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Learning from Michael Maschler and working with him

The very first class in my first year as an undergraduate student was infinitesimal calculus with Michael Maschler. Michael opened my eyes to the beauty of mathematics beyond the highschool level. In subsequent years I studied several game theory courses with Michael, and I was always amazed at the width and depth of the theory.

Over the past four years Shmuel Zamir and I have written a game theory textbook with Michael. This long period of working together enabled me to see several sides of Michael's personality: his passion for the theory, his determination, his love for the students, his clear view of the best way to explain difficult arguments to them, and the infinite amount of energy that he was willing to invest in fighting for the issues that were important to him.

The textbook has just been sent to the publisher. Unfortunately Michael will not see the end product of our project, on which he spent so much time right until his last days.

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