

# In the beginning...

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- **Introduce yourself**



- **Your Ambitions**






**A man's worth is  
no greater than  
his ambitions.**

Marcus Aurelius

BrainyQuote



**In life there is nothing more common  
than talent and intelligence. What is  
missing is passion, persistence,  
commitment, and dedication.**

CALVIN COOLIDGE

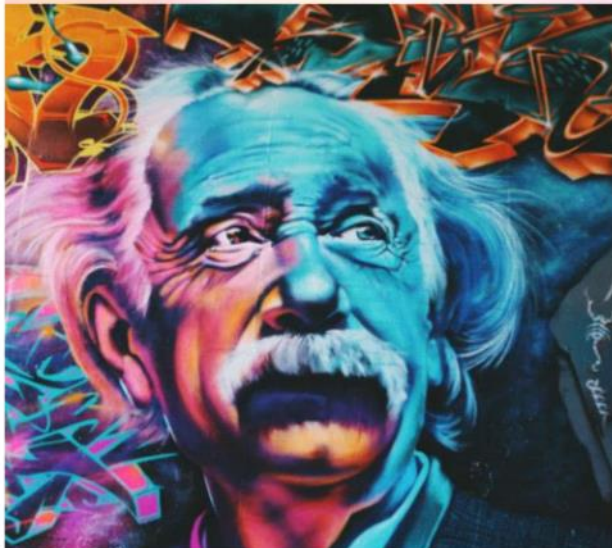
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# Curiosity vs Intelligence

$$\text{CQ} + \text{PQ} > \text{IQ}$$

*Curiosity Quotient + Passion Quotient >  
Intelligence Quotient*

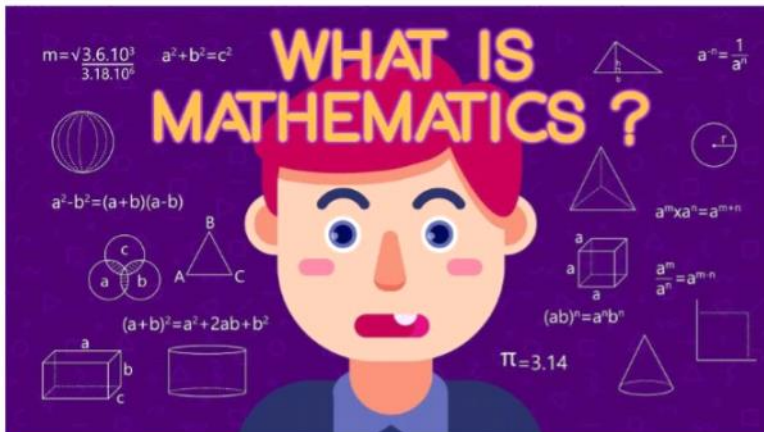
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*"I have no special  
talents, I am only  
passionately  
curious."*

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- **Mathematics**



The word *mathematics* comes from [Ancient Greek](#) *máthēma* (*μάθημα*), meaning "**that which is learnt**", "**what one gets to know**", hence also "study" and "science".

Its [adjective](#) is *mathēmatikós* (μαθηματικός), meaning "**related to learning**" or "**studious**", which likewise further came to mean "mathematical".

Similarly, one of the two main schools of thought in [Pythagoreanism](#) was known as the *mathēmatikoi* (μαθηματικοί)—which at the time meant "**learners**" rather than "mathematicians" in the modern sense.

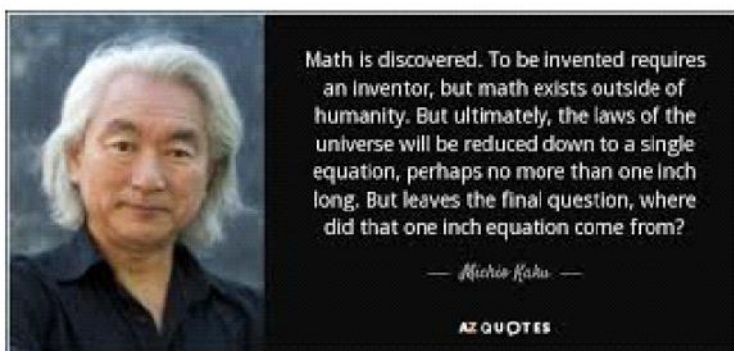




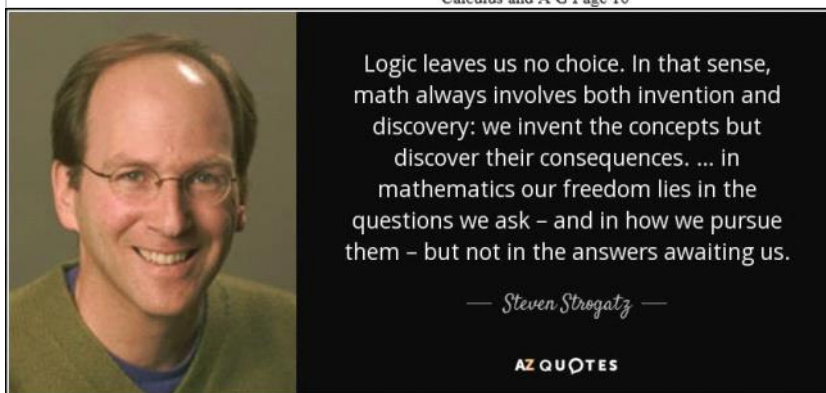
1. Computer Science:
  - Algorithms and data structures
  - Cryptography
  - Computer networking
  - Artificial intelligence and machine learning
  - Database theory
2. Operations Research:
  - Optimization problems
  - Decision-making
  - Project management
  - Scheduling and resource allocation
3. Electrical Engineering:
  - Digital circuit design
  - Signal processing
  - Communication systems
  - Coding theory
4. Bioinformatics:
  - Sequence analysis
  - Phylogenetic tree construction
  - Protein structure prediction
  
5. Economics and Finance:
  - Game theory
  - Auction design
  - Portfolio optimization
  - Risk management
6. Social Sciences:
  - Network analysis
  - Voting systems
  - Social network modeling
  - Behavioral economics
7. Logistics and Transportation:
  - Routing and scheduling problems
  - Network design
  - Traffic flow analysis
8. Cybersecurity:
  - Cryptography and cryptanalysis
  - Access control and authentication
  - Network security protocols


1. Algorithms and Data Structures:
  - Discrete mathematics provides the foundational concepts for designing and analyzing efficient algorithms, such as graph theory, combinatorics, and recurrence relations.
  - Understanding discrete structures like sets, graphs, trees, and graphs is essential for implementing data structures in computer programs.
2. Cryptography:
  - Discrete mathematics, particularly number theory and abstract algebra, forms the mathematical basis for modern cryptographic systems, such as public-key cryptography and elliptic curve cryptography.
3. Computer Networks:
  - Graph theory is used to model and analyze the topological structure of computer networks, enabling the design of efficient routing algorithms and communication protocols.
  - Combinatorics and probability theory are used to study network traffic patterns and optimize network performance.
4. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning:
  - Discrete structures like graphs and trees are used to represent knowledge and solve complex problems in areas like natural language processing, computer vision, and decision-making.
  - Combinatorial optimization techniques, such as constraint programming and integer programming, are used in AI systems for planning, scheduling, and resource allocation.
5. Database Theory:
  - Relational database theory is built on the foundations of discrete mathematics, including sets, relations, and formal logic.
  - Concepts from graph theory and combinatorics are used in the design and optimization of database systems, such as indexing and query processing.
6. Computational Complexity:
  - Discrete mathematics, particularly the theory of computation and computational complexity, provides the tools to analyze the inherent difficulty of computational problems and the limitations of algorithms.





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**Curt Jaimungal**  
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Does the whole "is mathematics invented or discovered?" debate rely on a category mistake? For instance, language is invented; what language describes can be discovered. Mathematical notation is invented; mathematical structures are discovered. Does the debate confuse syntax with semantics?

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