

# Lecture 1. Education and Math in the Medieval Europe

Historical context: **Early Middle Ages** or **Dark Ages** refer to the period of 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> centuries

5<sup>th</sup> century: Fall of the Western Roman Empire in 410-476, decline in population, deurbanization, loss of culture

6<sup>th</sup> century: Justinian I published **Code of Civil Law** and retakes Rome from Ostrogoths

7<sup>th</sup> century: Arab army capture new territories

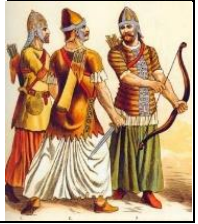
8<sup>th</sup> century: **Carolingian Renaissance**: monastic and cathedral schools were established everywhere to train men of civil service, **Palace School at Aachen** (in Abbasside Caliphate: **Islamic Golden Age**, "House of Wisdom")



**Barbarian invasions**: the **Viking Age** 793-1066, raids of Magyars (Hungarians) 795-1001, invasions of **Saracens** (Arabs, Berbers, Moors and Turks) first occupation in 8<sup>th</sup> century, continued in 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.



**Great Schism 1054** separation between the East Orthodox and the West Catholic Churches

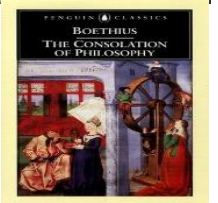
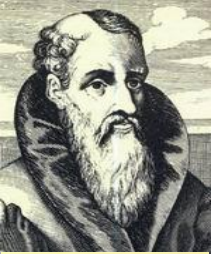


**Boethius** (480-524) noble Roman, Christian philosopher, "last of the Romans and the first of Scholastics"

*Magister officiorum* (head of government and court services) of **Theodoric**, king of Italy and of Goths, who later imprisoned and executed Boethius in charges of conspiracy

**Consolation of Philosophy** philosophical treatise composed in jail: on *Weal of fortune*, evil and death, etc., one of the most popular and influential works of the Middle Ages

Translated many books from Greek to Latin: philosophy (Aristotle, Plato), Math ("Arithmetic" of **Nicomachus**, geometry books, etc.) were textbooks for **quadrivium** in the Middle Ages.

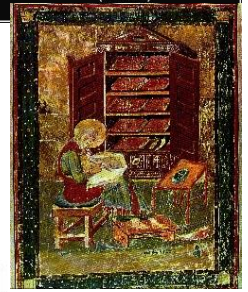
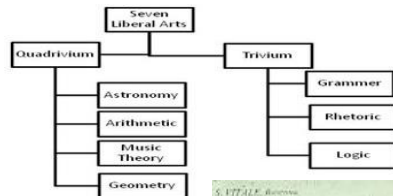


It's my belief that history is a wheel. 'Inconstancy is my very essence,' says the wheel. Rise up on my spokes if you like but don't complain when you're cast back down into the depths. Good time pass away, but then so do the bad. Mutability is our tragedy, but it's also our hope. The worst of time, like the best, are always passing away. (Boethius)

**Cassiodorus** (485-585) Roman statesman and writer, was *Magister officiorum* after Boethius

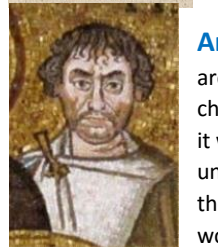
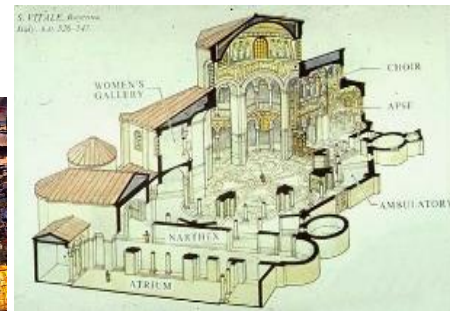
Established a system of *monastery education* (School at **Vivarium**) based on **7 Liberal Arts**

Through Early Middle Ages, schools at some **monasteries** and **cathedrals** were the only centers to get a minimal education based on **Trivium** and aimed for religious needs. There existed only a few places in Europe to get a higher education based on **Quadrivium**.



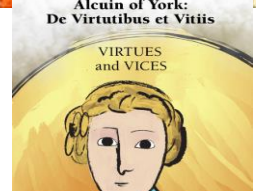
**Anthemius of Tralles** (474-534) and **Isidorus of Miletus** mathematicians and architects hired by Emperor Justinian to construct a new church of **Hagia Sophia** at Constantinople in 532-37, after it was destroyed by the Nika Riot. Isidorus taught at the universities of Alexandria and Constantinople, produced the first comprehensive compilation of Archimedes' work. Anthemius studied the focal properties of conics.

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**Alcuin of York** (735-804) made **York Cathedral School** one of the most important European center of learning, with the best library in Europe, in 775 writes elementary texts in arithmetic, geometry and astronomy, in 781 appointed head of Charlemagne's **Palace School** at Aachen, developed **Carolingian miniscule** that replaced less readable unspaced capital script. Being a personal friend of Charlemagne became a teacher of his two sons.

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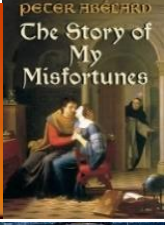
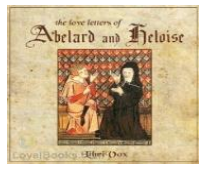


**Historical context: High Middle Ages** refer to the period of 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> centuries: grows of population, developments of town, raise of culture, technology, inventions (windmill, mechanical clock, transparent glass, eyeglasses, 3-field rotation, horse collar, gunpowder).

**11<sup>th</sup> century:** Seljuk Empire is founded by Tughril Beg. The First Crusade (of nine): Jerusalem re-taken.  
**1206** Genghis Khan became Khagan, Mongol Empire, **1299** Osman I establish Ottoman Empire



**Peter Abelard 1079–1142** philosopher and *the first major logician* of the Middle Ages "the keenest thinker and boldest theologian of the 12<sup>th</sup> Century". His lectures in Paris were extremely popular and crowded. He was condemned by Church and the king of France forbade to teach on his land, so he was teaching sitting on a tree and then from a boat. His affair with and love for **Héloïse d'Argenteuil** has become legendary.



**Translation of scientific works from Arabic to Latin**

**1142 Adelard of Bath** three translations of Euclid's Elements, *Alchorismi* of Al-Khwārizmī, etc.  
**1144 Gherard of Cremona** begins translating **Ptolemy's Almagest** and many other books  
**1145 Robert of Chester** translated *Liber algebrae et almucabola*, of Al-Khwārizmī, etc.

**Arabic-Latin Translators:**  
 Herman of Carinthia,  
 Robert of Ketton, Adelard of Bath, Gerard of Cremona, Michael Scot, Arnaldus de Villa Nova



**Leonardo Pisano (of Pisa) called Fibonacci** (son of Bonacci family) 1170-1250

*Liber Abaci* (Book of Calculation) 1202: *Hindo-Arabic numerals* *Modus Indorum* (Method of Indians)

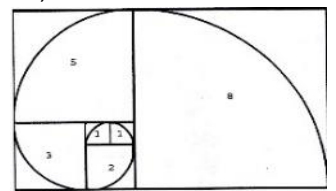
Many arithmetical and algebraic examples: a problem about rabbits led to the Fibonacci sequence 1,2,3,5,8,13,... problems about perfect numbers, Chinese remainder theorem, sum of arith/geom series

*Practica geometriae* 1220: geometry problems based on Euclid's Elements

**Flos** 1220: approximation to a root of  $10x+2x^2+x^3=20$  (asked by Johannes of Palermo, problem from Omar Khayyam's book)

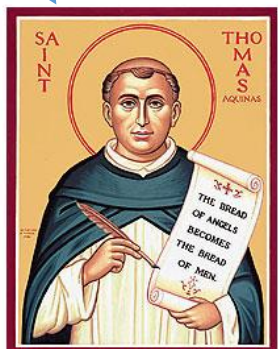
$$(1 + \frac{22}{60} + \frac{7}{3,600} + \frac{42}{216,000} + \dots)$$

**Liber Quadratorum** 1225 the most impressive work:  $1+3+5+\dots$ ; on Pythagorean triples; both  $x^2+y^2$  and  $x^2-y^2$  cannot be squares at the same time;  $x^4-y^4$  cannot be a square;  $(a^2+b^2)(c^2+d^2)=(ab+cd)^2+(ad-bc)^2$



$$\begin{aligned} (i) & 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2 \\ (ii) & (\frac{x^2-1}{2})^2 + x^2 = (\frac{x^2+1}{2})^2 \\ (iii) & (\frac{x^2-1}{4})^2 + n^2 = (\frac{x^2+1}{4})^2 \\ (iv) & (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = (ac+bd)^2 + (ad-bc)^2 \\ & = (ad+bc)^2 + (ac-bd)^2 \end{aligned}$$

**1225 Jordanus de Nemore (Nemorarius):** astronomy; in math an early algebraic notation with letters is used  
**1230 John of Holliwood (Johannes de Sacrobosco):** arithmetic, astronomy and calendar reform  
**1260 Campanus of Navarra** (chaplain to Pope): astronomy, Latin edition of Euclid's *Elements* that became standard for 200 years  
**1274 Thomas Aquinas' work "Summa Theologica"** is published



**ROBERT GROSSETESTE**  
 c. 1168 - 1253  
 Reformer • Experimenter • Scholar  
 Compassionate Pastor

- **Founded Oxford School** - led to scientific method
- Explained the rainbow by scientific means
- Architect of calendar revision, Magna Carta
- Early church reformer
- Mentored Ockham, Roger Bacon and others

"Devoted pastor, dedicated church reformer, groundbreaking scientist, renowned educator, careful historian, and meticulous translator - in each field, Robert Grosseteste raised the standard for God-fearing academics to follow for generations." - Dan Gheesbrouck, Secretary of Faith

**WRITINGS:**  
 physics  
 optics  
 light  
 motion  
 color  
 math  
 astronomy  
 theology

"Some historians see in Grosseteste's protests against Rome an influence upon Wycliffe and a foreshadowing of the Reformation... In recent years he has been accounted one of the early practitioners of the modern scientific method." - Infoplease.com

**Roger Bacon**  
 1214 - 1294  
 Mathematics • Philosophy of Science

- 1220-1294
- Lecturer at Oxford and Franciscan friar
- Student of Grosseteste, who is often mistakenly called the father of the scientific method
- Advocated for science as a means to understand the world and God

- Wrote encyclopedia of science
- Experiment over authority
- Early church reformer



**Universities** "*universitas magistrorum et scholarium*" (guild of professors and students) self-governed bodies, evolved from cathedrals and monastic schools and having "*academic freedoms*", legal rights in towns granted by a special decrees of kings

- 1088 University of **Bologna**, specialization in **Law**, paid and governed by students, who were usually of a senior age
- 1117 University of **Oxford**: paid by the king, grew since 1167, after **Henry II** banned English students from attending the University of Paris,
- 1150 University of **Paris (Sorbonne)**: paid by Church, governed by teachers, students start at age 13-14; model for other Universities
- 1209 University of **Cambridge** formed by academic who escaped from Oxford after a quarrel with the town administration

## Lecture 2. Culture and Math in 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> centuries



**Late Middle Ages** 1300-1450: many disasters, population of France dropped 50% in 1300-1350, recovered till 1450  
Climate change: *Medieval Warm Period* (950-1250) transformed into the **Little Ice Age** (1350-1850)

- 1315-1317 **Great Famine**: heavy rains and cool at summer, no crops, no bread (available "only for kings")
- 1337-1453 **100 Years' War** in France; **popular revolts** in Flanders (1323-28), France (1356-58), England (1381)
- 1347-1350 Plague **Black Death** killed 35 million (1/3 of population) in Europe, epidemy repeated every 10 years
- Religious Wars: Reformation, Great Papal Schism** 1378-1418 (three rival Popes, each supported by some states)



**Italian Renaissance** started as a cultural movement in **Florence** in 14<sup>th</sup> century

- Dante Alighieri** (1265–1321) poet, the author of *Divine Comedy*, "the Father of the Italian language".
- Francesco Petrarca** (1304–1374) scholar and poet, a model for lyrical poetry and "Italian style", "Father of Humanism"
- Giovanni Boccaccio** (1313–1375) writer, poet, humanist, the author of *The Decameron* and *On Famous Women*
- Giotto di Bondone** (1267–1337) painter and architect, broke with "Byzantine style" and initiated "Renaissance style"

### Math Ideas in 14<sup>th</sup> century

- 1321 **Levi ben Gerson (Gersonides)**: *Book of Numbers* on arithmetical operations, permutations and combinations, 1342 *De sinibus, chordis et arcibus* (*On Sines, Chords and Arcs*): proves the sine theorem
- 1364 **Nicole Oresme** *Latitudes of Forms* an early version of coordinate system that may be influences Descartes

Occam's Razor: No more things should be presumed to exist than are absolutely necessary, i.e., the fewer assumptions an explanation of a phenomenon depends on, the better the explanation.  
(William of Occam)

**WILLIAM OF OCKHAM**  
1288 - 1348 Mathematics • Logic

- Delineated rules of logic
- "Ockham's Razor": keep it simple
- Excommunicated for criticizing Papal abuses of power



**Nicole Oresme** (1320-1382) *most original thinker* of XIV: philosopher, economist, astronomer, mechanic and math

Introduced an idea of graph of function, named coordinates *lattitudo* and *longitude*; for the graph of speed as function of time realized that the distance is the area; introduced an average speed.

Proved divergence of a harmonic series; used fractional powers of numbers.

Discussed possibility of rotation of Earth; incommensurability of lengths of day/month/year in a book of 1382 *Le Livre du ciel et du monde* (*The Book of Heaven and Earth*) he translated it from Latin to French by request of king Charles V

**NICOLAS OF ORESME**  
Physics • Math  
Philosophy of Science 1320 - 1382

- Anticipated thermodynamics, mechanics
- Opposed astrology, pseudoscience



Leonardo

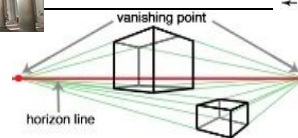
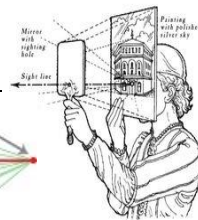


Botticelli



Lorenzo de' Medici

**Quattrocento: Italian Renaissance of 15<sup>th</sup> cent.** under patronage of [Lorenzo de Medici](#) 1449–1492, Lord of Florence  
[Leonardo da Vinci](#) 1452–1519 polymath, a greatest painter, "Universal Genius", "Renaissance Man"  
[Sandro Botticelli](#), 1445–1510 painter



**Theory of linear perspective** representation of 3-dimensional objects based on existence of a single vanishing point to which all parallel lines in a plane, other than the plane of the canvas, converge. Understanding of the relation between the actual length of an object and its length in the picture depending on its distance behind the plane of the canvas.

**1415** Florentine artist and architect [Filippo Brunelleschi](#) (1377–1446) discovered the laws of perspective;

**1434** the first general treatise *Della Pittura* on the *laws of perspective* by Florentine architect [Leone Alberti](#) (1404–1472) who worked also on maps (geometrical mapping) and had a book on *cryptography*.

[Piero della Francesca](#) (1420-1492) Florentine artist, among "many math books" the survived ones: *Abacus treatise*, *Short book on the five regular solids* and *On perspective for painting*.



Piero della Francesca



Nicholas of Cusa 1401-1464  
inventor of concave lens spectacles  
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**1450 Nicholas of Cusa** studies geometry and logic. He studied the infinitely large and the infinitely small, considered the circle as the limit of regular polygons. Claimed the orbits of planets to be elliptic.



### Nicholas of Cusa

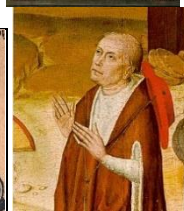
- 1401-1464
- Served as a Cardinal; skilled in theology, mathematics, philosophy, science and art.
- Described the learned man as one who is aware of his own ignorance
- First to disagree with Ptolemy's geocentric view after studying the planets extensively



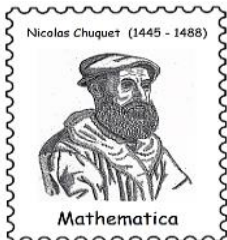
Nicholas Chuquet (1445 - 1488)

Chuquet wrote an important text *Triparty en la science des nombres*. This is the earliest French algebra book.

*The Triparty en la science des nombres* (1484) covers arithmetic and algebra. It was not printed however until 1880 so was of little influence. The first part deals with arithmetic and includes work on fractions, progressions, perfect numbers, proportion etc. In this work negative numbers, used as coefficients, exponents and solutions, appear for the first time. Zero is used and his rules for arithmetical operations includes zero and negative numbers. He also uses  $x^0 = 1$  for any number  $x$ . The sections on equations cover quadratic equations where he discusses two solutions.



**1470 Chuquet** writes *Triparty en la science des nombres*, the first French algebra book. Zero and negative exponents are considered. Rationals/irrationals are discussed. Theory of equations: allowed negative coefficients. Introduced words "billion", "trillion", "quadrillion".



**1472 Peurbach** publishes *Theoricæ Novæ Planetarum* (*New Theory of the Planets*). He uses [Ptolemy's](#) epicycle theory of the planets but believes they are controlled by the sun.

**1474 Regiomontanus** (Johannes Muller) *Ephemerides*, astronomical tables for the years 1475 to 1506 AD, and proposes a method for calculating longitude by using the moon. **1475** *De triangulis planis et sphaericis* (*Concerning Plane and Spherical Triangles*), studies spherical trigonometry to apply it to astronomy.



**Invention of printing: 1439, Gutenberg's Bible** was printed in **1455**

**1482** the first mathematics book printed: [Campanus of Novara's](#) edition of [Euclid's Elements](#).



Gutenberg's Press



+ / - Johannes Widmann (1489) / Luca Pacioli (1494) / Ciel Vander Hoecke (1514)

x multiplication Willem Oughtred (1631 or 1618)

. (dot) multiplication Gottfried Leibniz (1698) / Johann Bernoulli (1694)

÷ division Johann Rain (1659) / John Pell (1668)

= equals Robert Recorde (1557) / Willem Oughtred (1618)

< / > less than / greater than Thomas Harriot (1631)

x<sup>2</sup> exponent Nicolas Chuquet (1484) / Pierre Hérigone (1634) / René Descartes (1637)

√ radical (root) Christoff Rudolff (1525) / Albert Girard (1629) / René Descartes (1637)

$\frac{a}{b}$  fraction bar Fibonacci (1202)

. decimal point Francesco Pellos (1482) / G.A. Magini (1592) / Bartholomeus Pitiscus (1593) / John Napier (1617)

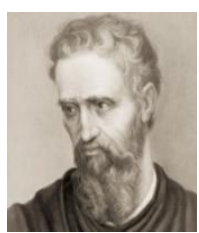
**Mathematical Symbols "+", "-", and "=":** 1202 Fibonacci: "plus", "minus", 1556 Tartalia: p., m.

Sign + was first used in **1360** by [N.Oresme](#), in **1489** [J.Widman](#) writes an arithmetic book in German which contains both signs + and -. They were also used in **1514** by [V.Hoecke](#), and in **1542** by [R.Recorde](#), who also used sign "=" in **1557**. In 1631 William Oughtred (1575-1660) used symbols "x", "/", "||", sin, cos, and introduced logarithmic scale.

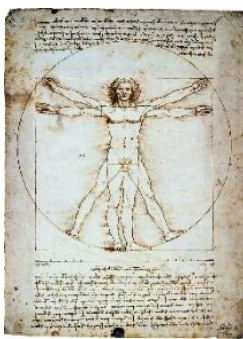
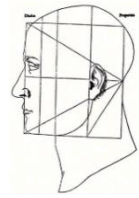
In **1484** Chuccke: used  $R^2 \cdot 14 \cdot \bar{p} \cdot R^2 \cdot 180$  for  $\sqrt{14 + \sqrt{180}}$

In **1646** Vieta, used  $B$  in  $\bar{D}$  quad. +  $B$  in  $\bar{D}$  for  $B(D^2 + BD)$ .





**Cultural context: High Renaissance** 1490-1527 (since death of Lorenzo Medici till sack of Rome by Charles V)



Late works of **Leonardo da Vinci** and **Boticelli**

**Michelangelo Buonarroti** 1475–1564 sculptor, painter, architect, poet, and engineer; “Renaissance man”

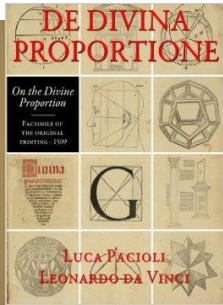
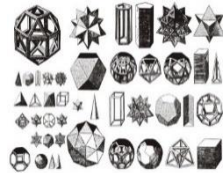
**Raphael** 1483–1520 painter and architect

1492 **Christopher Columbus** discovers “West Indies”, 1499-1500 **Amerigo Vespucci**, 1519 **Ferdinand Magellan**



1494 **Luca Pacioli** (1445-1509) Franciscan friar, publishes *Summa de arithmetica, geometria, proportioni et proportionalita* which is a review of the whole of mathematics covering arithmetic, trigonometry, algebra, tables of moneys, weights and measures, games of chance, *double-entry book-keeping* and a summary of **Euclid's** geometry.

Another book of Pacioli *De divina proportione* completed in 1496-98 was illustrated by his friend, **Leonardo da Vinci**. Pacioli was **accused in plagiarism**, because the content was mainly taken from the works of **Piero della Francesca**, without giving credits.



### Lecture 3. Math in 16<sup>th</sup> century

#### Algebra: solution of the cubic equation



del Ferro

Tartaglia

Cardano

Ferrari

1515 **Del Ferro** 1465-1626 discovered and kept in secret a formula to solve **cubic equations**.

1535 **Tartaglia** contest with **Fiore**, solved the **cubic equation** independently, told to **Cardano**.

#### Act I Scene ii continued

Tartaglia wins the competition:  
 • **Fiore**: It appears my knowledge of mathematics does not extend beyond cubic equations, yet you have managed to find solutions to all my problems.  
 • **Tartaglia**: I forgive your ignorance. I will decline the prize for my victory, which included thirty banquets hosted by you, loser, for me, the winner, and all my friends.  
 • **Fiore** recedes into the obscurity of history.

Cardano: Greetings. I am a great doctor, philosopher, astrologer, and mathematician. Please give me the solution to the cubic equation.  
 • **Tartaglia**: Okay, but you must swear never to reveal my secret.  
 • **Cardano**: I swear.

I promise never to tell

When **Gerolamo Cardano** (1501-1576) of Milan heard of **Tartaglia's** feat, he began a concerted effort to convince **Tartaglia** to show him the method.

Finally, on March 25, 1539, after **Cardano** swore a solemn oath never to publish the method, **Tartaglia** gave him the method, encrypted in a cipher.

HI MY NAME'S NICCOLO FONTANA. I WAS BORN IN BRESCIA FROM A POOR FAMILY. I AM AN ITALIAN MATHEMATICIAN. DURING THE DIVISION OF MY HOMETOWN BY THE FRENCH I WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN THE MOUTH. I HAVE THE SECRET OF THE SOLUTION OF THE CUBIC EQUATION. I HAVE BEEN NICKNAMED "TARTAGLIA" BECAUSE I HAVE STUTTERED SINCE THEN. I AM FAMOUS ALSO FOR GIVING A FORMULA FOR THE VOLUME OF A TETRAHEDRON AND FOR MY STUDIES OF BALISTICS.

Cardano's inventions: combination lock, shaft (joint), gimbal (for compass or gyroscope)



1540 **Ferrari** 1522-1565 secretary/student of **Cardano**, solved **quartic equations**.

1545 **Cardano** 1501-1576 in *Ars Magna* gave the formula that solves any **cubic equation** based on **Tartaglia's** work and the formula for **quartics** discovered by **Ferrari**.

I didn't publish your secret ...

The *Ars Magna* showed how to solve  
 - the depressed cubic  
 - the general cubic (by first depressing it)  
 - another important equation (coming soon)

**Tartaglia** was not happy. Remember, **Cardano** swore a solemn oath. **Cardano** said: "Hey, I didn't publish your method; I published del Ferro's. Ok, ok, there's similarities, but I kept my word."

#### Act II Scene ii

While **Tartaglia** is furious, **Ferrari** contacts him to challenge him to a competition. **Tartaglia** refuses until he is offered a professorship in 1548 on the condition that he defeats **Ferrari** in the contest.  
 • **Ferrari**: I know how to solve the general cubic and quartic equations. **Tartaglia** may not have read **Cardano's** book on those equations, which contains a solutions manual.

$$x = \sqrt[3]{-\frac{q}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}}} + \sqrt[3]{-\frac{q}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}}}$$



Bombelli

1572 **Bombelli** 1526-1572 in *Algebra* gave the rules for calculating with complex numbers. Diophantus problems.



Girolamo Cardano (1501-1576)

#### Gerolamo Cardano - Biography

- Born 1501
- Unhappy childhood – illegitimate son
- Inventor, astrologer, philosopher, algebraist, physician
- Known as the “Gambling Scholar” for his gambling skills
- Wrote more than 200 books on subjects that interested him
- Committed suicide (September 21, 1576)

#### 4.7.1. RAFAEL BOBBELLI (1526-1572)

• **Rafael Bombelli** (baptised on 20 January 1526; died 1572[a]) was an Italian mathematician.  
 • Born in **Bologna**, he is the author of a treatise on algebra and is a central figure in the understanding of imaginary numbers.  
 • He was the one who finally managed to address the problem with imaginary numbers. In his 1572 book, *L'Algebra*, **Bombelli** solved equations using the method of **del Ferro/Tartaglia**. He introduced the rhetoric that preceded the representative symbols  $+i$  and  $-i$  and described how they both worked.

#### L'ALGEBRA OPERA



François Viète 1540-1603

1591 **Viète** writes *In artem analyticam isagoge* (*Introduction to the analytical art*), using letters as symbols for quantities, both known and unknown. He uses vowels for the unknowns and consonants for known quantities. **Descartes**, later, introduces the use of letters  $x, y, \dots$  at the end of the alphabet for unknowns.

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}}{2} \dots$$

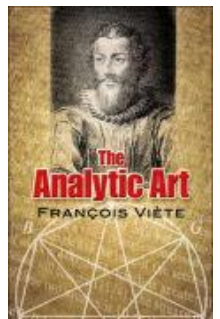
$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$$

$$a_n \neq 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$$

$$x_1 \cdot x_2 + x_1 \cdot x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1} \cdot x_n = \frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n}$$

$$x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_3 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n = (-1)^n \frac{a_0}{a_n}$$





**Cultural context: Renaissance in Europe (beyond Italy) started in 16<sup>th</sup> century**

**Hieronymus Bosch** 1450-1516 and **Pieter Bruegel the Elder** 1525–1569: Netherlandish painters

**Erasmus of Rotterdam** 1466–1536 Dutch Renaissance humanist, Catholic priest, social critic, teacher, and theologian

**Albrecht Dürer** 1471–1528: painter, printmaker and theorist of the German Renaissance

**Thomas More**, 1478–1535 English lawyer, social philosopher, writer, statesman and humanist, in **1516** *Utopia* is published

**Protestant Reformation: 1517 Martin Luther** *The Ninety-Five Theses*, **1518 Zwingli**, **1533 Calvin**, **1547 Church of England**

**Counter-Reformation: Spanish Inquisition** since **1478**, in **1572 St. Bartholomew's Day massacre**, since **1540** Jesuit order

**Arithmetic, Number theory and discrete Math**

**1536 Hudalrichus Regius** finds the fifth **perfect number** (previously known were 6, 28, 496 and 8128). The number  $2^{12}(2^{13} - 1) = 33550336$  is the first perfect number to be discovered since ancient times. **1544 Stifel** publishes *Arithmetica integra* which contains **binomial coefficients** and the notation  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\sqrt{\quad}$ .

**1555 J. Scheybl** gives the sixth **perfect number**  $2^{16}(2^{17} - 1) = 8589869056$  but his work remains unknown until 1977.

**1563 G.Cardan** writes his book *Liber de Ludo Aleae* on games of chance but it would not be published until 1663.

**1575 Maurolico** publishes *Arithmeticon libri duo* which contains examples of inductive proofs.

**1603 P.Cataldi** found the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> perfect numbers, with  $p=17,19$ . The next one was found only by Euler 130 years later.

**Geometry**

**1551 Recorde** translates and abridges **Euclid's** *Elements* as *The Pathewaie to Knowledge*.

**Application of Math in Astronomy and mechanics**

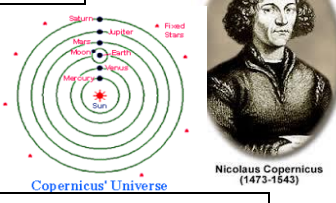
**1541 Rheticus** publishes his trigonometric tables and the trigonometrical parts of **Copernicus's** work.

**1543 Copernicus** publishes *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* (*On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres*): Sun (not the Earth) is at rest in the centre of the Universe. *Copernican Revolution* was the beginning of *Scientific Revolution* of 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**1571 Viète** 1540-1603 *Canon Mathematicus* a math introduction to his astronomy treatise: trigonometry with tables. In *Analytical Art* invented word “coefficient” and notation: variables-consonants and coefficients vowels, he knew the binomial formula.

**1586 Stevin** publishes *De Beghinselen der Weeghconst* containing the theorem of the triangle (parallelogram) of forces.

**1595 Clavius** writes *Novi calendarii romani apologia* that helped Pope Gregory XIII to introduce what is now called the Gregorian calendar.



**Real Numbers**

**1585 Stevin** publishes *De Thiende* in which he presents an elementary and thorough account of decimal fractions.

**1590 Cataldi** uses **continued fractions** in finding square roots;

**1593 Van Roomen** calculates  $\pi$  to 16 decimal places.



$$\sqrt{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \dots}}}}}$$

**Scientific Revolution of 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> centuries (after Copernicus)**

**Galileo Galilei** 1564-1642 “father of science”: astronomer, physicist, engineer, philosopher, and mathematician, famous for defending heliocentrism, “the universe ... is written in language of math”, considered coordinate system and parabola as the ideal trajectory **1589** falling unequal-weight-balls from Leaning Tower of Pisa; **1610** telescope observations in *Sidereus Nuncius* (*Message from the stars*): Jupiter satellites, Venus phases, rings of Saturn, Sun spots, Milky Way; **1623** writes about Copernicus, **1632** new book

**1600 William Gilbert** “*De Magnete*” “Father of electricity and magnetism”

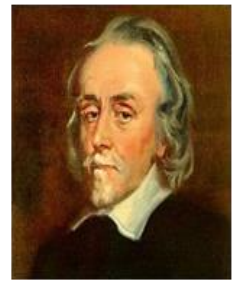
**Francis Bacon** 1561–1626 philosopher, statesman, scientist, jurist, orator, writer, “father of *empiricism*” (method of scientific revolution), inductive methodology, improvement of mankind, reforms in Law, 1627 “New Atlantis” utopian novel, knighted in 1603

**1609 Johannes Kepler** 1571–1630: *Astronomia nova* (*New Astronomy*); the orbits are elliptic, word “focus”, **1596** 3 laws of planetary motion, 5 platonic solids and distances

**1628 William Harvey**: circular rout of blood

**1661 Robert Boyle**: “*Sceptical Chymist*” principles of modern chemistry

**1665 Robert Hooke**: “*Micrographia*” microscopic observation of cellular structure, word “cell” is introduced; **1660** law of elasticity



# Lecture 4. Math in the 17<sup>th</sup> century



**John Napier** 1550-1617:  
invention of logarithms in 1614,  
Table of Logarithms; 1624:  
14-digit log table



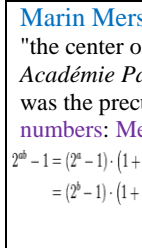
**JOHN NAPIER**  
Logarithms • Trigonometry 1550 - 1617

- Invented *logarithms*, a big help to Kepler
- Decimal notation, trig functions, formulas
- *Napier's Bones*, a calculating "slide rule"
- Math a hobby; his first love was theology  
*"by shortening the labors, doubled the life of the astronomer."*



**JOHN NAPIER**  
-INVENTED THE "NAPIER BONES": A SET OF WOODEN RODS, ALLOWING USERS TO MULTIPLY AND DIVIDE LARGE NUMBERS AND FIND SQUARE AND CUBE ROOTS

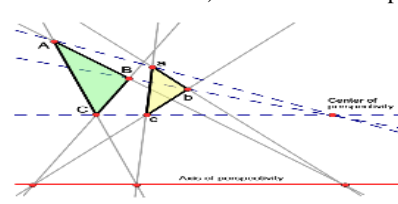
← **Thomas Hariote** 1560-1621: recognized negative and imaginary roots,  $(x-a)(x-b)...$  has no other roots




**Marin Mersenne** 1588-1648: theologian, philosopher, mathematician, music theorist, "father of acoustics". [1] Mersenne, "the center of the world of science and mathematics during the first half of the 1600s." In 1635 he set up the informal *Académie Parisienne* which had nearly 140 correspondents including astronomers, philosophers and mathematicians and was the precursor of the *Académie des sciences* established by **Colbert** in 1666; numbers  $M_n = 2^n - 1$  are called **Mersenne numbers**: **Mersenne primes** ( $M_2=3, M_3=7, M_5=31, M_7=127$ , but not  $M_{11}=2047=23 \times 89$ ) are related to the perfect numbers.

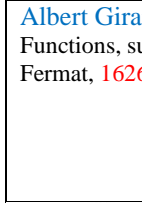
$$2^{2^a} - 1 = (2^a - 1) \cdot (1 + 2^a + 2^{2a} + 2^{3a} + \dots + 2^{(2^a-1)a})$$

$$= (2^b - 1) \cdot (1 + 2^b + 2^{2b} + 2^{3b} + \dots + 2^{(2^a-1)b})$$







← **Girard Desargues** 1591–1661: mathematician and engineer, a founders of projective geometry. **Desargues' theorem**




**Albert Girard** 1595-1632: "A new discovery of Algebra" 1629 the Fund. Theorem of Algebra, symmetric Functions, sum of powers of roots:  $A, A^2-2B, A^3-3AB+3C$ , etc., stated "sum of two squares" theorem of Fermat, 1626 abbreviations sin, cos, tan; the area of a spherical triangle.







← **Bonaventura Cavalieri** 1598–1647: optics, motion, Cavalieri's principle in geometry anticipated infinitesimal and integral calculus calculus, introduced logarithms in Italy


→ **Evangelista Toricelli** 1608–1647: physicist and mathematician, inventor of the barometer, "method of Indivisibles"



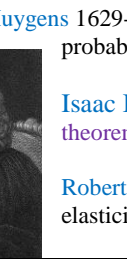


← **Henry Oldenburg** 1619-1677: German theologian, diplomat, a natural philosopher, the creator of scientific **peer review**, one of the foremost **intelligencers** of Europe of 17<sup>th</sup> century, created the first scientific journal in 1665 "Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society"

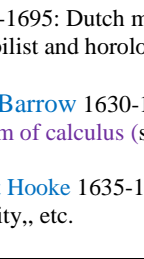
← **John Wallis** 1616- 1703 Math: **infinitesimal calculus**, chief cryptographer for Parliament and the Royal court, introduced the symbol  $\infty$  for infinity and  $1/\infty$  for an **infinitesimal**. 




**Christiaan Huygens** 1629-1695: Dutch mathematician, astronomer, physicist (mechanics, optics), probabilist and horologist



**Isaac Barrow** 1630-1677: teacher of Newton, **infinitesimal calculus**, **fundamental theorem of calculus** (slope/area)



**Robert Hooke** 1635-1703 natural philosopher, architect and polymath, "England's Leonardo"; Law of elasticity, etc.



Isaac Barrow

## Math Subjects

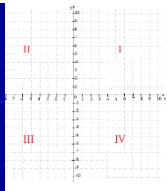
- Analytic Geometry** 1637 **Descartes** *La Geometrie* and Pierre de Fermat **Synthetic Geometry** **Pascal** and **Desargues**
- Probability Theory**: **Cardan's** "Liber de Ludo Aleae", letters of **Pascal** to **Fermat**
- Number Theory**: **Mersenne**, **Fermat**, **Early Calculus**: **Fermat**, **Cavalieri**
- Calculus** 1687 **Newton** (1642-1724) *Principia Mathematica* and **Gottfried Leibnitz** (1646-1716)
- Symbolic Algebra, Symbolic Logic**: **Leibnitz** (in modern form: **George Boole** 200 year later)

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{6}{7} \dots$$

## Analytic Geometry

It was introduced in the 1630s, an important mathematical development, for it laid the foundations for modern mathematics as well as aided the development of calculus.

René Descartes (1596-1650) and Pierre de Fermat (1601-1665), French mathematicians, independently developed the foundations for analytic geometry.



### Descartes' four rules

- Rule one is to never believe anything unless you know it to be true.
- Rules two to analyze every problem into as many parts as are necessary to resolve the problem.
- Rule three is to find the easiest solution and work up to the most difficult.
- Rule four is to list every possible detail of a problem.

Each problem that I solved became a rule, which served afterwards to solve other problems.

-René Descartes

### Descartes' Method

Theory → Prediction → Experiment → Observation → Theory

create or modify the theory / use the theory to make a prediction / perform the experiment / design an experiment to test the prediction

$$f(x) = 6x^5 - 6x^3 + 10x + 5$$

$$f(-x) = 6(-x)^5 - 6(-x)^3 + 10(-x) + 5$$

$$f(-x) = -6x^5 + 6x^3 - 10x + 5$$

signs change three times

1 2 3

this means there are 3 or 1 possible negative real solutions

## Lecture 5. Descartes, Fermat and Pascal

**René Descartes (Renatus Cartesius, adj. "Cartesian")** 1596-1650: philosopher, mathematician, and scientist, "the father of modern western philosophy", founder of **rationalism**, "the father of analytical geometry", giving a path to discovery of Calculus, one of the key figures in the **scientific revolution**. He spent about 20 years of his life in the Dutch Republic, died right after invitation to Sweden. In 1633, **Galileo** was condemned by the Catholic Church, and Descartes abandoned plans to publish *Treatise on the World*, his work of the previous four years. In 1637 he published only a part of this work in three essays: *Les Météores* (The Meteors), *La Dioptrique* (Dioptrics) and *La Géométrie* (Geometry), preceded by an introduction, his famous *Discours de la méthode* (Discourse on the Method). *Principles of Philosophy*: published in 1647.

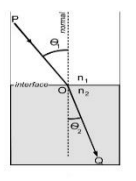


Perfect numbers, like perfect men, are very rare.

-René Descartes

"Whenever anyone has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it."

René Descartes, Mathematician



$$\frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

AN OPTIMIST MAY SEE A LIGHT WHERE THERE IS NONE, BUT WHY MUST THE PESSIMIST ALWAYS RUN TO BLOW IT OUT?

René Descartes

"It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get!"

-René Descartes



### Summary of Descartes' Law of Motion

According to Descartes, motion is governed by the following laws:

1. Each and every thing, as far as it can, always continues in its same state – in motion or at rest.
2. This natural tendency to preserve the present state can be affected by "external causes".

The second law holds that "all movement is, of itself, along straight lines" (Pr II 39) It also deals with circular motion and is not in our discussion here.



**Pierre de Fermat** 1601-1665: lawyer at the *Parliament* of Toulouse, France, and a mathematician: **Analytic Geometry**, **Calculus**, **Number theory**, **Probability**, **Optics**. Fermat's manuscript in analytic geometry ("*Introduction to Plane and Solid Loci*") published in 1679 was circulated already in 1636, one year before the publication of Descartes' *La géométrie*. Developed Calculus: maxima and minima of functions, tangents to curves, area, center of mass, least action, etc. He evaluated the integral of power functions using an ingenious trick, reducing it to the sum of geometric series (used later by Newton, and then Leibniz for the fundamental theorem of calculus).



### Fermat's Little Theorem

$a^p - a$  is divisible by  $p$

$p$  is prime  $1 < a < p$

### Fermat's Theorem

Theorem (Fermat's Theorem)

Suppose  $f$  has a local extremum at  $c$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $c$ . Then  $f'(c) = 0$ .

**Pierre de Fermat** **Fermat Numbers**

Pierre de Fermat (1601 - 1665) conjectured that each number of the form  $2^{2^n} + 1$ , now referred to as a **Fermat number**, was prime for each natural number  $n$ .

In number theory, Fermat studied **Pell's equation**, **perfect numbers**, **amicable numbers** and what would later become **Fermat numbers**. While researching perfect numbers he discovered the **little theorem**. He invented a factorization method—**Fermat's factorization method**—as well as the proof technique of **infinite descent**, which he used to prove **Fermat's right triangle theorem** which includes as a corollary Fermat's Last Theorem for the case  $n = 4$ . Fermat developed the **two-square theorem**, and the **polygonal number theorem**, which states that each number is a sum of three **triangular numbers**, four **square numbers**, five **pentagonal numbers**, etc.

Fermat's theorem on sums of two squares states that any odd prime number will be the sum of two square numbers if, and only if, it leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by 4.

For example:

$$13 = 9 + 4 = 3^2 + 2^2$$

This works however big the prime number is:

$$5 = 1^2 + 2^2 \quad 269 = 10^2 + 13^2$$

$$29 = 2^2 + 5^2 \quad 79,601 = 200^2 + 199^2$$

$$41 = 4^2 + 5^2 \quad 2,369,929 = 1,100^2 + 1,077^2$$

$$89 = 5^2 + 8^2 \quad 201,743,929 = 10,035^2 + 10,052^2$$

In 1654, Fermat and Pascal laid foundations of **probability theory**. Fermat made the first ever rigorous **probability calculation** to answer a question he was asked by a professional gambler: why if he bet on rolling at least one six in four throws of a die he won in the long term, whereas betting on throwing at least one double-six in 24 throws of two dice resulted in his losing.

### Fermat's Principle of Least Time

- Out of all possible paths that light might take to get from one point to another, it takes the path that requires the **shortest time**.
- The Principle is true for both **reflection** and **refraction**!

Fermat's **principle of least time** or **Fermat's principle** (enunciated by **Hero of Alexandria** in the 1st century CE) led to the **principle of least action** in physics.

I have discovered a truly remarkable proof of this theorem which this margin is too small to contain.

(Pierre de Fermat)

I confess that Fermat's Theorem as an isolated proposition has very little interest for me, because I could easily lay down a multitude of such propositions, which one could neither prove nor dispose of.

(Carl Friedrich Gauss)

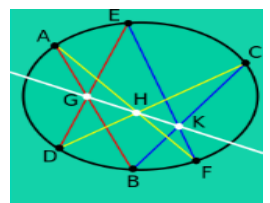
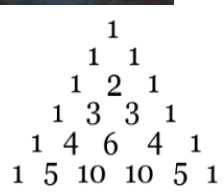
I realized that anything to do with Fermat's Last Theorem generates too much interest.

(Andrew Wiles)



**Blaise Pascal** 1623-1662 mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer, philosopher. Study of fluids: the concepts of **pressure** and **vacuum** clarified after the work of **Torricelli** (many disputes before acceptance). Treatise on **projective geometry** at the age of 16. **Probability theory**: joint with **Fermat** (in letters). Economic and social sciences. At age 19 constructed a mechanical calculator capable of addition and subtraction, called **Pascal's calculator** or the **Pascaline**.

1654: works on philosophy and theology, *Lettres provinciales* and the *Pensées*, Math: on the arithmetical triangle, and in 1658-1659 on the **cycloid** and its use in calculating the volume of solids. Pascal had poor health and died right after his 39th birthday.



I have made this letter longer than usual, only because I have not had time to make it shorter.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)







- Agendas of meetings included
- Reports: oral or written
  - Discussions
  - Experiments: Robert Hooke first Demonstrator of Experiments



## Lecture 6. End of 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The first Academies of Science are established

**1560-1578** *Accademia Secretorum Naturae* (*Accademia dei Segreti*) founded in [Naples](#) by [Giambattista della Porta](#), a noted polymath. The society met at his home. Closed by the Inquisition.



**1603** *Accademia dei Lincei* founded in Rome by [Federico Cesi](#), the son of the Duke of Acquasparta (at the age of 18 with 3 other friends, 8 years older). Later in 1611 Galileo joined. After death of Cesi in 1630 Academy survived only till 1651, but in the 1870s was revived to become the national academy of Italy.

**1662** The *Royal Society of London* granted with a Royal Charter; this Society appeared from "The Philosophical Society of Oxford" that existed since 1640s, inspired by ideas of Francis Bacon's "New Atlantis". Lord Brouncker becomes its first President, H. Oldenburg secretary and R. Hooke Curator of Experiments.

**Henry Oldenburg (1618-1677)**



- Born in Germany
- Resident in London from 1652
- Indefatigable correspondent with major scientists of his day
- Appointed (joint) Secretary to the Royal Society in 1663
- Created (as editor and commercial publisher) the first scientific journal in 1665
- *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*

**1666** *French Académie des Sciences* founded by Louis XIV (suggestion of Colbert). It arose from Mersenne's group of 1630-40s, *Montmor's salon* (including Desargues, Gassendi and Huygens), "Académie Montmor" 1657-1664. Since 1699 "Royal", issue annual proceedings. A system of prizes since 1721 had a major impact on math and other sciences.

Progress in Math (except Calculus)



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| <b>1653</b> <a href="#">Pascal</a> , <i>Treatise on the Arithmetical Triangle</i> on " <a href="#">Pascal's triangle</a> ". <b>1654</b> hydrostatics, Pascal's law of pressure.  |
| <b>1654</b> <a href="#">Fermat</a> and <a href="#">Pascal</a> , five letters on <a href="#">probability</a> , math expectation. In <b>1657</b> summary by Huygens, in <b>1671</b> by <a href="#">De Witt</a> .   |
| <b>1655</b> <a href="#">Brouncker</a> , <a href="#">continued fraction</a> expansion of $4/\pi$ .  |
| <b>1656</b> <a href="#">Huygens</a> patents the first pendulum clock. <b>1660</b> <a href="#">Hooke</a> the law of elasticity. <b>1660</b> <a href="#">Viviani</a> measures the velocity of sound.   |
| <b>1657</b> <a href="#">Frenicle de Bessy</a> <i>Solutio duorum problematum ...</i> solved some of <a href="#">Fermat's</a> challenges.  |
| <b>1661</b> <a href="#">Van Schooten</a> publishes the final volume of <i>Geometria a Renato Des Cartes</i> , on analytic geometry, with appendices by three of his disciples, <a href="#">de Witt</a> , <a href="#">Hudde</a> , and <a href="#">Heuraet</a> . |
| <b>1662</b> Graunt and Petty, " <i>Natural and Political Observations ...</i> ", one of the first statistics books.  |
| <b>1668</b> <a href="#">Pell</a> : a table of factors of all integers up to 100000.  |
| <b>1669</b> <a href="#">Wren</a> : a hyperboloid of revolution is a ruled surface.   |
| <b>1672</b> <a href="#">Mohr</a> : all Euclidean constructions can be carried out with compasses alone.  |
| <b>1678</b> <a href="#">Giovanni Ceva</a> "Ceva's theorem"   |
| <b>1673</b> <a href="#">Leibniz</a> demonstrates his arithmometer to the Royal Society. <b>1679</b> : binary arithmetic (published in 1701)  |
| <b>1683</b> <a href="#">Seki Kowa</a> : <a href="#">determinants</a> , integer solutions of $ax - by = 1$ for integer $a, b$ .   |

### Progress in Calculus and its applications (including geometric analysis)

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| <b>1651</b> <a href="#">Nicolaus Mercator</a> gives the series expansion of $\log(1 + x)$ .  |
| <b>1656</b> <a href="#">Wallis</a> <i>Arithmetica infinitorum</i> : interpolation methods to evaluate integrals.   |
| <b>1657</b> <a href="#">Neile</a> found the arc length of the cubical parabola $y^3 = ax^2$ . <b>1658</b> <a href="#">Wren</a> finds the length of an arc of the cycloid.          |
| <b>1657</b> <a href="#">Jan Hudde's</a> rule about double roots  |
| <b>1660</b> <a href="#">De Sluze</a> : spirals, inflection points, geometric means, curves called the "pearls of Sluze".   |
| <b>1663-69</b> <a href="#">Barrow</a> is the first Lucasian Prof. of Math at Cambridge. In <b>1669</b> Newton is appointed.  |
| <b>1665</b> <a href="#">Newton</a> : <a href="#">binomial theorem</a> ; working on the calculus after <a href="#">Barrow</a> published <i>Lectiones Geometricae</i> in <b>1670</b> |
| <b>1667</b> <a href="#">James Gregory</a> foundations for the infinitesimal geometry. <b>1668</b> the first calculus textbook.   |
| <b>1669</b> <a href="#">Wallis</a> <i>Mechanica</i> : a math study of mechanics. In <b>1685</b> <a href="#">Newton's</a> binomial theorem; popularize Harriot.                     |
| <b>1671</b> <a href="#">James Gregory</a> discovers <a href="#">Taylor's Theorem</a> , his series expansion for $\arctan(x)$ gives a series for $\pi/4$ .                          |
| <b>1672</b> <a href="#">Mengoli</a> : infinite series, an infinite product expansion for $\pi/2$ .   |
| <b>1673</b> <a href="#">Huygens</a> : <a href="#">evolutes</a> and <a href="#">involutives</a> of curves, in particular, for the cycloid and the parabola.                         |
| <b>1675</b> <a href="#">Leibniz</a> modern notation for an integral, <b>1676-77</b> differential rules: for products, quotients and compositions                                   |
| <b>1684</b> <a href="#">Leibniz</a> differential calculus in <i>New methods on maxima, minima and tangents</i>   |
| <b>1687</b> <a href="#">Newton</a> , <i>The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy</i> : motion, gravity, orbits, of comets, the tides, etc.                                |

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| 1690 <b>Jacob Bernoulli</b> word "integral" for the area under a curve, 1691 "polar coordinates", 1692 <b>Leibniz</b> : "coordinate". |
| 1690 <b>Rolle</b> , the theory of equations, 1691 Rolle's theorem (a method due to <b>Hudde</b> ).                                    |
| 1694 <b>Johann Bernoulli</b> "L'Hôpital's rule", 1696 the problem of the <b>brachistochrone</b> .                                     |



**James Gregory** (1638-1675) **infinite series** representations trigonometric functions and their inverse, like  $\arctan x = x - x^3/3 + x^5/5 - x^7/7 + \dots$

1668 *Geometriae Pars Universalis* the first published statement and proof of the **fundamental theorem of the calculus** (stated from a geometric point of view, and only for a special class of the curves considered by later versions of the theorem), acknowledged by **Isaac Barrow**



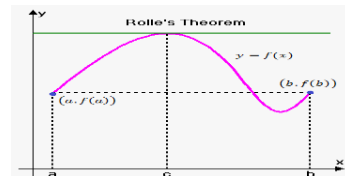
**Johannes Hudde** (1628-1704) mayor of Amsterdam between 1672 – 1703, a mathematician and governor of the Dutch East India Company

$$a_0 b_0 x^n + a_1 b_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} b_{n-1} x + a_n b_n = 0.$$

Newton and Leibniz mention Hudde many times and used some of his ideas in their own work on infinitesimal calculus. **Hudde's rule** is a criterion for double roots.



**Michel Rolle** (1652-1719) French mathematician best known for **Rolle's theorem** (1691); invented notation  $\sqrt[n]{x}$  and introduced in France sign "="; also the co-inventor in Europe of Gaussian elimination (1690).



- ▶ wanted to be a military man, but poor eyesight forced him into math
- ▶ did some math on his own (solved the "brachistochrone problem")
- ▶ paid a stipend to Johann Bernoulli, who proved this theorem and named it after him!



Guillaume François Antoine, Marquis de l'Hôpital (1661-1704)

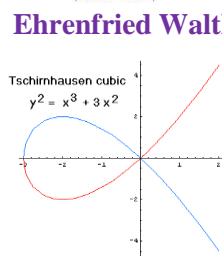
**Guillaume, Marquis de l'Hôpital** (1661-1704) **L'Hôpital's rule** for calculating limits involving indeterminate forms  $0/0$  and  $\infty/\infty$  did not originate with l'Hôpital but appeared in his book *Analyse des Infiniment Petits pour l'Intelligence des Lignes Courbes*, a first systematic exposition of differential calculus that became a model for subsequent treatments of calculus.

QUICK REVIEW OF L'HÔPITAL'S RULE

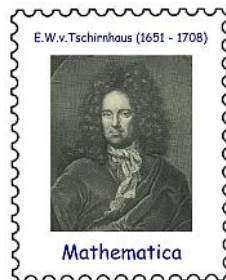
**L'Hôpital's Rule**

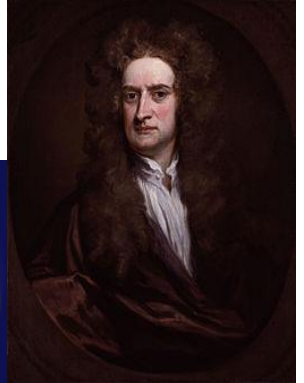
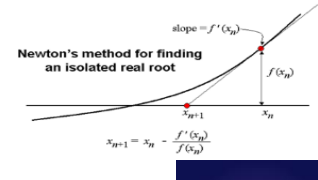
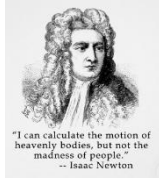
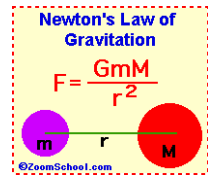
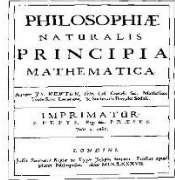
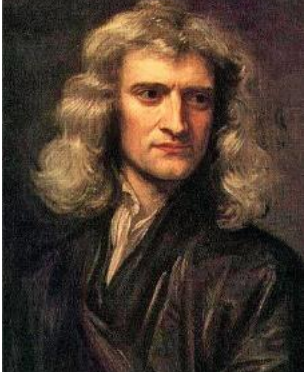
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

if  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$



**Ehrenfried Walther von Tschirnhaus** (1651-1708) mathematician, physicist, physician, and philosopher. He invented the **Tschirnhaus transformation**; that eliminates terms  $x^{n-1}$  and  $x^{n-2}$  in equation of order  $n$ ; the inventor of European porcelain





**Isaac Newton**

- Arguably the greatest scientific genius ever.
- Came up with 3 Laws of Motion to explain the observations and analyses of Galileo and Kepler.
- Discovered that white light was composed of many colors all mixed together.
- Invented new mathematical techniques such as calculus and binomial expansion theorem in his study of physics.
- Published his Laws in 1687 in the book *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*.

**Sir Isaac Newton** 1642-1726 "natural philosopher" (physicist and mathematician), one of the most influential scientists of all time and a key figure in the **scientific revolution**. Book *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*, 1687, laid the foundations for **classical mechanics**: laws of motion, universal gravitation with derivation of Kepler's laws of planetary motion, with the trajectories of comets, the tides, the precession of the equinoxes, and other phenomena, Newton removed the last doubts about the validity of the heliocentric model of the Solar System. Contributed to **optics**: built the first reflecting telescope, a theory of colour. Studied the speed of sound, stated an empirical law of cooling.



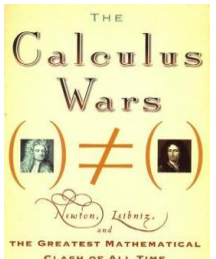
Math: credited with Leibniz for foundation of calculus: power series, the binomial theorem (with non-integer exponents), approximating the roots of a function, classification of the **plane cubic curves**.

**Newton's Laws**

- A body will remain at rest, or moving at a constant velocity, unless it is acted on by an unbalanced force.
- The force experienced by an object is proportional to its mass times the acceleration it experiences:  
$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$
- If two bodies exert a force on one another, the forces are equal in magnitude, but opposite in direction:  
$$\vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$$



Beyond the sciences, Newton dedicated much of his time to the **biblical chronology** (hermeneutics) and **alchemy**. Supposed that his biblical and occult studies were more important than scientific ones. Found big amount of mercury in the body after death (possibly because of alchemical experiments)



1661-65 studied at Cambridge, 1665-66 work at home on calculus: power series, binomial theorem (1665-66 Great Plague of London, 100000~20% of population died, Cambridge closed, 1665 Great Fire of London), calculus manuscript written in 1666 was not published until 1693, and in the full account only in 1704

1667 Fellow of Trinity College (required to be a priest, Newton wanted to avoid because of non-orthodox believe) 1669 Lucasian Chair after Barrow quitted (avoided to be a priest by a special order by Charles V), 1684 "On the motion of bodies in orbits", 1687 *Principia*, 1690 religious tracts, 1701 retired from Cambridge, 1705 knited (second scientist after Francis Bacon), 1711 priority dispute with Leibniz



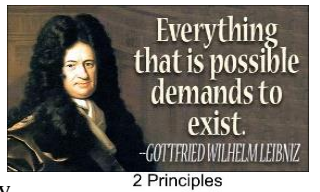
**Gottfried Wilhelm (von) Leibniz** 1646-1716 polymath and philosopher, developed calculus (together with Newton), Leibniz's notation are in use nowadays. Inventor of mechanical calculators: added multiplication and division to Pascal's calculator, invented the **Leibniz wheel**, used in the **arithmometer**, the first mass-produced mechanical calculator. Worked on the binary number system, anticipated modern logic.

In philosophy, **rationalist** (along with René Descartes and Baruch Spinoza), Leibniz's optimism: "our Universe is the best possible one that God could have created".

In physics and technology anticipated some recent notions in philosophy, probability theory, biology, medicine, geology, psychology, linguistics, and computer science. His works on philosophy, politics, law, ethics, theology, history, and philology were scattered in various learned journals, in tens of thousands of letters, and in unpublished manuscripts (in several languages, but primarily in Latin, French, and German). There is no complete collected writings.

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1}$$

1660 entered Leipzig Univ. 1662 Bac, 1662 Ms. Phil., 1665 Bac in Law, 1666 Thesis in Phil. and Law, Book "On the Art of Combinations", worked as salaried alchemist, **diplomatic essays** "To find a reason to appoint a German prince to the Polish Throne", "To organize a union of German states against France", "To involve France into a war with Turkey", 1672 invited to Paris to discuss his "Egyptian plan" by French government, met there **Huygens** and started studying Math, 1673 visited London to show his arithmometer (which he developed since 1670), 1674 invited by Duke of Brunswick, started developing **Calculus**, finished in 1677, but published only in 1682 in Acta Eruditorum (first scientific journal in German lands that he created), 1700 Berlin Academy of Science is created upon the advice of Leibniz and appointed him president (1701 Kingdom of Prussia is created), 1711 projects with Peter I, 1712 Vienna Court of Gabsburgs 1716: died out of favor: nobody from any Court and no Society (Royal or Berlin Acad. Sci) attended, grave went unmarked for 50 years.



**2 Principles**

- Principle of the Identity of Indiscernibles: If two objects have the same properties then they are identical with one another.
- Principle of Sufficient Reason: There is a reason why things are exactly as they are and not some other way.

**THREE categories of MONADS**

- Monads of life.
- Monads of soul.
- Monads of spirit.
- Monads neither appear nor disappear, they are inseparable. They are absolute centers, formless atoms.

