ALEX KAZACHEK

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EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario

2019 – 2023 (*Projected*)

HBSc in Mathematics & Data Science. GPA of 3.91.

Awards

NSERC USRA

2021 Summer

Cecil G. Gracey Scholarship

2021 Winter

Borwein Memorial Prize

2020 Winter

Dean's Honour Roll

2019 & 2020 School Years

Western Scholarship of Excellence 2019 Fall

Skills

Programming

Analysing data with Python, specifically Turi Create & NumPy.

Implementing cryptographic protocols with Rust.

Creating static web sites using React.js.

Design

Typesetting with L^AT_EX.

Animating math with TikZ and Manim.

Recording and visualizing data with Jupyter notebooks and Matplotlib.

Languages

Russian (conversational fluency).

Japanese (beginner).

ACADEMICS

Directed Reading Program

2020 Fall & Winter

Studied differential topology under a graduate student, primarily reading Guillemin & Pollack.

Presented on the role of transversal intersections of rays and hypersurfaces in the Jordan-Brouwer separation theorem.

CUMC 2021 Student Talk

2021 Summer

Title A mathematical definition of entanglement and its measurement.

Modified Abstract Entangled states are formalized as operators over the tensor products of Hilbert spaces. On certain states, known as pure, the level of entanglement may be measured by entanglement entropy. This value may be extended to all states by the convex roof construction, yielding entanglement of formation.

Summer of Math Exposition 2021 Entry

2021 Summer

Co-created animated video with Jacqueline Doan, geometrically motivating and building intuition for the spectral theorem for normal operators.

Work Experience

University of Western Ontario | Research Assistant

2021 Summer

Performed research in quantum state geometry and information theory, supervised by Dr. Tatyana Barron and funded by NSERC.

Clubs & Committees

Canadian Undergraduate Mathematics Conference | Committee Member

2021 Summer

Created new website for this and forthcoming CUMCs. Implemented desktop and mobile support, and bilingual localization (English & French).

Organized the career and mathematical communication panels, as well as the Lean and Beamer workshops.

2020 Summer

Responsible for the software to rapidly move the conference online due to Covid-19.

Organized the career panel.

Math Club at Western | VP Academics

2020 & 2021 School Years (on-going)

Launched biweekly mathematics contests for undergraduate students, and helping write and grade these contests.

Introduced student seminars, an opportunity for undergraduate students in mathematics or related disciplines to share their independent studies and projects.