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## The Man Who Tried to Copyright Pi

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If you think Monsanto's evil for trying to patent the food we eat, how about the guy who tried to own mathematics?

Courtesy of our friends at [Numberphile](#), Dr. James Grime tells the true story of Edward Goodwin who tried to copyright Pi (the mathematical constant that's the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter) so anyone using it would have to pay him royalties. He almost succeeded.

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