

**Related topics:** ☐ Geometry ☒ Number theory ☒ Differential geometry ☐ Mathematics ☐ Astronomy ☐ Magnetism ☐ Physics**Time:** ☒ 18th century ☒ 19th century**Location:** ☒ Braunschweig ☒ Brunswick ☒ Germany ☐ University of Göttingen ☐ University of Helmstedt ☒ TU Braunschweig**Related person:**

[Adrien-Marie Legendre](#)  
(born in 1752), a French mathematician. ... Some of Gauss' work in statistics and number theory completed that of Legendre



› Gauss was born in [Braunschweig](#)  
(30-04-1777)

› Gauss pioneers the field of summation with the formula summing  $1:n$  as  $(n(n+1))/2$ , at the age of 7 (1784).



**Related event:** [French Revolution](#)  
(began in 1789), a period of radical social and political upheaval in French and European history



› Gauss studied in [University of Göttingen](#)  
(1795-1798)

› Gauss obtains conditions for the constructibility by ruler and compass of regular polygons, and is able to announce that the regular 17-gon is constructible by ruler and compasses (1796).

› Gauss found methods for determining an orbit based on three observations (1808).



**Related person:** [Bernhard Riemann](#) (born in 1826), an influential German mathematician who made lasting contributions to analysis and differential geometry. ... Riemann found the correct way to extend into  $n$  dimensions the differential geometry of surfaces, which Gauss himself proved in his *theorema egregium*