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EDUCATION

McGill University

September 2017 – April 2021

Montréal, QC, Canada

CGPA: 3.82/4.

Charles University

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

February – June 2019

Prague, Czech Republic

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

BSc, Honours Mathematics and Computer Science, minor Linguistics

AWARDS

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award

Governor General's Academic Medal - Bronze

May 2020

June 2015

Probabilistic analysis of branching processes

May 2020 - present

McGill University

Research group

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

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.

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.

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.

Submitted Papers

- **S1.** (with Anna M. Brandenberger and Luc Devroye) Root estimation in Galton-Watson trees. arXiv preprint 2007.05681. Submitted July 2020.
- **S2.** (with Rosie Y. Zhao) Arithmetic subsequences in a random ordering of an additive set. arXiv preprint 2012.12339. Submitted December 2020.

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.

WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University

September 2019 – present Montréal, QC, Canada

Student Grader

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

 \bullet Fall 2019: MATH 235 Algebra 1

Computer Science Undergraduate Society Helpdesk

September 2018 – present

Tutor

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

October 2017 – present

First Responder

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

May 2019 - January 2020

Vice President, Academic

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.

May – August 2018

Painter

Edmonton, AB, Canada

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

Singapore Armed Forces

August 2015 - August 2017

Infantryman

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.

École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School

September 2014 – June 2015

Tutor

Beaumont, AB, Canada

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

YoWoChAs Outdoor Education Centre

June - August 2014

Summer Camp Counsellor

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, TEX, Git.

Languages

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

Interests

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

OTHER

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

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