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1. WHAT TO SUBMIT
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2. ELIGIBILITY
The 2011 Midwest Conference on Undergraduate Research in Computer Science and Mathematics (MCURCSM'11) is intended for a professional audience of peers and faculty. Submissions should be from students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. Students who have just graduated in Spring 2011 may also submit their research work as long as the work submitted was performed while the student was enrolled as an undergraduate or during the summer 2011 immediately following their graduation.

While many or most of the projects will have a sponsoring faculty advisor, the student should have completed a significant portion of the work presented in the paper. The faculty advisor may have originated the central idea and provided guidance, but it is the student who should have primary ownership of the material presented in the paper. The writing should also be the student's own although the faculty advisor is encouraged to provide generous editing support. A group of students may also submit a single paper. It is acceptable, based on contribution, for faculty to appear as co-authors although the student should be the primary author. Papers submitted to MCURCSM should not be published in other conference proceedings or journals.

3. SUBMISSIONS
3.1 Paper Content
The paper should focus on a problem in mathematics, computer science or a closely related field in which mathematics or computer science is a primary emphasis of the work. While MCURCSM'11 welcomes all student research submissions, primary consideration will be given to original research contributions. In this end, it is important for the student to identify this facet of their work in the submitted paper. Students should highlight what has been accomplished beforehand and by whom, and then make it clear how they advance the state of knowledge with their work.

3.2 Review Criteria
All submitted papers will be subject to a rigorous and professional review process. Mathematics and computer science faculty will review the papers using criteria similar to that of a professional conference or journal in their field. The primary review criteria are:

- The importance of the research to the field of study.

- The quality of the research.

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Each submission will be reviewed by multiple faculty reviewers and rated according to the above

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