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Interviewing mathematicians about proofs

In this talk, I will address my experiences as a philosopher with interviewing mathematicians about their research practices. I will present what I have learned, through the interviews, about mathematical proofs as they appear in practice. Furthermore, I will reflect on what I have learned about the use of interviewing as a research method. The work I discuss is, in part, joint work with Mikkel Willum Johansen and Henrik Kragh Sørensen (both at the University of Copenhagen).