

## Facts About $e$

- The number  $e$  was first used by William Oughtred and John Napier in 1614:  
Napier, J., *Mirifici Logarithmorum Canonis Descriptio*, 1614.

But the symbol  $e$  was first used by Leonhard Euler in 1727:

Euler, L., *Meditatio in Experimenta explosione tormentorum nuper instituta*, 1727.

- $\int_1^e \frac{1}{x} dx = 1$
- $e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = 2.7182818284\dots$
- $e$  is irrational.
- $e$  is transcendental.
- $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$
- $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x + c$  where  $\ln x = \log_e x$ .
- If  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , then  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  and  $e^{\pi i} = -1$ .
- An equivalence to the Riemann Hypothesis is that for  $n > 1$ ,  
 $\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + e^{\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} \ln(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}) > \text{sum of divisors of } n$   
and there exists a \$1,000,000 prize for the proof of this at [www.claymath.org](http://www.claymath.org).

- $$e = 2 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{2}{3 + \frac{3}{\ddots}}}}$$

- $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}$

- Where  $p_n :=$  the  $n$ -th prime,  $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\prod_{k=1}^n p_k)^{1/p_n}$