## DISSERTATION DEFENSE

Hamiltonicity and Pancyclicity of 4-connected, Claw- and Net-free Graphs

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**Abstract:** A well-known conjecture by Manton Matthews and David Summer states, that every 4-connected  $K_{1,3}$  -free graph is hamiltonian. The conjecture itself is still wide open, but several special cases have been shown so far. We will show, that if a graph is 4-connected and  $\{K_{1,3}, N\}$ -free, where N = N(i, j, k), with i + j + k = 5 and  $i, j, k \ge 0$ , the graph is pancyclic.

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