## Pascal's Triangle



Blaise Pascal 1623-1662



Pierre de Fermat 1607-1665

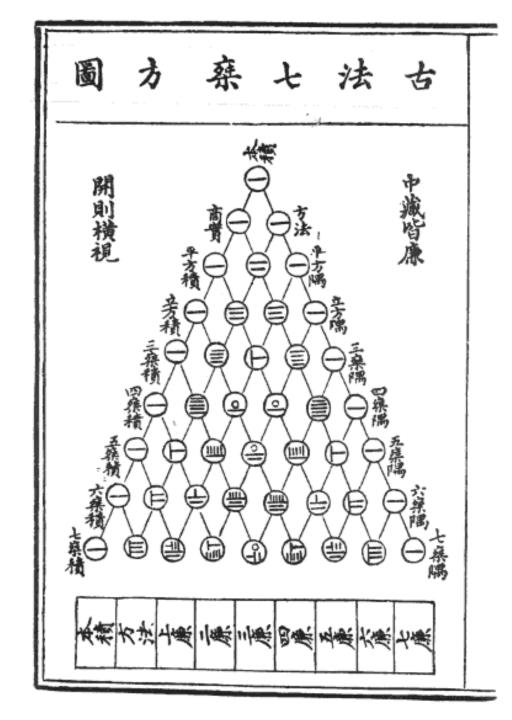
Au nous de dia le pere les mice la soume de troi mille livrer pour

- Correspondence by letter began in 1654, when Pascal was 31 and Fermat was 53.
- Pascal was in Paris,
  Fermat was in
  Toulouse.









Jia Xian described triangle (called, obviously, the Jia Xian triangle) around the middle of the 11th century, about six centuries before Pascal.

Jia used it as a tool for extracting square and cubic roots.

< From 1303 AD. Song Dynasty.