

Minkowski 1864 to 1909



Hermann Minkowski was born in 1864 to Jewish parents in Lithuanian but received his education in Germany at the University of Königsberg.

At the age of 19 whilst still a student, Minkowski won a prize from the French Academy of Sciences. In 1885 he received his doctorate under the supervision of Lindemann.

Minkowski taught at the universities of Bonn, Königsberg, Zurich and finally settled in Göttingen in 1902 where he secured a post at the mathematics department. He became a close friend of David Hilbert.

Minkowski died at the young age of 44.