

Daniel Barter

- Date of Birth: November 27, 1989
- Place of Birth: Melbourne, Australia
- Citizenship: Australia

Education

- B.Sc with First Class Honours and University Medal, Pure Mathematics, University of Sydney, 2008-2011.
- PhD, Pure Mathematics, University of Michigan, 2012 - 2017. Specialized in category theory and representation theory.
- I like to think about:
 - Pure Mathematics: differential geometry, representation theory and category theory: I am particularly interested in the interaction between these subjects and physics. Recently, I have been thinking about the relationship between modular tensor categories, 3 dimensional topological quantum field theories and topological quantum computing.
 - Statistical Inference: discriminative and generative models, inference algorithms (MAP estimation, MCMC, variational methods): Machine learning is popular right now. I have been spending some time learning about the mathematical foundations of the subject. I don't know all the folklore that goes into building effective non linear classifiers, but I understand the meaning of words like neural network, autoencoder, generative model and KL-divergence.
 - Computer Science: UNIX, scripting languages, functional programming: I have been using GNU/Linux as my main operating system since 2012. I have been using scripting languages (Bash, Lua, Emacs Lisp, Python...) to automate boring things since 2014. I prefer functional programming, but when mutable state is required, I like languages which have a simple object system like Python. My favourite book about computer science is SICP.

Papers

- Noetherianity and rooted trees. arXiv:1509.04228
- Eigenvalues of rotations and braids in spherical fusion categories. Joint with Corey Jones and Henry Tucker. Coming Soon!

Invited Talks

- Michigan theoretical computer science seminar, *Tensor rank and stability in representation theory*
- Berkeley combinatorics seminar, *Combinatorial categories, configuration spaces and tensorial species*

Teaching

- Tutor, MATH1001 (Differential Calculus), Sem 1, 2011, University of Sydney
- Tutor, MATH1003 (Integral Calculus and Modeling), Sem 2, 2011, University of Sydney
- Tutor, MATH1901 (Differential Calculus - Advanced), Sem 1, 2012, University of Sydney
- Graduate Student Instructor, Math 115 (Calculus 1), Fall 2012, University of Michigan
- Graduate Student Instructor, Math 115 (Calculus 1), Winter 2013, University of Michigan
- Graduate Student Instructor, Math 215 (Calculus 3), Fall 2013, University of Michigan
- Graduate Student Instructor, Math 116 (Calculus 2), Winter 2014, University of Michigan
- Graduate Student Instructor, Math 116 (Calculus 2), Fall 2014, University of Michigan
- Graduate Student Instructor, Math 215 (Calculus 3), Winter 2015, University of Michigan
- Graduate Student Instructor, Math 116 (Calculus 2), Fall 2016, University of Michigan

Note: At the University of Michigan, the lecturers for Math 115 (Calculus 1) and Math 116 (Calculus 2) are graduate student instructors.