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¹On-line version of this document can be found at "<http://www.ta3.sk/caosp/instructions.html>"

²<http://www.ta3.sk/caosp/files/caosp.cls>

³http://www.ta3.sk/caosp/files/demo_caosp.tex

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