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Undergraduate Education

Harvard College

August 2017 - May 2021

Math Concentrator GPA: 3.968/4.000 Math GPA: 4.000/4.000

Cambridge, MA

- Selected undergraduate math courses: 55a/b (Honors Linear Algebra, Honors Real/Complex Analysis), 137 (Algebraic Geometry), 114 (Real/Functional Analysis), 132 (Differential Topology), 155r (Representation Theory of Symmetric Groups)
- o Selected graduate math courses: 221 (Commutative Algebra), 229x (Analytic Number Theory), 213a (Complex Analysis and Riemann Surfaces), 230a (Differential Geometry), 231a (Algebraic Topology), 231br (Further Algebraic Topology), 222 (Lie Groups and Lie Algebras), 269 (Schubert Calculus), 18.706 (Noncommutative Algebra), 18.725 (Scheme-theoretic Algebraic Geometry)
- o Miscellaneous other classes: Physics 16, Physics 151 (Advanced Classical Mechanics), Physics 143a (Quantum Mechanics), CS 121 (Introduction to Theoretical Computer Science)

Research Experiences

Minimal Additive Complements and Eventually Periodic Sets

Summer 2020

Duluth REU (funded by NSF and NSA)

University of Minnesota at Duluth

• Studied the subject of minimal additive complements and proved various conditions for eventually periodic sets to arise as minimal additive complements; for example, showed that all eventually periodic sets are eventually minimal additive complements; generalized the framework to one of "patterns"; developed a formalism of formal power series to reduce some of the proving process to routine calculation; derived various properties of such series; generalized a result of Burcroff and Luntzlara and answered an open question of theirs in a large class of cases

Representation Theory and Combinatorial Species PRISE

Summer 2019

Harvard University, Cambridge

o Worked on a combinatorial model for the BGG-esque resolution (given by Kaan Akin and Andrei Zelevinsky) of the irreducible representations of S_n which categorifies the Jacobi-Trudi determinant formula; derived, in the case of partitions of length 3, the generating series for the coefficients in the differential maps and saw that they were closely tied to Catalan-like generating series; progress at here

Volumes of Hyperbolic Simplices

Summer 2018

Indiana REU (funded by NSF)

Indiana University at Bloomington

o Gave an iterated integral formula for the volume of a spherical/hyperbolic simplex in terms of the length matrix (literature gave the Gram matrix); gave an alternative proof of Tuynman's formula; gave another power series for the volume of a spherical/hyperbolic simplex with a different radius of convergence than the one in literature; generalized a theorem of Haagerup and Munkholm which determined the limit of the ratio of the volume of a hyperbolic simplex to that of its Euclidean projection as the dimension goes to infinity

Selected Publications/Presentations/Honors

"On Eventually Periodic Sets As Minimal Additive Complements"

Summer 2020

o Preprint at arxiv.org/abs/2010.12162; submitted to Electronic Journal of Combinatorics

Presenter at American Mathematical Society Fall Western Sectional Meeting

October 2020

o Preprint at arxiv.org/abs/2010.12162

Presenter at Harvard Summer Undergraduate Research Village Conference

July 2019

Presenter at Indiana Undergraduate Mathematics Research Conference

July 2018

PRISE (Program for Research in Science and Engineering) Fellowship

Summer 2019

o under Professor Arnav Tripathy

Research Partner at Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

o Cluster Algebras, under Professor Lauren Williams: proofreading a preprint for a book on cluster algebras

John Harvard Scholarship

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

Selected Achievements/Awards

USA Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) Qualifier

Spring 2016

o Roughly top 300 contestants nation-wide

USA Physics Olympiad (USAPhO) Gold Medalist

Spring 2017

• Roughly top 40 contestants nation-wide

USA Physics Olympiad (USAPhO) Honorable Mention ($\times 2$)

Spring 2016, Spring 2015

USA Computing Olympiad (USACO) Gold

Spring 2017

Physics Bowl 14th Place Internationally, 9th Place Nationally

Spring 2017

Work Experience

Course Assistant

Spring – Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Math 130, Math 122, Math 155r

Harvard University, Cambridge

Worked as a Course Assistant: graded psets, wrote official solutions, held office hours, taught sections, etc..
Classes taught: Math 130 (Classical Geometry) in Spring 2019, Math 122 (Algebra I: Theory of Groups and Vector Spaces) in Fall 2019, and Math 155r (Combinatorics) in Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant Summer 2017

AwesomeMath Summer Program

University of Texas, Dallas

Worked as a Teaching Assistant for high-level competition math classes at the AwesomeMath Summer Program

Instructor 2016 – 2017

Momentum Learning

Houston

o Taught competitive math and physics classes, specifically AIME, MathCounts Advanced/AMC 10, MathCounts Intermediate, and Physics (F = ma Exam) classes

Extracurricular Activities

Problem Committee Member

2017 - 2019

Harvard-MIT Mathematics Tournament (HMMT)

Cambridge

 Design problems for the contest; test-solve problems proposed by others; write official solutions to problems; proctor during the contest (both at HMMT and at PUMaC, the Princeton University Mathematics Competition)

Others

I am a USA citizen. I am natively fluent in English and Mandarin.