

Formulas:

Euler's Solution, the sum of the infinite series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \cdots = H_{\infty}^{(2)},$$

$$p(n) = \sqrt{6 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}}$$

The Madhava Series:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{-k}}{2k+1} = \sqrt{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{12}}$$

but it gives us a more rapidly converging series, given by:

$$p(n) = \sqrt{12} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-3)^{-k}}{2k+1} = \sqrt{12} \left[\frac{1}{2} 3^{-n-1} \left((-1)^n \Phi \left(-\frac{1}{3}, 1, n + \frac{3}{2} \right) + \pi 3^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right].$$

Which leaves us with the problem of calculating $\sqrt{12}$. You may be thinking: "Can't I just use the library?" The answer, of course, is *no*, you will need to compute $\sqrt{12}$ on your own. Do you need to worry about Φ ? No, you just need to understand that in the limit, the Φ term (called the *Lerch transcendent*) goes to *zero* and that the remaining term

$$\frac{\pi}{2} 3^{-n-1} 3^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{12}}.$$

The Wallis Series:

$$p(n) = 2 \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{4k^2}{4k^2 - 1} = \frac{\pi \Gamma(n+1)^2}{\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right)}.$$

It is easy to calculate, but how rapidly does it converge? What is this Γ function? Do we need to compute it? How do we know this converges to π ? Let's factor out π , then take the limit and note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Gamma(1+n)^2}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2} + n\right)} = 1.$$

The Bailey-Borwein-Plouffe Formula:

$$p(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n 16^{-k} \left(\frac{4}{8k+1} - \frac{2}{8k+4} - \frac{1}{8k+5} - \frac{1}{8k+6} \right).$$

And if you desire to reduce it to the least number of multiplications, you can rewrite it in *Horner normal form*:

$$p(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n 16^{-k} \times \frac{(k(120k+151)+47)}{k(k(k(512k+1024)+712)+194)+15}.$$

Viète's Formula(not as accurate as others):

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}}{2} \dots$$

Or more simply,

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{2}$$

where $a_1 = \sqrt{2}$ and $a_k = \sqrt{2 + a_{k-1}}$ for all $k > 1$.

Fastest Series:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{9801} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(4k)!(1101 + 26390k)}{(k!)^4 396^{4k}}$$

Expected input/output:

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wichapas@wichapas-VirtualBox:~/wpichetp/resources/asgn2$ ./mathlib-test -r
pi_euler() = 3.141592558095903, M_PI = 3.141592653589793, diff = 0.0000000954938
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wichapas@wichapas-VirtualBox:~/wpichetp/resources/asgn2$ ./mathlib-test -r
pi_euler() = 3.141592558095903, M_PI = 3.141592653589793, diff = 0.0000000954938
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wichapas@wichapas-VirtualBox:~/wpichetp/resources/asgn2$ ./mathlib-test -e
e() = 2.718281828459046, M_E = 2.718281828459045, diff = 0.000000000000000
wichapas@wichapas-VirtualBox:~/wpichetp/resources/asgn2$
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Looking from the test file, I know that we are comparing how well our formula does to the math library and we just subtract them to get the difference between them. It is possible to detect errors in our code if the difference is off from the test file. First thing to focus on is getting the formulas down. Next, to test if the code works I can implement getopt() to ask for certain

Rough Pseudocode (Not Python but Python style):

E.c:

Factorial_total = 0

K = 0

E function:

While loop (go on forever):

 If k = 0,

 factorial total = 1

 K += 1

 continue

 K += 1

 Factorial_total = factorial_total * k

 E_formula = 1 / factorial_total

 If e_formula < EPSILON:

 Break

 E_total += e_formula

 E_term_tracker[0] += 1

Return e_total