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A year ago February, [hanan\\_cohen@fastmail.fm](mailto:hanan_cohen@fastmail.fm) (Hanan Cohen) wrote in msg news:<63c08e6a.0302191152.6ab93aaf@posting.google.com>

- > *I am looking for information on the first table (rows and columns)*
- > *that had been discovered. Where had it been found, to when is it*
- > *dated, what's written on it, who has written it?*
- > *The question popped up in my mind when I read Jorn Bargers' Timeline*
- > *of knowledge-representation.*
- > <http://www.robotwisdom.com/ai/timeline.html>

The answer is in "The History of Mathematical Tables"— 2600 BC, in Mesopotamia. It was a table of areas for square fields.

Tables for accounting became common around 1800 BC.