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German mathematician whose primary contributions dealt with elliptic functions and algebraic theory. Independently wealthy, Kronecker did not have to work and pursued mathematics for the love of the field. He became the editor of Crelle's journal after Crelle's death in 1855. Although he made significant contributions to mathematical research, he fell out of favor with his colleagues when he refused to accept infinite numbers, transcendental numbers, irrational numbers, and other similar concepts.