

Euler's memorial

Leonhard Euler is often considered by far the most productive mathematician in history. As it happens to very few scholars, Euler's work brought him fame and popularity, comparable to that of Galileo, Newton, and Einstein.

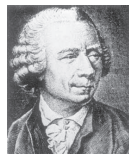
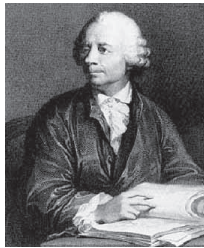
He was cosmopolitan and people unanimously considered that he had an open, cheerful nature; he was uncomplicated, good-humored, and sociable. Scientific claims of ownership were also foreign to Euler: he never engaged in disputes over authorship. He even often lead the reader very close to the discovery, but leaves to him the joy of finding it out.

The "Euler phenomenon" is a long-way explained by 3 factors: his impressive memory, his concentration capability, and his calm work.

The judgment by the most important mathematicians of his influence is unanimous. Laplace used to say to his students: "Read Euler, read Euler! He is the master of us all!" and Gauss explained emphatically: "The study of Euler's works remains the best instruction in the various areas of mathematics and can be replaced by no other."



A 1756 portrait by Emanuel Handmann, now at the Deutsches Museum in Munich. The left portrait was also made by the same artist.



Stamp of the German Democratic Republic honoring the 200th anniversary of his death

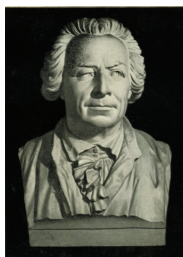


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1957 stamp of the former Soviet Union commemorating his 250th birthday.

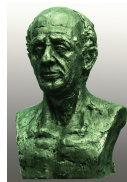
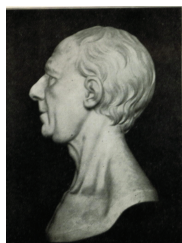
10 Swiss francs banknote and 5 respectively 130 Swiss centimes stamps, the 130 centimes stamp commemorating Euler's 300th anniversary



19th century bust by Heinrich Ruf, now at Basel Bernoullianum



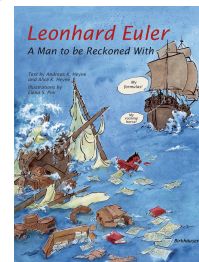
The bust at EPFL in Lausanne and the one at the Euler Archive in Basel (left) are based on the 1784 bust by Racheffe, at St. Petersburg Lomonosov Museum (right).



A 2005 sculpture by Yuan Xikun, Beijing Jintai Art Museum



A book and a comic published on the occasion of Euler's 300th anniversary



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Euler Medals

The Euler Medal is an honor awarded annually by the Institute of Combinatorics and its Applications distinguished lifetime contribution to combinatorial research who are still active in research.

In 2004 Prof. Zhu Lie in the Department of Mathematics at Suzhou University, near Shanghai, won the Medal.

The sound of Euler's Disk-Academy Award

As Euler's disk comes "racing to a stop" the moving point of contact races towards infinity producing a very interesting sound.

Euler's disk was played at the 2002 Academy Awards ceremony. Pearl Harbor, the Oscar-winner for sound editing, used the sound of an Euler's disk to simulate a torpedo. Many folks love to listen to the sound of the toy.



"2002 Euler" is an asteroid named after Euler. The asteroid was discovered on August 29, 1973 by Tamara Mikhailovna Smirnova.



Euler's grave at the Alexander Nevsky Monastery, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$$



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