

PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES

Outline of the evolution of probability and statistics throughout the centuries, starting with classical antiquity, passing to the Hellenistic period (323-146 B.C.), jumping to the aftermath of the Renaissance in Western Europe (*roughly between the 14th and the 16th centuries*), stopping at the 17th and the 18th centuries, and concluding with the 19th and the 20th centuries, as well as the contemporary period.

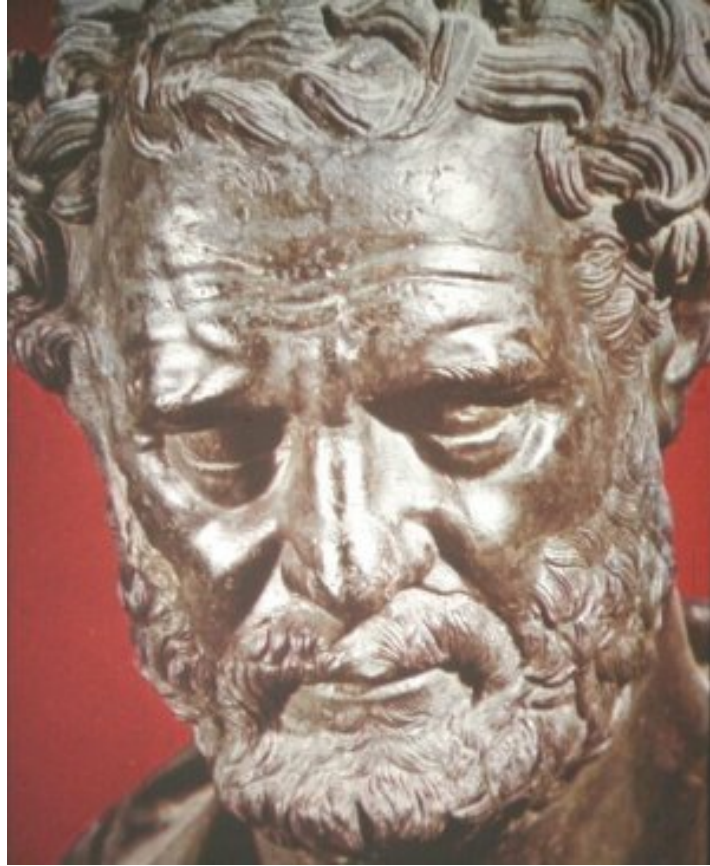
TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

1. What is probability.
2. What is statistics.
3. Relation between probability and statistics.
4. Classical antiquity – Hellenistic period.
5. Probability in the 16th and the 17th centuries.
6. Probability in the 18th century.
7. Statistics in the 19th and the 20th centuries.
8. Probability in the 20th century.
9. Statistics and probability in our times – Their influence to sciences.
10. Closing remarks.

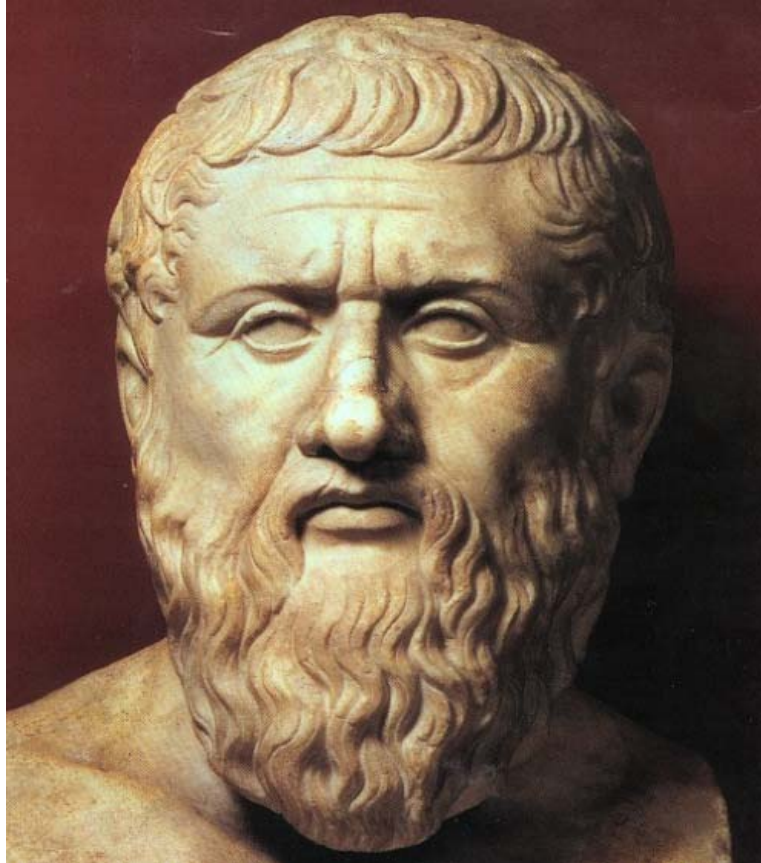
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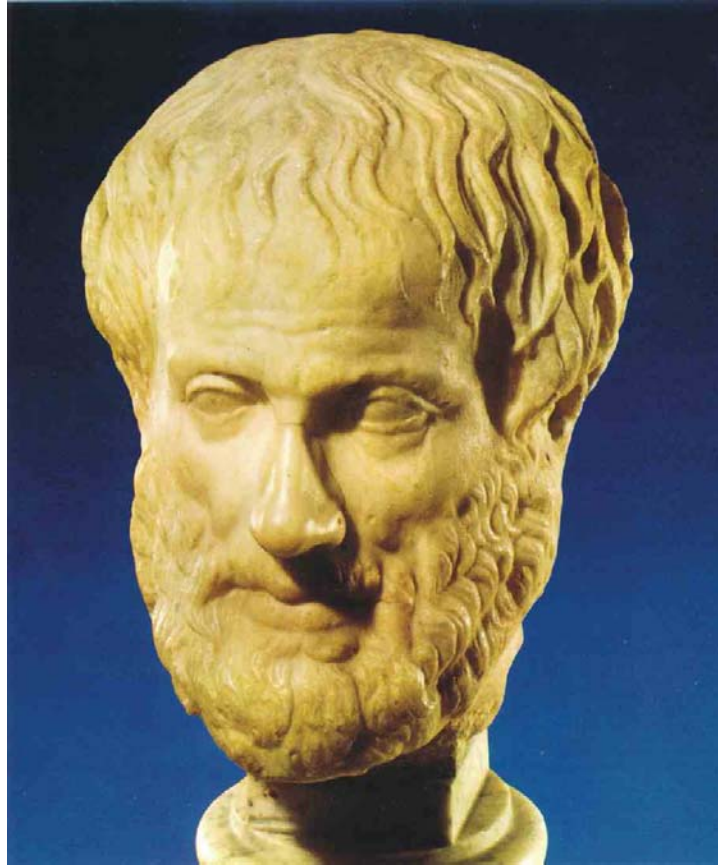
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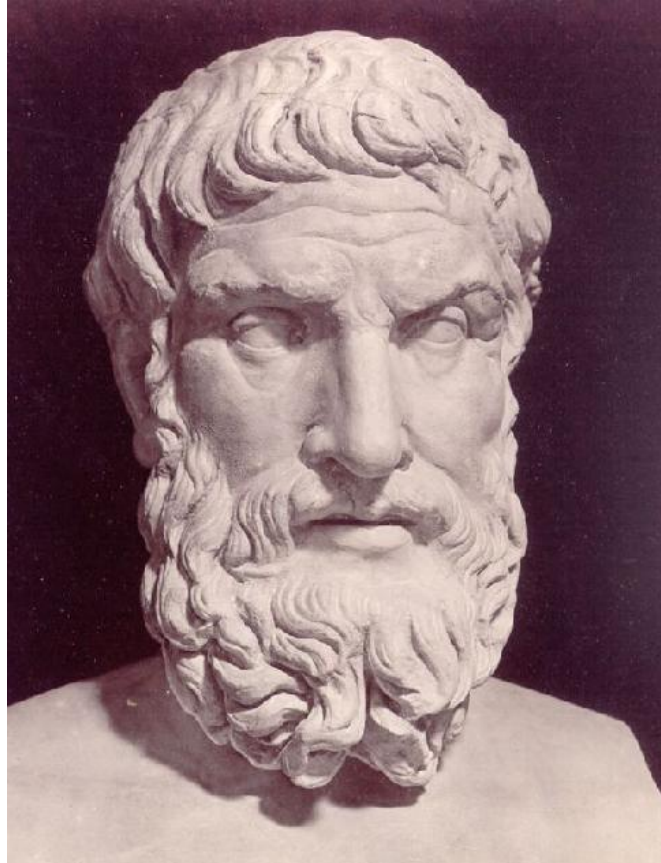
Democritus (460-370 B.C.)



Plato (427-347 B.C.)



Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)



Epicurus (341-270 B.C.)



Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)



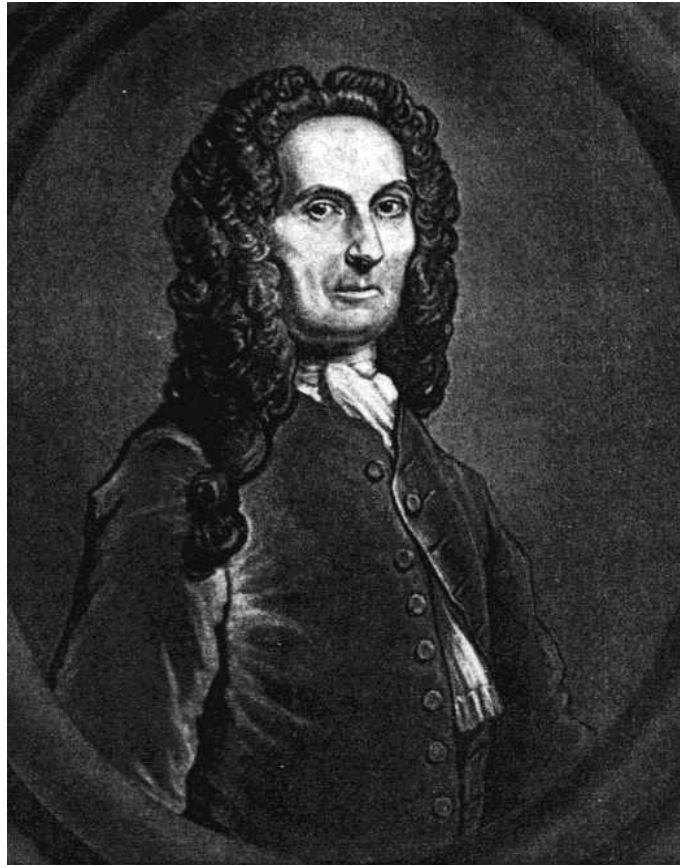
Pierre de Fermat (1601-1665)



Christian Huygens (1629-1695)



Jacob Bernoulli (1654-1705)



Abraham de Moivre (1667-1754)



Pierre Simon Laplace (1749-1827)



Karl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855)



Siméon Denis Poisson (1781-1840)



Thomas Bayes (1702-1761)



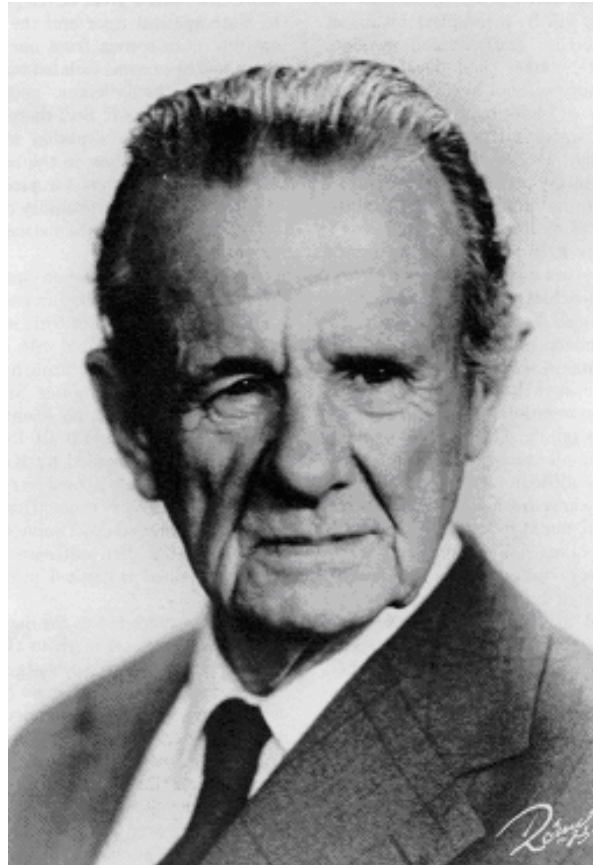
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Sir Ronald Fisher (1890-1962)



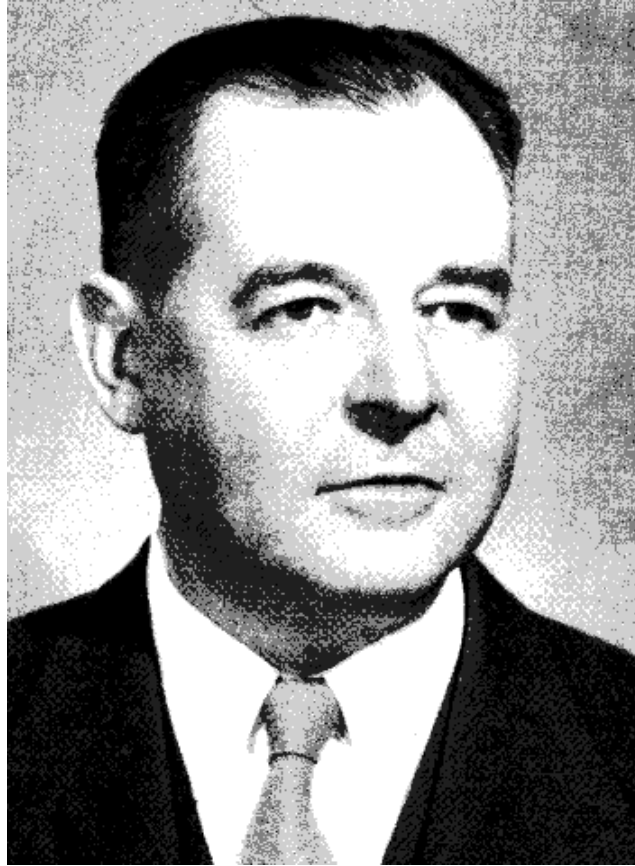
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Harald Cramér (1893-1972)



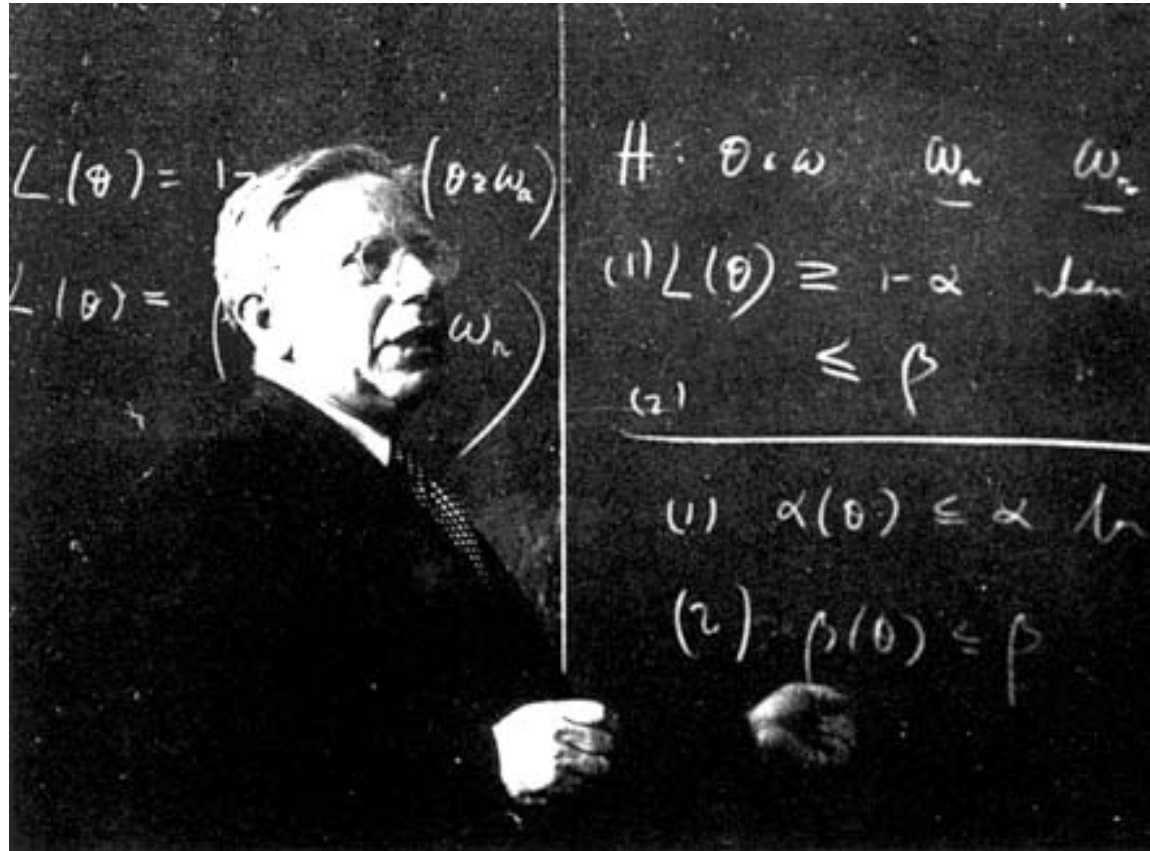
Jerzy Neyman (1894-1981)



Harold Hotelling (1895-1973)



David Blackwell (1919-)



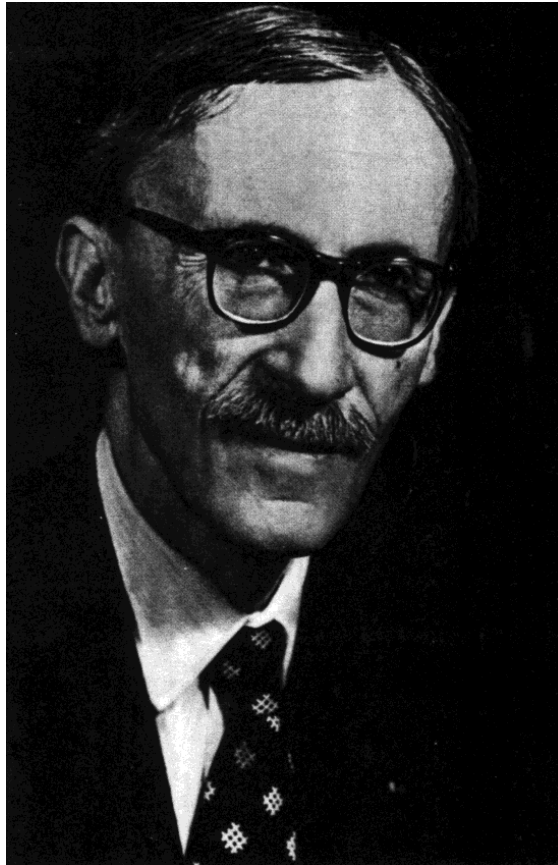
Abraham Wald (1902-1950)



Andrei N. Kolmogorov (1903-1987)



Andrei A. Markov (1856-1922)



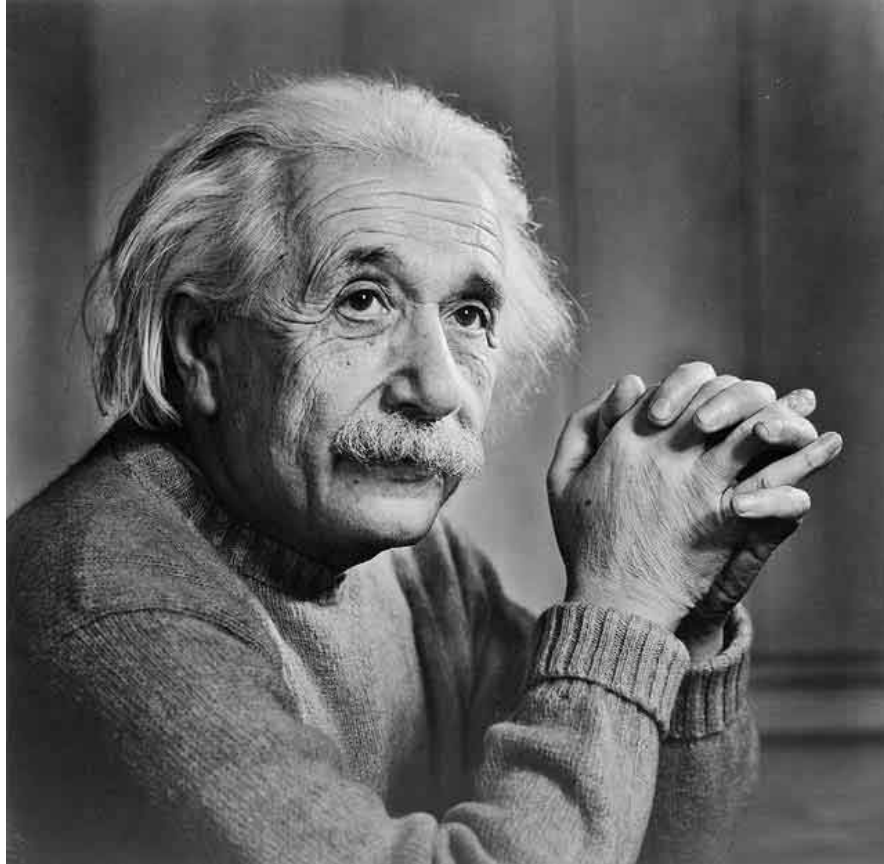
Paul Lévy (1886-1971)



Henri Poincaré (1854-1912)



Constantine Carathéodory (1873-1950)



Albert Einstein (1879-1955)



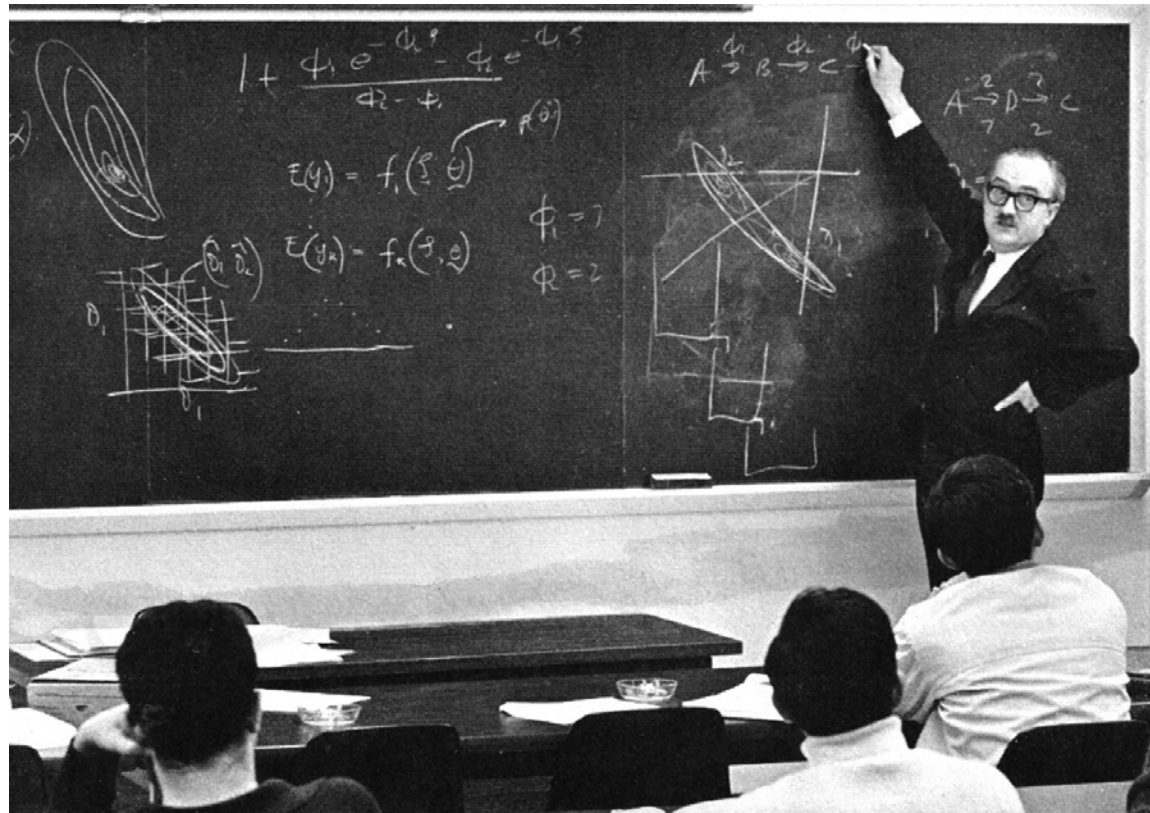
George E. P. Box (1919-)



C. R. Rao (1920-)



Sir David Cox (1924-)



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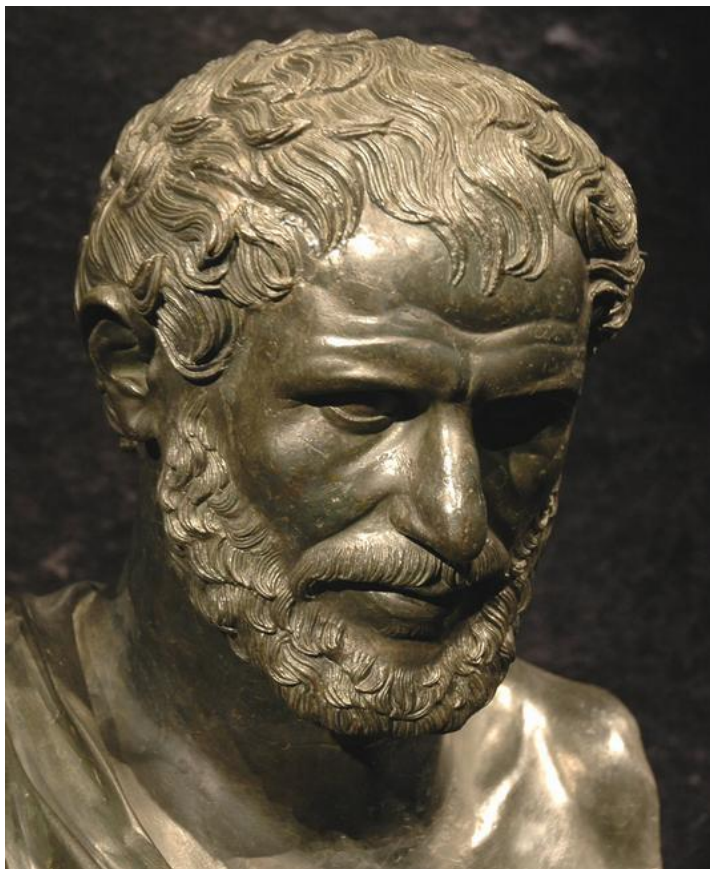
**Graduate students attending
one of Professor Box's classes**



Ilya Prigogine (1917-2003)



Tim Berners-Lee (1955-)



Heraclitus (535-475 B.C.)