

Pi Formula

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Abstract. In this note we recall a formula for Pi.

1. Formula

Entry 1. If $\alpha = 1 + \cos(3\cos(3\cos(3\dots))) = 0.020633202\dots$, then

$$\pi = 3 - 3\alpha + 2 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{2-\alpha}} \quad (1)$$

Entry 2.

$$\pi = -3\cos(3\cos(3\cos(3\dots))) + 2 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos(3\cos(3\cos(3\dots)))}{1-\cos(3\cos(3\cos(3\dots)))}} \quad (2)$$

2. Roots of : $x = \cos(3x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Entry 3. If $x = \cos(3x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$x = \begin{cases} a = -0.9793667979902706\dots \\ b = -0.8877262944545929\dots \\ c = 0.3900403166675420\dots \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Entry 4. Graphics:

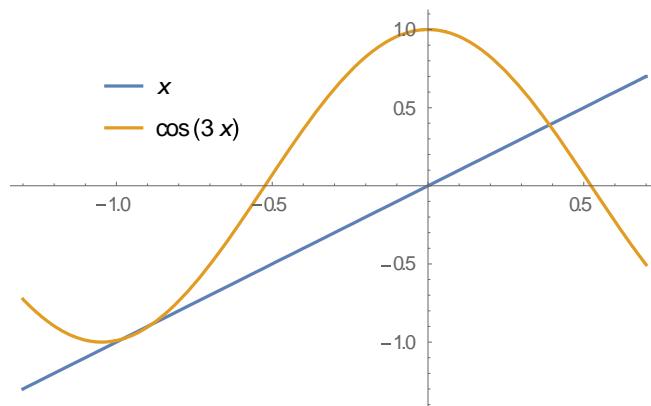


Figure 1.

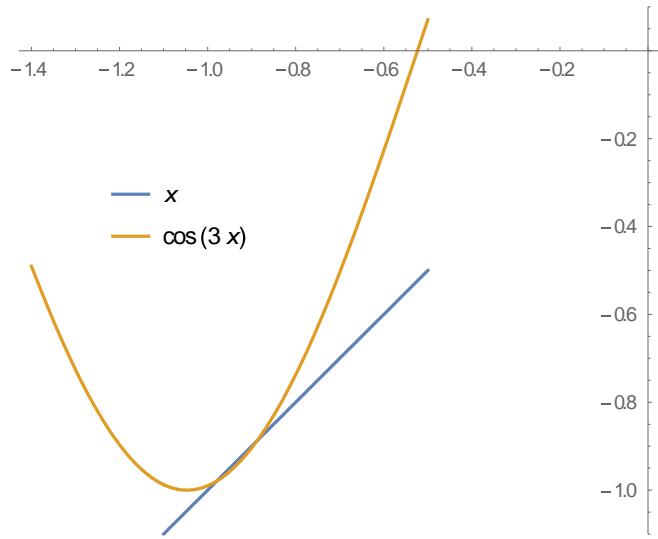


Figure 2.

3. Iteration

Entry 5.

$$x_{n+1} = \cos(3x_n) \quad , x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow a = -0.979366\dots \quad (4)$$

Entry 6. Graphics:

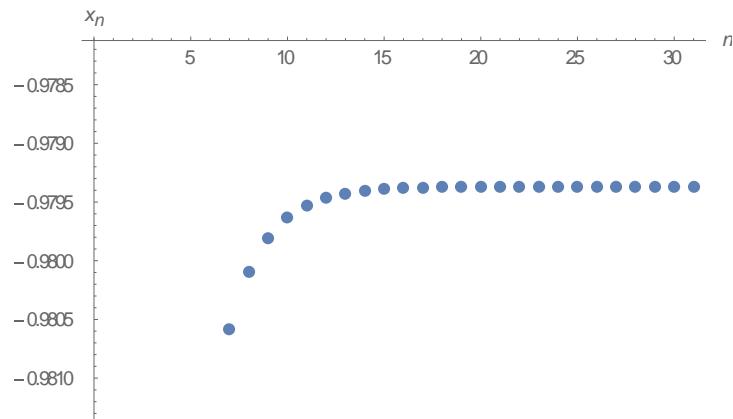


Figure 3.

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