

## JAN GRZEGORZ KRZYŻ

### A BIOGRAPHY

Jan Grzegorz Krzyż was born on May 25, 1923 in Lublin as son of the army officer Stanisław Krzyż and his wife Taisja. As a schoolboy he became attracted to physics and hence arose the need to acquire the knowledge of higher mathematics which he did by self study. At that time in Poland under Nazi occupation all the schools above the primary level were suspended.

An accidental encounter with Mieczysław Biernacki, professor of mathematics at Poznań University till 1939 and a native of Lublin, resulted in help and informal tuition and arose in Jan a lasting interest in mathematics. Jan stayed in close personal and professional connection with his teacher until the death of Biernacki in 1959. In 1944 Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS) has been erected in Lublin. Mieczysław Biernacki got the professorship there and Jan enrolled as a student of mathematics. In 1945 he changed over to the Poznań University and got the MA degree in mathematics in 1948 as a student of Władysław Orlicz. The continuation of research on summability methods initiated in his MA thesis led Jan to his Ph D thesis [A 2]. Since late forties till now he is associated with UMCS, except for a few years when he was a research worker at the Analytic Functions Branch of the Polish Academy of Science. While at the UMCS he held many administrative positions (the dean of faculty for two terms, the chairman of mathematics department for four terms). In 1960–61 he was a research assistant of Prof. Walter K. Hayman, F.R.S., at the Imperial College in London. He also held on several occasions the position of a visiting professor, or a visiting scientist, resp. [University of Michigan (1965–66); Université de Montréal (1969, 1978, 1982); Matscience in Madras (1969); University of Maryland (1974); Bowling Green State University (1981); University of Delaware (1981)]. As a colloquium speaker he had lectures at several universities in the USA, Canada and Poland, and also at the University of Helsinki, Martin Luther University in Halle (DDR), Free University of West Berlin, Erlangen University (FRG), Punjabi University in Patiala (India).

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