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Dear Dr. Istrail,

thank you for your two technical reports and your letter of January 19, 1983. I think you should try to get "On the facets of a jewel" into publishable form (though I am not sure where to submit it for publication; Springer's "Mathematical Intelligencer"?). I think I should try to get the paper shorter and to reduce the amount of terminology and the number of notational conventions used.

Two remarks re Property 3:

f -play uniqueness iff \overline{f} -play uniqueness
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- 0) Such a cascade of iff's is ambiguous
 1) Neither the overlining nor Play versus play are fortunate conventions: the first one is difficult to print, the second one only creates a visual difference, but not an acoustic one: Play and play "sound" the same.

With my greetings and best wishes,
 yours ever

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