

Archimedes Series

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Abstract: For any number $\theta > 0$, the Archimedes Spiral

$$\rho(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\theta$$

leads to a Power Series in $\arctan \theta$ that we name after Archimedes

The Archimedes Series for 2π is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(2\pi)$

$$\pi = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \alpha(2\pi) + \frac{1}{3} \alpha^3(2\pi) + \frac{2}{15} \alpha^5(2\pi) + \frac{17}{315} \alpha^7(2\pi) + \frac{62}{2835} \alpha^9(2\pi) + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)} \alpha^{11}(2\pi) + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)} \alpha^{13}(2\pi) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \alpha^{2n-1}(2\pi) + \dots \right\}$$

where $\alpha(2\pi) = \arctan(2\pi) \approx 1.412965137\dots$

and $B_n =$ Bernoulli Numbers.

The Archimedes Series for e is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(e)$

$$e = \alpha(e) + \frac{1}{3} \alpha^3(e) + \frac{2}{15} \alpha^5(e) + \frac{17}{315} \alpha^7(e) + \frac{62}{2835} \alpha^9(e) + \\ + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)} \alpha^{11}(e) + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)} \alpha^{13}(e) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \alpha^{2n-1}(e) + \dots$$

where $\alpha(e) = \arctan(e) \approx 1.218282905\dots$

The Archimedes Series for θ is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(\theta)$

$$\theta = \alpha(\theta) + \frac{1}{3}\alpha^3(\theta) + \frac{2}{15}\alpha^5(\theta) + \frac{17}{315}\alpha^7(\theta) + \frac{62}{2835}\alpha^9(\theta) +$$

$$+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)}\alpha^{11}(\theta) + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)}\alpha^{13}(\theta) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \alpha^{2n-1}(\theta) + \dots$$

where $\boxed{\alpha(\theta) = \arctan(\theta)}$

The Archimedes Series for 1 is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(1)$

$$1 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^9 +$$

$$+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{11} + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{13} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{2n-1} + \dots$$

The Archimedes Series for $\sqrt{3}$ is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(\sqrt{3})$

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^9 +$$

$$+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{11} + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{13} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n-1} + \dots$$

The Archimedes Series for $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^9 +$$

$$+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{11} + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{13} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{2n-1} + \dots$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^9 + \dots}$$

Hence,

$$\mathfrak{3} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^9 + \dots}{\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^9 + \dots}$$

And

$$1 = \left\{ \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^9 + \dots \right\} \times \\ \times \left\{ \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^9 + \dots \right\}$$

1.

Archimedes Series for π

1.1 Archimedes Series for 2π is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(2\pi)$

$$\pi = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \alpha(2\pi) + \frac{1}{3} \alpha^3(2\pi) + \frac{2}{15} \alpha^5(2\pi) + \frac{17}{315} \alpha^7(2\pi) + \frac{62}{2835} \alpha^9(2\pi) + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)} \alpha^{11}(2\pi) + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)} \alpha^{13}(2\pi) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \alpha^{2n-1}(2\pi) + \dots \right\}$$

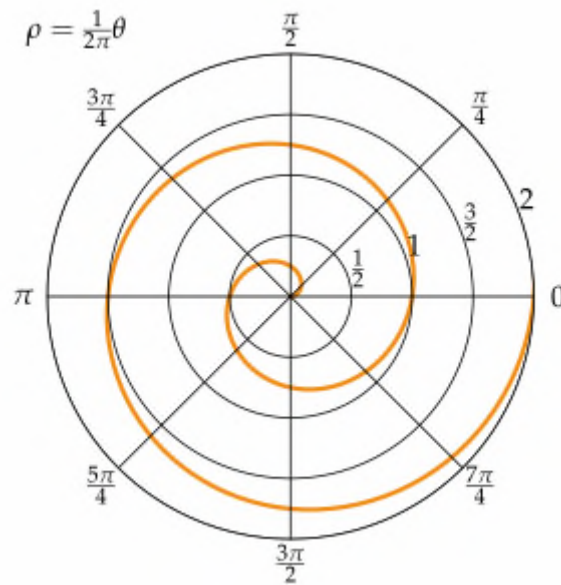
where $\alpha = \arctan(2\pi) \approx 1.412965137\dots$

and $B_n =$ Bernoulli Numbers

Proof: Archimedes Spiral¹ in polar coordinates (ρ, θ) is given by

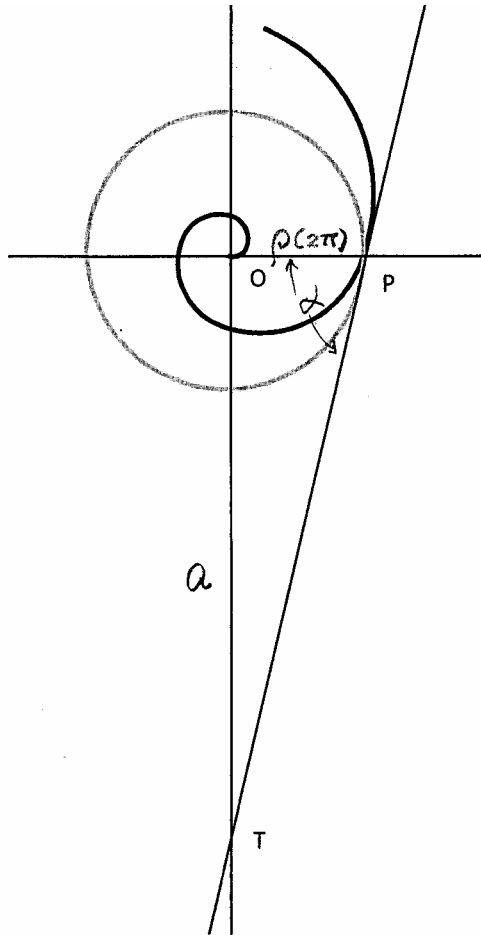
$$\rho(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \theta. \quad \text{So } \rho(2\pi) = 1$$

Hence, the circumference of the circle of radius $\rho(2\pi)$ is 2π .



¹[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archimedean_spiral#:~:text=The%20Archimedean%20spiral%20\(also%20known,rotates%20with%20constant%20angular%20velocity.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archimedean_spiral#:~:text=The%20Archimedean%20spiral%20(also%20known,rotates%20with%20constant%20angular%20velocity.)

The tangent to the spiral at $\theta = 2\pi$, at the point $P(2\pi)$, intersects the y axis at the point $T(2\pi)$.



Archimedes proved² that

a equals the circumference of the circle of radius $\rho(2\pi)$.

That is,

$$a = 2\pi \underbrace{\rho(2\pi)}_1 = 2\pi.$$

Now, for the Archimedes Angle $\alpha = \alpha(2\pi)$ at P, we have

$$\tan \alpha(2\pi) = \frac{a}{\rho(2\pi)} = \frac{2\pi}{1} = 2\pi$$

² Archimedes, "On Spirals", Cambridge University Press.

Therefore,

$$\alpha(2\pi) = \arctan(2\pi) \approx 1.412965137\dots$$

It follows that

$$\pi = \frac{1}{2} \tan \alpha(2\pi).$$

Since $\alpha(2\pi) < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, we can expand $\tan \alpha(2\pi)$ in its Taylor Series³.

The Archimedes Series for 2π is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(2\pi)$

$$\pi = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \alpha(2\pi) + \frac{1}{3} \alpha^3(2\pi) + \frac{2}{15} \alpha^5(2\pi) + \frac{17}{315} \alpha^7(2\pi) + \frac{62}{2835} \alpha^9(2\pi) + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)} \alpha^{11}(2\pi) + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)} \alpha^{13}(2\pi) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \alpha^{2n-1}(2\pi) + \dots \right\}$$

where

$$B_n = \text{Bernoulli Numbers}$$

1.2 The Convergence Speed of the Series for π

$$B_1 = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \alpha(2\pi) \approx 0.706482568$$

$$B_2 = \frac{1}{30} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \alpha^3(2\pi) \approx 0.470157196$$

$$B_3 = \frac{1}{42} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{15} \alpha^5(2\pi) \approx 0.375461985$$

$$B_4 = \frac{1}{30} \Rightarrow \frac{17}{630} \alpha^7(2\pi) \approx 0.303409025$$

$$B_5 = \frac{5}{66} \Rightarrow \frac{31}{2835} \alpha^9(2\pi) \approx 0.24546617$$

$$B_6 = \frac{691}{2730} \Rightarrow \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)} \alpha^{11}(2\pi) \approx 0.198613243$$

$$B_7 = \frac{7}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)} \alpha^{13}(2\pi) \approx 0.080352726$$

³ Murray Spiegel, "Mathematical Handbook", Schaum's, p.111, #20.23

$$S_7 \approx 2.379942913$$

And the error in S_7 is

$$|\pi - S_7| \approx |3.141592654 - 2.379942913| \approx 0.76164974$$

In comparison, for the Leibniz Series of reciprocals for π ,

$$S_7 = 4\left\{1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{13}\right\} \approx 3.283738484$$

And the error in S_7 is

$$|\pi - S_7| \approx |3.141592654 - 3.283738484| \approx 0.14214583$$

2.

Archimedes Series for e

At an angle $\theta = \text{Euler's constant } e$,

$$\rho(e) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e,$$

$$2\pi\rho(e) = e$$

e ***equals the circumference of the circle of radius*** $\rho(e)$.

Now, we define the Archimedes Angle at e

$$\alpha(e) = \arctan(e) \approx 1.218282905\dots$$

It follows that

$$e = \tan \alpha(e).$$

Since $\alpha(e) < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, we can expand $\tan \alpha(e)$ in its Taylor Series.

The Archimedes Series for e is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(e)$

$$e = \alpha(e) + \frac{1}{3}\alpha^3(e) + \frac{2}{15}\alpha^5(e) + \frac{17}{315}\alpha^7(e) + \frac{62}{2835}\alpha^9(e) +$$

$$+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)}\alpha^{11}(e) + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)}\alpha^{13}(e) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \alpha^{2n-1}(e) + \dots$$

where

$$B_n = \text{Bernoulli Numbers}$$

3.

Archimedes Series for $\theta > 0$

At an angle $\theta > 0$

$$\rho(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\theta,$$

$$2\pi\rho(\theta) = \theta$$

θ equals the circumference of the circle of radius $\rho(\theta)$.

We define the Archimedes Angle at θ

$$\boxed{\alpha(\theta) = \arctan(\theta)}$$

Then,

$$\theta = \tan \alpha(\theta).$$

For $\theta > 0$, and $\tan \theta < \infty$,

$$\arctan \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Then,

The Archimedes Series for θ is the Taylor Series of $\tan \alpha(\theta)$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \theta &= \alpha(\theta) + \frac{1}{3}\alpha^3(\theta) + \frac{2}{15}\alpha^5(\theta) + \frac{17}{315}\alpha^7(\theta) + \frac{62}{2835}\alpha^9(\theta) + \\ &+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)}\alpha^{11}(\theta) + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)}\alpha^{13}(\theta) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \alpha^{2n-1}(\theta) + \dots \end{aligned}}$$

where

$$B_n = \text{Bernoulli Numbers}$$

For $\theta = 1$, the Archimedes Angle at 1 is

$$\alpha(1) = \arctan(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Then, the Archimedes Series for $\tan \alpha(1) = 1$ is

$$1 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^9 +$$

$$+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{11} + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{13} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{2n-1} + \dots$$

For $\theta = \sqrt{3}$, the Archimedes Angle at $\sqrt{3}$ is

$$\alpha(\sqrt{3}) = \arctan(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

Then, the Archimedes Series for $\tan \alpha(\sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3}$ is

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^9 +$$

$$+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{11} + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{13} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n-1} + \dots$$

For $\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, the Archimedes Angle at $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ is

$$\alpha\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$

Then, the Archimedes Series for $\tan \alpha\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^9 +$$

$$+ \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^2 7(11)(91)} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{11} + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^2 7(11)(13)} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{13} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{2n-1} + \dots$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^9 + \dots}$$

Hence,

$$3 = \frac{\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^9 + \dots}{\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^9 + \dots}$$

And

$$1 = \left\{ \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^9 + \dots \right\} \times$$

$$\times \left\{ \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^9 + \dots \right\}$$

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