

Real Quiz # 6 for Dr. Z.'s MathHistory

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Subject: q6

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1. (2 points) Who was the author of the 'Discorsi'? What year was it published?

Galileo Galilei 1638

2. (1 points) Who unified Algebra and Geometry? What year was the book describing this unification published?

René Descartes, published in 1637

3. (2 point) What are the names of the two persons who discovered the differential calculus? Who was first to *discover* it? Who was the first to *publish* it?

Isaac Newton first published

Gottfried Leibniz first discovered

4. (5 points) Use Cardano's method (no credit for other methods!) to find the three roots of the cubic equation

$$x^3 + 6x - 7 = 0$$

$$u^3 + v^3 + (u+v)(3uv+6) - 7$$

$$3uv + 6 = 0$$

$$uv = -2$$

$$u^3 v^3 = -8$$

$$u^3 + v^3 = 7$$

$$x^2 - 7x - 8$$

$$x = -1, 8$$

$$u^3 = -1, v^3 = 8$$

$$u = -1, v = 2$$

$$x = u + v \\ = 1$$

$$X = -1\left(-\frac{1}{2} + i \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + 2\left(-\frac{1}{2} - i \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right), 2\left(-\frac{1}{2} + i \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - 1\left(-\frac{1}{2} - i \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$X = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$\text{Roots: } 1, -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{2}$$