

TITLE: IRRATIONALITY OF THE NUMBERS  $(\pi \pm e)$

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1.- INTRODUCTION.

The aim of this paper is to demonstrate the irrationality of the numbers  $(\pi \pm e)$ , firsts showing that at least one of them is irrational, and then, by the method of reductio ad absurdum, that the other is also irrational.

2.- PROOF

Suppose that  $(\pi \pm e)$  are both rational, i.e. there are integers  $(a, b, c, d)$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi + e &= \frac{a}{b} \\ \pi - e &= \frac{c}{d}.\end{aligned}$$

Adding or subtracting these two equations shows that both  $\pi$  and  $e$  are rational, which is false.

Therefore, at least one of the two numbers  $(\pi \pm e)$  is irrational.

A) Let  $(\pi + e)$  be rational and let  $(\pi - e)$  be irrational.

a)  $\pi + e = \frac{a}{b}$

b)  $\pi - e = i$

Let  $\gamma(k)$  be the infinite final decimal digits of a number  $k$ , starting at any decimal place as far from the integer part of  $k$  as desired.

Multiplying equations a) and b) by  $b$  gives:

a')  $b\pi + be = a \implies \gamma(b\pi) + \gamma(be) = 0$

b')  $b\pi - be = bi \implies \gamma(b\pi) - \gamma(e) = \gamma(bi)$

Multiplying a') by b') gives:

$(\gamma(b\pi))^2 - (\gamma(be))^2 = 0 \implies \gamma(b\pi) = \gamma(be) \implies \gamma(\pi) = \gamma(e)$  which is false, because this would make the number  $i$  rational, according to equation b).

Therefore  $(\pi \pm e)$  are both proved to be irrational,

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