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GoldenRatio

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Notations

Traditional name

Golden ratio

Traditional notation

φ

Mathematica StandardForm notation

GoldenRatio

Primary definition

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$$\phi = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{5} \right) = \exp(\operatorname{csch}^{-1}(2))$$

Specific values

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 $\phi = 1.61803398874989484820458683436563811772030917980576286213544862270526046281890244970720720\dots$

Above approximate numerical value of ϕ shows 90 decimal digits.

General characteristics

The golden ratio ϕ is a constant. It is a positive quadratic irrational real number.

Limit representations

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$$\phi = \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \dots}}}}$$

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$$\phi = \lim_{n \to \infty} z_n /; z_{n+1} = \sqrt{1 + z_n} / \sum_{n \to \infty} z_n = 1$$

$$\phi = \lim_{\nu \to \infty} \frac{F_{\nu}}{F_{\nu-1}}$$

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$$\phi = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} F_{\nu+k}}{F_{m+\nu} - F_{\nu}} = \phi \ /; \ m \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

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$$\phi = \lim_{\nu \to \infty} \frac{L_{\nu+1}}{L_{\nu}}$$

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$$\phi = \lim_{v \to \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} L_{k+v}}{L_{m+v} - L_v} /; m \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Continued fraction representations

$$\phi = 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}}$$

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$$\phi = 1 + K_k(1, 1)_1^{\infty}$$

Identities

Functional identities

$$\phi^2 - \phi - 1 == 0$$

$$\phi = 1 + \frac{1}{\phi}$$

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$$\phi^{\phi^{2+\phi}} == \phi^{\phi^{\phi} \, (1+\phi)} == \phi^{\phi^{1+\phi^2}} == \phi^{\phi^{2+\phi}}$$

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$$\phi^n = \phi^{n-1} + \phi^{n-2} /; n \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Above Fibonacci recurrence allows any polynomial in ϕ to be reduced to a linear expression.

$$\phi^n = F_{n-1} + \phi \, F_n \, /; \, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Complex characteristics

Real part

$$Re(\phi) == \phi$$

Imaginary part

$$Im(\phi) == 0$$

Absolute value

$$|\phi| = \phi$$

Argument

$$arg(\phi) = 0$$

Conjugate value

$$\overline{\phi} = \phi$$

Signum value

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$$sgn(\phi) == 1$$

Differentiation

Low-order differentiation

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} == 0$$

Fractional integro-differentiation

$$\frac{\partial^{\alpha} \phi}{\partial z^{\alpha}} = \frac{\frac{02.02.20.0002.01}{z^{-\alpha} \phi}}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)}$$

Integration

Indefinite integration

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$$\int \phi \, dz = \phi \, z$$
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$$\int z^{\alpha - 1} \, \phi \, dz = \frac{z^{\alpha} \, \phi}{\alpha}$$

Integral transforms

Fourier exp transforms

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$$\mathcal{F}_{t}[\phi](z) = \phi \sqrt{2\pi} \ \delta(z)$$

Inverse Fourier exp transforms

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$$\mathcal{F}_t^{-1}[\phi](z) = \phi \sqrt{2\pi} \ \delta(z)$$

Fourier cos transforms

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$$\mathcal{F}c_t[\phi]\left(z\right) = \phi \, \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \, \, \delta(z)$$

Fourier sin transforms

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$$\mathcal{F}s_t[\phi](z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\phi}{z}$$

Laplace transforms

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$$\mathcal{L}_t[\phi](z) = -\frac{\phi}{z}$$

Inverse Laplace transforms

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$$\mathcal{L}_t^{-1}[\phi]\left(z\right) == \phi\,\delta(z)$$

Summation

Infinite summation

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$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |F_k \phi - F_{k+1}| = \phi$$

Representations through more general functions

Through Meijer G

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$$\phi = \phi G_{0,1}^{1,0}(z \mid 0) + \phi G_{1,2}^{1,1} \left(z \mid 1, 0\right)$$

Through other functions

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$$\phi = 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right)$$

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$$\phi = \frac{1}{2} \sec\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}\right)$$

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$$\phi = \frac{1}{2}\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right)$$

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$$\phi = 2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right) + 1$$

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$$\phi = -2\sin(666^{\circ})$$

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$$\phi = -\cos(6 \times 6 \times 6^{\circ}) - \sin(666^{\circ})$$

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$$\phi = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{5} \ F_1 + \sqrt{5 F_1^2 - 4} \right)$$

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$$\phi = 2^{-1/\nu} \left(\sqrt{5} \ F_\nu + \sqrt{5 F_\nu^2 + 4 \cos(\pi \nu)} \right)^{1/\nu} /; \nu \in \mathbb{R} \land \nu > 0$$

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$$\phi = \exp(\operatorname{csch}^{-1}(2))$$

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$$\phi = \left(z; z^2 - z - 1 \right)_2^{-1}$$

Inequalities

$$\frac{8}{5} < \phi < \frac{81}{50}$$

Theorems

Approximation of golden ratio theorem

If a number x agrees with ϕ to n decimal places, then $\frac{x^2+2x}{x^2+1}$ agrees with ϕ to 2 n decimal places.

History

- -known 2000–3000 years ago: Pythagoras (circa 580 BC circa 500 BC),;Phidias (490–430 BC); Euclid (c. 325–c. 265 BC)
- -Euclid (c. 325-c. 265 BC) names the ratio 1: ϕ the "extreme and mean ratio" in Book VI of the *Elements*
- -Leonardo of Pisa (1170s or 1180s-1250); Johannes Kepler (1571-1630)
- -Luca Pacioli (1509) published book "Divina Proportione", which gave new impulse to the theory of the golden ratio, in particular

he illustrated the golden ratio as applied to the human faces of artists, architects, scientists, and mystics

-Gerolamo Cardano (1545) mentioned golden ratio in the famouse book "Ars Magna", where he solved quadratic and cubic

equations and was the first who explicitly made calculations with complex numbers

- -M. Mästlin (1597) evaluated $1/\phi$ approximatly as 0.6180340...
- -J. Kepler (1608) independently shows that ratios of Fibonacci numbers approximate ϕ and describes the golden ratio as a "precious jewel"
- -R. Simson (1753) gave simple limit representation of golden ratio based on its very simple continued fraction $\phi = 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}}}}$
- -G.S. Ohm (1835) gives the first known use of the name "golden ratio," believed to have originated earlier in the century from an unknown source
- -J. Sulley (1875) first used the term "golden ratio" in English

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