

Cauchy 1789 to 1857



Augustin Cauchy was born in 1789 in Paris, France. He took the entrance exam for the prestigious Ecole Polytechnique in 1805 and graduated in 1807. For the next 8 years he had various posts in the field of engineering but he was persuaded by Lagrange and Laplace to convert to mathematics.

In 1815 he became assistant professor of mathematical analysis at the Ecole Polytechnique and he was the first person to make analysis rigorous.

He married in 1818 and had 2 daughters.

Throughout his life Cauchy was a devout Catholic and royalist which caused him problems in France and as a consequence in 1831 he moved to Turin and then Prague but returning to Paris in 1838.