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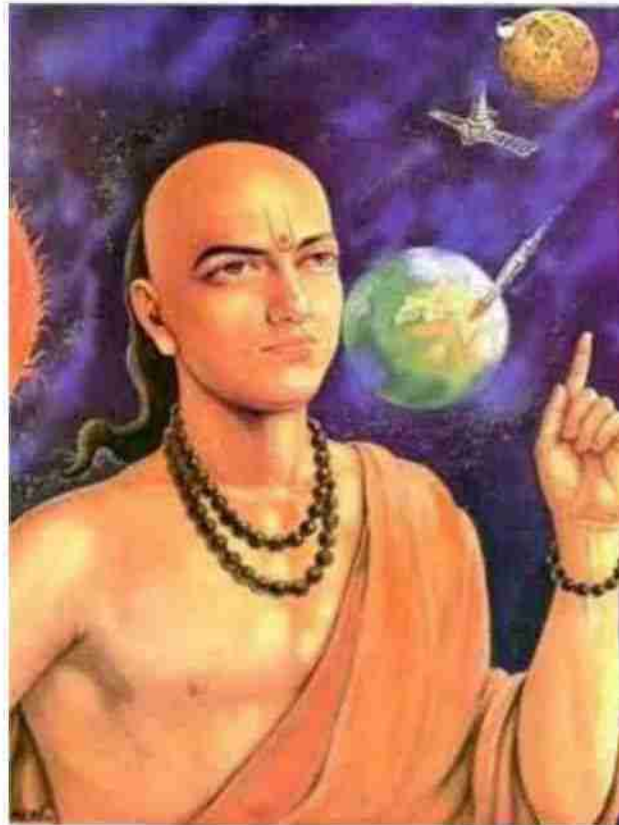**(Mathematics optional 2024 – 2026)**

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ARYABHATA

Aryabhata was a well-known mathematician and astronomer. He lived during the gupta dynasty and was born around 476 AD in Patna, Bihar, India.Despite being born in a small village in India, Aryabhata broke all the social stigmas present in the society and rose as a significant personality in mathematics and science.He was the student of Nalanda university which was famous in those day. After completing his study he wrote the famous mathematical treatise, ARYABHATIYA at the age of 23 in 499 AD. It was one of the most standard work on mathematics. The mathemaical part of Aryabhatiya covers arithmetic, algebra, plane trigonometry and sperical trigonometry. He was appointed as the vice-chancellor of Nalanda university. Aryabhata's later life is not well documented, but he likely spent his final years teaching at Nalanda.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- He gave the value of pi at 3.1416 as on approximate value for the first time.

- He prepared table for sine.

- He gave formula for the area of triangle.

- He gave formula for area of the circle.

- He was one of the first to use the decimal system, including the concept of zero.

- Aryabhata worked on problems involving indeterminate equations,which later influenced number theory.

- Contribution in geometry are commendable. The famous Pythagoras theorem is seen in the following form in his work. The square of the Bhuja plus the square of the koti is the square of the karna.

  Aryabhatta developed algebraic methods, which are used to manipulate equations and expressions.

EUCLID

Euclid was an ancient Greek mathematician who lived in the Greek city of Alexandria in Egypt during the 3rd century BCE. After Alexander the Great conquered Egypt, he set up Alexandria as the political and economic center, and many Greeks lived or worked there. Euclid's Elements, a collection of geometrical theorems, is his most significant work which has become part of the history of mathematics. So he is also referred to as the father of geometry.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- Euclid's Elements

  Euclid's 13-book series is considered his most significant work and is still taught today. In it, he used basic ideas called axioms to prove theorems and propositions, and established the foundation for what is now called Euclidean geometry.

- Axiomatic Method: Euclid introduced the axiomatic method, which involves starting with a small set of axioms or postulates and deriving further truths through logical reasoning. This approach laid the groundwork for modern mathematical proofs.

- Geometric Constructions: Euclid detailed various geometric constructions using only a compass and straightedge, which became foundational in the study of geometry.

- Number Theory: In the Elements, Euclid explored number theory, including concepts such as prime numbers, greatest common divisors, and the Euclidean algorithm for finding the greatest common divisor of two numbers. Euclid's work on number theory includes the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, which states that all numbers greater than 1 can be written as factors of prime numbers. He was also the first to prove that there are infinitely many prime numbers.

- Euclidean Geometry: The system of geometry described in the Elements, known as Euclidean geometry, remains a cornerstone of mathematics education and is taught worldwide.

- Influence on Later Mathematicians: Euclid's work influenced many mathematicians throughout history, including Archimedes, Isaac Newton, and many others, and principles are still taught in modern mathematics.

- Non-Euclidean Geometry: While Euclid's work established the foundations of geometry, it also led to explorations into non-Euclidean geometries in the 19th century, which challenged and expanded upon Euclidean principles.

•Other works

Euclid also wrote works on perspective, conic sections, spherical geometry, and optics.

•Impact on modern mathematics

Euclid's work is still taught and referred to by mathematicians today. His geometric and theoretical principles have had a lasting influence on mathematics.
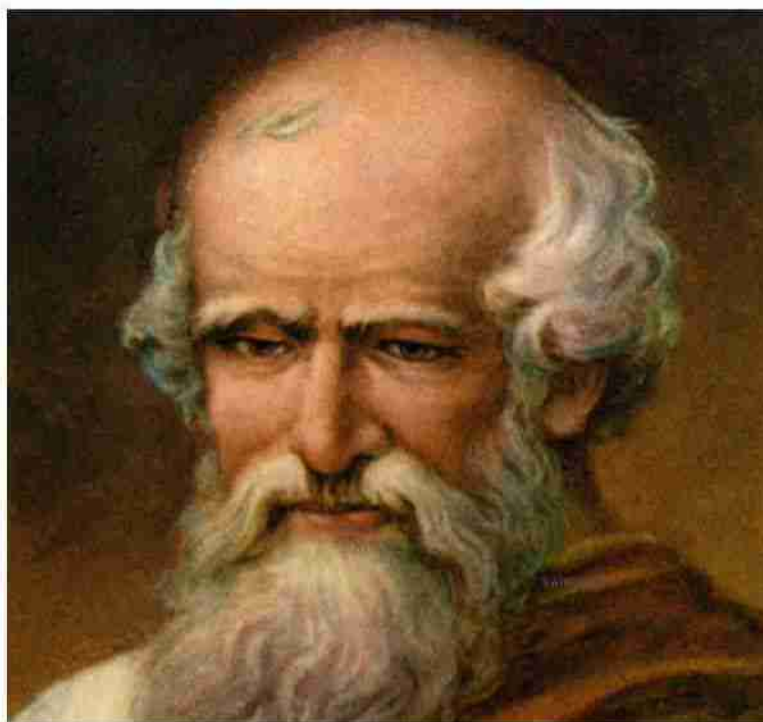
- Real-world applications

Euclidean geometry is used in computer-aided design (CAD) systems to create 3D models of mechanical parts.

ARCHIMEDES

Archimedes of Syracuse (c. 287 – c. 212 BCE) was an ancient Greek mathematician, physicist, engineer, inventor, and astronomer. He is often regarded as one of the greatest mathematicians of all time and made significant contributions to various fields. Archimedes was born in the city of Syracuse, on the island of Sicily, which was a Greek colony at the time. He is believed to have studied in Alexandria, Egypt, where he was influenced by earlier mathematicians and scientists.

Archimede's work laid the groundwork for many areas of mathematics and physics. His methods of mathematical rigor influenced later mathematicians, including Isaac Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz. His writings were largely lost during the Middle Ages but were rediscovered during the Renaissance, significantly influencing the development of science and mathematics. Archimedes died during the Second Punic War (218-201 BCE) in Syracuse, Sicily. He was killed by a Roman soldier in 212 BCE, when he was around 75 years old.

CONTRIBUTIONS

- Calculating the area of a circle: Archimedes determined that the area of a circle is equal to its radius

- Calculating the volume of a sphere: Archimedes discovered that the volume of a sphere is two-thirds of the volume of a cylinder with the same dimensions.

- Approximating pi: Archimedes calculated the most precise value of pi. He calculated that the value of pi is 22/7.

- The Archimedean spiral: He studied this spiral, which is formed by the locus of points that are constant distance from a line that rotates around a fixed point

- Exponents: Archimedes developed a system for using exponents to represent very large numbers.

- Infinitesimals: Archimedes used infinitesimals, which foreshadowed calculus.

- Archimedes screw: This device is used for raising water and is still in use today for irrigation and drainage.

- The principle of buoyancy: Archimedes' principle states that the upward force on an object in a fluid is equal to the weight of the fluid the object displaces.

- The law of the lever: Archimedes' law states that a small force applied to a lever at a large distance from the fulcrum can produce a much larger force on the other end.

- On Floating Bodies: Archimedes wrote the first description of how objects behave when floating in water.

ISAAC NEWTON

Isaac Newton was born on 4th January 1643 in a small village of England called Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth. He was an English physicist and mathematician, and one of the important thinkers in the Scientific Revolution. His father was a wealthy, uneducated farmer who died three months before Newton was born. Newton's mother remarried and he was left in the care of his grandmother. He attended Free Grammar school. Though Newton did not excel in school, he did earn the opportunity to attend Trinity College Cambridge where he wanted to study law.He became interested in mathematics after buying a book at a fair and not understanding the math concepts it contained. Newton graduated with a bachelors degree in 1665. The further pursuit of an education was interrupted by the plague. In 1671, he was invited to join the Royal Society of London after developing a new and enhanced version of the reflecting telescope.He was later elected President of the Royal Society (1703). He was also appointed as a Warden of the Mint in 1969. In later life, Newton devoted his main intellectual energies to theological speculation and alchemical experiments. Newton died in his sleep in London on March 31, 1727.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- Newton developed the method of fluxions(now known as limits) which is the foundations of calculus.

- Newton developed the method of infinte series, which is used to approximate functions and solve equations.

- He generalized the Binomial theorem , which discribes the expansion of powers a binomial.

- Newton introduced notations such as "x" for unknown variables and "f(x)" for functions.

- Newton worked on solving algebraic equations and developed methods for finding roots.

- Newton classified most of the cubic plane curves.

- Newton developed a method for approximating the roots of a function.

SRINIVASA RAMANUJAN
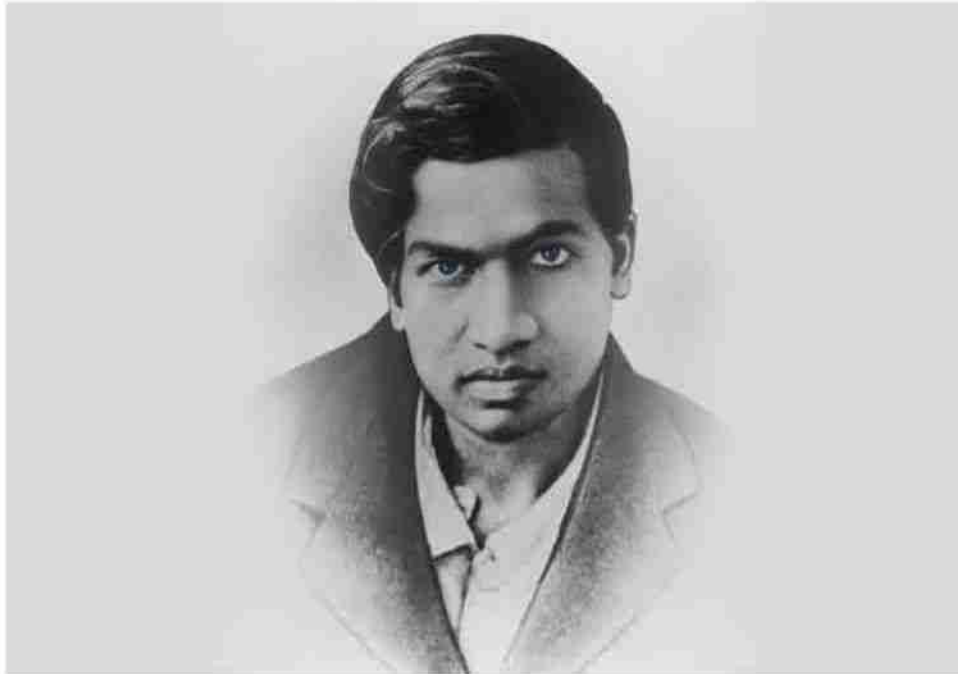
Ramanujan was an Indian mathematician was born on December 22,1887 in Tamilnadu. Since a very early age, he had keen interest in mathematics. At the age of 12,he invented his own method of solving quadratic equation. He was an expert in several areas of maths. In 1912 he was appointed at the position of clerk in the madras post trust office. In 1913 he had sent the famous letter to G H Hardy ,in which he had attached 120 theorems as a sample of his work. Later Ramanujan joined with Hardy at Cambridge university and together they discovered many theorems in mathematics .In 1919 ,Ramanujan returned to India from Cambridge and he died on april 26, 1920 due to some illness. December 22 is observed as the national mathematicians day.

Contributions in Mathematics:

- Number Theory: Ramanujan made significant contributions to number theory, including Prime numbers, Partitions, Congruences

- Elliptic Curves: Ramanujan worked on elliptic curves and made significant contributions

- Infinite Series: Ramanujan discovered several infinite series expansions, including Ramanujan's summation formula and Ramanujan's theta function

- Mathematical Analysis: Ramanujan made contributions to mathematical analysis including Asymptotic expansions, special functions including the gamma function and the zeta function.

- Hardy –Ramanujan number: This is the number 1729,which is the smallest number that can be expresses as the sum of two cubes in two different ways.

EMIL ARTIN

Emil Artin was a renowned Austrian-German-American mathematician born (1898 – 1962) in Vienna, Austria-Hungary (now Austria). He showed an early interest in mathematics, encouraged by his parents and went on to study mathematics at the University of Vienna from 1916 to 1921. Artin received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Vienna in 1921 and subsequently held postdoctoral research positions at the University of Leipzig and University of Hamburg. Artin's academic career spanned several institutions, including the University of Hamburg, where he became a professor in 1925, and later the University of Notre Dame, Princeton University, and Indiana University. However, his time in Germany was cut short due to Nazi persecution, and he was forced to leave in 1937. Despite this challenge, Artin continued to make significant contributions to mathematics, developing the theory of rings and

ideals and introducing the concept of "Artinian rings." Artin's work had a profound impact on modern algebra and number theory, and he collaborated with notable mathematicians such as Emmy Noether and John Tate. He also supervised and inspired many students, including notable mathematicians like Serge Lang and John Tate. Artin's legacy extends far beyond his own research, as his influence can be seen in the work of many mathematicians who followed in his footsteps.

He made significant contributions in various field of mathematics, including:

- **Artinian Rings** : Artin introduced the concept of Artinian rings, which are rings that satisfy certain chain conditions. This concept has become fundamental in abstract algebra.
- **Ring Theory** : Artin made significant contributions to ring theory, including the development of the theory of ideals, prime ideals, and the structure of rings.
- **Galois Theory** : Artin worked on Galois theory, introducing the concept of Artin's L-function, which is used to study the properties of finite fields.
- **Class Field Theory** : Artin made significant contributions to class field theory, which is a branch of algebraic number theory.
- **Representation Theory** : Artin worked on representation theory, introducing the concept of Artin's representation, which is used to study the representations of finite groups.
- **Algebraic Number Theory** : Artin made significant contributions to algebraic number theory, including the development of the theory of algebraic numbers and ideals.
- **Geometry** : Artin worked on geometry, introducing the concept of Artin's geometric algebra, which is used to study the properties of geometric objects.
- **Influence on Other Mathematicians** : Artin's work had a significant influence on other mathematicians, including Emmy Noether, Richard Brauer and John Tate.

EMMY NOETHER

Emmy Noether was a trailblazing German mathematician born (1882 – 1935) in Erlangen, Germany. Despite facing gender barriers in pursuing higher education, she showed exceptional talent in mathematics and went on to study at the University of Erlangen and the University of Göttingen. Noether's groundbreaking contributions to abstract algebra and theoretical physics led to the development of the Noether's Theorem, a fundamental concept connecting

symmetries and conservation laws in physics. She worked alongside prominent mathematicians like David Hilbert and Felix Klein, and her work has had a lasting impact on modern algebra, geometry, and physics. Despite facing financial struggles and health issues, Noether dedicated her life to mathematics, leaving behind a legacy as one of the most important mathematicians of the 20th century.

Emmy Noether's contributions to mathematics are numerous and significant. Here are some of her key contributions:

- Noether's Theorem : A fundamental result in abstract algebra and theoretical physics, establishing a deep connection between symmetries and conservation laws.
- Ideal Theory : Developed the theory of ideals in commutative rings, revolutionizing algebra and leading to significant advancements in number theory and algebraic geometry.
  Ring Theory : Made significant contributions to the development of ring theory, including the introduction of the concept of a Noetherian rring.G
- Galois Theory: Contributed to the development of Galois theory, including the introduction of the concept of a Noetherian extension.
- Class Field Theory : Made significant contributions to class field theory, including the introduction of the concept of a Noetherian class field.
- Invariant Theory : Contributed to the development of invariant theory, including the introduction of the concept of a Noetherian invariant.
- Abstract Algebra : Helped establish abstract algebra as a distinct field of mathematics, emphasizing the importance of structural properties.

- Modern Algebra : Contributed to the development of modern algebra, including the introduction of concepts such as groups, rings, and fields.
- Influence on Other Mathematicians : Influenced many prominent mathematicians, including Emil Artin, Richard Brauer, and Olga Taussky-Todd.

Noether's work has had a lasting impact on modern algebra, geometry, and physics, and she is considered one of the most important mathematicians of the 20th century.

BHASKARACHARYA
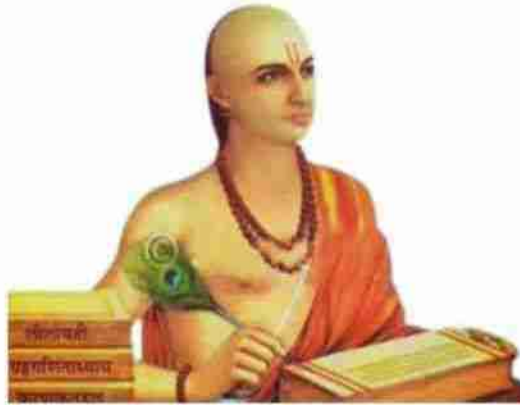
Bhaskaracharya (Bhaskara II (1114-1185 CE))was a renowned Indian mathematician and astronomer born in Vijjalwada, Karnataka. He studied under his father Mahesvara and later under Trivikrama, becoming a prominent scholar in mathematics and astronomy. Bhaskara II wrote influential books like "Bijaganita", "Lilavati", and "Siddhanta Shiromani", making significant contributions to algebra, arithmetic, and astronomy. He served as the head of the Ujjain astronomical observatory and royal astronomer to King Vallabha. Bhaskara II's works had a lasting impact on Indian and Islamic mathematics and astronomy, influencing later scholars like Brahmagupta and Copernicus. He died at 71, leaving behind a legacy as one of ancient India's greatest mathematicians and astronomers.

The contributions of Bhaskara II are :

- **Algebra**: Developed methods for solving quadratic equations, linear equations, and indeterminate equations.

- **Arithmetic**: Wrote about zero, infinity, and decimals, and developed the concept of negative numbers.
- **Geometry**: Studied and applied geometry to astronomical problems, including calculations of planetary positions and eclipses.
- **Number Theory**: Made significant contributions to number theory, including the study of prime numbers and congruences.
- **Planetary Motion**: Accurately calculated planetary positions, including the motions of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.
- **Solar System**: Described the solar system with the Sun at its center, and recognized the Earth as a sphere.
- **Lunar and Solar Eclipses**: Explained the causes of lunar and solar eclipses, and predicted their occurrences.
- **Astronomical Tables**: Developed astronomical tables for calculating planetary positions and eclipses.
- **Bijaganita (Algebra)**: A comprehensive treatise on algebra, covering topics like equations, algebraic expressions, and mathematical operations.
- **Lilavati (Mathematics)**: A popular mathematics text covering arithmetic, algebra, and geometry, with practical applications.
- **Siddhanta Shiromani (Astronomy)**: A monumental work on astronomy and mathematics, covering topics like planetary motion, eclipses, and astronomical calculations.
- **Zero and Infinity: Recognized and utilized zero as a number and concept, and developed the concept of infinity.**
- **Decimal System**: Contributed to the development of the decimal system, and used it for astronomical calculations.
- **Mathematical Notations**: Introduced symbols for unknown variables, mathematical operations, and other notation systems.
- **Influence on Later Scholars**: Influenced later scholars like Brahmagupta, Copernicus, and others, shaping the course of mathematical and astronomical knowledge.

PYTHAGORAS
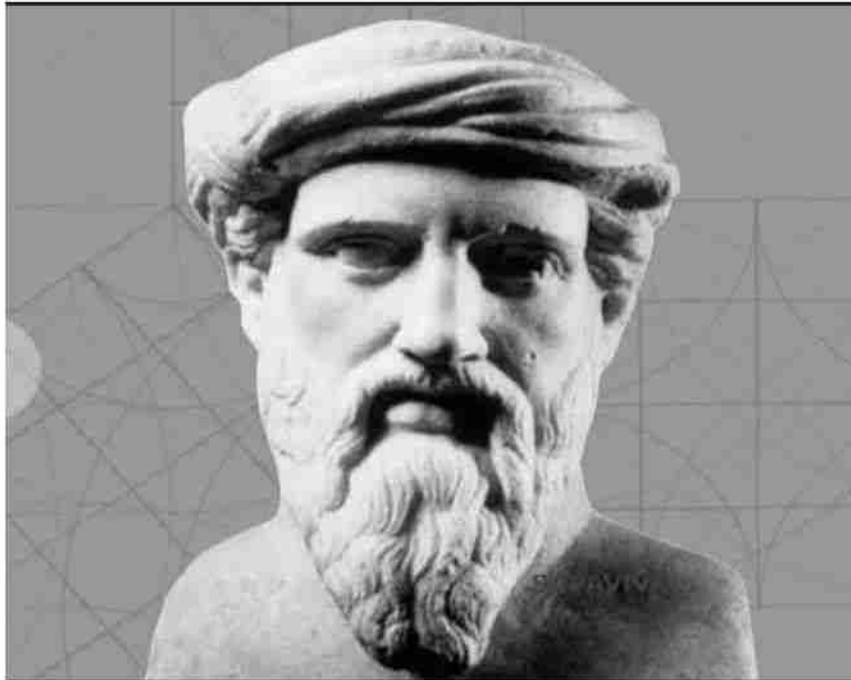
Pythagoras was born on BC 570 in Greece. He was a Greek philosopher, mathematician, and spiritual leader. He studied with the wise men of Samos, including Pherecydes and Thales. He traveled to Egypt, where he learned mathematics, astronomy, and geometry and visited Babylon, where he studied with the Chaldeans and learned about their mathematical and astronomical discoveries. Around 530 BC, Pythagoras founded a school in Croton, Italy, where he taught philosophy, mathematics, and spirituality. The school became a center of learning and attracted many followers. Around 495 BC, Pythagoras fled Croton due to political unrest and persecution. He went to Metapontum, where he died around 495 BCE. His school continued to thrive after his death, and his teachings had a lasting impact on Western philosophy and mathematics.
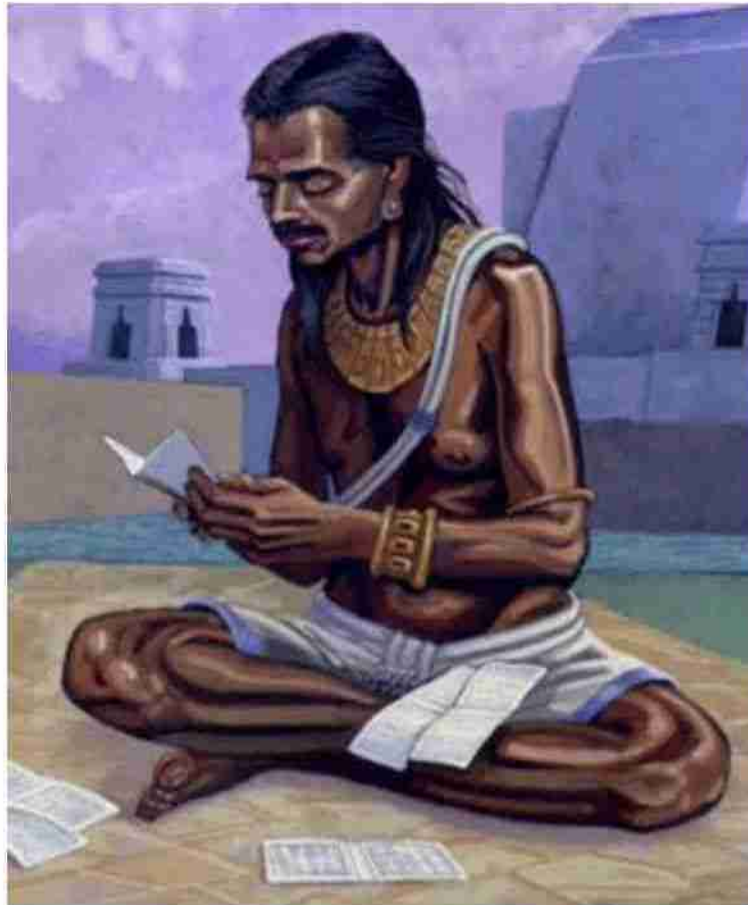
CONTRIBUTIONS IN MATHEMATICS

- Developed the Pythagorean theorem and made significant contributions to geometry

- Irrational Numbers: Pythagoras and his followers discovered that the square root of 2 is an irrational number, which challenged the traditional Greek notion that all could be expressed as simple ratios.
- Geometry: Pythagoras and his school made significant contributions to the development of geometry, including the study of points, lines, angles, and solids.

- Similar Triangles: Pythagoras discovered the concept of similar triangles, which are triangles that have the same shape but not necessarily the same size.

- Right Triangles: Pythagoras studied right triangles and discovered several important properties, including the fact that the sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs is equal to the square of the length of the hypotenuse.
- Music and Mathematics: Pythagoras believed that numbers were the basof all things, including music. He discovered that the intervals between notes could be expressed as simple ratios, leading to the development of musical harmony.
- Mathematical Notation: Pythagoras and his followers developed a system of mathematical notation that used symbols to represent numbers and operations.
- roofs and Theorems: Pythagoras and his school developed the concept of proofs and theorems, which are still used in mathematics today.

BRAHMAGUPTA

Brahmagupta was an ancient Indian mathematician and astronomer who lived during the 6th and 7th centuries CE. He is considered one of the most significant figures in the history of Indian mathematics and made substantial contributions to various branches of mathematics and astronomy. Here are key aspects of Brahmagupta's life and work:

Brahmagupta was born in 598 CE in Bhinmal, a town in present-day Rajasthan, India. Not much is known about his personal life, but he likely lived during the Gupta dynasty, a period often referred to as the "Golden Age" of ancient Indian mathematics. Unfortunately, historical records about the personal life of Brahmagupta are limited, and not much is known about his personal details or experiences.

The primary source of information about Brahmagupta's life and contributions comes from his own writings, particularly his mathematical and astronomical treatise, the "Brahmasphutasiddhanta" meaning "The Opening of the Universe." This

mathematical and astronomical treatise covers various topics, including arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and astronomy and provides insights into his mathematical genius and the knowledge he sought to convey.

CONTRIBUTIONS

• Brahmagupta's Formula: He provided a formula for calculating the area of a cyclic quadrilateral (a four-sided figure with vertices on a circle).The formula is given by,

$$A = \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)}$$

where s is the semiperimeter of the quadrilateral, and a, b, c, d are the lengths of the sides.

• Rules for Arithmetic: In his work "Brahmasphutasiddhanta," he outlined rules for arithmetic operations, including rules for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of both positive and negative numbers.

• He was one of the first to treat zero as a number and to discuss its properties

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•Solutions to Quadratic Equations: Brahmagupta developed methods for solving quadratic equations and provided general solutions, which were groundbreaking for his time.

•Negative Numbers: He recognized the existence of negative numbers and discussed their implications in arithmetic, particularly in the context of debt and loss.

•Astronomy: Brahmagupta made significant contributions to astronomy, including calculations related to planetary positions and eclipses. His work included methods for determining the positions of celestial bodies.

Mathematical Proofs: He emphasized the importance of proofs in mathematics, laying the groundwork for the future mathematical rigor.

•Influence on Later Mathematicians: His works influenced subsequent mathematicians in India and beyond including notable figures like Baskara ll

•Brahmasphutasiddhanta: This seminal work encompasses various topics in mathematics and astronomy, consolidating existing knowledge and introducing new concepts.

BHASKARA I

Bhaskara I was born in the 7th century CE in the Indian subconnent, which was a hotbed of intellectual and cultural acvity during this period. He hailed from the town of Vijjadavida, situated in modern-day state of Maharashtra in India. His early life and educaon remain shrouded in historical obscurity, but it is widely accepted that he received a comprehensive educaon in mathemacs and astronomy from the leading scholars of his me.

The mathemacal tradion in India had already reached great heights, with earlier luminaries like Aryabhata and Brahmagupta making significant contribuons to the field. Bhaskara I emerged in this rich intellectual milieu, and his work would further enrich this mathemacal heritage.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MATHEMATICS

- Algebra: Bhaskara I made substanal contribuons to algebra. He is known for his pioneering work in solving indeterminate equaons, which involve finding soluons in whole numbers for equaons with more variables than equaons. One of his most famous works is the "BhaskaraSamhita," a trease on algebra that presented soluons to various indeterminate equaons. This work was instrumental in advancing the understanding of Diophanne equaons, a class of equaons named aer the ancient Greek mathemacian Diophantus.

- Number Theory: Bhaskara I also made significant contribuons to number theory, specifically in the area of divisibility. He formulated several theorems and concepts related to divisibility, which laid the groundwork for later developments in the field. His work on divisibility led to the establishment of more systemac methods for solving problems involving integers, factors, and prime numbers.

- Geometry: Bhaskara I contributed to geometry as well. He introduced trigonometric concepts that would later become essenal in both mathemacs and astronomy. His work helped in the development of trigonometry, which found extensive applicaons in both fields.

- Approximaon of π (Pi): Bhaskara I was one of the earliest mathemacians to atempt an accurate approximaon of the value of π (pi), the mathemacal constant represenng the rao of a circle's circumference to its diameter. He proposed a novel approximaon for π, which was remarkably close to its true value. His approximaon was 3.1416, an impressive achievement considering the me in which he lived.

- Divisibility Rules: Bhaskara I developed innovave divisibility rules for various numbers, making it easier to determine if one number is divisible by another. These rules were parcularly helpful for quick mental calculaons and simplifying mathemacal problems.

- Properes of Triangles: In addion to trigonometry, Bhaskara I made unique contribuons to the study of triangles. He introduced new geometric properes and theorems related to triangles, some of which were not well-documented in earlier works.

- Geometric Construcons: Bhaskara I's work included detailed descripons of geometric construcons, especially those involving circles and angles. He provided step-by-step instrucons for creang various geometric shapes and angles, which were valuable for both mathemacians and engineers.

- Advancements in Algebraic Notaon: Bhaskara I made improvements in algebraic notaon, making mathemacal expressions and equaons more concise and easy to work with. His notaonal innovaons helped streamline the presentaon of mathemacal ideas.

- Calculaon Methods: Bhaskara I introduced alternave methods for calculaons, such as mulplicaon and division. These methods facilitated faster and more accurate mathemacal computaons, which were especially valuable in praccal applicaons.

- Mental Calculaon Techniques: Bhaskara I's works contained insights into mental calculaon techniques that were used to quickly perform complex arithmec operaons without the need for writen or computaonal tools. These techniques were praccal in everyday problem-solving.

- Work on Right-Angled Triangles: Bhaskara I's texts included extensive discussions on right-angled triangles. He explored various properes,

formulas, and relaonships associated with right triangles, which were essenal for praccal applicaons in architecture and engineering.

- Exploraon of Mathemacal Puzzles: Bhaskara I demonstrated a fondness for mathemacal puzzles and challenges. He included many intriguing mathemacal problems and puzzles in his works, encouraging readers to engage with mathemacs in a playful and interacve way.

- Pedagogical Approach: Bhaskara I's teaching style and approach to disseminang mathemacal and astronomical knowledge were considered pioneering in his me. He wrote with clarity and a focus on pedagogy, aiming to make complex topics accessible to a broader audience, including students and scholars.

JEAN-BAPTISTE JOSEPH FOURIER

Joseph Fourier was born on March 21, 1768, in Auxerre, France, and was orphaned at age 9. He showed exceponal math talent and was raised by the Bishop of Auxerre, later studying at the Benedicne Abbey of St. Pierre. Fourier taught at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris, joined Napoleon's Egypan expedion as a scienfic advisor, and served as Prefect of the Department of Isère and Director of the École Polytechnique. He published "The Analycal Theory of Heat" in 1822, developed the Fourier series and transform, and conducted research on heat transfer, opcs, and stascs. Elected to several presgious posions, including Secretary of the French Academy of Sciences and Foreign Secretary of the Royal Society, Fourier died on May 16, 1830, leaving a lasng legacy in mathematics, physics, and engineering.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MATHEMATICS

- **Fourier Series**: Developed a mathemacal technique to represent periodic funcons as a sum of sine and cosine terms, now known as Fourier series.
- **Fourier Transform**: Introduced the Fourier transform, a mathemacal tool to decompose funcons into their constuent frequencies.
- **Harmonic Analysis**: Laid the foundaon for harmonic analysis, which is a fundamental tool in mathemacs and physics.
- **Paral Differenal Equaons**: Made significant contribuons to the study of paral differenal equaons, parcularly in the context of heat transfer and vibraons.
- **Mathemacal Rigor**: Emphasized the importance of mathemacal rigor in scienfic inquiry, influencing the development of modern mathemacal physics.
- **Influence on Other Mathemacians:** Inspired prominent mathemacians like William Thomson (Lord Kelvin), James Clerk Maxwell, and Albert Einstein.

BLAISE PASCAL

Blaise Pascal was a French polymath born on June 19, 1623, in ClermontFerrand, France. He demonstrated exceponal math talent from an early age and developed the Pascaline, a mechanical calculator, at 16. Pascal made significant contribuons to geometry, probability theory, and opcs, and formulated Pascal's Law. He also wrote influenal literary and philosophical works, including "Les Provinciales" and "Pensées," which explored Jansenism and introduced the concept of Pascal's Wager. Despite struggling with poor health and migraines, Pascal connued to work unl his death on August 19, 1662, at age 39. His innovave spirit, intellectual curiosity, and philosophical introspecon le a lasng impact on mathemacs, science, literature, and philosophy, cemenng his place as one of history's most influenal minds.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MATHEMATICS

- Pascal's Triangle: A triangular array of numbers where each number is the sum of the two numbers directly above it.

- Probability Theory: Pascal, along with Fermat, laid the foundaon for probability theory, which is crucial in stascs, engineering, and economics.

- Geometry: Pascal's work on conic secons and the development of Pascal's Theorem, also known as the "hexagrammum myscum," significantly impacted geometry.

- Fluid Dynamics: Pascal's work on the behavior of fluids led to the development of Pascal's Law, which describes the relationship between pressure and volume in a fluid.

- Number Theory: Pascal worked on number theory, including the study of prime numbers and the development of the Pascaline, an early mechanical calculator.

- Projective Geometry: Pascal's work on conic secons led to the development of projecve geometry, which studies geometric properes that are invariant under projection.

- Induction: Pascal was one of the first mathemacians to use mathemacal inducon, a fundamental proof technique in mathemacs.

- Combinatorics: Pascal's work on combinaons and permutaons laid the foundaon for combinatorics, a branch of mathematics that studies counng and arranging objects.

- Graph Theory: Pascal's work on the "Pascal's Graph" (a graph with triangular structure) predates the development of graph theory.

- Mathematics and Philosophy: Pascal's work on the intersecon of mathemacs and philosophy, particularly in his book "Pensées", has had a significant impact on the philosophy of mathematics.

- Development of the First Mechanical Calculator: Pascal invented the Pascaline, an early mechanical calculator that could perform basic arithmetic operations.

GOTTFRIED WILHELM LEIBNIZ

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646–1716) was a German polymath who made significant contributions to various fields, including philosophy, logic, and mathematics. His work in mathematics is particularly notable for several foundational developments, most prominently the invention of calculus, independent of Isaac Newton. Here is a brief overview of his **contributions to mathematics:**

1. **Calculus**

Invention of Calculus:

Leibniz, independently of Newton, developed calculus in the late 17th century. While Newton focused on the physics applications, Leibniz's approach was more abstract and systematic, introducing notations and concepts that are still in use today.

Leibniz Notation:

Leibniz introduced the differential notation ($\frac{dy}{dx}$) for the derivative and the integral sign ($\int$) for integration, both of which are widely used today. His notation was particularly influential because it provided a clear and consistent method for calculating derivatives and integrals.

Product Rule:

Leibniz discovered the product rule for differentiation, which is a key rule in calculus used to find the derivative of a product of two functions.

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

Although Newton and Leibniz both discovered calculus, it was Leibniz who first stated the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus in a general form, relating differentiation and integration.

2. **Binary Number System**

Development of the Binary System:

Leibniz was the first to develop the binary number system (using only 0s and 1s), which is the foundation of modern digital computers. He demonstrated the simplicity and efficiency of binary arithmetic and recognized its potential for use in computing.

3. **Mathematical Logic**
   Early Work in Formal Logic:

Leibniz made significant contributions to the development of formal logic. He envisioned a "universal language" of reasoning, which could solve all logical problems systematically. This concept anticipated the later development of symbolic logic and computing.

4. **Determinants and Matrix Theory**

Work on Determinants:

Leibniz was one of the first to develop and use determinants to solve systems of linear equations, which are essential in matrix theory and linear algebra.
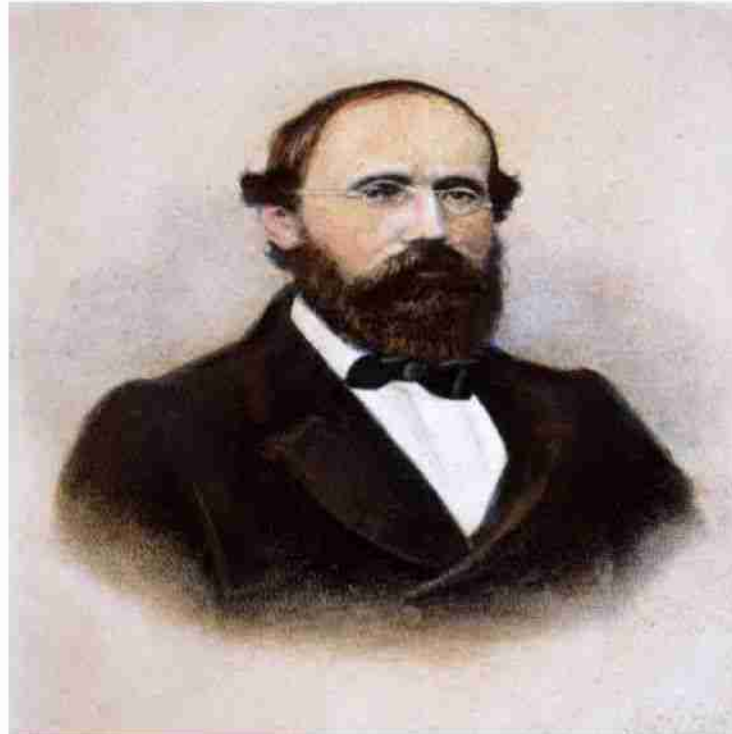
5. **Leibniz Series**

Series for Pi:

Leibniz discovered the alternating series for pi, known as the Leibniz formula for π: $\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$. While not the most efficient for computing π, it is a famous result in mathematical series.

BERNARD RIEMANN

Bernhard Riemann (1826–1866) was a pioneering German mathematician whose work laid the foundation for many significant advancements in mathematics and theoretical physics. He is best known for his contributions to differential geometry, number theory, and the formulation of the Riemann hypothesis

HIS MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Riemannian Geometry:**
  Riemann came up with new ways to understand curved surfaces and spaces, not just flat ones like a sheet of paper. His ideas became important for understanding the universe, and Albert Einstein used them in his theory of General Relativity to explain how gravity works in space.
- **Riemann Hypothesis:**

He suggested a theory about how prime numbers (numbers that can't be divided by anything but 1 and themselves) are spread out. This theory, called the Riemann Hypothesis, is still unsolved and is one of the biggest mysteries in math today.

- **Riemann Integral:**

  Riemann created a method to measure the area under curves, which is a basic tool in calculus. It's called the Riemann integral and is used in many areas of math and science.

- **Complex Numbers:**

  He also worked with complex numbers (numbers that include the square root of negative one), helping us better understand how they behave, especially with functions that have multiple values.

C.P. RAMANUJAM

C. P. Ramanujam (1938–1974) was an Indian mathematician who made important contributions to number theory and algebraic geometry. Though his life was tragically short, his work left a lasting impact on mathematics.

HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

1.Algebraic Geometry:

Ramanujam worked in an area of math called algebraic geometry, which studies solutions to equations using both algebra and geometry. His research helped solve some difficult problems and added to the understanding of this field.

2.Number Theory: He also contributed to number theory, the study of numbers and their properties. Some of his work improved ideas related to

prime numbers and Diophantine equations, which are equations that deal with finding whole number solutions.

3.Collaboration with Famous Mathematicians:

Ramanujam worked with other famous mathematicians like M. S. Narasimhan and David Mumford. His collaboration with them led to important papers that influenced how algebraic geometry developed.

HYPATIA

Hypatia was born around 350 CE, the daughter of Theon of Alexandria, a mathematician and astronomer who was the last member of the Museum of Alexandria.Hypatia's father, Theon, was a prominent scholar and teacher, who wrote commentaries on important mathematical works, such as Euclid's Elements and Ptolemy's Almagest. He also taught his daughter everything he knew, and encouraged her to pursue her own interests and talents. Hypatia was a prodigy, who showed exceptional abilities in mathematics, astronomy, and philosophy from an early age. She also had a curious and adventurous spirit, who loved to explore and experiment with the natural world.Hypatia was not satisfied with her father's teachings alone, so she also studied with other prominent scholars in Alexandria and Athens, the two main centers of learning in the ancient world. It is rather remarkable that Hypatia became head of the

Platonist school at Alexandria in about 400 AD. March 415 CE, a mob of Christian fanatics, led by a lector named Peter, attacked Hypatia on the streets of Alexandria, dragged her to a church, stripped her naked, and beat her to death with tiles. They then tore her body apart and burned it.Hypatia's death shocked the empire and the world. She was mourned by her students and admirers, and her death marked the end of an era.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- She helped her father in his research of Euclid's Elements.
- She wrote an article on Diophantus of Alexandria's Arithmetic. A number theory whose solution she suggested by the use of algebra.
- She constructed devices like Astrolabe. It is in the shape of a miniature universe; it was used for finding out the time during the day, sunset and sunrise.
- She wrote commentaries on Appollonius' "Conics", which dealt with ellipses, parabolas, and hyperbolas.
- Hypatia's work on geometry included calculations of areas and volumes of shapes, such as spheres, cylinders and cones.
- She contributed to the development of algebraic methods, including the use of symbols and notations.
- Hypatia invented a device for measuring the density of fluids.

PIERRE DE FERMAT

Pierre de Fermat was a French mathematician who lived in the 17th century. He was born in 1601 in Beaumont-de-Lomagne, France. • He studied law at the University of Orleans and became a lawyer. Although he had a full-time job as a lawyer, Fermat had a deep passion for mathematics. He did most of his mathematical work in his spare time. Fermat's professional career was as a lawyer. He held a position as a counselor at the Parlement of Toulouse, a high-ranking judicial body in the region. His legal career was stable, and he was respected in his profession. Fermat married Claire de Long, and they had five children, though only three survived to adulthood. His family life was relatively private, and he maintained a low profile. Fermat's interest in mathematics became more serious in his thirties. He started to make significant contributions to the field, often sharing his results through letters to other

mathematicians, including Blaise Pascal. Despite his full-time legal career, Fermat was passionate about mathematics. He pursued it as a hobby and communicated his findings through letters to other mathematicians. His most famous mathematical conjecture, Fermat's Last Theorem, was first noted in a margin of a book in 1637. Fermat lived a relatively quiet life in Toulouse. He continued to work on mathematics and corresponded with other scholars until his death on January 12, 1665.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- Fermat's Last Theorem – Fermat's Last Theorem asserts that there are no positive integers x, y, and z that satisfy the equation $x^n+y^n=z^n$ for any integer value of n greater than 2. Fermat claimed to have a proof for this theorem, but it was never found. The theorem became one of the most famous unsolved problems in mathematics until it was finally proven by Andrew Wiles in 1994.

- Fermat's Principle (or Fermat's Law of Refraction): In optics, Fermat's Principle states that the path taken by light between two points is the path that can be traversed in the least time. This principle is foundational in the study of optics and was instrumental in the development of the theory of refraction.

- Fermat's Theorem on Sums of Two Squares: Fermat showed that a prime number can be expressed as a sum of two squares if and only if it is congruent to 1 modulo 4. This result is a significant part of number theory.

- Fermat's Work in Probability Theory: Fermat, along with Blaise Pascal, is considered one of the founders of probability theory. Their correspondence on problems related to gambling and games of chance laid the groundwork for the formal development of probability.

- Fermat's Method of Adequality: Fermat developed an early form of what would later be known as calculus, using a method he called "adequality" to

find maximum and minimum values of functions. Although his methods were not as developed as those of Newton and Leibniz, they laid important groundwork for the development of calculus.

• Fermat's Principle of Extremes: This principle states that if a function is maximized or minimized, then its derivative (in the context of what would later be called calculus) is zero. This is an early form of what is now known as the method of finding critical points.

• Fermat's Theorem on Catalan Numbers: Fermat worked on problems related to the combinatorial structure of numbers and their representations. Although his work was not as developed as modern combinatorial theory, it laid the groundwork for later developments in the area.

• Fermat's Method of Descent: This is a technique used to prove that there are no solutions to certain types of equations by showing that any purported solution would lead to a smaller solution, which in turn would lead to an even smaller solution, ad infinitum. This method was particularly useful for proving Fermat's Last Theorem for specific cases.

• Fermat's Contributions to Geometry: Fermat made contributions to the study of geometric problems and the theory of surfaces. He investigated problems related to the properties of geometric figures and the use of coordinate systems, which influenced later developments in analytic geometry.

JOSEPH-LOUIS LAGRANGE

Joseph-Louis Lagrange (1736–1813) was a prominent Italian mathematician and astronomer who made substantial contributions to many areas of mathematics and physics. Lagrange was born on January 25, 1736, in Turin, which was then part of the Duchy of Savoy (now Italy). He studied at the University of Turin, where he demonstrated exceptional mathematical talent. His early work attracted the attention of prominent mathematicians. Lagrange initially worked in Italy, but his reputation grew rapidly. His early work on the calculus of variations and his treatises on mechanics established him as a leading mathematician. In 1766, Lagrange moved to Paris, where he became a member of the French Academy of Sciences. He soon became a prominent figure in the mathematical community there. Lagrange continued his work in Paris and was deeply involved in the scientific community. He became a professor at the École Polytechnique and was highly influential in the development of modern mathematics. Lagrange's work laid the foundation for many areas of modern mathematics and physics. His methods and results are still used extensively today. He was a member of many scientific societies and was highly respected by his contemporaries. Lagrange was honoured with

numerous awards and positions throughout his life, including being elected to the French Academy of Sciences and receiving various medals and accolades. He was also appointed to several important academic and scientific positions, such as the director of the Bureau des Longitudes. Joseph-Louis Lagrange died on April 10, 1813, in Paris, France. His contributions left a lasting impact on the field of mathematics and science.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

• Formulation: Lagrange developed the Lagrangian formulation of classical mechanics, which reformulates Newtonian mechanics using the principles of calculus. His approach, described in his seminal work Mécanique Analytique (1788), is based on the principle of least action.

• Lagrange's Equations: He introduced Lagrange's equations (or Euler-Lagrange equations), which are differential equations that provide a method for determining the equations of motion for a system. These equations are fundamental in both classical and quantum mechanics.

• Euler-Lagrange Equation: Lagrange's work in the calculus of variations, particularly his Euler-Lagrange equation, is crucial for finding functions that optimize functionals. This work extends the calculus of variations developed by Leonhard Euler and is foundational for modern optimization problems.

• Four Square Theorem: Lagrange proved the Four Square Theorem, which states that every positive integer can be expressed as the sum of four integer squares. This was a significant result in number theory and contributed to the understanding of quadratic forms.

• Lagrange's Theorem in Group Theory: Although not directly related to his own work, the Lagrange's theorem in group theory (which states that the order of a subgroup divides the order of the group) is named in his honor. It was developed from his studies of permutations and algebraic structures.

• Lagrange Interpolation: He introduced the Lagrange interpolation formula, a method for constructing a polynomial that passes through a given set of points. This method is fundamental in numerical analysis and is widely used in polynomial interpolation and approximation.

- Polynomial Roots: Lagrange also worked on the theory of polynomials and the problem of finding polynomial roots. His studies contributed to the development of algebraic theory.

- Lagrange's Theorem on Complex Functions: Lagrange made early contributions to the theory of complex functions and integrals. He worked on conformal mappings and analytic functions, which are crucial in complex analysis.

- Lagrange's Expansion: He also developed methods related to the expansion of functions and series in complex analysis.

- Lagrange's Remainder Theorem: In the context of Taylor series, Lagrange developed the remainder term in the Taylor series expansion, which provides an estimate of the error made by truncating the series after a finite number of terms.

- Function Theory: His work laid the groundwork for the study of functions and their properties, influencing later developments in analysis.

D R KAPREKAR

Dattatreya Ramchandra Kaprekar (1905–1986) was an Indian recreational mathematician, best known for his contributions to number theory, particularly for discovering the famous Kaprekar constant and the Kaprekar process. Though he did not hold a formal academic position, his work has fascinated mathematicians for its creativity and simplicity. Kaprekar was born on January 17, 1905, in Dahanu, Maharashtra, India. He completed his high school education in Thane and later attended Fergusson College in Pune, where he developed a passion for mathematics. In 1927, he won the prestigious Wrangler R.P. Paranjpe Mathematical Prize for his mathematical work while he was a student.

Kaprekar did not pursue an academic career in mathematics. Instead, he became a schoolteacher in Nashik, Maharashtra, teaching at a local secondary school. Despite being a schoolteacher, his enthusiasm for mathematics never waned. Kaprekar worked mostly on number theory and was largely a self-taught mathematician, making significant contributions despite limited access to formal research environments.

Though his work was initially underappreciated by the academic community, Kaprekar eventually gained recognition for his contributions to number theory. Over time, his ideas were acknowledged by mathematicians worldwide, and today his name is remembered through the concepts he discovered.

Kaprekar continued to pursue his passion for mathematics well into his later years, even though he remained outside of the formal academic community. He passed away on February 1986, but his work continues to be of interest to mathematicians and recreational math enthusiasts around the world.

Kaprekar's story is often celebrated as one of inspiration, showing how curiosity and dedication can lead to significant discoveries, even without institutional backing.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- Kaprekar's most famous discovery is the Kaprekar constant, 6174, and the process that leads to it, called the Kaprekar routine:

Take any four-digit number with at least two distinct digits.

Rearrange the digits in descending and ascending order.
Subtract the smaller number from the larger.
Repeat the process with the result.
Eventually, most four-digit numbers will converge to 6174 after a few iterations. Once you reach 6174, the process cycles back to 6174.

For example:

Start with 3524:

5432 – 2345 = 3087

8730 – 0378 = 8352

8532 – 2358 = 6174

Kaprekar discovered this interesting phenomenon in 1949, and it remains one of his most famous results.

- Kaprekar also introduced the concept of self numbers (or devlali numbers, after the town of Devlali where he lived). A self number is a number that cannot be generated by any number added to the sum of its own digits.

B For example, 20 is a self number because no number added to the sum of its digits   results in 20:

If we take a number 'n' and add the sum of its digits, this forms a generator. For instance, 15 generates 21 because 15+(1+5)=21 .

However, no such number generates 20, making 20 a self number.

The sequence of self numbers starts with: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 20, 31, 42, etc

SHAKUNTALA DEVI

Shakuntala Devi (4 November 1929 – 21 April 2013) was an Indian mental Calculator, astrologer and writer, popularly known as the "Human Computer".

Her talent earned her a place in the 1982 edition of The Guinness Book of World Records. However, the certificate for the record was given posthumously on 30 July 2020, despite Devi achieving her world record on 18 June 1980 at Imperial College, London. She was born on 4 November 1929 at Banglore, Karnataka to Kannada Brahmin family. Her father, C V Sundararaja Rao, worked as a trapeze artist, lion Tamer, tightrope walker and magician in a circus. Recognized for her exceptional Memory and calculation skills by her father, a circus performer, she began Performing in roadshows at a young age, demonstrating her arithmetic abilities And gaining fame as a child prodigy. She moved to London with her father in 1944 And continued to perform, later returning to India in 1957 to pursue a writing Career. She married IAS officer Paritosh Banerjee in 1960 and

had a daughter, Anupama. Devi was a multifaceted individual, known for her exceptional memory, Language skills, and ability to converse in multiple languages, as well as her work As an astrologer. She was also a talented writer, publishing several books, and was even recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for her exceptional abilities. She traveled extensively, performing and lecturing, and was known for her charisma and stage presence. Devi passed away on April 21, 2013, at the age of 83, leaving behind a remarkable legacy as a true polymath and a beloved figure in Indian culture. In April 2013, Devi was admitted to a hospital in Banglore with severe respiratory problems. Over the following two weeks she had heart and kidney complications. She died in the hospital on 21 April 2013. She was 83 years old. A film on her life titled Shakuntala Devi was announced in May 2019. The film stars Vidya Balan in the lead title role and features Sanya Malhotra, Amit Sadha, and Jisshu Sengupta in the supporting roles. Produced by Sony Pictures Network Productions, the film streamed worldwide on Amazon Prime Video on 31 July 2020.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS:

- Mental Calculation: Shakuntala Devi's exceptional mental calculation abilities

allowed her to perform complex mathematical calculations quickly and accurately. She could perform calculations like multiplication, division, square roots, and cube roots in her head, often faster than electronic calculators.

- Mathematical Records: Shakuntala Devi set multiple records for mental calculations, including:

  - Multiqplying two 13-digit numbers in 28 seconds (1966)

  - Finding the 23rd root of a 201-digit number (1977)

  - Solving complex algebra problems, such as solving a quadratic equation with a 10- digit coefficient in 2 minutes (1980)

Popularizing Mathematics: Shakuntala Devi authored several books on mathematics,puzzles, and astrology, making math accessible and engaging for abroad audience. Her books include:

- "The World of Homos" (1977)

- "Figuring: The Joy of Numbers" (1977)

- "Mathability: Awaken the Math Magician Within" (1990)

- "Puzzles to Puzzle You" (1992).

- **Inspiring Generations:** Shakuntala Devi's exceptional abilities and passion

  for mathematics motivated students and professionals to develop an

  interest in mathematics, promoting math education and awareness.

- **Developing Mathematical Techniques:** Shakuntala Devi created methods

  for mental calculations, such as her approach to multiplying numbers close

  to 100. Her techniques involved breaking down complex calculations into

  simpler, more manageable parts.

- **Solving Complex Problems:** Shakuntala Devi demonstrated solutions to

  complex mathematical problems, showcasing her exceptional problem-

  solving skills. She solved problems in areas like algebra, geometry, and

  calculus.

- **Collaborations and Consultations:** Shakuntala Devi worked with

  mathematicians and scientists, applying her skills to real-world problems

  and research. She collaborated with experts in fields like computer science,

  physics, and engineering.

- **Mathematical Intuition:** Shakuntala Devi showcased exceptional

  mathematical intuition, often solving problems without conventional

  methods. Her intuition allowed her to find innovative solutions to complex

  mathematical problems.

Shakuntala Devi's contributions to mathematics have had a lasting impact,

inspiring future generations to explore and appreciate mathematics. Her

exceptional abilities, passion, and dedication have made her a legendary figure in

the world of mathematics.

AUGUSTINE LOUIS CAUCHY

Augustin-Louis Cauchy was born on August 21, 1789, in Paris, France, to a prominent family. His father, Louis François Cauchy, was a high-ranking officer in the French Ministry of War. During the French Revolution, the family moved to Arcueil, near Paris, where Cauchy spent his early years. Cauchy's education began at the École Centrale du Panthéon, where he studied from 1802 to 1805. He then transferred to the prestigious École Polytechnique, graduating in 1807 with a degree in engineering. This marked the beginning of his remarkable academic journey. In 1810, Cauchy became a professor at the École Polytechnique, a position he held until 1830. During this time, he met and married Aloise de Bure, with whom he had two daughters, Marie and Françoise. Cauchy was a devoted family man and valued his personal life deeply. Cauchy's political views were conservative, which led to conflicts with his liberal colleagues. In 1830, he lost his position at the École Polytechnique due to these political conflicts. He spent time in exile in Italy and Switzerland, where he

continued to work and reflect on his life. Cauchy returned to France in 1838 and lived a quiet life, focusing on his family and personal interests. He passed away on May 23, 1857, in Sceaux, France, leaving behind a legacy as a devoted family man and a complex figure shaped by the tumultuous times in which he lived.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS:

- Calculus: Cauchy developed the rigorous foundation of calculus, introducing concepts like:

- Limits: He defined limits precisely and used them to develop the calculus.

- Continuity: He introduced the concept of continuity and used it to study functions.

- Convergence: He studied the convergence of series and sequences.

- Complex Analysis: Cauchy's work in complex analysis includes:

- Cauchy-Riemann Equations: He derived these equations, which relate the partial derivatives of a complex function.

- Cauchy's Integral Formula: He proved this formula, which expresses the value of a complex function as an integral.

- Cauchy-Kovalevskaya Theorem: He proved this theorem, which provides a sufficient condition for the existence of solutions to partial differential equations.

- Number Theory: Cauchy's contributions to number theory include:

- Prime Numbers: He studied the distribution of prime numbers and proved the prime number theorem.

- Congruences: He worked on congruences and developed the theory of congruences.

- Diophantine Equations: He studied Diophantine equations and developed methods for solving them.

- Algebra: Cauchy's work in algebra includes:

- Permutations: He studied permutations and introduced the concept of the determinant.

- Group Theory: He laid the foundation for group theory, studying the properties of symmetric groups.

- Differential Equations: Cauchy's contributions to differential equations include:

- Cauchy-Lipschitz Theorem: He proved this theorem, which provides a sufficient condition for the existence of solutions to differential equations.

- Mathematical Physics: Cauchy applied mathematical techniques to solve problems in physics, including:

- Elasticity: He studied the theory of elasticity and developed the theory of elastic bodies.

- Optics: He worked on the theory of light and developed the theory of optical waves.

- Acoustics: He studied the theory of sound and developed the theory of acoustic waves.

- Topology: Cauchy introduced the concept of topology and studied the properties of shapes and spaces.

- Analysis: Cauchy developed the field of analysis, focusing on the study of limits, continuity, and convergence.

- Rigor in Mathematics: Cauchy emphasized the importance of rigor in mathematical proofs, setting a new standard for mathematical inquiry.

Cauchy's contributions had a profound impact on the development of mathematics, influencing generations of mathematicians and shaping the course of mathematical history.

FIBONACCI

Leonardo Fibonacci was born around 1170 in Pisa, Italy, to a wealthy merchant family. His father, Guglielmo Fibonacci, was a Pisan merchant who traded with the Middle East and North Africa. Fibonacci's early life was marked by extensive travel, accompanying his father on business trips to Egypt, Syria, and Greece. During his travels, Fibonacci was exposed to various cultures and learned several languages, including Arabic and Greek. He developed a fascination with the world beyond Italy and became interested in science, philosophy, and literature. In his late 20s, Fibonacci returned to Pisa and began working as a merchant. He married and had at least one son, but little is known about his personal life. Fibonacci was known to be a devout Catholic and was involved in the political and social life of Pisa. Fibonacci's later years were marked by a decline in his family's fortunes, and he died around 1250, possibly in Pisa. Despite his significant impact on the world, Fibonacci's personal life remains

somewhat of a mystery, and he is remembered more for his work than his biography.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS:

- Introduction of the Hindu-Arabic Numeral System: Fibonacci introduced the Hindu-Arabic numeral system to Europe, replacing the Roman numeral system. This system uses digits 0-9 and a decimal point, making arithmetic operations much simpler and more efficient.
- Development of the Concept of Zero: Fibonacci developed the concept of zero and its applications. He showed how zero could be used as a placeholder and as a number in its own right, revolutionizing mathematics and facilitating calculations.
- Fibonacci Sequence: He created the Fibonacci sequence, a series of numbers in which each number is the sum of the two preceding numbers (1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...). This sequence has numerous applications in mathematics, science, and nature.
- Number Theory: Fibonacci made significant contributions to number theory, including:
- Prime Numbers: He studied prime numbers and developed methods for testing primality.
- Congruences: He worked on congruences and developed the concept of modular arithmetic.
- Diophantine Equations: He solved Diophantine equations, including linear and quadratic equations.

- Algebra: Fibonacci developed new algebraic methods to solve equations, including:

- Algebraic Notation: He introduced algebraic notation, using symbols for variables and operations.

  Variables: He used variables to represent unknowns in equations.

- Equations: He solved linear and quadratic equations using algebraic methods.
- Geometry: Fibonacci made contributions to geometry, including:

Points: He studied points and their properties.

Lines: He worked on lines and their properties.

Angles: He studied angles and their properties.

Shapes: He worked on shapes, including triangles, quadrilaterals, and polygons.

- Mathematical Techniques: He developed new mathematical techniques, including:

Algebraic Methods: He used algebraic methods to solve equations.

Geometric Methods: He used geometric methods to solve problems. – Induction: He used induction to prove mathematical statements.

- Mathematical Notation: Fibonacci introduced new mathematical notation, including:
  Symbols: He introduced symbols for operations like addition and subtraction.

Decimal Point: He used the decimal point to separate whole numbers from fractions.

Mathematical Problems: He solved numerous mathematical problems, including:

Trade: He solved problems related to trade and commerce.

Geometry: He solved geometric problems. – Algebra: He solved algebraic problems.

Influence on Future Mathematicians: Fibonacci's work influenced many future mathematicians, including:

- Leonardo da Vinci: Da Vinci used Fibonacci's work in his art and mathematics.

- Pierre de Fermat: Fermat built on Fibonacci's work in number theory.
- René Descartes: Descartes used Fibonacci's work in his development of analytic geometry.
- Fibonacci's contributions had a profound impact on the development of mathematics, science, and commerce in Europe during the middle Ages and beyond.

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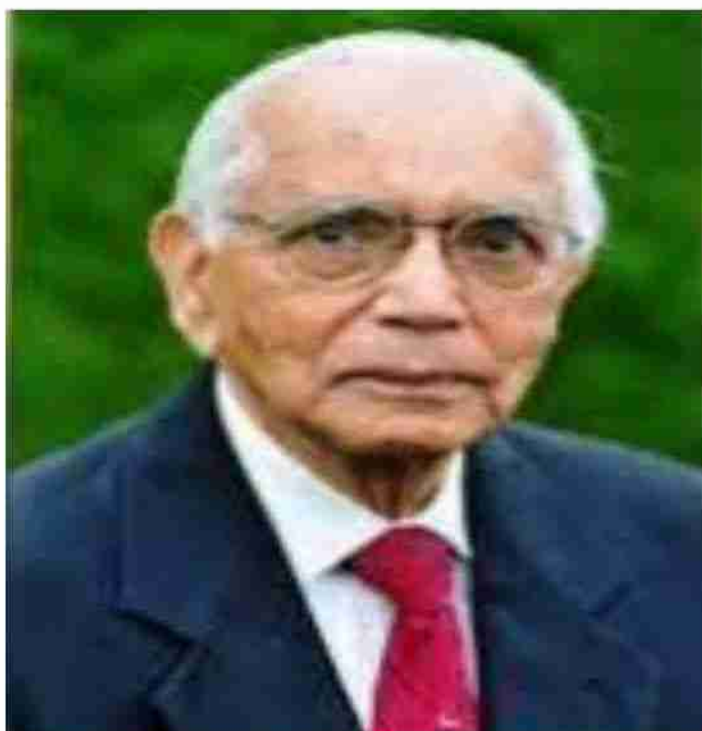
Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao (10 September 1920 – 22 August 2023) was an Indian-American mathematician and statistician. He was professor emeritus at Pennsylvania State University and research professor at the University at Buffalo. Rao was honored by numerous colloquia, honorary degrees, and festschrifts and was awarded the US National Medal of Science in 2002.The American Statistical Association has described him as "a living legend" whose work has influenced not just statistics, but has had far reaching implications for fields as varied as economics, genetics, anthropology, geology, national planning, demography, biometry, and medicine."The Times of India listed Rao as one of the top 10 Indian scientists of all time. He awarded for Padma-Vibhushan National medal of science, international prize in statistics.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- His best-known discoveries are the Cramér–Rao bound and the Rao–Blackwell theorem both related to the quality of estimators.
- Other areas he worked in include multivariate analysis, estimation theory, and differential geometry.
- His other contributions include the Fisher–Rao theorem, Rao distance, and orthogonal arrays.
- He was the author of 15 books and authored over 400 journal publications.

G.H HARDY

Hardy was the author or coauthor of more than 300 papers and 11 books, including A Course of Pure Mathematics (1908), which ran into 10 editions and transformed university teaching, Inequalities (1934) with Littlewood, The Theory of Numbers (1938) with E.M. Wright, and Divergent Series (1948). A Mathematician's Apology (1940), which gives a completely personal account of how mathematicians think, continues to be widely read. He was widely honored for his work, being elected a fellow of the Royal Society (1910) and president of the London Mathematical Society (1926–28, 1939–41). Godfrey Harold Hardy (7 February 1877 – 1 December 1947) was an English mathematician, known for his achievements in number theory and mathematical analysis. In biology, he is known for the Hardy–Weinberg principle, a basic principle of population genetics. G. H. Hardy is usually known by those outside the field of

mathematics for his 1940 essay A Mathematician's Apology, often considered one of the best insights into the mind of a working mathematician written for the layperson. Starting in 1914, Hardy was the mentor of the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, a relationship that has become celebrated. Hardy almost immediately recognized Ramanujan's extraordinary albeit untutored brilliance, and Hardy and Ramanujan became close collaborators. In an interview by Paul Erdős, when Hardy was asked what his greatest contribution to mathematics was, Hardy unhesitatingly replied that it was the discovery of Ramanujan. In a lecture on Ramanujan, Hardy said that "my association with him is the one romantic incident in my life".

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- In 1912 Hardy published, with John E. Littlewood, the first of a series of papers that contributed fundamentally to many realms in mathematics, including the theory of Diophantine analysis, divergent series summation, Fourier series, the Riemann zeta function, and the distribution of primes.

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RENE DESCARTES

René Descartes (31 March 1596 – 11 February 1650) was a French philosopher, scientist, and mathematician, widely considered a seminal figure in the emergence of modern philosophy and science. Mathematics was paramount to his method of inquiry, and he connected the previously separate fields of geometry and algebra into analytic geometry. Descartes spent much of his working life in the Dutch Republic, initially serving the Dutch States Army, and later becoming a central intellectual of the Dutch Golden Age. Although he served a Protestant state and was later counted as a deist by critics, Descartes was Roman Catholic. Descartes has often been called the father of modern philosophy, and is largely seen as responsible for the increased attention given to epistemology in the 17th century. He laid the foundation for 17th-century continental rationalism, later advocated by Spinoza and Leibniz, and was later opposed by the empiricist school of thought consisting of Hobbes, Locke,

Berkeley, and Hume. The rise of early modern rationalism—as a systematic school of philosophy in its own right for the first time in history—exerted an influence on modern Western thought in general, with the birth of two rationalistic philosophical systems of Descartes (Cartesianism) and Spinoza (Spinozism). It was the 17th-century arch-rationalists like Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz who have given the "Age of Reason" its name and place in history. Leibniz, Spinoza, and Descartes were all well-versed in mathematics as well as philosophy, with Descartes and Leibniz additionally contributing to a variety of scientific disciplines.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- Analytical geometry: Descartes is considered the father of analytical geometry, which is based on the idea that points on a plane can be represented by pairs of numbers, or coordinates. This geometry is also known as Cartesian geometry, and the plane used to represent it is called the Cartesian plane.

- Algebraic techniques: Descartes developed innovative algebraic techniques for analyzing geometrical problems. He also classified curves algebraically based on the degree of their equations.

- Rules for deductive reasoning: Descartes developed rules for deductive reasoning, which is rational, scientific thinking.

- Mathematical variables: Descartes developed a system for using letters as mathematical variables.

- Descartes' work helped bridge the gap between algebra and geometry, and is still widely used today.

CARL FRIEDRICH GAUSS

Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855) was a German mathematician and physicist who is considered one of the greatest mathematicians of all time. He was born on April 30, 1777, in Braunschweig, Germany. He showed exceptional mathematical talent from an early age. He has supported by his mother and uncle, who encouraged his education. He has attended the Collegium Carolinum in Braunschweig and studied mathematics, physics, and philosophy at the University of Göttingen. – Worked as a mathematician and astronomer in Braunschweig (1799-1807).He made significant contributions to number theory, algebra, and geometry. He has developed the method of least squares for data analysis

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATHEMATICS

- Number Theory: Gauss introduced the concept of congruence and developed the theory of modular forms, which are crucial in number theory.

- Algebra: He developed the theory of Gaussian elimination, which is a method for solving systems of linear equations.

- Geometry: Gauss made significant contributions to differential geometry, including the development of the concept of curvature and the Gauss-Bonnet theorem.

- Analysis: He developed the theory of Gaussian integrals and Fourier analysis, which are essential tools in mathematical analysis.

- Probability: Gauss introduced the concept of the normal distribution (also known as the Gaussian distribution) and developed the method of least squares for data analysis.

- Mathematical Physics: He made significant contributions to the study of electromagnetism, optics, and astronomy.

$A = bh$

h b

hyp opp adj θ

$A = \pi r^2$

a a a

$V = \frac{4}{3}$

r

$C = 2\pi r$

$f(x)$

h r

$V = \pi r^2 h$

hyp θ adj

$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

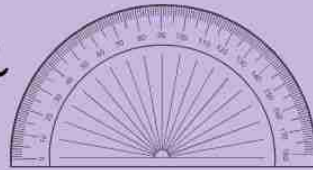$X = \dfrac{-b \pm \sqrt{b}}{2a}$

d_2 d

$A = bh$

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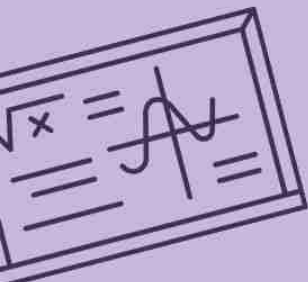r

$V = s^3$

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$a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$

d_2 d

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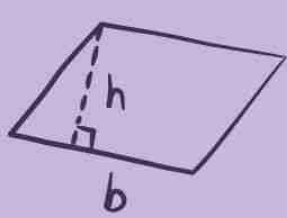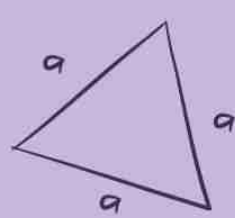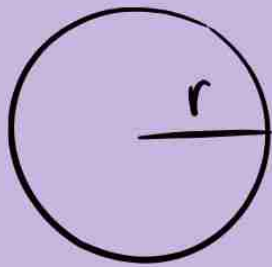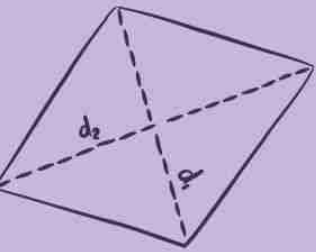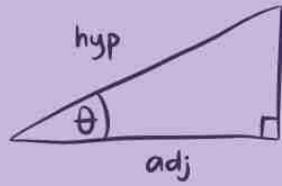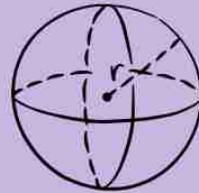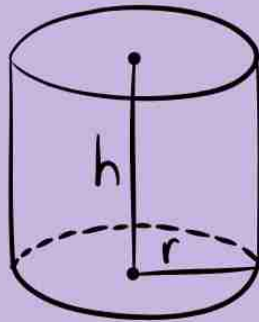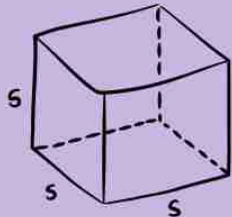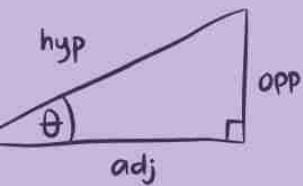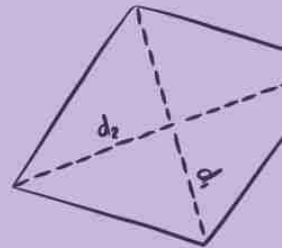
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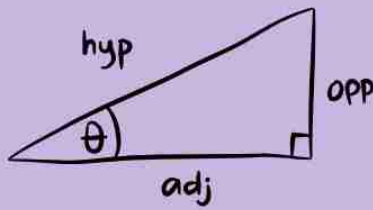
$\dfrac{x}{a} + \dfrac{y}{b} = 1$

a h b

x Y

r

$A = \dfrac{a + b}{2} h$

$c^2 = a^2 \cdot b^2$

$V = \frac{4}{3}$

$A =$

$A = bh$

hyp θ opp adj

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$\sqrt{x} =$

$\sin(\theta) = \dfrac{opp}{hyp}$

$\sqrt{X}$

$a + 0 = a$

s

$A = bh$

$\sqrt{x} =$

h