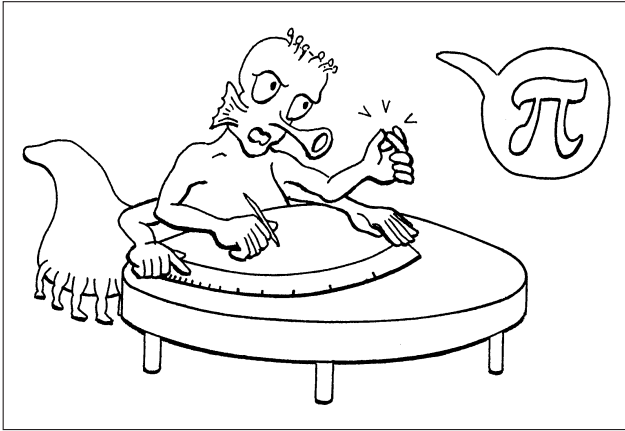


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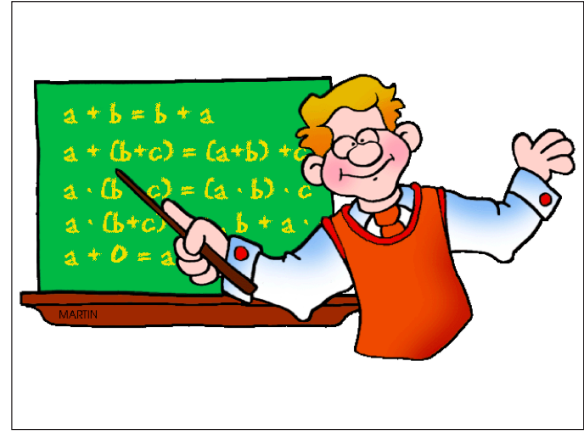


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“...divided by the number of arms gives the correct value.”

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**MR. FRIEDMAN:** I think that issue is entirely orthogonal to the issue here...

**CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS:** I'm sorry. Entirely what?

**MR. FRIEDMAN:** Orthogonal. Right angle. Unrelated. Irrelevant.

**CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS:** Oh.

**JUSTICE SCALIA:** What was that adjective? I liked that.

**MR. FRIEDMAN:** Orthogonal.

**CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS:** Orthogonal.

**MR. FRIEDMAN:** Right, right.

**JUSTICE SCALIA:** Orthogonal, ooh.

(Laughter.)

...

**JUSTICE SCALIA:** I think we should use that in the opinion.

“I was very quick at math. I could quickly grasp any problem they threw at me and solve it in my head. I often stood in for Lydia Mikhailovna when she had to go into the city or run her own errands. She trusted me to conduct the math class. I taught basic arithmetic to the other children.”

—Soviet Premier Khrushchev. Submitted by Domenico Rosa.

[Khrushchev Remembers: The Glasnost Tapes, Little, Brown and Co., 1990, pp. 5–6.]

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