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c. 250-c. 190 B.C.

Greek mathematician who, according to Eutocius (c. 480-c. 540), developed a method for solving cubic equations. Using a parabola and a rectangular hyperbola, Dionysodorus constructed an elegant model for cutting a sphere in a given ratio. He also wrote *On the Tore,* a lost work, and appears to have invented a conical sundial.