# **Christian Lentz**

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### Education

Macalester College | St. Paul, Minnesota | 09/2020 - Current

- Bachelor of Arts Mathematics and Computer Science
- GPA: 3.96
- Advisors: Lori Ziegelmeier, Susan Fox
- Men's Varsity Soccer, 2020-2022

Oxford University | Oxford, England, United Kingdom | 01/2023 - 06/2023

- Visiting Student in Mathematics at St. Catherine's College
- Relevant Courses: Real Analysis, Elementary Number Theory, Groups and Group Actions

<u>University of Wisconsin</u> | Madison, Wisconsin | 06/2022 - 08/2022

- Visiting Student in Mathematics
- Relevant Courses: Combinatorics, Techniques in Ordinary Differential Equations

## **Relevant Experience**

<u>Undergraduate Research Assistant</u> | 05/2023 - 07/2023

Macalester College - St. Paul, Minnesota

- Advisors: Lori Ziegelmeier (Macalester College), Greg Henselman-Petrusek (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory)
- Research in Algebraic Topology / Topological Data Analysis

# <u>QA Engineer - Intern</u> | 06/2022 - 01/2023

Maverick Software Consulting / TravelNet Solutions - St. Paul, Minnesota

- Manual and automated software testing / API testing
- Reproduction and documentation of bugs/test cases in large software projects
- Contributed to automated test framework; JavaScript, Playwright, CSS
- Experience with agile development / scrum teams

<u>Teaching Assistant</u> | 02/2022 - 01/2023 and 09/2023 - Current

Macalester College MSCS Department - St. Paul, MN

- Worked with professors and students to facilitate learning for undergraduate students.
- Attended lectures, graded problem sets, held office hours twice weekly.
- Courses: Linear Algebra, Introduction to Statistical Modeling, Computational Geometry, Algorithms.

#### Talks and Presentations

- An algorithmic approach for persistent relative homology using matrix factorization techniques, 2023 Fall Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America, North Central Section, University of Minnesota-Duluth, September 2023
- An algorithmic approach for persistent relative homology using matrix factorization techniques, Macalester College Summer Showcase, St. Paul, MN, October 2023
- A computational approach for persistent relative homology, AIM-AMS Special Session on Applied Topology Beyond Persistence Diagrams, 2024 Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Francisco, CA, January 2024
- A computational approach for persistent relative homology, PME Undergraduate Student Poster Session, 2024 Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Francisco, CA, January 2024
- Persistent Relative Homology for Topological Data Analysis, Honors Defense in Macalester College Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, St. Paul, MN, April 2024

### **Publications**

- C. Lentz (2024). *Persistent relative homology for topological data analysis*. [manuscript in preparation]. [undergraduate honors thesis]. Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, Macalester College.
- G. Henselman-Petrusek\*\*, C. Lentz\*, X. Xia\*, L. Ziegelmeier\* (2024). *A computational approach for persistent relative homology*. [manuscript in preparation]. Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, Macalester College\*. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory\*\*.

## Languages

Proficient: Java, Python, JavaScript, R, C

Intermediate: Mathematica, Rust, CSS, HTML, NetLogo, Spanish

Frameworks / SDKs: Playwright, Google Firebase