

BRIEF NOTE ABOUT LIFE AND SCIENTIFIC APPROACHES BY B.V. GNEDENKO

(in commemoration of the 95th anniversary of the birth)

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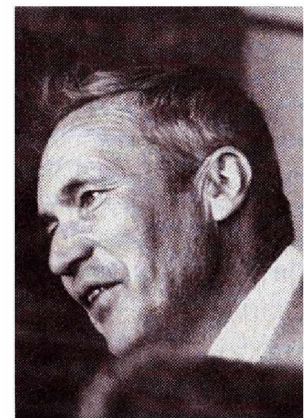
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Boris Vladimirovich Gnedenko was born on January 1st 1912 in Simbirsk (Russian city on Volga River). In 1918 he enter school. As he wrote in his memoirs: “Everything was normal except arithmetic: I did not like it at all. I loved poetry”. At 15 he tried to enter Saratov’s University but was rejected due to young age. Then he wrote a letter to Minister of Education and had got a personal permission to attend the University.



Alexander Yakovlevich Khinchin

In 1934 B.V.G. became a postgraduate at Moscow State University where his advisors were famous mathematicians Andrei Nikolaevich Kolmogorov and Alexander Yakovlevich Khinchin.



Andrei Nikolaevich Kolmogorov

In 1937 B.V.G. was arrested by NKVD (former name for KGB) as “a member of anti-Soviet group led by Kolmogorov”. Despite of tortures he categorically rejected to sign a paper against his teacher and due to lack of evidence was released.

In 1938 B.V.G. became Assistant Professor of Moscow State University. In 1945 he was elected as a correspondent member of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences and in 3 years he became Academician. In 1960 he moved to Moscow where he had been leading Department of Probability Theory in Moscow University and had arranged special seminar for engineers on reliability and queuing theory, the Moscow Consulting Center, Journal “Reliability and Quality Control. In co-authorship with Yu.K. Belyaev and A.D. Soloviev he had written fundamental book “Mathematical Methods in Reliability Theory” that became one of the best monograph on the theme for decades.

B.V.G. died December 27 1995.