

Expansions of $\theta = \tan \alpha$ in Powers of $\arctan \theta = \alpha$

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Abstract: We expand $\theta = \tan \alpha$ in powers of $\arctan \theta = \alpha$.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi = \frac{1}{2} \{ & (\arctan 2\pi) + \frac{1}{3} (\arctan 2\pi)^3 + \frac{2}{15} (\arctan 2\pi)^5 + \frac{17}{315} (\arctan 2\pi)^7 \\ & + \frac{62}{2835} (\arctan 2\pi)^9 + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^{27} (11)(91)} (\arctan 2\pi)^{11} \\ & + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^{27} (11)(13)} (\arctan 2\pi)^{13} (2\pi) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n} (2^{2n} - 1)}{(2n)!} B_n \alpha^{2n-1} (2\pi) + \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e = \arctan e + \frac{1}{3} (\arctan e)^3 + \frac{2}{15} (\arctan e)^5 + \frac{17}{315} (\arctan e)^7 \\ + \frac{62}{2835} (\arctan e)^9 + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^{27} (11)(91)} (\arctan e)^{11} (e) + \\ + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^{27} (11)(13)} (\arctan e)^{13} (e) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n} (2^{2n} - 1)}{(2n)!} B_n (\arctan e)^{2n-1} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^9 + \\ + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^{27} (11)(91)} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{11} + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^{27} (11)(13)} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{13} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n} (2^{2n} - 1)}{(2n)!} B_n \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{2n-1} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where B_n = Bernoulli Numbers.

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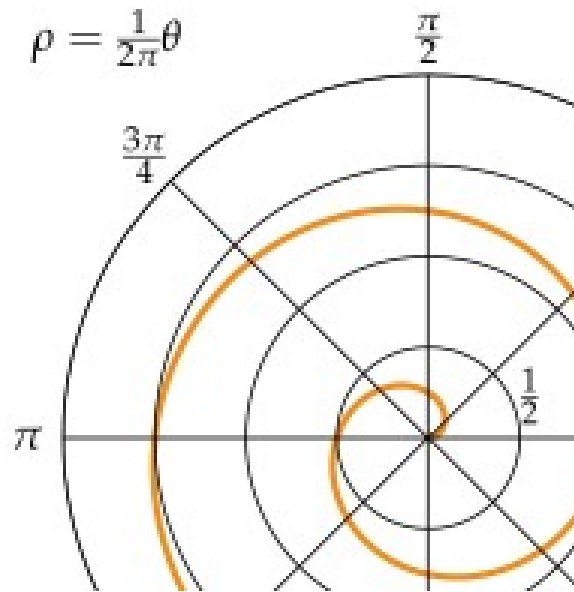
π in powers of $\arctan(2\pi)$

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

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

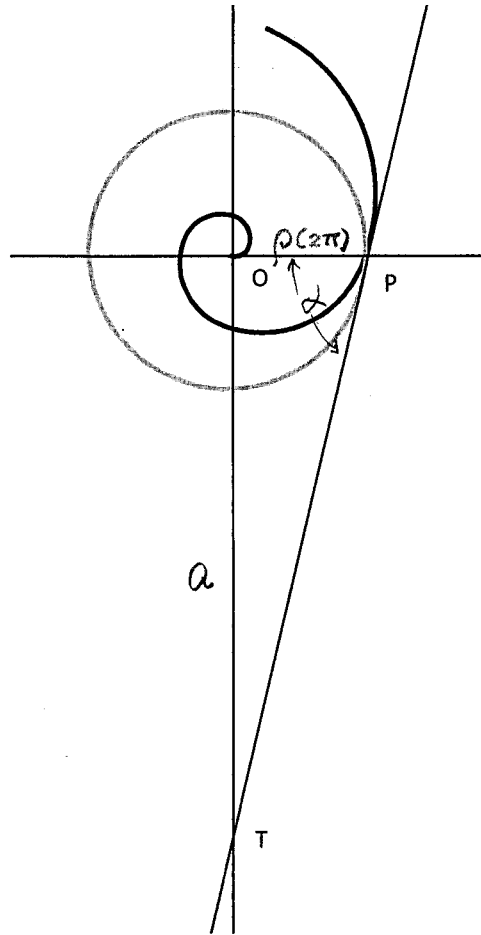
$$\Rightarrow \rho(2\pi) = 1$$

Hence, the circumference of the unit circle is 2π .



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

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.)



Archimedes proved² that

$$a = \textit{the circumference of the circle of radius } \rho(2\pi) = 1$$

That is,

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

Then,

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

$$2\pi = \tan \alpha = \tan(\arctan 2\pi)$$

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

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

Since $\arctan 2\pi < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, we can expand $\tan(\arctan 2\pi)$ in $\arctan 2\pi$,

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

$$\text{where } \arctan(2\pi) \approx 1.412965137\dots$$

and $B_n = \text{Bernoulli Numbers}$

2. The Convergence Speed of the Series for π

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$S_7 \approx 2.379942913$$

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 ,

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

And the error in S_7 is

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

2.

Expansions of $e, 1, \sqrt{3}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 3,$

2.1 e in Powers of $\arctan(e)$

Since $\arctan(e) \approx 1.218282905... < \frac{1}{2}\pi$

we can expand $e = \tan(\arctan(e))$ in powers of $\arctan(e)$

$$\begin{aligned} e = \arctan e + \frac{1}{3}(\arctan e)^3 + \frac{2}{15}(\arctan e)^5 + \frac{17}{315}(\arctan e)^7 \\ + \frac{62}{2835}(\arctan e)^9 + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^{27}(11)(91)}(\arctan e)^{11}(e) + \\ + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^{27}(11)(13)}(\arctan e)^{13}(e) + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n (\arctan e)^{2n-1} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where $B_n =$ Bernoulli Numbers

2.2 1 in powers of $\arctan(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{15}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^5 + \frac{17}{315}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^7 + \frac{62}{2835}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^9 + \\ + \frac{(819)(691)}{3^6 5^{27}(11)(91)}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{11} + \frac{5461}{3^5 5^{27}(11)(13)}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{13} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{2n-1} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

2.3 $\sqrt{3}$ in powers of $\arctan \sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$

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

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

2.4 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ in Powers of $\arctan \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi}{6}$

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

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

Therefore,

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

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

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

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

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