

Fritz Nagel. *Jacob Bernoulli (1654-1705). Streiflichter auf Leben und Werk des Begründers der Stochastik*, und *John Walsh, Some Remarks on Stochastic Partial Differential Equations*. Richard von Mises-Lecture 2015. Humboldt-Universität Berlin. Institut für Mathematik. Berlin Adlershof, 26. Juni 2015.

Abstract

The paper deals with Jacob Bernoulli as a personality with wide interests and qualities far beyond mathematics and science. Therefore it focuses on some mostly unknown aspects of Jacob Bernoulli's character. It presents him as an theologian who has made concentrated academic studies under prominent mentors, as a protestant reverend who has preached, administered the sacrament, baptized and officiated weddings in Geneva and France, then as a traveller through France, the Netherlands, England and Germany showing him as a sportsman who has done long rides, was keeping an eye on the monuments, the manners of people, female beauty and places to play the tennis-like "jeu de paume". And last but not least it presents Jacob Bernoulli as an amateur poet with remarkable ability in Latin and French poetry. Thus the paper tries to sketch a little colourful portrait of the personality of Jacob Bernoulli, surmounting the reduction of him to a mere scientist, even though a brilliant one.