

# Abel Romer

Mathematics M.Sc.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

**University of Victoria**, Victoria, British Columbia  
M.A.Sc, concentration in Discrete Mathematics *Sep. 2020 - Sep. 2022*  
Advisors: Dr. Peter Dukes, Dr. Jonathan Noel  
Thesis: *Tight Bounds on 3-Neighbor Bootstrap Percolation*  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0 out of 4.0

**Quest University Canada**, Squamish, British Columbia  
B.A.Sc, concentration in Mathematics and Computer Science *Sep. 2012 - May 2017*  
Advisors: Dr. Glen Van Brummelen  
Thesis: *Winning Dots-and-Boxes in Two and Three Dimensions*  
Cumulative GPA: 3.81 out of 4.0

**St. Olaf College**, Northfield, Minnesota, USA  
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics *Fall 2015*  
Cumulative GPA: 3.87 out of 4.0

## PUBLICATIONS

Dukes, P., Noel, J., & Romer, A. (2023). Extremal Bounds for 3-Neighbor Bootstrap Percolation in Dimensions Two and Three. *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics*, 37(3), 2088–2125. doi:10.1137/22M1534195

Romer, A. E. (2022). Tight bounds on 3-neighbor bootstrap percolation [Master's thesis, University of Victoria]. UVicSpace. <https://dspace.library.uvic.ca/handle/1828/14170>.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

UVic Graduate Award, University of Victoria *Fall 2020 - Fall 2022*  
President's Honors Award, Quest University Canada *Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015*  
President's Scholarship, Quest University Canada *Sep. 2012 - May 2017*  
Quest University Canada Scholarship, Quest University Canada *Sep. 2012 - May 2017*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Technical Solutions Specialist** *May 2023 - Feb. 2024*

Hypercharge Networks, Inc., Vancouver, BC

*Git, GitHub, Typescript, React.js, Next.js, Salesforce, Visualforce, HTML, SQL, Python*

- Built and documented Salesforce API integration to securely pass data to internal dashboards and provide daily performance updates to leadership team.
- Contributed to internal documentation for Salesforce usage and led meetings with department heads outlining technical procedures.
- Managed projects with Hardware and Sales directors to design Salesforce configuration, and improve order fulfillment efficiency and data integrity.
- Mentored interns through pair programming and code review sessions.
- Wrote automated Postman test suite for remote charging REST API.

**Freelance Web Developer**

*Nov. 2017 - Aug. 2018*

Self-employed, Vancouver, BC

- Designed and implemented a web framework for a Python-based linear optimization solution to employee scheduling.

- Implemented server side request handling with Python Flask and MongoDB, algorithmic optimization with PuLP, and client side interfacing in HTML, CSS, Javascript and JQuery.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Private Tutor**

*Feb. 2024 – present*

Self-employed, Los Angeles, CA

*Pre-Calc, Geometry, Algebra*

- Provide one-on-one remedial math instruction in preparation for HSE tests.
- Explore alternative teaching methods to facilitate long-lasting understanding of techniques and procedures.

**Teaching Assistant**

*Sep. 2020 – Sep. 2022*

University of Victoria, Victoria, BC

*Graph Theory, Combinatorics, Logic, Calculus*

- Taught problem-solving-focused labs in calculus, designed to scaffold students' understanding and foster deep intuition for fundamental concepts.
- Prepared lesson plans and gave lectures to graduate and undergraduate students.
- Used analogy and examples to provide students with confidence and depth of understanding.

**Teaching Assistant**

*Sep. 2013 – May 2016*

Quest University Canada, Squamish, BC

*Calculus I-III, Rhetoric, Spherical Trigonometry*

- Hosted 200+ hours of drop-in sessions, assisting students with both rhetorical and quantitative coursework.
- Provided instruction and feedback to students on writing rhetorical and scientific papers, and mathematics.
- Taught remedial math to struggling students, with a focus on developing intuition through analogy.

TALKS

**Thesis Defense**, University of Victoria

*Sep. 2022*

- Tight Bounds on 3-Neighbor Bootstrap Percolation
- Slides: <https://www.abelromer.com/static/defense.pdf>

**Undergraduate Guest Lecture**, University of Victoria

*Apr. 2021*

- Dependent Random Choice: A Brief Introduction
- Slides: <https://www.abelromer.com/static/drc.pdf>

**Discrete Math Seminar**, University of Victoria

*Oct. 2021*

- Tight Bounds on 3-Neighbor Bootstrap Percolation

**Keystone Symposium**, Quest University Canada

*Apr. 2017*

- The Theory of Dots-and-Boxes in Higher Dimensions

MATHEMATICAL  
WRITING

*Supersaturation and Generalizations of Sperner's Theorem*

Review Paper

<https://www.abelromer.com/static/extremal.pdf> (2021)

*Dependent Random Choice*

Review Paper

<https://www.abelromer.com/static/combo.pdf> (2021)

*Winning Dots-and-Boxes in Two and Three Dimensions*

Quest University Senior Thesis

<https://www.abelromer.com/static/dandb.pdf> (2017)

*Differential Equations*

Sample Lecture Notes

[https://www.abelromer.com/static/day\\_1.pdf](https://www.abelromer.com/static/day_1.pdf) (2021)

*Linear Algebra and Bootstrap Percolation*

Sample Lecture Notes

<https://www.abelromer.com/static/labp.pdf> (2021)

VOLUNTEER  
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

*Jan. 2017 – Feb. 2017*

Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA

- Attended two-day Make the Way conference on professional development for mathematics educators.
- Wrote lesson plans for Math Teacher Circles, designed to give investigative learning experiences to high school teachers.

Journal Founder and Editor

*Sep. 2014 – May 2016*

Momenta: Quest Academic Journal, Squamish, BC

- Edited and laid the groundwork for the first edition of Quest's student-run academic journal
- Attended organizational meetings and held workshops to guide peers through the review process

TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

Languages: Python,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Java, Javascript, HTML5, CSS, React.js, Visualforce, Typescript

Databases: MongoDB, SQLite, MySQL, Postgres

Version Control/OS/Libraries/Other: Git, GitHub, UNIX (macOS), Pandas, PuLP