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The role of mathematicians and scientists in quantitative finance

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Abstract

Two mathematics department alumni would like to share with students of science and numerical discipline background:

- Heat equation in math finance: how to calculate derivative's price
- How we could use the mathematics we learn to serve in the financial industry
- What roles do Math/Science people are playing in the finance industry and what they actually are doing
- How could a college student study math and enjoy it?
- What are the popular options for students in the math/finance field after graduation? What happens to them? How should one prepare for that?
- What is graduate study like? Is it for you as a career?
- How math can be used to solve real life problems?

This talk is prepared for a general audience. Please come, especially if you are majoring in mathematics, physics, business, or an engineering discipline, have a passion in mathematics or simply curious. This talk may change your life.



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