

My Favorite Equations #006 :

“ π ” by beautiful and simple expression .

$\pi = 3.141592653589\dots$

$$\pi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{n-2} \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2} \dots}}}$$

π は不規則な数字の列で構成される典型的な無理数。しかしながら、数字ではなく、数式を用いると、非常に簡単で美しくもある式で表される。その一例を挙げてみる。

(例) 円を N 個の三角形で近似した場合: $N = 2^n$ として、三角関数の倍角の定理を用いると、 π は、ルート、足し算・引き算・ $2 \cdot \lim$ だけで記述できる。

n	m	am	Sn	error (%)
3	2	0.7071068	2.828427125	-9.968368
4	3	0.3826834	3.061467459	-2.550464
5	4	0.1950903	3.121445152	-0.641315
6	5	0.0980171	3.136548491	-0.160561
7	6	0.0490677	3.140331157	-0.040155
8	7	0.0245412	3.141277251	-0.01004
9	8	0.0122715	3.141513801	-0.00251
10	9	0.0061359	3.14157294	-0.000627
11	10	0.003068	3.141587725	-0.000157
12	11	0.001534	3.141591422	-3.92E-05
13	12	0.000767	3.141592346	-9.8E-06
14	13	0.0003835	3.141592577	-2.45E-06
15	14	0.0001917	3.141592633	-6.41E-07
16	15	9.587E-05	3.141592655	3.876E-08
17	16	4.794E-05	3.141592645	-2.63E-07
18	17	2.397E-05	3.141592607	-1.47E-06
19	18	1.198E-05	3.141592911	8.192E-06
20	19	5.992E-06	3.141594125	4.684E-05
21	20	2.996E-06	3.141596554	0.0001241

$$P_n \equiv \frac{N}{2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right) \dots \dots N = 2^n \dots \dots \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \dots \Rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta = 4 \sin^2 \theta - 4 \sin^4 \theta$$

$$P_n \equiv \frac{2^n}{2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2^n}\right) = \frac{2^n}{2} \sin\left(2 \frac{2\pi}{2^{n+1}}\right) = \frac{2^{n+1}}{2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2^{n+1}}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2^{n+1}}\right)$$

$$\frac{2^{n+1}}{2} P_n = \frac{2^{n+1}}{2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2^{n+1}}\right) \frac{2^{n+1}}{2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2^{n+1}}\right) = P_{n+1} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{2^{n+1}}\right)}$$

$$= P_{n+1} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^2 - P_{n+1}^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^2 P_n^2 = \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^2 P_{n+1}^2 - P_{n+1}^4$$

$$P_{n+1}^4 - \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^2 P_{n+1}^2 + \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^2 P_n^2 = 0 \dots \dots P_n^2 \equiv \left(\frac{2^n}{2}\right)^2 a_n \dots \dots \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2^n}\right) = \sqrt{a_n} \dots \dots P_n \equiv \frac{N}{2} \sqrt{a_n}$$

$$\left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^4 a_{n+1}^2 - \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^4 a_{n+1} + \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2^n}{2}\right)^2 a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+1}^2 - a_{n+1} + \frac{1}{4} a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - a_n}}{2}$$

For... $n \geq 2$

$$a_2 = \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{2^4}\right) = 1 \dots \dots P_2 = 2$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - a_2}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \dots \dots P_3 = 4 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2}}}{2} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{4} \dots \dots P_4 = 8 \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{4}} = 4\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{4}}}{2} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{4} \dots \dots P_5 = 16 \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{4}} = 8\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}$$

$$a_6 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{4}}}{2} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}}{4} \dots \dots P_6 = 32 \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}}{4}} = 16\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}}$$

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