



Happy π Day!

March 14 (or 3/14) is an occasion to celebrate every circle's favourite mathematical constant, pi (π). The ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter – 3.14 followed by an exorbitant amount of decimal places – had no small part in the naming of Perimeter Institute. So in commemoration of Pi Day, we offer ...

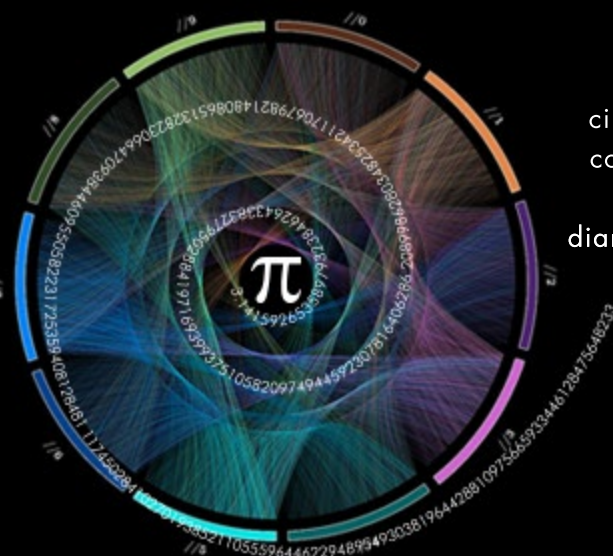
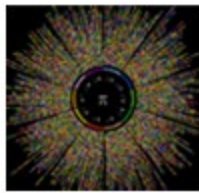


Image: *The Art of Pi* – Data Visualization by Cristian Ilies Vasile. Click [here](#) for more.



Pi is an irrational number (it can't be represented exactly by a fraction).



"I prefer pi" is a palindrome.



In the 1995 OJ Simpson trial, one witness' credibility was called into doubt when he misstated the value of pi.



The first six digits of pi (314159) appear in order at least six times among the first 10 million decimal places of pi.



What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o'-lantern by its diameter? Pumpkin pi. This is how to use pi for bad jokes.



SPOILER ALERT: Pi is the secret code in Alfred Hitchcock's *Torn Curtain* and in *The Net*, starring Sandra Bullock.



Starting at the 762nd decimal point, there are six nines in a row. This is known as the Feynman Point, named after physicist Richard Feynman. He once said he wanted to memorize π until that point, so he could recite them and say "nine, nine, nine, nine, nine, nine, and so on," to suggest jokingly that pi is a rational number.



In the year 2015, Pi Day will have special significance on **3/14/15 at 9:26:53.58**, with the date and time (including 1/100 seconds) representing **the first 12 digits of pi.**

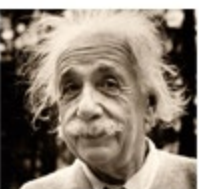
A Bunch of Things You Might Not Know About π



Scientists in Carl Sagan's *Contact* unravel enough of pi to find hidden messages from the creators of the human race.



In 2005, Lu Chao of China set a world record by memorizing the first 67,890 digits of pi.



Albert Einstein was born on Pi Day: March 14, 1879.



The use of the Greek letter π in mathematics was popularized by William Jones in 1706.



Foucault's Pendulum by Umberto Eco associates the mysterious pendulum in the novel with the intrigue of pi.



In an episode of Star Trek called "Wolf in the Fold," Spock defeats an evil computer by demanding that it "compute to the last digit of pi."

This list of π facts contains exactly 314 words.