

On Catalan's Constant: Upgrade 1

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abstract

This note presents an integral for Catalan's constant

Introduction

Catalan's constant, named after Eugène Charles Catalan (1814-1894) and usually denoted by G , is defined by

$$G = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} - \frac{1}{7^2} + \dots \quad (1)$$

The numerical value is

$$G = 0.915965594177219015054603514932\dots \quad (2)$$

It is not known whether G is irrational.

Some representations of Catalan's constant:

$$G = \int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} dx \quad (3)$$

$$G = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{\cosh x} dx \quad (4)$$

$$G = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{1+x^2} dx \quad (5)$$

$$G = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{x}{\sin x} dx \quad (6)$$

$$G = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2 y^2} dx dy \quad (7)$$

In this note we give an integral for Catalan's constant.

Integral for Catalan's constant

Let $\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2\sqrt{3}-3}}{3}\right)$, then

$$\frac{3}{2}G = \int_0^{\alpha} \ln(f(x)) dx + \int_{\alpha}^{\pi/2} \ln(g(x)) dx \quad (8)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\cot x}{3} \left(1 + 2\sqrt{1+3\tan x} \cos \left(\frac{1}{3} \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2+9\tan^2 x + 27\tan^3 x}{2\sqrt{(1+3\tan x)^3}} \right) \right) \right) \quad (9)$$

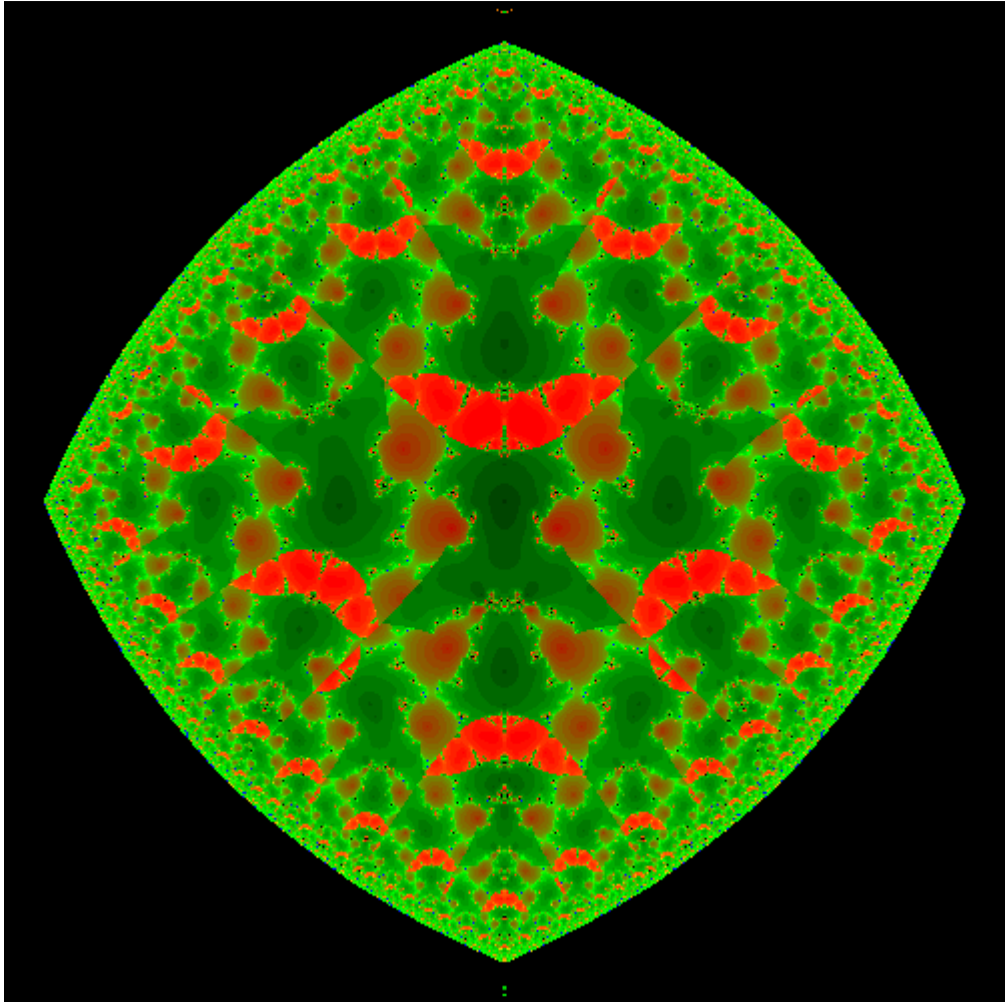
$$g(x) = \frac{\cot x}{3} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \left(27 + 9\cot^2 x + 2\cot^3 x - 3\sqrt{81 + 54\cot^2 x - 3\cot^4 x} \right)^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \left(27 + 9\cot^2 x + 2\cot^3 x + 3\sqrt{81 + 54\cot^2 x - 3\cot^4 x} \right)^{1/3} \quad (10)$$

- Change of variables: $u = \tan x$, $dx = \frac{1}{1+u^2} du$.
- $\beta = \frac{\sqrt{2\sqrt{3}-3}}{3}$

$$\frac{3}{2}G = \int_0^{\beta} \frac{\ln F(x)}{1+x^2} dx + \int_{\beta}^{\infty} \frac{\ln G(x)}{1+x^2} dx \quad (11)$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{3x} \left(1 + 2\sqrt{1+3x} \cos \left(\frac{1}{3} \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2+9x+27x^3}{2\sqrt{(1+3x)^3}} \right) \right) \right) \quad (12)$$

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{3x} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \left(27 + \frac{9}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^3} - 3\sqrt{81 + \frac{54}{x^2} - \frac{3}{x^4}} \right)^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \left(27 + \frac{9}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^3} + 3\sqrt{81 + \frac{54}{x^2} - \frac{3}{x^4}} \right)^{1/3} \quad (13)$$



A Fractal Image

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