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When in 1994 I and my colleague, J. Bečvář from the Charles University in Prague, decided to start the edition "The History of Mathematics" and issued the first volume, not at least did we anticipate that in the following years we would manage to issue more than two volumes a year. Today, after ten years, we already present to the readers the twenty-fifth volume of this edition, which brings the original monographs by Czech authors as well as the proceedings of scientific and educational undertakings organized in the Czech Republic.

Most volumes are issued in Czech; the presented volume is the second one issued in English. The author of three papers is W. Wieslaw from Wroclaw. These papers are based on the lectures that the author delivered on the summer conferences on the history of mathematics which we have been organizing every year since 1980.

The other two extensive papers are the essential parts of the dissertation theses of my students, H. Durnová and Š. Bilová.

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