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EDUCATION

M.Sc. Mathematics

McGill University

Supervisor: Luc Devroye.

May 2021 – present

Montréal, QC, Canada

B.Sc. Joint Honours Mathematics and Computer Science

McGill University

Minor: Linguistics. CGPA: 3.84/4.

September 2017 – April 2021

Montréal, QC, Canada

Exchange semester

Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University

Grade: 1 on all courses (highest score attainable).

February – June 2019

Prague, Czech Republic

AWARDS AND FUNDING

NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (\$17,500)

May 2021 – April 2022

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (\$7,125)

May – August 2020

Governor General’s Academic Medal – Bronze

June 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Analysis of random discrete structures, analysis and design of algorithms, enumerative combinatorics, additive combinatorics, algebra.

PAPERS

P1. (with Rosie Y. Zhao) Arithmetic subsequences in a random ordering of an additive set. *arXiv preprint 2012.12339*, 11 pp. To appear in *Integers: Electronic Journal of Combinatorial Number Theory*, 2021.

SUBMITTED PAPERS

S1. (with Anna M. Brandenberger and Luc Devroye) Root estimation in Galton–Watson trees. *arXiv preprint 2007.05681*, 20 pp. Submitted July 2020.

S3. (with Anna M. Brandenberger, Luc Devroye, and Rosie Y. Zhao) Leaf multiplicity in a Bienaymé–Galton–Watson tree. *arXiv preprint 2105.12046*, 11 pp. Submitted May 2021.

S4. (with Jad Hamdan) The lattice of arithmetic progressions. *arXiv preprint 2106.05949*, 8 pp. Submitted June 2021.

S5. (with Luc Devroye and Rosie Y. Zhao) The independence number of a Bienaymé–Galton–Watson tree and related parameters. *arXiv preprint 2106.14389*, 20 pp. Submitted June 2021.

REPORTS

R1. The OPythn programming language. Software project report, Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic, June 2019), 10 pp.

R2. Typechecking proof scripts: making interactive proof assistants robust. Honours project report, McGill University (Montréal, Québec, December 2019), 10 pp.

- R3.** Grid-building algorithms on manifolds. Summer research report, McGill University (Montréal, Québec, August 2020), 10 pp.
- R4.** Finding regularity in Tlingit verb prefixes. Semester project report, McGill University (Montréal, Québec, April 2021), 7 pp.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Probabilistic analysis of branching processes

May 2020 – present

Research group

McGill University

Ongoing research on branching processes, headed by Luc Devroye. Studied estimation problems on Galton-Watson trees. Attended informal seminars over the year, discussing various topics related to branching processes. (Gave a presentation at five of these: one on root estimation in Galton-Watson trees, two on generating functions and elementary analytic combinatorics, and two on graph regularity.) [S1, S3, S5]

Sorting algorithms on manifolds

May – August 2020

Summer research project

McGill University

Research project under the supervision of Michael Lipnowski. Studied algorithms that investigate the topology of group actions on locally symmetric spaces. Work involved writing of code in OCaml and PostScript that generates illustrations of certain quotient spaces, in various models of hyperbolic geometry. [R3]

Interactive proofs

September – December 2019

Honours research project

McGill University

Semester-long research project in the Computation and Logic Group, supervised by Brigitte Pientka. Proved a theorem in constructive logic concerning the formal verification of the interactive proof assistant Harpoon and wrote OCaml code as part of ongoing work on the functional programming language Beluga. [R2]

Bytecode compiler and interpreter

February – June 2019

Individual software project

Charles University

Semester-long individual software project under the supervision of Adam Dingle. Created OPythn, a bytecode compiler and virtual machine for a subset of Python. OPythn includes support for lists, dictionaries, named and anonymous functions, objects, and classes. It is implemented in OCaml using Ocamllex for lexing and Menhir for parsing. [R1]

WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

First responder

October 2017 – present

McGill Student Emergency Response Team

Montréal, QC, Canada

On call on a weekly basis to provide emergency medical care at campus residences overnight as well as at university events such as frosh, sports games, and formals. Attend team training sessions twice a month to keep first-aid skills up-to-date. Most recent first responder certification: September 2021.

Grader

September 2019 – April 2021

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University

Montréal, QC, Canada

Grading of assignments in the following courses:

- Winter 2021: MATH 457 Honours Algebra 4
- Fall 2020: MATH 323 Probability, MATH 456 Honours Algebra 3
- Winter 2020: MATH 240 Discrete Structures
- Fall 2019: MATH 235 Algebra 1

Helpdesk tutor

September 2018 – April 2021

Computer Science Undergraduate Society Helpdesk

Montréal, QC, Canada

Hold twice-weekly office hours to tutor students in a variety of undergraduate courses. Topics covered include elementary data structures and algorithms, command-line scripting, and functional programming. Recipient of the Tomlinson Engagement Award for Mentoring.

Vice President, Academic*Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students***May 2019 – January 2020***Montréal, QC, Canada*

Oversaw academic affairs within SUMS council and acted as liaison between the undergraduate community and mathematics faculty. Duties included representing the student body at department meetings, organising midterm and final review sessions, and helping students with academic concerns.

Painter*Bakir Contracting Corp.***May – August 2018***Edmonton, AB, Canada*

Exterior painting (siding, decks, fences, trim, etc.) for residential clients.

Infantryman*Singapore Armed Forces***August 2015 – August 2017***Singapore*

Held appointment of machine-gun team commander in the 3rd Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment. Led a six-person team consisting of a medic, signaller, sensor, and two-machine gunners within a rifle platoon.

Tutor*École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School***September 2014 – June 2015***Beaumont, AB, Canada*

Tutored various students in grades 4 through 11 in chemistry, physics, math, and French.

Summer camp counsellor*YoWoChAs Outdoor Education Centre***June – August 2014***Fallis, AB, Canada*

Led children aged 4–15 through various activities (e.g. archery, canoeing, zipline) at a sleepaway camp.

SKILLS

Programming Languages

C, OCaml, Python, Java, PostScript, Haskell, Scheme Lisp, Standard ML, CWEB, MIXAL, MIPS Assembly.

Technologies

UNIX, Vim, T_EX, Git.

Languages

Fluent: English, French. Proficient: Mandarin, Italian.

OTHER

- Scored 10/120 on the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition in 2019 (the median score that year was 2/120).
- Recipient of 0x\$3.40 in Knuth reward cheques.
- Contributed sequences A335562, A338550, A338993, A339941, A339942, and A341822 to the On-line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences.