

*Henryk (Heinrich) Kühn (1690–1769) – talented mathematician and professor of the Academic  
Gymnasium in Gdańsk*

**Summary**

One of the people who shaped the scientific life in Gdansk during the Enlightenment was teacher and mathematician Henryk (Heinrich) Kühn (1690–1769). Initially, he was associated with Königsberg, but in 1733 he took a job at the department of mathematics in the Gdańsk Academic Gymnasium. During the lectures, he paid particular attention to the possibility of understanding and explaining of all processes through science. He participated in the reformation of the Gdańsk Gymnasium. He was also active scientifically: he was the first mathematician in the world to have attempted a geometric interpretation of complex numbers, and he also dealt with maritime subjects. He popularized knowledge in the pages of his calendars.

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