

My Experiences with Mathematics

a talk by Janos Csirik

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4:10 - 5:00pm on Thursday, September 14th, in room 60 Evans.

The speaker attended the Berkeley math PhD program from 1995 to 1999, completing his magnum opus “The kernel of the Eisenstein ideal” under the direction of Ken Ribet. He is currently a quantitative analyst at D. E. Shaw & Co, one of the largest hedge funds in the world.

In this very informal seminar I am going to aim to provide some information that I would have found interesting and/or useful back when I was a graduate student. I will comment on my various experiences including an internship in cryptography with Arjen Lenstra at Citibank, being a researcher at two major industrial research labs (HP and AT&T), and being a quant at D. E. Shaw & Co. I also have second-hand but high quality information on doing research in biochemistry by a math PhD.

The speaker will be available for Q&A after the seminar.

Plug: there will be a recruiting presentation by D. E. Shaw & Co at 7pm on the same day at the Faculty Club, which I whole-heartedly recommend to all who are interested in finding out about a career in finance.