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Prior to joining HP, Aerdts was a scientific assistant at the State University of Utrecht in the Netherlands, where he was engaged in teaching, performing research, and publishing articles. He holds a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in mathematics, with a minor in physics, from Utrecht University.