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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

■ Undergraduate Course: Mathematical Tripos

Sep 2018 – Present

- Currently in Part IB of Three-Year Course at Trinity Hall
- Courses Taken:
  - IA: Differential Equations, Vectors and Matrices, Groups, Numbers and Sets, Probability, Analysis I, Vector Calculus, Dynamics and Relativity.
  - IB: Markov Chains, Quantum Mechanics, Linear Algebra, Methods, Analysis and Topology, Groups, Rings and Modules, Geometry, Statistics, Numerical Analysis, Complex Analysis, Variational Principles, Optimisation.
  - II: Galois Theory, Graph Theory.

### Beijing National Day School, Beijing, China.

• International Department, International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Sep 2016 - Jun 2018

- Higher Level Courses: Mathematics(7), Further Mathematics(7), Physics(7).
- Standard Level Courses: Chinese A(7), English A(6), Economics(6).
- Biligual Diploma (English, Chinese) with Total Score 42/45.

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program Toronto, Canada (online) Jul 2020 – Aug 2020

- 2 months of research under supervisors Ada Chan and Hanmeng Zhan from York University.
- Topic: Continuous Time Laplacian Quantum Walk, specifically Laplacian Fractional Revival.
- Papers resulting from this:
  - Laplacian Fractional Revival on Graphs. Paper on arxiv here.
  - Laplacian Pretty Good Fractional Revival. Paper on arxiv here.

#### Budapest Semester in Mathematics, Budapest, Hungary.

Participant

Jun 2019 - Aug 2019

- Eight weeks of studying and research.
  - Courses taken: Advanced Combinatorics (A+), Graph Theory (A+).
- Research: Explicit Burgess Bound for Character Sum under Composite Moduli with Prof. Maga Peter. Paper on arxiv here.

#### Ross Mathematics Program, Ohio State University, OH, United States of America.

Participant

Jun 2018 – Jul 2018

- Six-week intense program on elementary number theory.
- Starting from axioms upto contents such as Quadratic Reciprocity and Polynomial Rings.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Laplacian Fractional Revival on Graphs

Accepted by *Electronic Journal of Combinatorics*. With Ada Chan, Bobae Johnson, Malena Schmidt, Zhanghan Yin, Hanmeng Zhan. <a href="mailto:arxiv"><u>arxiv</u></a>

Laplacian Pretty Good Fractional Revival

Preprint. With Ada Chan, Bobae Johnson, Malena Schmidt, Zhanghan Yin, Hanmeng Zhan. arxiv

Explicit Burgess Bound for Composite Moduli

Accepted by International Journal of Number Theory. With Niraek Jain-Sharma, Tanmay Khale. arxiv

# AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

• **Election to Scholarship**, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge

Jun 2019

For outstanding results in Part IA of the Mathematical Tripos, elected as a scholar at Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge.

• First Class Distinction, University of Cambridge

Jun 2019

Dec 2018

First Class Distinction, University of Cambridge
For results in the first year of my studies in Mathematical Tripos at the University of Cambridge, ranking No. 3 out of 232 students.

■ **Top Scholarship**, First Prize, Beijing National Day School For outstanding graduation results, of 100000 RMB.

Feb 2017, Feb 2018

Mathematical Contest of Modeling, 2-Time Meritorious Winner

Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications (COMAP)

Two-Time Winner of Meritorious Winner, papers available here at pdf2017 and pdf2018.

■ International Mathematical Modeling Challenge, 2-Time Outstanding Award Apr 2016, Apr 2017 COMAP and NeoUnion ESC Organization

Top-Two Place in Mainland China Division for 2 Consecutive Years, papers available here at pdf2016 and pdf2017.

■ **Hope Scholarship**, First Prize, Beijing National Day School For topping the grade in the entrance examination, of 90000 RMB.

Sep 2016

# CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

### Mathematical Modeling Association, Beijing National Day School

■ President Jan 2017 – Jun 2018

• President of Association for one and a half year.

 Led members take hosted modeling lectures, participate in competitions, hold seminars, and cooperate with outside labs and companies.

VOLUNTEER WORK

# STIMULUS volunteering, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom.

■ Participant Dec 2018

· Volunteering at Coleridge Community College, tutoring one hour per week for an entire semester.

**LANGUAGES** 

**SKILLS** 

■ English. Chinese.

TEX, LATEX, XALATEX, MATLAB, Python.

**INTERESTS** Maths, Tennis, Music, Food.

REFERENCES

#### Professor Jack Thorne

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