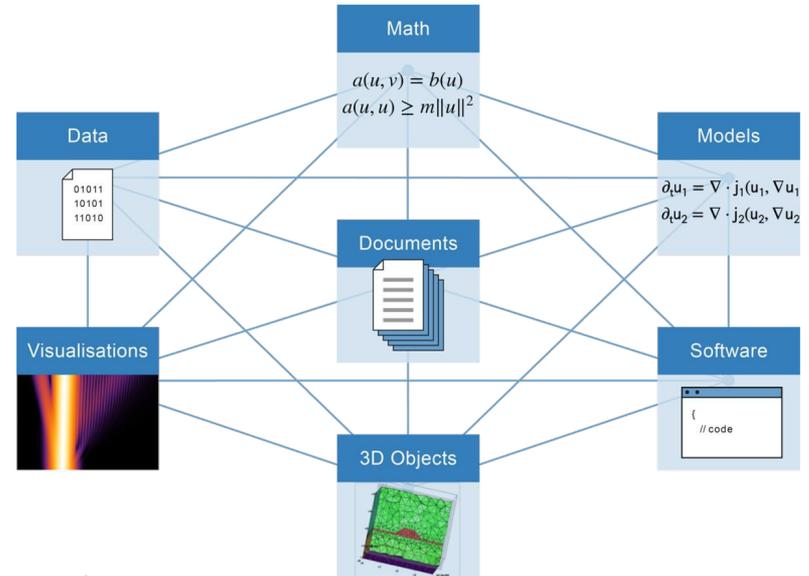


# MaRDI and mathematical research data

- comes in many different forms
- hence many different formats
- with many different needs

some obvious challenges but also

- relevance?
- should be FAIR
- annotated with metadata (which?)

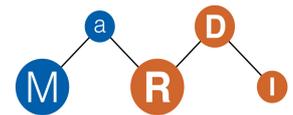


no island/decentralised solutions (no personal homepages)

→ but **good** repositories... what does good mean?



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## What makes a ‘good’ repository?

- trustworthy storage (known institution?)
- appropriate audience
- long term

‘Researchers must be certain that data held in archives remain useful and meaningful into the future.’

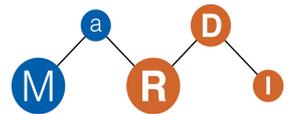
- information about services
- data protection and curation
- access/license/policy statements
- persistent identifier (citability)
- external certification



CoreTrustSeal Standards and Certification Board (2019). CoreTrustSeal Trustworthy Data Repositories Requirements 2020–2022 <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3638211>

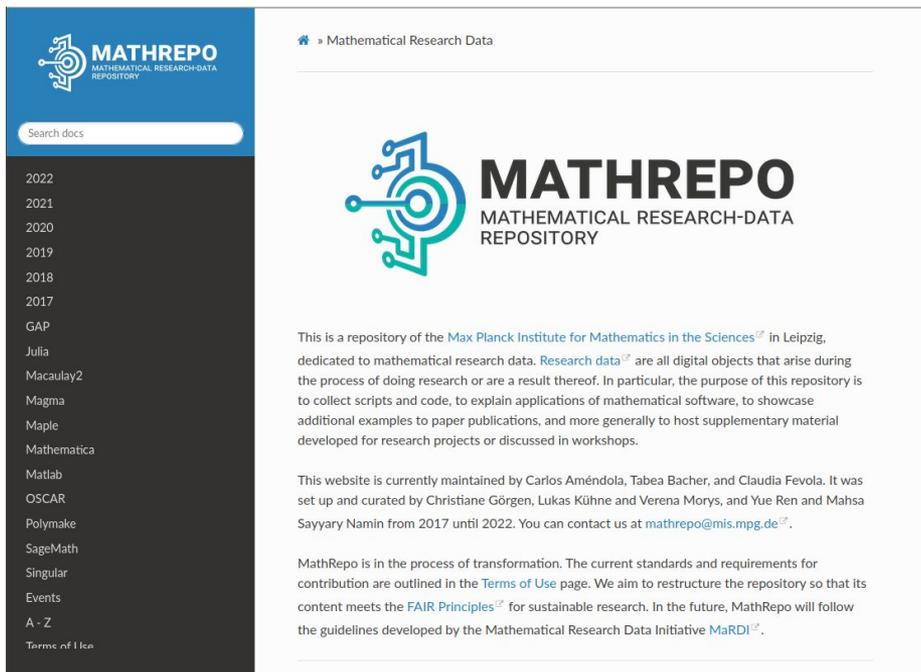


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# One maths-specific solution

<http://mathrepo.mis.mpg.de>



» Mathematical Research Data



**MATHREPO**  
MATHEMATICAL RESEARCH-DATA  
REPOSITORY

This is a repository of the [Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences](#)<sup>1</sup> in Leipzig, dedicated to mathematical research data. [Research data](#)<sup>2</sup> are all digital objects that arise during the process of doing research or are a result thereof. In particular, the purpose of this repository is to collect scripts and code, to explain applications of mathematical software, to showcase additional examples to paper publications, and more generally to host supplementary material developed for research projects or discussed in workshops.

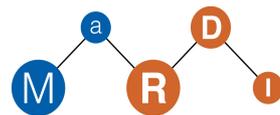
This website is currently maintained by Carlos Améndola, Tabea Bacher, and Claudia Fevola. It was set up and curated by Christiane Görden, Lukas Kühne and Verena Morys, and Yue Ren and Mahsa Sayyary Namin from 2017 until 2022. You can contact us at [mathrepo@mis.mpg.de](mailto:mathrepo@mis.mpg.de)<sup>3</sup>.

MathRepo is in the process of transformation. The current standards and requirements for contribution are outlined in the [Terms of Use](#) page. We aim to restructure the repository so that its content meets the [FAIR Principles](#)<sup>4</sup> for sustainable research. In the future, MathRepo will follow the guidelines developed by the Mathematical Research Data Initiative [MaRDI](#)<sup>5</sup>.

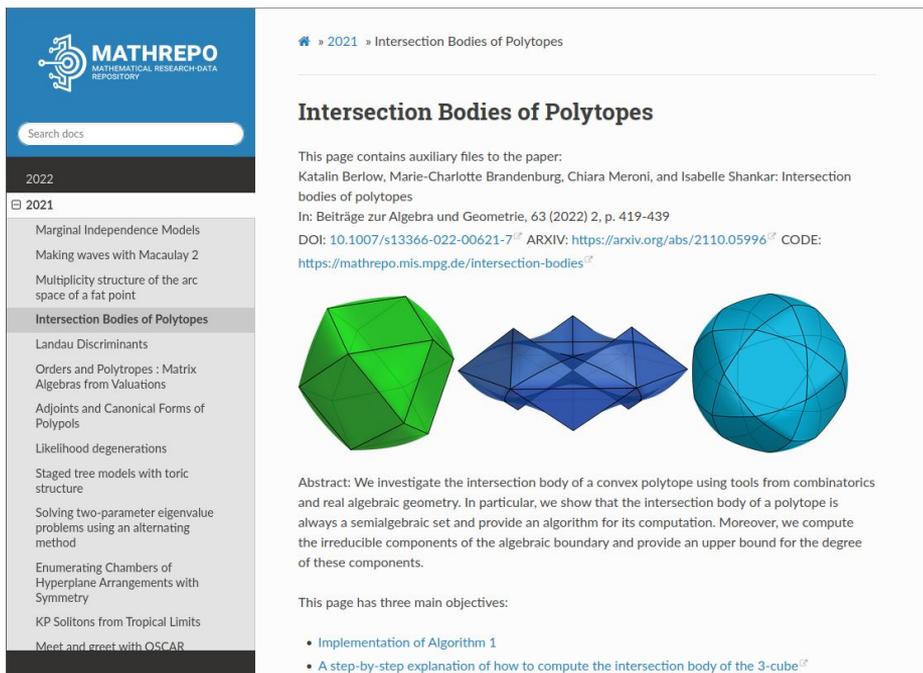
- established 2017 at MPI MiS
- hosted by the MPG
- underlying gitlab
- maintained by postdocs
- some 50 contributions
- maths foremostly non-linear algebra
- sortable alphabetically, by year, and by programming language
- three main types: code for computations, additional examples to papers, material for workshops/teaching



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# A typical contribution



The screenshot shows the MathRepo website interface. At the top left is the MathRepo logo and a search bar. A sidebar on the left lists various mathematical topics, with 'Intersection Bodies of Polytopes' highlighted. The main content area displays the paper title, authors (Katalin Berlow, Marie-Charlotte Brandenburg, Chiara Meroni, and Isabelle Shankar), and publication details. Below the text are three 3D polytopes: a green cube, a blue polytope with a complex internal structure, and a blue sphere with a grid of lines. The abstract and a list of objectives are also visible.

» 2021 » Intersection Bodies of Polytopes

## Intersection Bodies of Polytopes

This page contains auxiliary files to the paper:  
Katalin Berlow, Marie-Charlotte Brandenburg, Chiara Meroni, and Isabelle Shankar: Intersection bodies of polytopes  
In: Beiträge zur Algebra und Geometrie, 63 (2022) 2, p. 419-439  
DOI: [10.1007/s13366-022-00621-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13366-022-00621-7) ARXIV: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.05996> CODE: <https://mathrepo.mis.mpg.de/intersection-bodies>



Abstract: We investigate the intersection body of a convex polytope using tools from combinatorics and real algebraic geometry. In particular, we show that the intersection body of a polytope is always a semialgebraic set and provide an algorithm for its computation. Moreover, we compute the irreducible components of the algebraic boundary and provide an upper bound for the degree of these components.

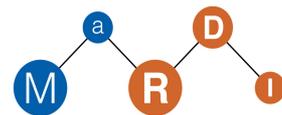
This page has three main objectives:

- [Implementation of Algorithm 1](#)
- [A step-by-step explanation of how to compute the intersection body of the 3-cube](#)

- supplementary material to a paper
- doi/arxiv link to paper, authors' names, dates, software and version
- subpages with downloadable code
- and interactive visualisations
- extra explanatory text
- blog-style entry
- MathRepo page cited in paper as URL



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# My most recent research project

Staged tree models with toric structure

- Macaulay2 code and examples
- Mathematica code
- Mathematica discussion and examples

Solving two-parameter eigenvalue problems using an alternating method

Enumerating Chambers of Hyperplane Arrangements with Symmetry

KP Solitons from Tropical Limits

Meet and greet with OSCAR

Primary Decomposition with Differential Operators

The Gaussian entropy map in valued fields

2020

2019

2018

2017

GAP

Julia

Macaulay2

Magma

Maple

Mathematica

Matlab

OSCAR

» 2021 » Staged tree models with toric structure

## Staged tree models with toric structure

This page presents the code cited in the final section of the article:  
Christiane Görgen, Aida Maraj, and Lisa Nicklasson: Staged tree models with toric structure  
In: Journal of symbolic computation, 113 (2022), p. 242-268  
DOI: [10.1016/j.jsc.2022.04.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsc.2022.04.006) ARXIV: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04516> CODE: <https://mathrepo.mis.mpg.de/StagedTreesWithToricStructures>

The theoretical results of this work explore the algebraic geometry of discrete statistical models for asymmetric conditional independence relationships that can be represented by staged trees. Background literature and information on the applications of these models is cited in the article. Sometimes, as explored in previous work and enhanced in various new technical results, these statistical models are toric varieties intersected with the probability simplex. Whilst in special cases the toric structure is apparent from the tree graph representation itself, oftentimes it is not. We here present two computational approaches to complement our theoretical work.

The first approach is based on the software **Macaulay2**. It provides a simple tool which allows the user to input a staged-tree parametrisation and output its ideal of model invariants. The given staged tree has toric structure whenever this ideal is generated by binomials.

- [Macaulay2 code and examples](#)

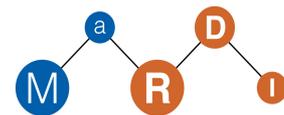
The second approach uses the software **Mathematica**. It provides functions which randomly generate transformations of a given model specification and try out whether these give rise to binomial generators as above. The code is presented in the first subpage below and discussed and applied in examples listed in the second.

- [Mathematica code](#)

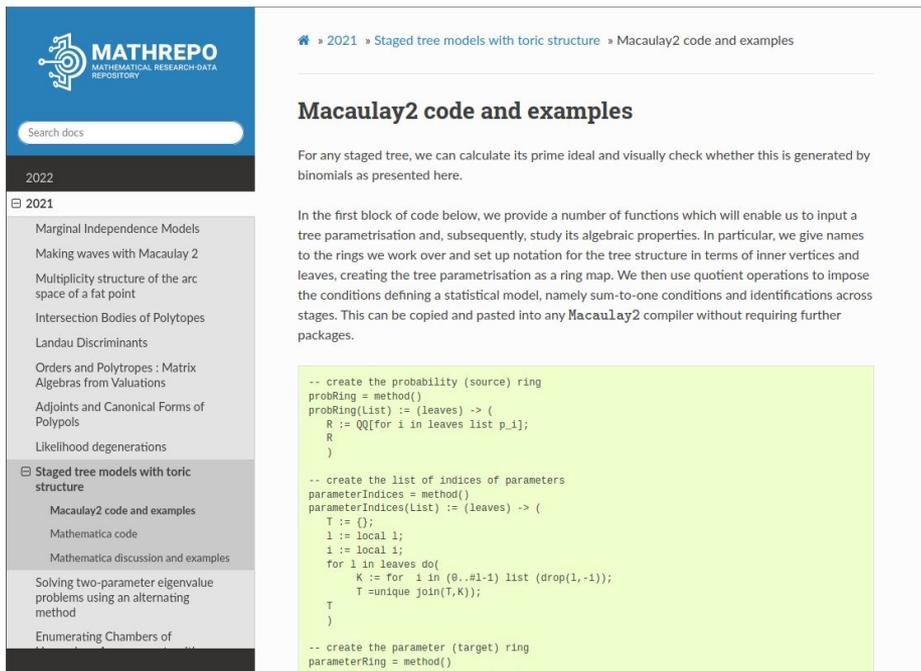
- Algebraic statistics: connect discrete statistical models with algebraic varieties, study their properties
- ‘pure maths’ paper
- supplementary code
  - proofs
  - extra examples
  - conjectures
- relevant links to publication
- expository text (not the abstract)



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# Providing code for proofs



The screenshot shows the MATHREPO website interface. The header includes the MATHREPO logo and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Macaulay2 code and examples' and contains a paragraph of text and a code block. The left sidebar shows a navigation menu with various categories and sub-items.

**MATHREPO**  
MATHEMATICAL RESEARCH DATA REPOSITORY

Search docs

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- Marginal Independence Models
- Making waves with Macaulay 2
- Multiplicity structure of the arc space of a fat point
- Intersection Bodies of Polytopes
- Landau Discriminants
- Orders and Polytopes : Matrix Algebras from Valuations
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» 2021 » Staged tree models with toric structure » Macaulay2 code and examples

## Macaulay2 code and examples

For any staged tree, we can calculate its prime ideal and visually check whether this is generated by binomials as presented here.

In the first block of code below, we provide a number of functions which will enable us to input a tree parametrisation and, subsequently, study its algebraic properties. In particular, we give names to the rings we work over and set up notation for the tree structure in terms of inner vertices and leaves, creating the tree parametrisation as a ring map. We then use quotient operations to impose the conditions defining a statistical model, namely sum-to-one conditions and identifications across stages. This can be copied and pasted into any Macaulay2 compiler without requiring further packages.`-- create the probability (source) ring
probRing = method()
probRing(List) := (leaves) -> (
 R := QQ[for i in leaves list p_i];
 R
)

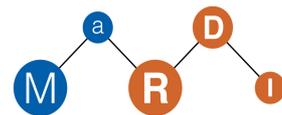
-- create the list of indices of parameters
parameterIndices = method()
parameterIndices(List) := (leaves) -> (
 T := {};
 l := local i;
 i := local i;
 for l in leaves do(
 K := for i in (0..#l-1) list (drop(l,-1));
 T = unique join(T,K);
 )
)

-- create the parameter (target) ring
parameterRing = method()`

- how did we come up with (re-)parametrisations we found?
- function specification, extra libraries, M2 version,...
- extra example plus picture
- copy&paste code from the screen
- verify our results and reuse them!



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# How FAIR is this?

## Findable

- ✓ URL stable for the foreseeable future
- ✓ git and MR findable in google search e.g.
- ✓ known academic institution / group
- ✗ no DOI
- ✗ no indexing or field classification

## Interoperable

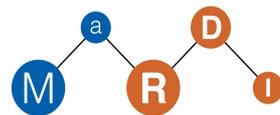
- ✓ maths with explanatory text, link to articles
- ✓ code annotated with software name, version, date, hardware setup
- ✗ very case specific, reproducibility might fail

## Accessible

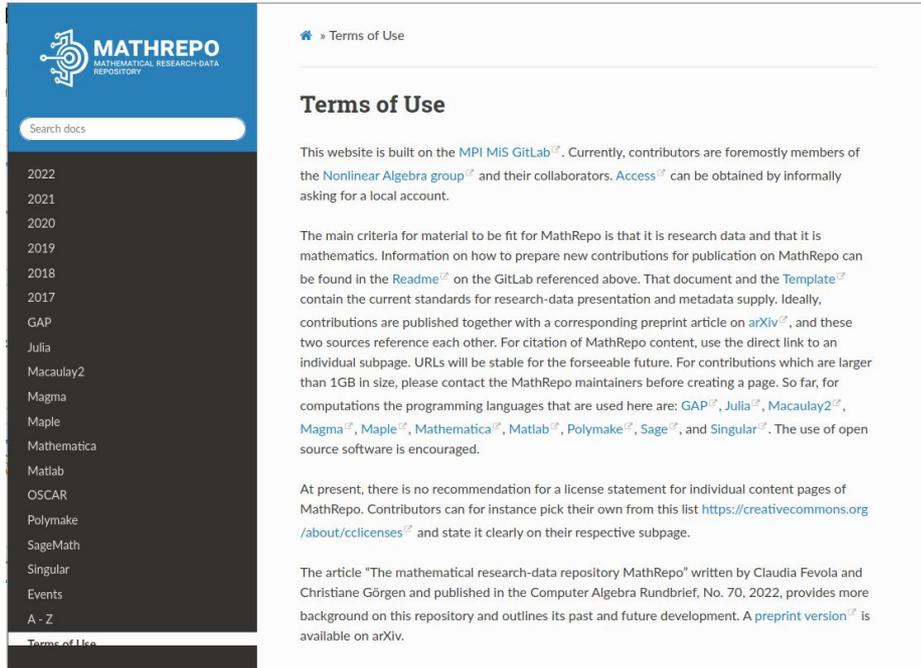
- ✓ no pay walls
- ✓ no sign-up process for readers
- ✓ low barrier for new contributions
- ✗ no automated retrieval of (meta) data

## Reusable

- ✓ author names for contact
- ✓ often a lot of detail provided
- ✗ no license information



# Recent improvements



**MATHREPO**  
MATHEMATICAL RESEARCH-DATA  
REPOSITORY

Search docs

2022  
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## Terms of Use

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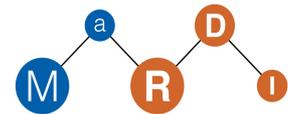
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The article "The mathematical research-data repository MathRepo" written by Claudia Fevola and Christiane Gorgen and published in the Computer Algebra Rundbrief, No. 70, 2022, provides more background on this repository and outlines its past and future development. A [preprint version](#) is available on arXiv.

- added terms of use page
  - contributor community
  - gitlab access
  - how to / standards
  - thoughts on licenses
  - historical / future comments
- discussed maintainer handover
- adapted logo
- provide workshops and training, also in a MaRDI context



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# How to FAIR your research data

current MaRDI recommendations

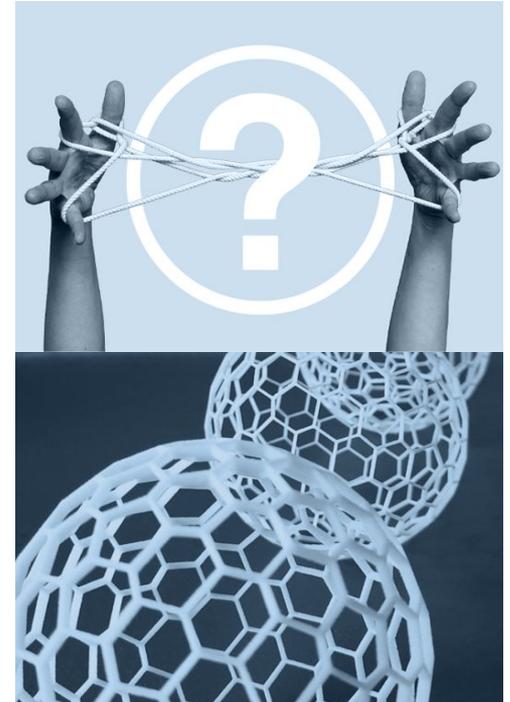
- research data on Zenodo
- metadata on Wikidata

→ make integration into the portal possible

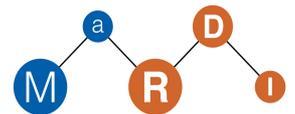
two user stories in the MaRDI Newsletter

<https://www.mardi4nfdi.de/community/newsletter>

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# Take home message

Mathematical Research Data Initiative

## The NFDI Consortium of Mathematics



### Help Desk

Welcome to the MaRDI Community Hub. We support you in all questions concerning mathematical research data. Get in touch with our team, we are happy to help. Data culture and community integration is the responsibility of [Task Area 6](#).



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- for RDMPs:
  - where do you put your data?
  - why?
  - choose trustworthy repositories
- in maths there's no one-size-fits-all solution
- MR is one local solution
- MaRDI provides plenty of opportunity to discuss improvements



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