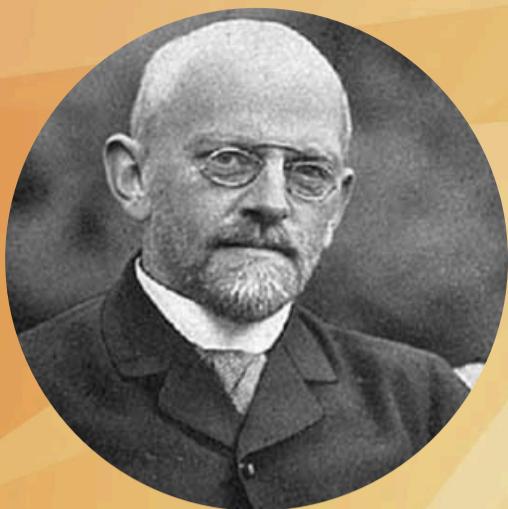


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HILBERT'S FINITENESS THEOREM FOR INVARIANTS

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Abstract : This talk will give an introduction to Hilbert's work on invariant theory, which includes the novel use of the Hilbert basis theorem and the Hilbert syzygy theorem. This work led to the development of modern invariant theory, and initiated the field of commutative algebra. An accessible source is a translated version of his lecture notes: *Theory of Algebraic Invariants*, David Hilbert, translated by Reinhard C. Laubenbacher, Cambridge Mathematical Library, Cambridge University Press (1993).

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