

Today in Math History...

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Pascal experiments. The theory of atmospheric pressure and the existence of a vacuum were confirmed by experiments designed by Blaise Pascal.



Blaise Pascal was a French mathematician, physicist, and religious philosopher. He was a child prodigy who was educated by his father. Pascal's earliest work was in the natural and applied sciences where he made important contributions to the construction of mechanical calculator, the study of fluids, and clarified the concepts of pressure and vacuum by generalizing the work of Evangelista Torricelli. Pascal also wrote powerfully in defense of the scientific method.