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German mathematician Hermann Minkowski introduced the concept of "space-time." The Minkowski metric or geometry is the one appropriate to Albert Einstein's special theory of relativity.

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