

# Generalized Pascal's Triangle

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Pascal's Triangle is a commonly used shape in mathematics. In this paper I interpret Pascal's Triangle as an automaton for N dimensions. This algorithm is useful as a part of simulations for studying observer selection effects in Path Reference Classes.

Pascal's Triangle is often depicted the following way:

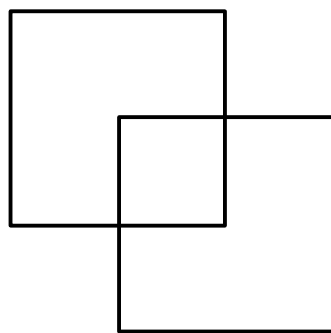
				1					
			1		1				
		1		2		1			
	1		3		3		1		
1		4		6		4		1	

I will use a slightly different version:

0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
	0	1	3	3	1	0		
0	1	4	6	4	1	0		

Here, the triangle can be thought of as 1-dimensional slices of cells stacked on top of each other, where every odd slice is translated such that each cell's position is in the center between its parents.

For N dimensions, I generalize the same way by moving the cuboid cells:



This algorithm has some significant mathematical properties:

- Counting the number of paths
- No centered parent cell
- Self-similar by translation
- Isomorphic every even time step to unnormalized Gaussian blur