

How to complete a PhD

by someone who has*

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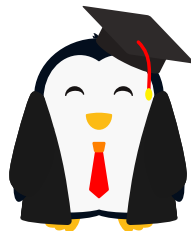
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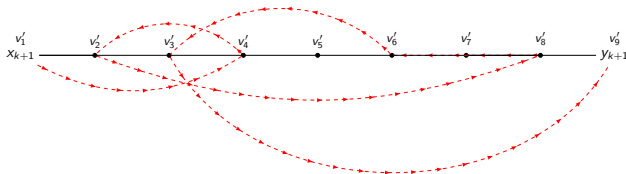


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Me

- Hi! I'm Dan (They/Them).
- My research is in **semigroup theory**, and its connections with **combinatorics** and **graph theory**.



- I submitted my thesis last week!
- I ended my PhD with 2 publications and 1 preprint.



Big Disclaimers



Not all advice herein applies to everyone



Everything mentioned is from my experience



Seriously, feel free to ignore the talk



Lifespan of a PhD

First Year

- Meet people inside and outside of your research area.
- Come to coffee and/or the pub!
- Don't overdo your taught hours.
- Learn Beamer.



Second Year

- Beware the "Wall".
- Have multiple streams of work.
- Give as many talks as you can (PP, IA, MRSC etc).
- Acknowledge imposter syndrome.



Third Year

- Try to organise something (conference, seminar, social activity etc).
- Network!



Fourth Year

- Check submission pending stuff.
- ... write the thing.
- ... read the thing.
- ... rewrite the thing.
- ... reread the thing.
- Submit the thing!



The Best Advice



If there is free food, eat it



Thank you.



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