### Zoom for Thought

# Sam Spiro, Ph.D. Candidate $_{UCSD}$

#### The Count of Monte Carlo

#### Abstract:

Many of the questions asked during the birth of probability (e.g. what's the probability of getting a certain hand in poker?) are equivalent to basic counting problems, and since then there have been numerous applications of combinatorics to probability (e.g. moment method proofs for the semi-circle law). In this talk, probability strikes back with a vengeance by solving some (non-trivial) counting problems.

## Tuesday, September 28, 2021 2:00 PM Please see email with subject "Graduate Student Seminar Information."