

LIFE AND WORK OF PROFESSOR DRAGOMIR SIMEUNOVIĆ (1931-2020)

In this paper we present collected works and biography of Dragomir Simeunović (1931-2020), professor of mathematics of the Belgrade University. Simeunović was born in Prilike near Ivanjica where he also got the elementary education. He graduated from the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in Belgrade in two groups, first in the group for astronomy, and then in the group for mathematics. Later, he received his master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics. He was appointed as a professor of mathematics at the Faculty of Mining and Geology at the University of Belgrade until his retirement in 1996. He wrote a dozen text-books and published about 70 scientific papers. His scientific and professional papers, books, graduate thesis, master's thesis and doctoral dissertation have been digitized and posted as a separate unit in the collection of Collected Works in the Virtual Library of the Faculty of Mathematics. His work in mathematics was mostly related to geometry of polynomials and differential equations. Here we give a review of Simeunović's diploma thesis in astronomy, as it was the last diploma thesis done under the mentorship of famous astronomer Milutin Milanković. We believe that this paper also gives a picture of mathematics at the University of Belgrade in the second half of the twentieth century in the light of the Belgrade Mathematical School, which was founded by Mihailo Petrović Alas at the beginning of this century.

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