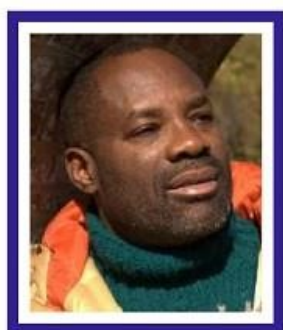


## 53 Father of Large-Scale Algebra——Famous Black Mathematicians and Their Contributions——Part 4 of 10



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### 53.1.1 Contributions to Mathematics (Algebra)

## 53.2 Inducted into the Mathematics Hall of Fame

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### 53.2.1 Lecture of Philip Emeagwali at the International Congress of Mathematicians

I'm Philip Emeagwali.

A contribution to mathematics that is groundbreaking is always front-page story in mathematics publications. In the world of mathematics, it is a tradition to invite a research mathematician that contributed to mathematical knowledge and to invite him (or her) to deliver a research lecture on his (or her) contributions to mathematical knowledge

and to deliver that research lecture  
to the forthcoming  
international congress  
of research mathematicians.  
That international congress  
of research mathematicians  
is held once every four years.  
My **mathematical invention**  
of how to solve  
the **toughest mathematical problems**  
that arose in physics, calculus,  
and algebra  
and how to solve  
those mathematical problems  
**across** my ensemble  
of 64 binary thousand  
tightly-coupled processors  
occurred on the Fourth of July 1989  
and occurred in Los Alamos,  
New Mexico, **United States**.  
Two years later,

and on July 8, 1991, in Washington,  
in the District of Columbia,  
**United States,**

I gave an **esoteric** research lecture  
that was for research mathematicians  
**only.**

Nine years earlier, the same lecture  
in Washington, District of Columbia,  
attracted only one attendee.

But on July 8, 1991,  
I was still getting cover stories  
including a cover story  
of that day's issue  
of the *Detroit Free Press*  
and a PBS—Public Broadcasting Service—  
television interview, the following day,  
in **Cambridge, Massachusetts.**

For the media attention  
my contributions  
to algebra and calculus  
were getting,

I was not surprised  
that my 11 a.m. lecture  
in the Dover Room  
of the Washington Sheraton Hotel  
in Woodley Park  
was so well-attended  
that all the seats were taken.  
In fact, research mathematicians  
were violating the **fire code**  
by standing on **restricted spaces**.  
That research mathematics lecture  
on my contributions to algebra  
and to calculus  
was preceded by a cover story  
in the May 1990 issue  
of *SIAM News*.  
The *SIAM News*  
is the top publications in mathematics.  
The *SIAM News*  
is written by research mathematicians  
and written

for research mathematicians.

SIAM is the **acronym**

for the Society for Industrial  
and Applied Mathematics.

At that mathematical congress  
of July 8, 1991,

I was the research mathematician  
that was in the news  
the most.

I lectured to a standing-room only  
audience of research mathematicians.

I lectured

on how I mathematically **invented**  
how to solve

the **toughest problems**

arising in algebra, calculus, and physics.

I lectured on my new

massively parallel processing way  
of solving the **toughest**

mathematical problems  
arising in extreme-scale

computational physics  
and solving those problems  
by massively parallel processing  
64 binary thousand  
algebra, calculus, and physics problems  
and parallel processing them **at once**,  
instead of the old way of  
sequentially processing  
only one  
mathematical problem  
**at a time.**

My mathematical processes  
were called executing  
a set of floating-point  
arithmetical operations  
that solves a linear system of equations  
of algebra  
that, in turn, approximates  
a system of equations  
of calculus.

I **invented** new algebra and new calculus.

As a research computational  
mathematician  
that came of age  
in the 1970s and '80s,  
I was searching  
for new algebra and new calculus  
and searching  
for new mathematical knowledge  
and searching  
for that knowledge alone.  
I was searching alone, not by choice.  
I did my research alone,  
because I was scorned, ridiculed,  
and rejected  
by the research mathematics community.  
I was dismissed  
from my research teams.  
According to an Igbo proverb:

[quote]

“A new fowl, in a new land,



looks at the old fowls  
to learn how to crow  
in their new language.”  
[unquote]

I was **dismissed** because  
I was the new fowl  
in the new land  
of the massively parallel processing  
supercomputer.  
Back on June 20, 1974,  
I was the new fowl,  
in the new land  
of the sequential processing  
supercomputer  
that solved only one problem  
at a time.  
For the sixteen years  
onward of June 20, 1974,  
and according to an article  
in the June 20, 1990 issue

of the *Wall Street Journal*,  
I—**Philip Emeagwali**—was the new fowl  
who did not look at the old fowls,  
or my metaphor  
for the community of 25,000  
supercomputer scientists  
that were led by **Seymour Cray**.  
I did not learn from the old fowls  
how to crow, or program,  
an isolated processor  
that defined the sequential processing  
supercomputer  
and defined the vector processing  
supercomputer.  
In my lecture of July 8, 1991  
at the international congress  
of mathematicians,  
the process  
of massively parallel processing  
initial-boundary value problems  
arising in calculus and physics

and the process of solving those problems at once was a **strange idea**.

That international congress of mathematics only holds once every four years and was to the mathematician what the Olympic Games is to the athlete.

As a research extreme-scale computational mathematician, my **discovery** lecture to the research mathematicians at that international congress was on the nine new **partial differential equations** of calculus that **I invented**.

Those **partial differential equations** were in the news and were the **cover story**

of the May 1990 issue  
of the *SIAM News*  
that was the most widely read  
bi-monthly news journal  
within the global  
mathematics community.

Presenting my **mathematical inventions**  
at that international congress  
gave me the sense of accomplishment  
that an athlete will have  
after winning a gold medal  
at the Olympic Games.

I felt like I won gold medals  
for my **contributions**  
to the modern calculus  
and to the extreme-scale algebra  
that must be **formulated**  
**to solve the new calculus.**

I felt like I won gold medals  
at the Olympic Games  
of mathematics

that holds once every four years.  
I felt like I was inducted  
into the mathematics Hall of Fame.  
Delivering that lecture  
was more meaningful to me because  
that international congress  
of mathematicians  
of July 8, 1991  
took place in my adopted hometown  
of Washington, D.C.  
where I spent nearly a decade,  
onward of June 8, 1977,  
doing most of my mathematical research  
and **inventing** my nine **new**  
system of coupled, non-linear,  
time-dependent, and state-of-the-art  
**partial differential equations**  
of modern calculus  
that encoded  
the Second Law of Motion  
of physics.

## 53.3 A Black Mathematician in Urban America

### 53.3.1 Black Mathematicians in Washington, DC

Since June 10, 1977, I was a familiar face at the front desk

of the U.S. [Library of Congress](#) in Washington, D.C.

The U.S. [Library of Congress](#) is the largest library in the world.

Some of my contributions to calculus and algebra occurred while I was reading, researching, and writing inside the U.S. [Library of Congress](#).

In the early 1980s, I took the fifteen minute walk from my residence

at 1915 East-West Highway,  
Apartment 303,  
Silver Spring, Maryland,  
to the Metro Station  
of Silver Spring, Maryland.  
From Metro Station,  
I took the [Red Line](#)  
for the 30 minute ride to [Union Station](#)  
that is near the U.S. Capitol Building,  
Washington, District of Columbia.  
From [Union Station](#), I took a short walk  
to the U.S. [Library of Congress](#).  
I went to the U.S. [Library of Congress](#)  
because in those days  
it took three weeks  
to complete an inter library loan request.  
Rather than wait for three weeks,  
I went to the U.S. [Library of Congress](#)  
to get instant access  
to the [rarest](#) mathematical materials.  
In the early 1980s,

I was also a familiar face  
in the one-room library  
of the Embassy of Nigeria  
in Washington, D.C.

I went to the Embassy of Nigeria  
to read Nigerian newspapers.

I discovered that  
the Embassy of Nigeria  
is the place to meet the Who's Whos  
in the Nigerian society.

That's where I ran into  
the business man **Moshood Abiola**,  
who strode into the one-room library  
dressed in an off-white suit  
and carrying  
a big dark brown leather bag.

So I spoke to **Moshood Abiola**  
about a decade and half  
before he became  
the presumed president of Nigeria.  
Solving an **initial-boundary value**



problem  
of modern calculus  
that's governed by a system of  
coupled, non-linear, time-dependent, and  
state-of-the-art  
partial differential equations  
and solving that problem  
**across** a new internet  
that is a new global network  
of 64 binary thousand  
tightly-coupled processors  
that were already available  
in the market  
is so intellectually demanding  
that it was dubbed  
a grand challenge problem.  
For that reason,  
I was mentally exhausted  
by the late afternoons  
of the late 1970s  
and early '80s.

I rested my brain  
from doing calculus and calculating  
**across**

my **new internet**

that is a new global network of  
one binary million  
bi-directional, regular, short,  
and equidistant email wires.

I rested my brain  
by playing three to five sets  
of tennis games.

After ten years of playing tennis  
almost daily, standing out in the sun,  
and a tough work-out regimen,

I was ranked  
by the United States Tennis Association,  
or the USTA for short,  
as a **Level Five** tennis player.

I defeated the number one  
seeded tennis player  
of the Howard University tennis team

that I met practicing  
at the **Banneker** Recreation Center  
Tennis Courts.

And I defeated the number one  
seeded tennis player  
of the University of Wyoming  
that I met in Casper, Wyoming,  
and I defeated him  
with the consistent ground strokes,  
great agility, marathon level fitness,  
and speed of a tennis baseliner.

I gave up playing tennis  
in part because

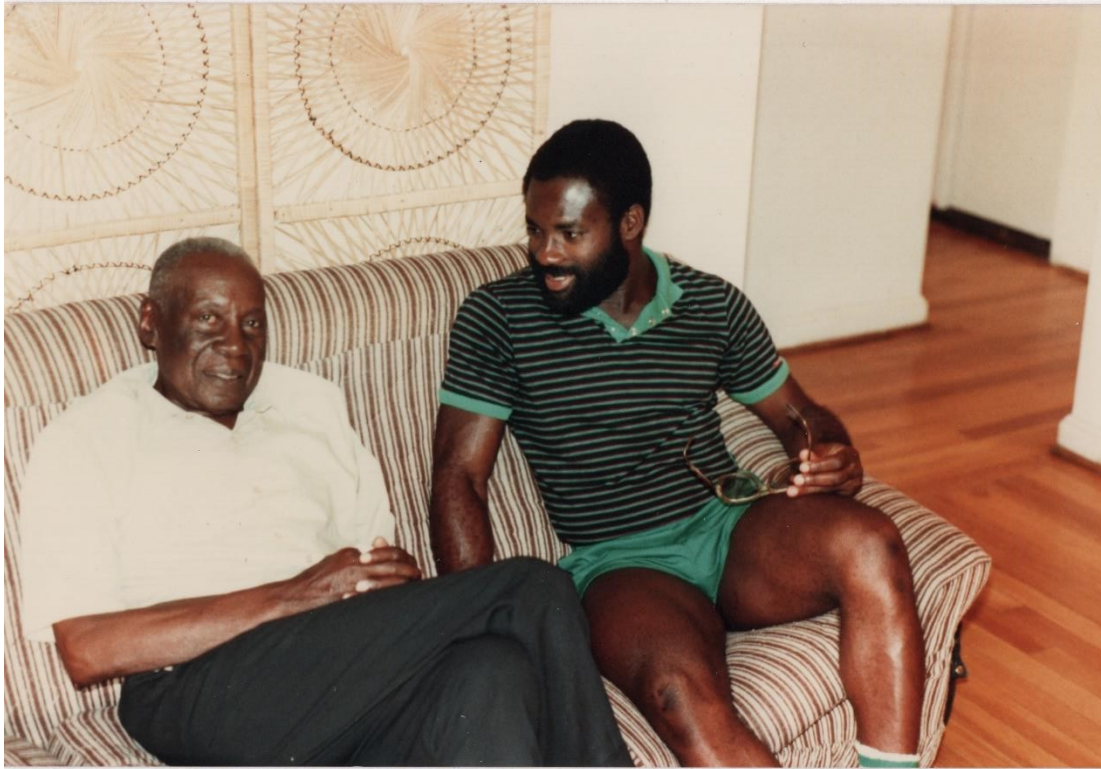
I was programming supercomputers  
twelve hours a day.

I also gave up tennis  
in part because

I had few Level Five  
tennis partners  
that I could play with.

Playing against weaker tennis players

is good for my confidence and ego.  
But it does not improve my game.  
For the same reason,  
a Level Six tennis player  
would not want to play with me.  
On three occasions, I played against  
retired Level Seven **tennis players**,  
the tennis players  
you watch on television.  
These world-class players  
are **overpowering**  
with their 100 miles per hour  
**serve-and-volleys**.



### 53.3.2 Supercomputing the Motions of a Tennis Ball

I discovered that I **recuperated** faster when I played tennis in the late afternoon.

And that I **recuperated** slower when I did not play tennis but instead watched television in the evening.  
In the late 1970s,

I **recuperated** with three to five sets of tennis games at the **Banneker** Recreation Center Tennis Courts that was named after **Benjamin Banneker** and that was **across** the street from and between the School of Engineering of **Howard University** and **Benjamin Banneker** High School, Washington, DC.

**Benjamin Banneker** was the prominent black American mathematician of **Senegalese ancestry**.

**Benjamin Banneker** was extolled as a “scientific genius” by both **Thomas Jefferson** and the French Academy of Sciences. **Benjamin Banneker**

was on a US postage stamp  
and is the subject of school reports.

**Benjamin Banneker**

famously and politely challenged

**Thomas Jefferson**

by famously writing that:

[quote]

“The colour of the skin  
is in no way connected  
with strength of the mind  
or intellectual powers.”

[unquote]

In the summer of 1977,  
I was twenty-two years old  
and hanging around  
**Charles Drew** dormitory  
of Howard University,  
Washington, D.C., and doing so  
without realizing that

I would cross paths with **Charles Drew** in school curricula and reports.

**Charles Drew** is best known for his contributions to the blood bank.

I played tennis at **Banneker** Recreation Center Tennis Courts that was at **Euclid** and **9th Street** Northwest.

I played tennis at **Banneker** Courts during the two and half years onward of October 1978 that I lived at the corner of **Euclid** and **16th Street** Northwest in the **Adams-Morgan** neighborhood of Washington, DC.

I also went to 16th & Kennedy Streets Northwest to play tennis at the **Rock Creek Park** Tennis Center.

That tennis center



is to Washington, DC  
what **Wimbledon** Lawn Tennis  
is to London, England.  
As a computational fluid **dynamicist**,  
I understand the motions of tennis balls  
in a deeper way  
that my tennis partner  
cannot understand.  
I understand that  
the **top spin** of first serves  
are **spinning** at  
**one thousand revolutions**  
per minute.

**Wilfred St. John**  
who was born in the **Caribbean**  
and **Ron**  
who was born in **Trinidad**  
were my two favorite tennis partners  
of the early 1980s.  
**We played at the four tennis courts**  
**of Rosemary Hills neighborhood**

of Silver Spring, Maryland.

The tennis courts were at  
2450 Lyttonsville Road,  
Silver Spring, Maryland.

Those tennis courts are adjacent  
to the newer **Gwendolyn Coffield**  
Community Recreation Center  
and to the Rosemary Hills-Lyttonsville  
Local Park, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Those four tennis courts  
were a short walk  
from my residence  
at 1915 East-West Highway,  
Silver Spring, Maryland.

**Ron** who was in his mid-20s,  
was very strong, very tall, and very fast.  
But Ron gives away his hard won points  
by making too many mistakes.

**Ron** had a first serve  
that terrified other tennis players.

**Ron** serves his tennis balls flat,

and serves them with zero top spin,  
and serves balls at 120 miles per hour.  
**Ron's** first serves leave their imprints  
on the hard court.

**Ron** serves at the same first serve speed  
that **Arthur Ashe** served  
in **Wimbledon**, England.

The only way I could return

**Ron's** first serves  
was to stand several feet  
outside the tennis court  
to receive them.

I use the number of  
revolutions per minute  
and the speed of the tennis ball  
to model the motion  
of the tennis ball  
and do so from a system of  
coupled, non-linear, time-dependent,  
and state-of-the-art  
**partial differential equations**

of modern calculus  
that originates from my blackboard  
and that I must solve  
as 64 binary thousand  
computer codes  
that were running simultaneously  
and executing **across** a new internet  
that is a new global network of  
as many tightly-coupled processors  
that shared nothing with each other.  
I had to be physically fit  
to be intellectually fit.

In the early 1980s,  
my three-hour jogging trail  
was through the **Rock Creek Park**  
of Washington, DC.

I began jogging  
through the Rock Creek forest  
at 7 a.m.  
and I jogged for about three hours.  
Sometimes, I jogged through the city.

For my city runs,  
I started from **Metro Station**  
of **Silver Spring**, Maryland  
and jogged along **Georgia Avenue**  
towards downtown Washington, DC,  
making a right turn  
at **Howard University**  
and heading towards  
**George Washington University**  
and back to Silver Spring, Maryland.  
It is impossible for me to get lost  
in Washington, DC,  
just as it is impossible  
for a cat  
to get lost in its neighborhood alleys.  
For this reason,  
I was at home—both physically  
and intellectually—whenever  
I am in Washington, D.C.  
I was at home during the 1991  
international congress of mathematics

that took place in my backyard  
of Washington, DC  
and took place a jogging distance  
from my former residence  
in Silver Spring, Maryland.

### 53.3.3 Crossing Paths With Benjamin Banneker

It seems surreal  
and a strange coincidence  
that I followed the footsteps  
of **Benjamin Banneker**  
even though he was born  
two centuries,  
two decades, and three years  
before I was born.

**Benjamin Banneker**  
was born in Colonial America  
and I was born in Colonial Africa.  
I was born on August 23, 1954  
in Akure,

in the British West African colony of Nigeria.

The father of **Benjamin Banneker** has his ancestral roots in present day Senegal, West Africa, and we both were first-generation Americans.

I was a regular visitor to the **Benjamin Banneker** Museum in [Ellicott City](#), Maryland and a regular hiker along nearby trails.

Like **Benjamin Banneker**, I was publicly extolled by a U.S. president who acknowledged my contributions to scientific knowledge.

Like **Benjamin Banneker**, I am on postage stamps.

Like **Benjamin Banneker**, I am the subject of school reports

for my contributions  
to the development of the computer.

## 53.4 Oil Recovery Algorithms

### 53.4.1 Contributions to Mathematicians

I am the research  
computational mathematician  
who searched for new calculus  
and new algebra  
that are most suitable  
for the most massively  
parallel processing supercomputer  
in the world.

I searched for new mathematics  
and I searched  
for the twenty years  
onward of June 1970.  
After twenty years,



I was at the frontier of knowledge  
of **new calculus** and **new algebra**.  
Only a few hundred  
of the 10,000 research mathematicians  
that read the **cover story**  
of the May 1990 issue  
of the *SIAM News*  
could understand my **contributions**  
to calculus and to algebra.  
But those research mathematicians  
that were at the frontiers of knowledge  
of modern calculus,  
extreme-scale algebra,  
and computational physics  
and that attended my lecture  
on July 8, 1991  
at the **international congress**  
of mathematicians  
understood my **contributions**  
to the **partial differential equations**  
of modern calculus.

Those research mathematicians  
also understood my **contributions**  
to large-scale algebra  
that arose from solving those  
**partial differential equations**.  
Briefly, I explained to the  
**international congress**  
of mathematicians  
the **new calculus** and the **new algebra**  
that I **contributed** as **never-before-seen**  
mathematical knowledge.  
I explained  
at the **international congress**  
how **I mathematically invented**  
the 36 **partial derivative** terms  
that I **contributed**  
to the calculus of extreme-scale  
computational physics  
that is used to **recover**  
otherwise **unrecoverable**  
crude oil and natural gas

that were buried a mile-deep  
in the Niger-Delta oilfields  
of southeastern Nigeria.

### 53.4.2 Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Calculus

In the early 1980s  
and while I was living  
in the Washington, DC,  
metropolitan area,  
I made two **contributions**  
to modern calculus.

My **contributions**  
were new and for that reason  
were not in any calculus textbook  
of the 1980s and earlier.

My first **contribution** to mathematics  
was in the early 1980s.

That mathematical **contribution**  
was my theoretical discovery

of 36 formulas,  
each called a **partial derivative** term  
of calculus.

I **mathematically discovered**  
that my 36 formulas  
made my nine  
**partial differential equations**  
of modern calculus  
that I **invented**  
to more accurately represent  
the motions of the crude oil,  
injected water,  
and natural gas  
that were encoded  
in the petroleum reservoir simulator.  
My new **partial differential equations**  
are more accurate when used to **recover**  
otherwise **unrecoverable**  
crude oil and natural gas.  
My second **contribution**  
to modern calculus

occurred from the  
mathematical studies  
and laboratory experiments  
that I conducted in the mid-1980s.  
That **contribution** to extreme-scale  
computational mathematics  
was my **invention**  
—that the technology  
of **massively parallel processing**  
makes the computer **faster**  
and makes the supercomputer  
**fastest**,  
and my **invention**  
of how those **unheard-of**  
supercomputer speeds  
and how to harness  
millions upon millions of processors  
and harness them  
to solve the **toughest problems**  
arising in modern calculus,  
large-scale algebra,

and extreme-scale  
computational physics.  
Such grand challenge problems  
of supercomputing  
include the general circulation model  
that must be used  
to foresee otherwise unforeseeable  
climate changes.

I invented  
how to harness the processors  
within the modern supercomputer  
and I invented  
how to use the fastest computation  
of a supercomputer  
to more accurately solve  
what mathematicians describe as  
initial-boundary value problems  
of modern calculus.

My most important contribution  
to calculus  
was my invention

of how to solve  
the **toughest problems**  
arising in calculus  
and how to solve them  
**across** motherboards,  
or **across** an ensemble of  
65,536 cooperating processors  
that shared nothing with each other.  
In 1989, it made the **news headlines**  
that I **invented**  
how to solve  
the **toughest problems**  
arising in modern calculus, large-scale  
algebraic computations,  
and extreme-scale computational physics  
and that I **invented**  
how to solve  
those initial-boundary value problems  
and how to solve them **across**  
a **new internet**  
that is a **new** global network of

64 binary thousand  
tightly-coupled processors  
that were already available  
in the market.

I **invented**

how to solve those **tough problems**  
and solve them **across**  
an analogous global network of  
as 64 binary thousand computers.

My **invention**

of how to parallel process  
**across** a **new internet**  
was a **paradigm shift**  
that **changed the way**  
we solved the **toughest problems**  
arising in modern calculus  
and extreme-scale algebra.

**In the old way,**  
the **toughest problems**  
in modern calculus,  
extreme-scale algebra,



and extreme-scale computational physics  
were unsolveable  
(or **impossible** to compute)  
on the blackboard  
or were **inaccurately** solved  
(or computed)  
on one motherboard  
or on one computer  
that is powered by only one **isolated**  
processor  
that was not **a member**  
**of an ensemble of processors**  
that communicates and computes  
**together**  
and as one seamless, cohesive  
supercomputer.  
That **invention**  
was the reason  
**my mathematical contribution**  
to modern calculus,  
extreme-scale algebra,

and extreme-scale computational physics  
was front-page news  
in the world of mathematics.  
I provided the lockdown evidence  
when I invented  
how the toughest problems  
arising in modern calculus,  
extreme-scale algebra,  
and computational physics  
can be solved on the blackboard,  
can be solved beyond the motherboard,  
and can be solved **across** a new internet  
that is a new supercomputer  
and that is a new computer.  
I invented that new internet  
as a new global network of  
two-raised-to-power sixteen  
processors  
that were already available  
in the market  
and that were married together

as one seamless, cohesive whole unit  
and **married together**

by another global network of  
sixteen times

two-raised-to-power sixteen  
regular and short email wires  
that were equal distances **apart**.

I **mathematically visualized**  
that **new internet**

as uniformly encircling a globe  
that is **mathematically embedded**  
within a sixteen-dimensional  
**hyperspace**.

I **invented**

how to push the frontier of  
modern calculus  
and extreme-scale algebra  
and how to do so

to solve

one of the most computation-intensive  
problems

arising in extreme-scale  
computational physics  
and that is called  
petroleum reservoir simulation.  
The Niger-Delta oilfield  
doesn't fit into a lab,  
or into one computer.  
For that reason, I invented  
how to fit  
the Niger-Delta oilfield  
into a new supercomputer  
that is not a computer *per se*  
but that is a new internet *de facto*.  
My new internet  
is powered by an ensemble of  
65,536 commonly-available processors  
with each processor  
operating its own operating system  
and with each processor  
having its own dedicated memory  
that shared nothing with each other.

## 53.5 The Infinite Reduced to Finite

### 53.5.1 From Infinite to Finite Time-to-Solution

I **invented**

how to solve one of the most  
computation-intensive problems  
arising in supercomputing  
and how to do so

by **mathematically inventing**

how to compress  
the infinite **times-to-solution**  
to finite **times-to-solution**  
and, finally,

by **inventing**

**how to compress**

**65,536 days, or 180 years,**

**of time-to-solution**

**to just one day of time-to-solution.**

It takes infinite calculations  
and infinite **time-to-solution**

for even the fastest supercomputer  
to solve the **toughest problems**  
arising in modern calculus,  
extreme-scale algebra,  
and computational physics.  
It takes infinite calculations  
and infinite **time-to-solution**  
to solve those problems **directly**  
and **exactly**.

As a matter of fact, or by definition,  
the fastest supercomputer only solves  
calculus problems **indirectly** and  
**approximately**  
and only solves  
the **algebraic restatement**  
of that calculus problem.

That error, in part, explains  
**why tomorrow's weather forecast**  
**is not an exact science.**

I can say more  
if I have your permission

to use a few esoteric  
mathematical short hands  
that are only understood by the few  
grand wizards of calculus  
that were initiated  
into the priesthood of mathematics.  
Please allow me to quote myself  
and to quote  
from my July 8, 1991 lecture  
that I delivered  
to research mathematicians  
that were attending  
the **international congress**  
of mathematics.  
This was what I told those research  
computational mathematicians  
that were at the frontier  
of mathematical knowledge.

[quote]

“To parallel process,

or to process many problems  
(or many processes)  
**at once,**  
instead of processing only one problem  
**at a time**  
is the necessary condition  
for solving the **diagonalized**  
system of equations of algebra  
that I invented  
from my explicit finite difference  
discretizations  
of my governing system of  
coupled, non-linear, time-dependent,  
and state-of-the-art  
partial differential equations  
that defined  
my initial-boundary value problems  
of calculus  
that was at the mathematical foundation  
of extreme-scale



petroleum reservoir simulation.”  
[unquote]

“In particular,” I continued

“a sufficient condition  
for accurately solving the  
initial-boundary value problem  
is to attain infinite speed-up.

I invented

how to use a new internet  
that I invented

and how to use that new internet  
to compute 65,536 times faster  
than one computer  
that is powered by only one  
isolated processor  
and with that one computer  
computing alone

to solve one extreme-scale problem  
arising in computational physics  
in which the laws of physics  
were central to the definition  
of that computation-intensive problem.”  
[unquote]

## 53.5.2 The Invisible Became Visible

I was the inventor  
that saw nine unseen  
partial differential equation  
of modern calculus.  
I saw a 65,536-fold increase  
in high-performance  
supercomputing speed  
for executing the fastest  
floating-point arithmetical operations.  
The potential to achieve that speedup  
preexisted

within my new internet  
that I visualized and programmed  
as a new global network of  
65,536 tightly-coupled processors  
with each processor  
operating its own operating system  
and with each processor  
having its own dedicated memory  
that shared nothing with each other  
that were already available  
in the market,  
or a new global network of  
as many computers.  
That new internet was a new frontier  
in extreme-scale  
computational mathematics  
that I had to cross  
to see a previously unseen  
massively parallel processing  
supercomputer  
that is the modern supercomputer  
that is used to conquer tomorrow's

challenges,  
such as solving the **toughest problems**  
arising in modern calculus  
and in extreme-scale algebra.

I'm **Philip Emeagwali**.

In 1989, I was in major U.S. newspapers,  
such as the June 20, 1990 issue  
of the *Wall Street Journal*.

I was in the news because

I **invented**

the **lockdown evidence**

of how to compress 65,536 days,  
or 180 years, of **time-to-solution**

on one computer

to only one day of **time-to-solution**

**across** a **new internet**

that is a **new** global network of  
65,536 computers.

I invented how to execute  
the excruciatingly-detailed  
petroleum reservoir simulation  
and I invented  
how to solve  
that initial-boundary value problem  
of modern calculus  
and computational physics  
and I invented  
how to solve that problem  
as soon as possible.  
For that massively parallel processing  
supercomputer accomplishment,  
I won the top accolades  
from the top technical societies  
in the United States.  
As a technological inventor,  
I created something  
—namely, a new internet  
that is a new supercomputer—  
that could have been created

but was not created.

By seeing something  
where nothing existed,  
the discoverers and inventors  
made darkness visible.

My invention  
was how to make a new internet  
that is a new global network of  
65,536 tightly-coupled, commodity  
processors  
and how to make  
those cooperating processors **invisible**  
individually  
and yet **visible**  
as one seamless, cohesive supercomputer  
that solves extreme-scale problems  
in algebra.

That was how I crossed  
the **frontiers** of knowledge  
to **see** a new Internet  
that was previously **unseen**.

Throughout history, every **inventor** entered the unknown world, or the *terra incognita* of technology, before the **invention** became the **news headlines**.

Their biographers, or authorized story tellers, came on the scene, often decades after the discoverer is no longer with us.

### 53.5.3 Contributions of Philip Emeagwali to Algebra

The fastest supercomputer in the world occupies the space of a soccer field and requires building a new **multi-storey** facility to house the millions upon millions of commodity processors

that will enable it to execute  
the fastest computations.  
Extreme-scale algebra  
is the **recurring decimal**  
in extreme-scale computational physics  
that, in turn, is the **recurring decimal**  
within the millions upon millions  
of commodity processors  
that make the new supercomputer **super**.  
Executing extreme-scale  
computational physics codes  
**demands unreasonably large**  
execution times.  
I made headlines  
in major U.S. newspapers  
because I **invented**  
how to reduce 180 years  
of **time-to-solution** **across**  
one computer  
**powered by only one processor**  
that was not a member



of an ensemble of processors  
to just one day of **time-to-solution**  
on the massively parallel processing  
supercomputer  
that is a new internet  
that is a new global network of  
65,536 processors.  
That invention was recorded  
in the June 20, 1990 issue  
of the *Wall Street Journal*.  
That invention  
of a new internet  
that is a new computer  
is my signature invention.  
That invention  
is my contribution to calculus, algebra,  
and computer science.  
That invention  
is the reason the 12-year-old American  
is writing a school report  
on the contributions

of **Philip Emeagwali**  
to the development  
of the modern computer.