# Giulio Ascoli

**Giulio Ascoli** (20 January 1843, <u>Trieste</u> – 12 July 1896, <u>Milan</u>) was a <u>Jewish-Italian</u><sup>[1]</sup> mathematician. He was a student of the <u>Scuola Normale di Pisa</u>, where he graduated in 1868.

In 1872 he became Professor of Algebra and Calculus of the Politecnico di Milano University. From 1879 he was professor of mathematics at the Reale Istituto Tecnico Superiore, where, in 1901, was affixed a plaque that remembers him.

He was also a corresponding member of Istituto Lombardo.

Giulio Ascoli	
Born	20 January 1843 Trieste, Italy
Died	12 July 1896 (aged 53) Milan, Italy
Nationality	Italian
Scientific career	
Fields	Mathematics

He made contributions to the theory of functions of a real variable and to Fourier series. For example, Ascoli introduced equicontinuity in 1884, a topic regarded as one of the fundamental concepts in the theory of real functions.<sup>[2]</sup> In 1889, Italian mathematician Cesare Arzelà generalized Ascoli's Theorem into the Arzelà–Ascoli theorem, a practical sequential compactness criterion of functions.<sup>[3]</sup>

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