



The Mathematical Exploration of π value and its Approximation

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Abstract

In this paper the author will illustrate some basic mathematics about π and its computation in comparison of both Indian Knowledge System as well as others. Same time the infinite series computation and its application is discussed with a pseudo code for decision making process. It is believed that this computation will be helpful for early career researcher for various applications of pie in knowledge processing tasks.

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1. Indian Knowledge System and Pie value computation.

The computation of π or infinite series was considered as one of the most interesting mathematical proof [1-3]. It is started by Baudhayana while measuring the area of circle using square as shown in Fig. 1 [4-5]. It means the area of circle is almost near to square of its radius which may be approx to 3 as per Baudhayana written in Sulbasutra [6-7]. Hence its mathematical exploration is required for Turiyam awareness for better understanding [8].

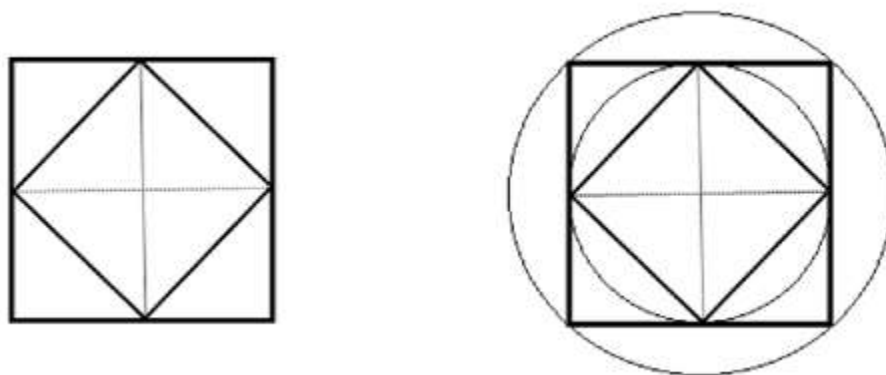


Figure 1: The Baudhayana circle area approximation.

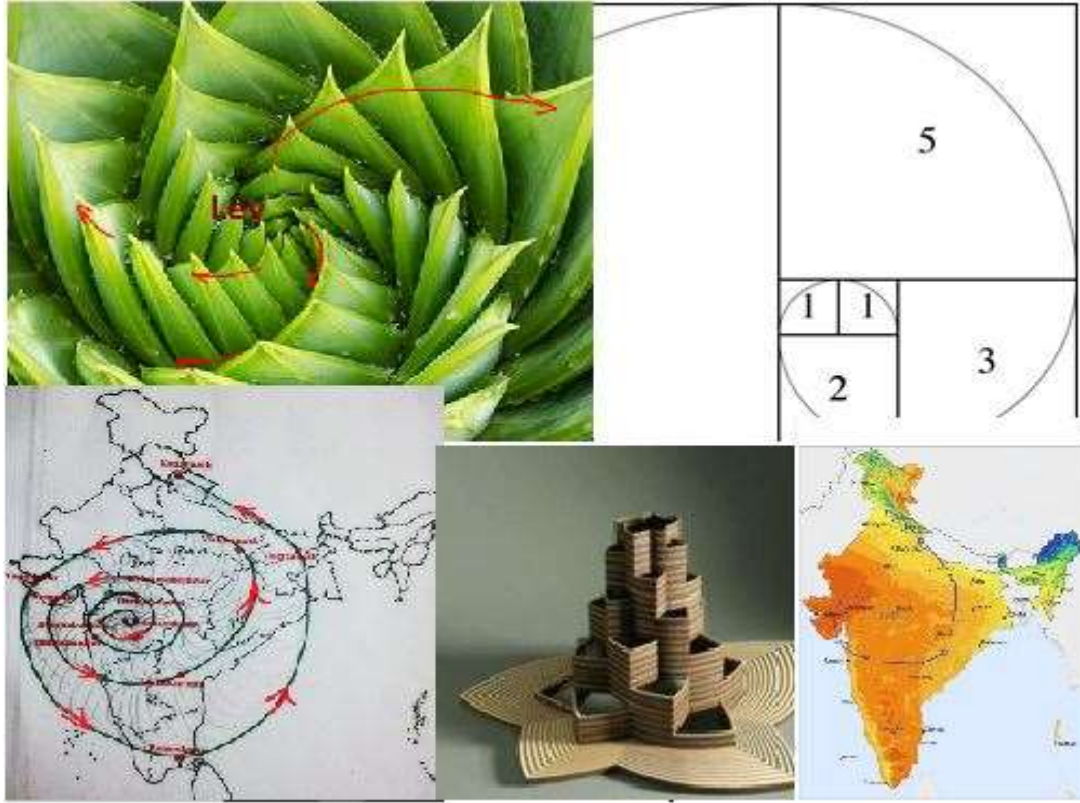


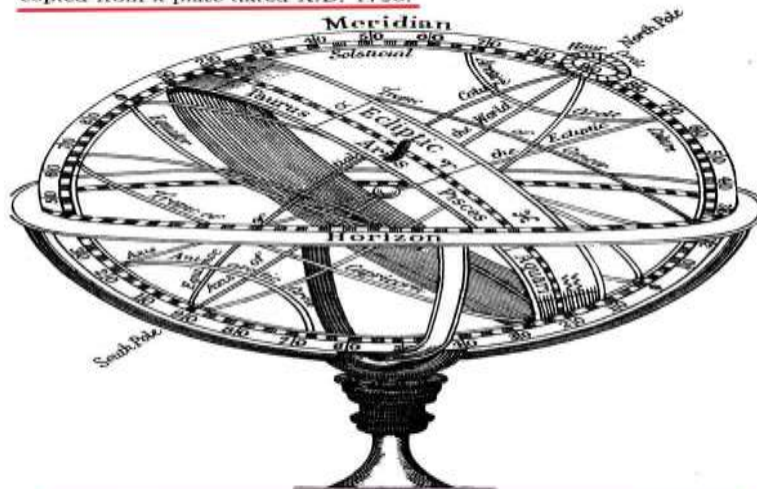
Figure 4: Some other geometry based on Pingala Series

The Aryabhata gave a formula to compute the Pie value as written in Sanskrit [15-16]:

caturadhikaṃ śatamaṣṭaguṇaṃ dvāṣaṣṭistathā sahasrāṇāṃ
ayutadvayaviṣkambhasyāsanno vṛttapariṇāhaḥ.

It says first add 4 with 100 as $(4+100=104)$. Try to multiply it (i.e. 104) via 8 i.e. $(104 \times 8=832)$. In this multiplication add 62,000 i.e. 62832. The obtain number consider as circumference of a circle and divide it by 20000 considering a circle having diameter 20,000. It provides the value of $\pi=3.1416$. This he used as Spherical geometry construction as shown in Fig. 5.

The modern Armillary Sphere was of a less complicated nature, as will be understood from the accompanying diagram, which has been copied from a plate dated A.D. 1730.



"P. Tissenthaler describes in a cursory manner two observatories furnished with instruments of extraordinary magnitude at Jeypoor and Ousein, in the country of Malwa, but these are said to be modern structures."—Robertson, p. 436.

Figure 5: The Aryabhata Spherical geometry for data representation

It was extended by Narayana's as cows sequence motivated from Pingala series [17]. He formulated the problem as let us suppose one cow at starting of the year. The cow give birth one calf in each year from the age of 4 years old. In this case try to approximate the number of calves produced every year. It gave third order sequence as $C_n = C_{n-1} + C_{n-3}$ where $n \geq 3$, $C_0=1$, $C_1=1$, $C_2=1$, $C_3=1$.

The same concept used in Egyptian Papyrus as distinct way [18]. They used division of circumference and its division by diameter as shown in Fig. 6. It is used as a game where 64 ball used to represent the circle and 9 ball on the diameter of circle used to divide them for computation of pie shown in Fig. 7. Later it is used to represent as Square and its area computation equivalent to circle as shown in Fig. 8. Its computation is shown in Fig. 9 in a mathematical way.

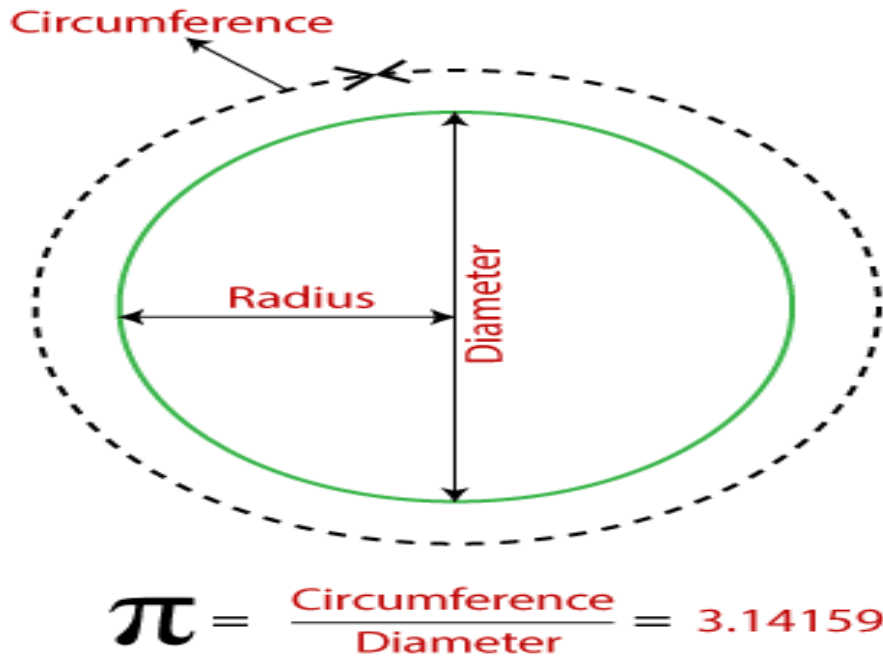


Fig 6: The Egyptian Papyrus to compute the Pie value

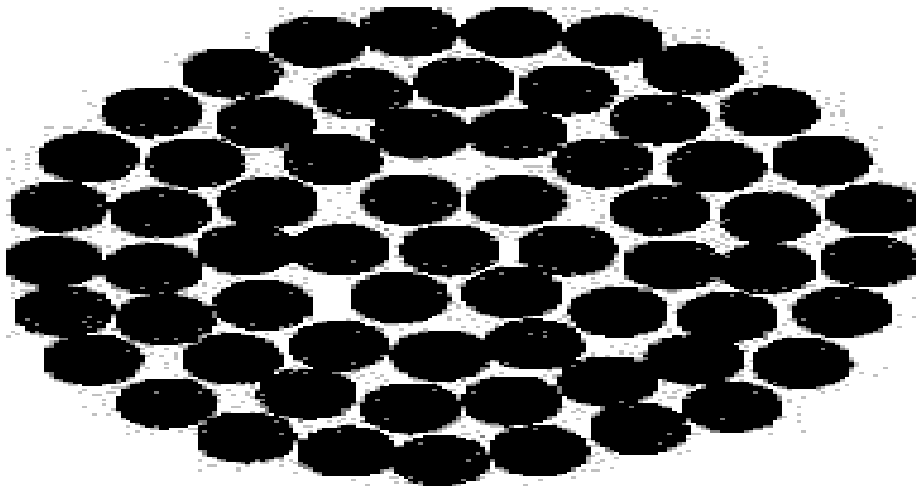


Figure 7: The Egyptian Papyrus as game of 64 Ball and its arrangement in the circle

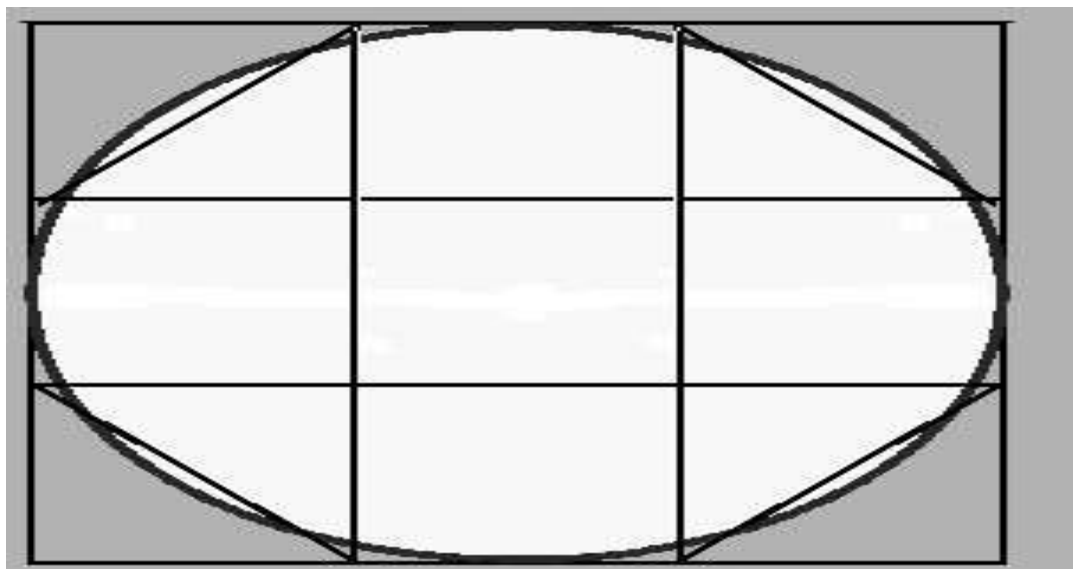


Figure 8: The area of Square equal to area of circle and four triangle area shown in Fig. 9

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2r) \times (2r) &= \text{Area of Circle} + 4 \times \text{Area of Triangle}; \\
 4r^2 &= \text{Area of circle} + 4 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{2r}{3}\right) \times \left(\frac{2r}{3}\right); \\
 \pi r^2 &= 4r^2 - 8r^2/9; \\
 \pi &= 28/9 = 3.11
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 9: The area of Square equal to area of circle and four triangle area shown in Fig. 8

The Madhava gave sine, cosine and arc tan(x) series and its computation at early 14th century as shown in Fig 10 [19].

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin \theta &= \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} \theta^{2k+1}, \\
 \cos \theta &= 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \theta^{2k}, \\
 \arctan x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} x^{2k+1} \quad \text{where } |x| \leq 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 10: The Madhava series for Sin, Cos and arc tan(x)

The Madhava wrote a formula computation of Pie in Sanskrit as shown in Fig. 11. It is illustrated mathematically in Fig, 12.

*vyāse vāridhīhate rūpahṛte vyāsasāgarābhīhate /
 trīśarādiviṣamasamkhyābhaktamṛṇam svam pṛthak kramāt kuryāt //*

Figure 11: The Madhava formula for computation of Pie

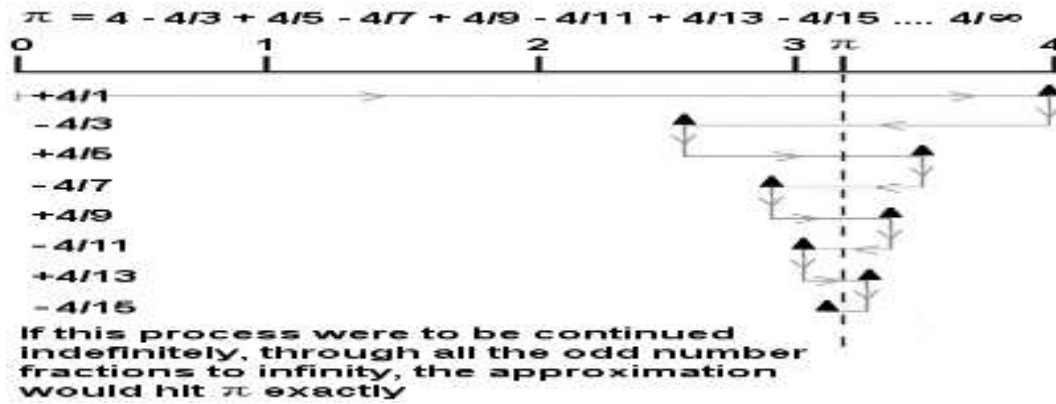


Figure 12: The mathematical exploration of Formula Shown in Fig. 11

Just put $\arctan(x)=1$ in Madhava series shown in Fig. 10. It will provide Leibniz formula for Pie as shown in Fig. 13. This series and its square multiplication provides approximate of Euler Pie value approximation as shown in Fig, 14 [20].

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

such that:

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Figure 13: The Leibniz formula for Pie put $\arctan(x)=1$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots$$

Fig. 14: The Euler approximation of Pie via Square of Leibniz formula

$$\frac{\pi - 3}{4} = \frac{1}{2 \times 3 \times 4} - \frac{1}{4 \times 5 \times 6} + \frac{1}{6 \times 7 \times 8} - \dots$$

Figure 15: The Nilkantha approximation of Pie

The Nilkantha gave a infinite series to compute the Pie value using the mathematical expression as shown in Fig. 15. It can be observed that the Nilkantha series contains multiplication of 3-consecuting numbers. The value of variable increases by two or every iteration for the denominator with sign changes. Hence it gave a pseudo code for pie and its implementation. First create three variable $n=2$, $pie=3$, and $sign=1$. We can create a infinite series as for loop based on our choice from $[0, 1000000]$. Every iteration change the sign as $sign*(-1)$. Compute the Pie value as $= Pie + sign*(4/(n) * (n+1) * (n+2))$. Increase the n value as 2 after the each iteration and print its value. In this way this code may take maximum $O(n*log(n)*loglog(n))$. Hence the exploration of Pie value and its computation is totally based on Turiyam consciousness rather than only Indigenous or non-indigenous. In future the author will focus on exploring the pie value based on Buffon Needle Problem as shown in Fig. 16.

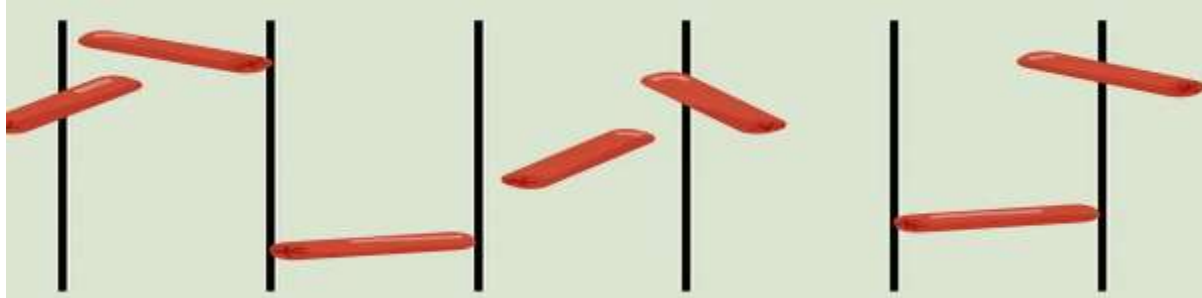


Figure 16: The Buffon's Needle Problem of Pie

In this paper the computation of Pie and infinite series computation based on Indian Knowledge system is explored with an example. Same time the comparative study of pie value computation by Indian Knowledge System with Egypt Papyrus and other mathematician is also compared. It is believed that the current paper will help to early career researcher and data visualization student. In near future the author will focus on other mathematical concept and its exploration with Indian Knowledge system.

2. Conclusion

This paper provide a mathematical exploration of Pie value and its computation in context of Indian Knowledge System as well as comparison with Egypt papyrus and others. It is also discussed that the computation of pie value and its implementation takes $O(n \cdot \log(n) \cdot (\log \log(n)))$ time as per Nilkantha work. In this way this paper will be helpful for various decision making process and applications of pie.

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