

## Curriculum vitae

The author of this thesis was born on January 24th 1977 in Jerusalem, Israel. In 1993, instead of going to high school, he started following computer science courses at the Open University in Israel. After a period of contemplation between computer science and mathematics he decided, in 1998, to enroll for the B.Sc. programme of mathematics at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. During his bachelors studies he worked as a private tutor for mathematics students and as a corrector in various courses, and obtained his B.Sc. degree cum laude in 2001. He then continued for the M.Sc. programme at the Hebrew University under the supervision of Prof. Farjoun, carrying out research in the field of operad theory. During his masters he worked as a teaching assistant in the course "Infinitesimal Calculus", was part of a team that wrote a textbook for the same course, and was active in an Arab-Israeli peace movement and in an organization for the demilitarization of the Israeli society. He won two years in a row the Klein Scholarship for excellence in teaching and obtained his M.Sc. degree cum laude in 2003. He then started his position as AiO at Utrecht Universiteit under the supervision of Prof. Moerdijk. He worked as a teaching assistant in various courses and was a teacher of the introductory course "Wat is Wiskunde?" during the last two years of his employment at the university.