

# Frontiers of computer science: instruction for authors

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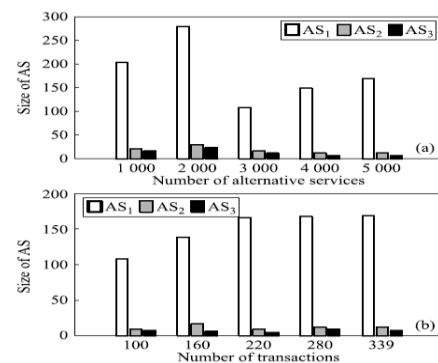
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**Fig.1** Size of AS with respect to  $|S|$  and  $n$ . (a) Size of AS with different  $|S|$  ( $n = 339$ ); (b) size of AS ...

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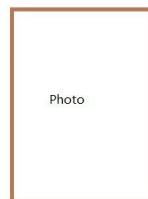
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## Appendix B

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