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French mathematician who contributed to all fields of mathematics but may be best known for his work in celestial mechanics, which led to the development of the new field of topology and forms the basis for modern chaos theory. In 1879 Poincaré received an engineering degree and submitted his mathematics research as a doctoral thesis to the University of Paris. There he took a faculty position that he would hold for the rest of his life.