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EDUCATION

McGill University

September 2017 – May 2021

BSc, Honours Mathematics and Computer Science, minor Linguistics

CGPA: 3.79/4.

Montréal, QC, Canada

Charles University

February – June 2019 Prague, Czech Republic

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

Awards

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award

May 2020

Governor General's Academic Medal - Bronze

June 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sorting algorithms on manifolds

May 2020 - present

Summer research project

McGill University

Summer 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.

Interactive proofs

 ${\bf September-December~2019}$

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 an interactive proof assistant 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.

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

 ${\bf September~2019-present}$

Student Grader

Montréal, QC, Canada

Graded MATH 235, an introductory course on the theory of groups, rings, and fields, in Fall 2019 and MATH 240, a discrete mathematics course, in Winter 2020.

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

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.

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.

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, 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.