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1905-1977

Hungarian mathematician who was the first Hungarian female to become an Academic Doctor of Mathematics. Péter's work helped establish the modern field of recursive function theory as a separate area of mathematical research. Her book, *Recursive Functions in Computer Theory*, was considered indispensable to the theory of computers. It became the second Hungarian mathematical book to be published in the Soviet Union. Péter taught mathematics from 1945 until her retirement in 1975. In 1973 she was elected as the first female mathematician to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.