Fran Herr

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EDUCATION

University of Washington – Seattle, WA 2022

B.S. in Mathematics, Honors

B.A. in Dance

Research Projects

Senior Thesis October 2021 - June 2022

Mentor: Gaku Liu

> Monotone paths on polytopes.

- > Working to prove a generalized Baues problem.
- > Examining the poset of cellular strings.

Paper: All cellular strings on polytopes at once

Decomposability and Simon's Conjecture

July 2021 - August 2021

Mentors: Anton Dochtermann and Suho Oh

Texas State University REU

- > Generating conditions for stuck complexes.
- ➤ Generalizing flag complexes.
- > Finding conditions for adding facets to 1-decomposable complexes.

Matching Graphs

September 2019 - June 2021

Mentors: Bennet Goeckner and Rowan Rowlands

- ➤ Iterated Jump Graphs
 - * We look at the jump graph operation under iteration and find the end behavior of any given graph.
 - * Paper *Iterated Jump Graphs* joint with Legrand Jones II. Accepted to Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Journal. arxiv. publication.
- ➤ Buchsbaum Complexes
 - * We characterize all graphs whose matching complex is a two-dimensional Buchsbaum complex.
 - * Paper A characterization of two-dimensional Buchsbaum matching complexes joint with Jones, Goeckner, Rowlands.

Accepted to The Electronic Journal of Combinatorics. arxiv.

Independent Projects

YouTube Channel GrapefruitGecko

June 2019 - present

Personal YouTube channel devoted to math communication and visual explanation.

UW Dance Majors Concert choreography

March 2022

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

- ➤ Dance piece inspired by the optimal solution to the Tower of Hanoi puzzle.
- \succ I set up a display with the Tower of Hanoi and information about the puzzle in the lobby.
- > Experimenting in ways to engage a general audience with math.

Finite Subgroups of Möbius Transformations

April 2020 - June 2020

Explanatory paper for Complex Analysis (MATH 336) at University of Washington.

> I prove Klein's result that all Möbius Transformations are isomorphic to a cyclic group, a dihedral group, or the symmetry group of a platonic solid.

Modular Multiplication Around a Circle

Summer 2019 - present

Github Repository. YouTube video.

- \triangleright These are visual representations of multiplying members of $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ by some integer a. The caustics of the pictures produced are epicycloids.
- > I examined the appearance of the cardioid in the 2-times table and the connection to rolling curves.
- > I am currently working on characterizing patterns produced by certain relationships between m and a.

Relevant Work Experience

July 2022 - July 2023 • National Museum of Mathematics Working as a docent, interacting with visitors, developing math communication content.

• Mathnasium of Northwest Seattle

May 2019 - September 2020 Tutoring children in various levels of math (6 - 16 yrs). • Individual Tutoring September 2017 - January 2019

Tutoring high school students in pre-calculus and calculus.

Skills and Interests

• Programming in Sage, Python, Java, MATLAB, Html

- LaTex and Beamer formatting
- Video and sound editing
- Photography and videography
- Mathematical and non-mathematical origami
- Obscure Rubik's cube puzzles
- Crocheting hyperbolic space

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Barbara Sando Scholarship in Mathematics 2020-21, 2021-22 Scholarship for outstanding undergraduate women in mathematics.
- WA State Opportunity Scholarship 2018 - 2022 Scholarship for promising WA state students in STEM fields.
- Annual Dean's List of Academic Excellence 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Dean's Medal for the Natural Sciences 2022

Award for a single undergraduate in the natural sciences at U Washington. Nominated by math faculty and selected by a committee of natural sciences faculty.