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EDUCATION

McGill University
BSc, Honours Mathematics and Computer Science, minor Linguistics
CGPA: 3.79/4.

September 2017 – April 2021
Montréal, QC, Canada

Charles University
Exchange semester, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
Grade: 1 on all courses (highest score attainable).

February – June 2019
Prague, Czech Republic

AWARDS

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
Governor General's Academic Medal – Bronze

May 2020
June 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Probabilistic analysis of branching processes
Research group

May 2020 – present
McGill University

Ongoing research on branching processes, headed by Luc Devroye. Studied estimation problems on Galton-Watson trees. Attended informal weekly seminars over the summer, discussing various topics related to branching processes. (Gave a presentation at three of these: one on root estimation in Galton-Watson trees, and two on generating functions and elementary analytic combinatorics.)

Sorting algorithms on manifolds
Summer research project

May – August 2020
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.

Interactive proofs
Honours research project

September – December 2019
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.

Bytecode compiler and interpreter
Individual software project

February – June 2019
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.

SUBMITTED PAPERS

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

REPORTS

R1. Typechecking proof scripts: making interactive proof assistants robust. Honours project report, McGill University (Montréal, Québec, December 2019), 10 pp.

WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University

Student Grader

September 2019 – present

Montréal, QC, Canada

Grading of assignments in the following courses:

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

Computer Science Undergraduate Society Helpdesk

Tutor

September 2018 – present

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.

McGill Student Emergency Response Team

First Responder

October 2017 – present

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.

Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students

Vice President, Academic

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.

Bakir Contracting Corp.

Painter

May – August 2018

Edmonton, AB, Canada

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

Singapore Armed Forces

Infantryman

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.

YoWoChAs Outdoor Education Centre

Summer Camp Counsellor

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, Haskell, Standard ML, Scheme Lisp, PostScript, CWEB, MIXAL, Python.

Technologies

UNIX, Vim, T_EX, Git.

Languages

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

INTERESTS

Analysis and design of algorithms, analysis of random discrete structures, combinatorics, group theory, programming language theory and design, compilers.

OTHER

- Scored 10/120 on the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition in 2019 (the median score that year was 2/120).
- Recipient of 0x\$0.40 in Knuth reward cheques.