

Chaturanga, the original form of chess

The original form of chess is said to have been a board game called chaturanga that was enjoyed in the upper and middle reaches of the Ganges River in ancient India around 300 BC. Early chaturanga was a four-player chess game played with a dice. However, a game of four players which uses a dice can be highly random and has many flaws. Chaturanga then evolved to be a two-player form of chess with no dices. The shape of the pieces was simple, and it is said that Arab chess pieces dating to the 8th century retain the original shape of the chaturanga pieces.