

The Logic of Pi's Irrationality

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Abstract

The point on a unit circle that is associated with the arc $\pi/2$ is $(0, 1)$. We prove the bidirectional: every ordered pair of positive real numbers (a, b) corresponds to a point on the circumference of a circle of radius $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ with an associated radius with an arc length less than $\pi/2$. If $\pi/2$ is rational this gives a contradiction.

Proof

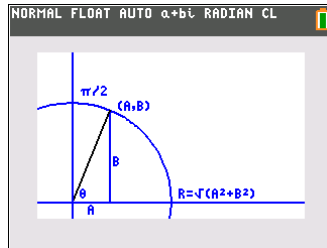


Figure 1: The ordered pair (A, B) resides on a circle of radius R .

Theorem 1. π is irrational.

Proof. As shown in Figure 1, every pair of positive reals, not necessarily integers or rational numbers can be placed as an ordered pair (A, B) on a circle of radius $R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$. A radius with the defined slope B/A is created. The radian measure associated with this radius is less than $\pi/2$. As

all circles are similar these slopes and radian measures will be the same for all circles.

Assume $\pi/2$ is the rational number B/A , this corresponds to the ordered pair (A, B) and forces $\pi/2 < \pi/2$, a contradiction. \square

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