

then using (35) and introducing the results into (42), these last expressions become:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{M}_0 &= (160N_0 + 20N_1 + 48N_2 + 13N_3 + 12\pi(8M_0 + 4M_1 + 3M_2)) / 16 \\ \dot{N}_0 &= (160N_0 + 24N_1 + 48N_2 + 12N_3 + 12\pi(8M_0 + 4M_1 + 3M_2)) / 16 \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

and (43) requires the form:

$$\Delta T = \pi X_0 \dot{M}_0^{-1/2} (H^0 C \omega - 2\pi)^{1/2} T_0 \quad (44)$$

Obviously, the same restrictions (negligible atmospheric rotation or polar orbit) can be imposed to (44). The result will be (44) in which $\dot{N}_0$ replaces $\dot{M}_0$.

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IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR FRANCISC RADÓ

(1921-1990)

FRANCISC RADÓ was born on May 21, 1921 in Timișoara (Romania), where he got his primary and secondary education at Jewish schools. He inherited his mathematical talent from his father Arthur Radó, a railway engineer with great interest in mathematics, who has had some original contributions in algebra. The father disclosed for his son the beauties of mathematics, conducted his steps in this direction and had long discussions with him on mathematical problems. In 1939 F. RADÓ succeeded to enter the Engineering School in Bucharest, occupying the third position at the admission exam among thousands of candidates.

After one year of study he was forbidden to continue his studies. It followed one idle year and three years of labour camp. The conditions were hard, nevertheless he didn't interrupt to study mathematics, usually hidden behind heaps of excavated earth.

In 1944, in the new Romanian regime he was accepted as a student again; switched to study mathematics and got his degree in January 1946 at the University of Cluj. Until the end of 1949 he taught mathematics in Timișoara, first at the Jewish Lyceum, where he once was a school boy, and then, after the nationalization of schools in 1948, he joined a state secondary school. He was also appointed as assistant professor at the newly founded Pedagogical Institut in Timișoara during one academic year.

In January 1950 he was nominated at the Bolyai University in Cluj. In 1959, the two universities in Cluj (with teaching languages Romanian and Hungarian, respectively) were united to form the Babeș-Bolyai University, where RADÓ was active until his retirement in 1985 (from 1969 as full professor). Between 1951 and 1968 he also held a second position as research scientist at the Academic Institut for Computation in Cluj. He taught during the 1969-70 academic year at the University of Waterloo (Canada) as visiting professor on the invitation of Professor J. Aczél.

His primary interest was algebraic foundations of geometry. Prior to this he studied nomographic representability related to the theory of webs and functional equations (his PhD thesis in 1959 belongs to this domain), then the embedding conditions of a semi-web into a Reidemeister web. He continued with noninjective collineations of two Desarguesian projective planes, which led him to ring geometry. Under W. Benz's influence he became very interested in characterizing isometries of metric vector spaces with as weak assumptions as possible. He also obtained remarkable results in mathematical programming.

At the university he taught geometry, algebra, theory of numbers and theory of complex functions. He published several courses in geometry and exercise books. Wrote jointly with B. Orbán the book „Geometry under modern view point” in Hungarian language, showing how various Euclidean, affine, projective and reflexion geometries and their algebraic counterparts are interwoven. In a review on this book Professor F. Kárteszi wrote: „Such an ample treatment of the subject promised in the title didn't appear till now in Hungarian. Moreover, such a thorough examination of the relations among the presented structures didn't occur in any other language either” (Az Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem Természettudományi Karának Szakmodszertani Közle-

ményi XIV/1, Budapest, 1981). For his scientific and teaching activity RADÓ was awarded prizes by the Romanian Ministry of Education in 1960, 1967 and 1981.

In 1952 he married Martha Gidáli, one of his students. During the years to come they worked together on aspects of modernizing the teaching of geometry and had an essential contribution in writing new geometry manuals for the secondary school. Martha succeeded in ensuring favourable conditions to thorough scientific work. Their two daughters took up careers in computer science.

Professor RADÓ is among the editors of „Journal of Geometry” (right from the start) and of „Aequationes Mathematicae”. More than 20 years he acted as reviewer for „Mathematical Reviews” and „Zentralblatt für Mathematik”.

He gave talks at Universities in Bucharest, Iassy, Timișoara, Budapest, Debrecen, Giessen, Bochum, Waterloo, Montreal, Hamilton, Buffalo, Frankfurt, Pavia, Hamburg, Hannover, Braunschweig, München, Kiel, Duisburg, Oldenburg, Toronto, Pittsburgh, New York (Courant Institut), Brockport, New Brunswick, Tel Aviv and Haifa. In July 1982 he spend one month at the University of Hamburg being sponsored by W. Blaschke Fund, on the recommendation of Prof. Benz. In 1985, on the invitation of Prof. Aczél he acted as a visiting research scientist at the University of Waterloo for two months. He presented from his original researches on a series of mathematical meetings and symposiums, but was prohibited to attend many others due to the ever increasing restrictions imposed by the Ceaușescu government. Moreover, he couldn't go to the 1972 meeting on Higher Geometry, held in Oberwolfach, in spite of the fact that he was one of the organizers.

Some of Professor RADÓ's scientific results:

His studies in nomography comprise: i) criteria for various nomographic representability in terms of functional equations without differentiability assumptions (1959); ii) projective transformation of alignment nomograms in order to obtain minimal error. He showed that for a nomogram in a projective family to be optimal it is necessary and sufficient that the points of maximal error on each scale fulfil a specific geometric condition (1964, 1969). Studies in this direction were continued by B. Orbán, V. Groze, A. Vasiu.

He generalized Malcev's theorem concerning the conditions for a semigroup to be injectively embeddable into a group. Giving to this problem a geometric form he established necessary and sufficient conditions for a semi-web to be injectively embeddable in a regular web (satisfying Reidemeister's condition). This is not only a more general result, but the rather sophisticated Malcev's chains appear in a simpler and natural manner (1965).

Let S be a non-singular incidence structure such that to any point A and any line L there exists a point P and a line D with $A \in D$, $P \in D$, $P \in L$. Then S can be injectively imbedded in a projective plane with given general closure condition C if and only if all „projective conclusions” of C hold in S (1969).

A fundamental theorem of projective geometry states that any injective collineation of two projective spaces over fields K and K' respectively, is induced by a semi-linear mapping of the underlying vector spaces, related to certain monomorphism $s: K \rightarrow K'$. In 1956 W. Klingenberg has extended this theorem for non-injective collineations of spaces of finite dimension. The role of s is taken by a place (valuation morphism); he worked with coordinates. RADÓ has generalized Klingenberg's theorem to projective spaces of arbitrary dimension, by suitable adjusting Artin's method, instead of using coordinates (1969). This method was afterwards applied in many situations, especially for ring geometries by K. Mathiak, J. Brandstetter, P. Hartmann, F. Machala, H. Havlicek and others. Related to these ideas is also RADÓ's following result.

Let P and P' be Desarguesian projective planes and C a subset of P which contains three non-concurrent lines and a point not incident with them. Then any (non necessarily injective) collineation of C into P' can be uniquely extended to a collineation of P into P' (1970). Several refinements and generalizations of this theorem are due e.g. to B. Orbán and J. L. Zimmer: D. S.

Carter and A. Vogt have given a thorough study on collinearity-preserving mappings between Desarguesian planes.

RADÓ also gave an example of a valuation of a skew-field such that the corresponding valuation ring is non invariant. Thus, in Schilling's definition the invariance of the valuation ring is not a consequence of the other axioms (1970).

In a joint paper by Aczél, Djoković, Kannappan and RADÓ, the contribution of RADÓ is the following: Let G , H be groups, S a subsemigroup of G such that $G = S \cdot S^{-1}$ and let $f: S \rightarrow H$ be a morphism. The f can be extended to a morphism of G into H in a unique way (1971).

In the usual definition of skew-field RADÓ has replaced the axioms of the existence of unit and inverses by a weaker requirement, which can be stated as follows: Let $(F, +, \cdot)$ be a distributive nearring, $F^* = F \setminus \{0\}$, $M = \bigcap \{x \in F \mid xF \cup Fx \subseteq F^*\}$ and $N = \{x \in F \mid 0 \notin xF^*\}$. Then, $(F, +, \cdot)$ is a skew-field if and only if $M \cap N \neq \emptyset$.

W. Leissner has characterized by geometric axioms the plane geometry over a weakly 1-finite ring (i.e. a ring with 1 such that $ab = 1 \Rightarrow ba = 1$). RADÓ gave an extension to arbitrary rings with identity. The geometric axiom concerning the existence and unicity of the line incident with two non-neighbouring points A and B is now replaced by the requirement that the intersection of all lines incident with A and B be a line. Leissner's other axioms remain essentially the same (1980). Corresponding results for the multidimensional case were given by W. Leissner, R. Severin and K. Wolf.

In the last years great effort have been made to characterize isometries (and semi-isometries) of different metric spaces under weak assumptions. Remind two theorems: A. D. Alexandrov's (1950) and F. S. Beckman—D. A. Quarles' (1953). The first states that a *bijection* of the Minkowski spacetime M_n ($n \geq 3$) into itself, which preserves the zero pseudo-euclidean distances in *both directions* is necessarily linear (up to translation). By the second, for given $r > 0$, any mapping f of the Euclidean space E_n ($n \geq 2$) into itself such that $|PO| = r \Rightarrow |P'Of| = r$ must be a motion (i.e. linear up to translation). Unlike Beckman-Quarles theorem, that of Alexandrov does not hold in the two-dimensional case, but a bijective mapping $f: M_2 \rightarrow M_2$ which leaves invariant one pseudo-euclidean distance $r \neq 0$, in both directions, is a Lorentz transformation (i. e. linear up to translation), as was proved by W. Benz in 1977. RADÓ generalized this result going over from the real numbers to an arbitrary field K with $\text{char } K \neq 2$ or 3 , i.e. he proved the result above for an Artinian plane (non singular, non-anisotropic metric vector plane over K) (1980). The main idea was to draw in the proof Hua's theorem concerning the characterization of field monomorphisms. Then W. Benz generalized further in the sense that f can be *any* mapping of the Artinian plan into itself preserving the distances 1 *in one direction*; then f must be semi-linear (up to translation), provided the field K satisfies one of a list of assumptions (taking 1 instead of $r \neq 0$ is really no restriction). The following important step was made by RADÓ in 1983 by reducing Benz's assumptions only to $\text{char } K \neq 2, 3$ or 5 or $K = GF(5^m)$, $m > 1$. Among RADÓ's other results in this area is worthwhile to mention: Let V be a metric vector space over the field $GF(p^m)$, $p > 2$, $3 \leq \dim V = n < \infty$; given a mapping $f: V \rightarrow V$ such that $|PQ| = 1 \Rightarrow |P'Q'| = 1$, then f is semi-linear (up to translation), provided $n \not\equiv 0, -1, -2 \pmod{p}$ or the discriminant of V satisfies a certain condition. The proof is based on the condition for a regular simplex to exist in a Galois space, which is of interest for its own sake, as well.

He formulated in 1963 the „branch and bound” method to solve the disjunctive programming problem, independently from the other authors who gave similar algorithms. In his review on RADÓ's paper (published in romanian), E. Balas writes in the International Abstracts in Operations Research 7, No. 1, 1967: „The basic principle of the branch and bound technique devised by Land and Doig for the integer programming problem and adapted by Little, Murty, Sweeney and Karel for solving the travelling salesman problem, is rediscovered here independently, stated in a more

general form and used to solve a very important problem: linear programs with logical constraints. It is to be noted that this work precedes the important paper by P. Bertier and B. Roy on the S.E.P."

An extension theorem for Pexider's equation, in a general setting is proved in a joint paper with J. A. Baker, which is then used to generalize aggregatoin theorems for allocation problems by Aczél, Ng and Wagner (1987).

Among the various problems of optimally locating a new service facility with respect to the locations of n existing facilities, the Steiner problem arises when one seeks to minimize the sum of the weighted distances from the new facility to the existing ones (if $n = 3$ and weights = 1, it is the 300 years old Fermat problem). E. Weiszfeld proposed an iterative algorithm for solving the Steiner problem, but not until the 1970's, however, did H. Kuhn and L. M. Ostresh demonstrate that this algorithm always solves the problem. In 1958 W. Miele proposed an extension of the Weiszfeld algorithm to the Euclidean multifacility location problem (with several new facilities). RADO has provided, in an arbitrary dimensional Euclidean space, for a slightly modified version of Miele's algorithm Kuhn-Ostresh type theorems for convergence and optimality, both under mild assumptions (1988).

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