

Golden Ratio on Discrete Surface

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Abstract: The golden ratio on the discrete surface has been discussed.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the previous paper [1] the similarity between golden ratio $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1,618$... and the average hyperbolic – elliptic unit being expressed on the continuous surface $s_{continuous}(1) = 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\pi^2}} \approx 1,696$... was recognized.

The subject of interest of this paper is to compare the golden ratio and the average hyperbolic – elliptic unit being expressed on the discrete surface, too. Here the path is not concluded on the circumference of a circle [2] but on the average perimeter of the most favourable polygons.

2. The PSEUDO PI (π^*)

The perimeter of n-sided regular polygon $2\pi^* R$ is shorter than the circumference of a circle $2\pi R$ since pseudo pi, denoted π^* , of any n-sided polygon is smaller than π of a circle [3]:

$$\pi^* = nsin\frac{\pi}{n} < \pi for \ n < \infty.$$

 π^* of the first three regular polygons are collected in Table 1.

Table1. π^* of the fir	st three regular	polygons compared	d to π of a circle	(∞ -sided polygon)
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Name	Number of sides n	π^*
digon	2	2
triangle	3	$3\sin\frac{\pi}{3} = 3\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 2,598$
square	4	$4\sin\frac{\pi}{4} = 2\sqrt{2} = 2,828$
circle	8	π

We can see that π^* rises with number of polygon sides *n* becoming equal to π when a polygon at $n = \infty$ converts to a circle. The increase of π^* is gradually smaller. Consequently the average π^* of two neighbour even-sided polygons is smaller than π^* of the odd-sided polygon in the middle between them. The smallest is the average pi of digon (n=2) and square (n=4) since it is smaller than π^* of triangle (n=3):

$$\overline{\pi_{minimal}^*} = \frac{\pi_{digon}^* + \pi_{square}^*}{2} = 2,414 \dots < \pi_{triangle}^* = 2,598 \dots$$
(2)

It enables the smallest and thus most favourable path concluded on the average perimeter $2\pi_{minimal}^*R$ of the corresponding polygons on the discrete surface:

$$\pi_{favourable}^{*} = \overline{\pi_{minimal}^{*}} = \frac{\pi_{digon}^{*} + \pi_{square}^{*}}{2} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{2} = 1 + \sqrt{2}.$$
(3)

3. π^* and the Average Hyperbolic-elliptic Unit

The most favourable π^* gives the next ratio of the average hyperbolic – elliptic unit s(1) to elliptic unit 1 being expressed on the most favourable discrete surface:

(1)

$$\frac{s_{discrete}(1)}{1} = 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \pi_{favourable}^{*2}}} = 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (1 + \sqrt{2})^2}} = 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + 2\sqrt{2}}} = 1,6173 \dots$$
(4)

4. THE AVERAGE HYPERBOLIC-ELLIPTIC UNIT BEING EXPRESSED ON THE DISCRETE SURFACE COMPARED TO THE GOLDEN RATIO

The average hyperbolic-elliptic unit being expressed on the most favourable average discrete surface $s_{discrete}(1) = 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} = 1,6173$... only on the fourth decimal differs from the golden ratio $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1,6180$...

Since:

 $\phi - s_{discrete}(1) = 1,6180 - 1,6173 = 0,0007.$

(5)

5. THE AVERAGE HYPERBOLIC-ELLIPTIC UNIT BEING EXPRESSED ON THE DISCRETE AS WELL AS CONTINUOUS SURFACE COMPARED TO THE GOLDEN RATIO

$$s_{discrete}(1) = 1,6173 < \phi = 1,6180 < s_{continuous}(1) = 1,6967.$$
 (6)

The golden ratio lies within the interval defined by the discrete and the continuous unit.

6. CONCLUSION

The golden ratio almost equals the average hyperbolic – elliptic unit if the latter is expressed on the most favourable average discrete surface which is characterized by the value of pseudo pi yielding $\pi^*_{favourable} = 1 + \sqrt{2}$.

DEDICATION

To Mahatma Gandhi and his quote: "True beauty after all consists in purity of heart."



Figure1. About true beauty [4]

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