

Even outside of math equations, pi plays a powerful role in a surprising number of settings. Read below to find out how pi was featured in the OJ Simpson trial as a test of intelligence and memory.

Q: Can you calculate the area of a circle with a five-millimeter diameter?

A: I mean I could, I don't...match I don't...I don't know right now what it is.

Q: Well, what is the formula for the area of a circle?

A: Pi R Squared.

Q: What is pi?

A: Boy, you are really testing me. 2.12...2.17...

Judge Ito: How about 3.1214?

Q: Isn't pi kind of essential to being a scientist knowing what it is?

A: I haven't used pi since I guess I was in high school.

Q: Let's try 3.12.

A: Is that what it is? There is an easier way to do...

Q: Let's try 3.14. And what is the radius?

A: It would be half the diameter: 2.5.

Q: 2.5 squared, right?

A: Right.

Q: Your honor, may we borrow a calculator?

[brief pause]

Q: Tell me what pi times 2.5 squared is.

A: 1.9.

Q: You miscalculated by a factor of two, the size, the minimum size of a swatch you needed to detect EDTA, didn't you?

A: I don't know that I did or not. I calculated a little differently. I didn't use this.

Q: Well, does the area change by the different method of calculation?

A: Well, this is all estimations based on my eyeball. I didn't use any scientific math to determine it.