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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. Only in America...

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