

Module : Geometry

Part B – Estimating pi from real data

The number pi has been around as long as there have been circles. It is the ratio of the circumference of circle to the diameter of the circle or $\pi = \frac{d}{c}$.

The dimensions of US coins according the United States Mint.

Penny: $c = 59.82$ mm, $d = 19.05$ mm

Nickel: $c = 66.6$ mm, $d = 21.21$ mm

Dime: $c = 56.24$ mm, $d = 17.91$ mm

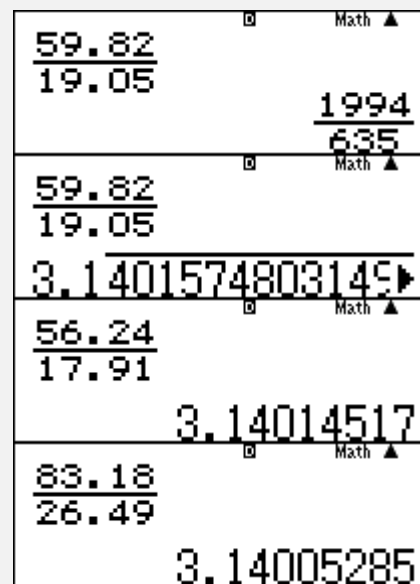
Quarte: $c = 76.18$ mm, $d = 24.26$ mm

Half Dollar: $c = 96.12$ mm, $d = 30.61$ mm

Dollar: $c = 83.18$ mm, $d = 26.49$ mm

Calculate the ratio of the commerce to the diameter.

5 9 . 8 2 \div 1 9 . 0 5
 5 = \rightarrow D



Store the values for each ratio in variables A, B, C, D, E and F

$\frac{59}{82} = \frac{19}{90}$
 $\frac{5}{19} = \frac{3809}{1213}$

Ans→A	$\frac{1994}{635}$
Ans→B	$\frac{2220}{707}$
Ans→C	$\frac{5624}{1791}$
Ans→D	$\frac{3809}{1213}$
Ans→E	$\frac{9612}{3061}$
Ans→F	$\frac{8318}{2649}$

Find the average of variables A-F and get an estimate of the value of pi.

$\frac{A+B+C+D+E+F}{6}$
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