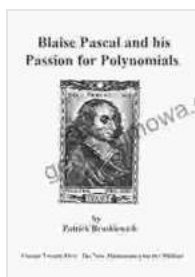


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Blaise Pascal was a 17th-century French mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher, and theologian. He is best known for his contributions to mathematics, where he developed the theory of probability, co-created the first mechanical calculator, and laid the groundwork for infinitesimal calculus. Pascal's passion for polynomials, a type of mathematical function, led to groundbreaking discoveries in the field of mathematics.



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Polynomials are mathematical functions that consist of a sum of terms, each of which is a constant multiplied by a variable raised to a non-

negative integer power. For example, the polynomial

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Pascal's work on polynomials had a profound impact on the development of mathematics. His discoveries helped to lay the foundation for infinitesimal calculus, a branch of mathematics that has applications in a wide variety of fields, including physics, engineering, and economics. Pascal's work also contributed to the development of modern algebra, a

branch of mathematics that deals with the structure and properties of algebraic objects such as polynomials.

Pascal's passion for polynomials was not only a source of great intellectual satisfaction but also a source of practical applications. His work on polynomials helped to advance the fields of mathematics, physics, and engineering, and his contributions continue to be studied and used by mathematicians and scientists today.

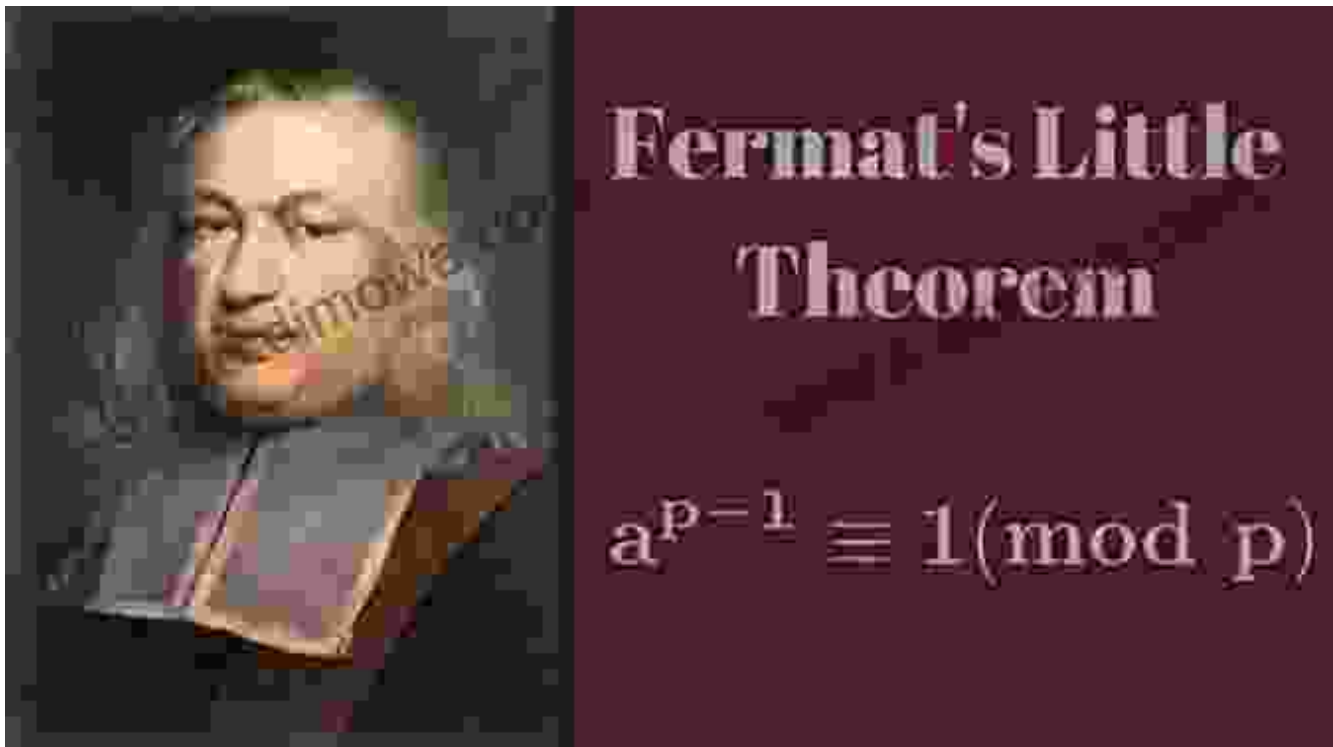
### **Pascal's Contributions to Mathematics**

Pascal's contributions to mathematics are numerous and varied. In addition to his work on polynomials, Pascal also made significant contributions to the fields of probability, number theory, and geometry.

In probability, Pascal is best known for his work on the theory of combinations, which he developed in collaboration with Pierre de Fermat. The theory of combinations is a branch of mathematics that deals with the number of possible ways to select a subset of elements from a larger set. Pascal's work on the theory of combinations had applications in a wide variety of fields, including gambling, statistics, and physics.

In number theory, Pascal is best known for his work on Fermat's Little Theorem, which he proved in 1654. Fermat's Little Theorem is a theorem in

number theory that states that for any prime number  $p$  and any integer  $a$ ,

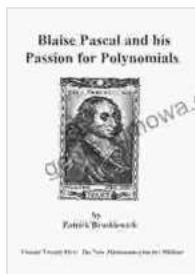


In geometry, Pascal is best known for his work on the Pascal's triangle, which is a triangular array of numbers that has applications in a variety of fields, including mathematics, physics, and computer science. Pascal's triangle is named after Pascal, who published it in his treatise on polynomials.

### **Pascal's Legacy**

Pascal's legacy is one of innovation and discovery. His work on polynomials, probability, number theory, and geometry helped to lay the foundation for modern mathematics. His contributions to mathematics continue to be studied and used by mathematicians and scientists today, and his work continues to inspire new generations of researchers.

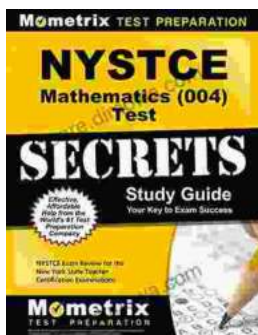
Pascal was a brilliant mathematician who made significant contributions to a wide variety of fields. His passion for polynomials was a driving force in his work, and his discoveries helped to advance the field of mathematics in ways that are still felt today.



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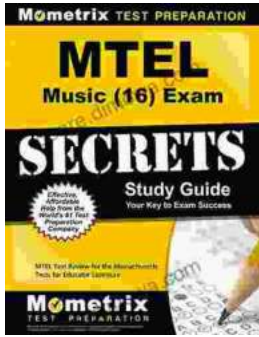
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