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### EDUCATION

M.Sc. Mathematics May 2021 - present McGill University Montréal, QC, Canada

Supervisor: Luc Devroye.

**B.Sc. Joint Honours Mathematics and Computer Science** September 2017 – April 2021 Montréal, QC, Canada

McGill University

Minor: Linguistics. CGPA: 3.84/4.

February - June 2019 Exchange semester Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic

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

### Awards and Funding

May 2021 - April 2022 NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's (\$17,500) 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.

# 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.
- S2. (with Rosie Y. Zhao) Arithmetic subsequences in a random ordering of an additive set. arXiv preprint 2012.12339, 11 pp. Submitted December 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 byte-code 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

May 2019 - January 2020

Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students

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

May – August 2018 Edmonton, AB, Canada

Bakir Contracting Corp.

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

Infantryman

August 2015 – August 2017

Singapore Armed Forces

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

**September 2014 – June 2015** 

École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School

Beaumont, AB, Canada

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

Summer camp counsellor

June – August 2014

YoWoChAs Outdoor Education Centre

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, TEX, 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.