

ArithmeticGeometricMean

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Notations

Traditional name

Arithmetic-geometric mean

Traditional notation

$\text{agm}(a, b)$

Mathematica StandardForm notation

`ArithmetcGeometricMean[a, b]`

Primary definition

$$\text{agm}(a, b) = \frac{\pi(a+b)}{4 K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)}$$

Specific values

Specialized values

For fixed a

$$\text{agm}(a, a) = a$$

For fixed b

$$\text{agm}(0, b) = 0$$

$$\text{agm}(1, b) = \frac{\pi}{2 K(1 - b^2)}$$

$$\text{agm}\left(a, \sqrt{2} a\right) = a \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\text{09.54.03.0004.01}$$
$$\text{agm}\left(1, \frac{\vartheta_4(0, z)^2}{\vartheta_3(0, z)^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\vartheta_3(0, z)^2} /; -1 < z < 1$$

Values at fixed points

$$\text{09.54.03.0005.01}$$
$$\text{agm}(0, 1) = 0$$

Values at infinities

$$\text{09.54.03.0006.01}$$
$$\text{agm}(1, \infty) = \infty$$

General characteristics

Domain and analyticity

$\text{agm}(a, b)$ is an analytical function of a and b which is defined over \mathbb{C}^2 .

$$\text{09.54.04.0001.01}$$
$$(a * b) \rightarrow \text{agm}(a, b) :: (\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Symmetries and periodicities

Parity

$\text{agm}(a, b)$ is an odd function.

$$\text{09.54.04.0002.01}$$
$$\text{agm}(-a, -b) = -\text{agm}(a, b) /; a \notin \mathbb{R} \wedge b \notin \mathbb{R}$$

Mirror symmetry

$$\text{09.54.04.0003.02}$$
$$\text{agm}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = \overline{\text{agm}(a, b)} /; \frac{a}{b} \notin (-\infty, 0)$$

Permutation symmetry

$$\text{09.54.04.0004.01}$$
$$\text{agm}(b, a) = \text{agm}(a, b)$$

Periodicity

No periodicity

Homogeneity

$$\text{09.54.04.0005.01}$$
$$\text{agm}(c a, c b) = c \text{agm}(a, b) /; c > 0$$

Poles and essential singularities

With respect to a

The function $\text{agm}(a, b)$ does not have poles and essential singularities with respect to a .

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{09.54.04.0006.01} \\ & \text{Sing}_a(\text{agm}(a, b)) = \{\} \end{aligned}$$

With respect to b

The function $\text{agm}(a, b)$ does not have poles and essential singularities with respect to b .

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{09.54.04.0007.01} \\ & \text{Sing}_b(\text{agm}(a, b)) = \{\} \end{aligned}$$

Branch points

The function $\text{agm}(a, b)$ on the $\frac{a}{b}$ -plane has two branch points: $\frac{a}{b} = 0$, $\frac{a}{b} = \tilde{\infty}$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{09.54.04.0008.01} \\ & \mathcal{BP}_{\frac{a}{b}}(\text{agm}(a, b)) = \{0, \tilde{\infty}\} \\ & \text{09.54.04.0009.01} \\ & \mathcal{R}_{\frac{a}{b}}(\text{agm}(a, b), 0) = \log \\ & \text{09.54.04.0010.01} \\ & \mathcal{R}_{\frac{a}{b}}(\text{agm}(a, b), \tilde{\infty}) = \log \end{aligned}$$

Branch cuts

The function $\text{agm}(a, b)$ is a single-valued function on the $\frac{a}{b}$ -plane cut along the interval $(-\infty, 0)$, where it is continuous from above.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{09.54.04.0011.01} \\ & \mathcal{BC}_{\frac{a}{b}}(\text{agm}(a, b)) = \{(-\infty, 0), -i\} \\ & \text{09.54.04.0012.01} \\ & \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \text{agm}(a + i\epsilon, 1) = \text{agm}(a, 1) /; a < 0 \\ & \text{09.54.04.0013.01} \\ & \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \text{agm}(a - i\epsilon, 1) = a \text{ agm}\left(1, \frac{1}{a}\right) /; a < 0 \end{aligned}$$

Series representations

Generalized power series

Expansions at $b = 0$ for $a = 1$

09.54.06.0001.01

$$\text{agm}(1, b) \propto \frac{\pi}{2(\log(4) - \log(b))} + \frac{\left(\pi \left(\log\left(\frac{b}{4}\right) + 1\right)\right) b^2}{8(\log(4) - \log(b))^2} + \left(b^4 \pi (-40 \log^2(2) + \log(1024) + 5 \log(b) (\log(256) - 2 \log(b) - 1) + 8)\right) / \\ (256 (\log(4) - \log(b))^3) + \left(b^6 \pi (4 \log(2) (\log(2) (23 - 132 \log(2)) + 27) + \log(b) (792 \log^2(2) - 92 \log(2) + \log(b) (-396 \log(2) + 66 \log(b) + 23) - 54) + 24)\right) / \\ (3072 (\log(4) - \log(b))^4) + \left(b^8 \pi (8 (\log(2) (\log(2) (\log(2) (\log(2) (1487 - 11256 \log(2)) + 2230) + 744) + 96) + \log(b) (4 (\log(2) (45024 \log^2(2) - 4461 \log(2) - 4460) - 744) + \log(b) (6 \log(2) (1487 - 22512 \log(2)) + \log(b) (45024 \log(2) - 5628 \log(b) - 1487) + 4460)))\right) / (393216 (\log(4) - \log(b))^5) + \\ (b^{10} \pi (16 (\log(2) (\log(2) (\log(2) (\log(2) (17153 - 165480 \log(2)) + 31565) + 12765) + 2640) + 240) + \log(b) (8 (\log(2) (\log(2) (827400 \log^2(2) - 68612 \log(2) - 94695) - 25530) - 2640) + \log(b) (12 (\log(2) (-551600 \log^2(2) + 34306 \log(2) + 31565) + 4255) + \log(b) (8 \log(2) (413700 \log(2) - 17153) + \log(b) (-827400 \log(2) + 82740 \log(b) + 17153) - 63130)))) / (7864320 (\log(4) - \log(b))^6) + O\left(\frac{b^{12}}{\log(b)}\right) /; (b \rightarrow 0)$$

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$$\text{agm}(1, b) \propto \frac{\pi}{2(\log(4) - \log(b))} + O\left(\frac{b^2}{\log(b)}\right) /; (b \rightarrow 0)$$

Expansions at $b = 1$ for $a = 1$

09.54.06.0003.01

$$\text{agm}(1, b) \propto 1 + \frac{b-1}{2} - \frac{(b-1)^2}{16} + \frac{(b-1)^3}{32} - \frac{21(b-1)^4}{1024} + \frac{31(b-1)^5}{2048} - \frac{195(b-1)^6}{16384} + \\ \frac{319(b-1)^7}{32768} - \frac{34325(b-1)^8}{4194304} + \frac{58899(b-1)^9}{8388608} - \frac{410771(b-1)^{10}}{67108864} + O((b-1)^{11}) /; (b \rightarrow 1)$$

09.54.06.0004.01

$$\text{agm}(1, b) \propto 1 + O(b-1) /; (b \rightarrow 1)$$

Expansions at $b = \infty$ for $a = 1$

09.54.06.0005.01

$$\text{agm}(1, b) \propto \frac{\pi b}{2 \log(4b)} + \frac{\pi (1 - \log(4b))}{8b \log^2(4b)} + \frac{\pi}{256b^3 \log^3(4b)} (-40 \log^2(2) + \log(1024) - 5 \log(b) (\log(256) + 2 \log(b) - 1) + 8) + \\ \frac{\pi}{3072b^5 \log^4(4b)} (4 \log(2) (\log(2) (23 - 132 \log(2)) + 27) + \\ \log(b) (-792 \log^2(2) + 92 \log(2) + \log(b) (-396 \log(2) - 66 \log(b) + 23) + 54) + 24) + \\ \frac{\pi}{393216b^7 \log^5(4b)} (8 (\log(2) (\log(2) (\log(2) (1487 - 11256 \log(2)) + 2230) + 744) + 96) + \\ \log(b) (4 (\log(2) (-45024 \log^2(2) + 4461 \log(2) + 4460) + 744) + \\ \log(b) (6 \log(2) (1487 - 22512 \log(2)) + \log(b) (-45024 \log(2) - 5628 \log(b) + 1487) + 4460))) + \\ \frac{\pi}{7864320b^9 \log^6(4b)} (16 (\log(2) (\log(2) (\log(2) (\log(2) (17153 - 165480 \log(2)) + 31565) + 12765) + 2640) + 240) + \\ \log(b) (8 (\log(2) (\log(2) (-827400 \log^2(2) + 68612 \log(2) + 94695) + 25530) + 2640) + \log(b) \\ (12 (\log(2) (-551600 \log^2(2) + 34306 \log(2) + 31565) + 4255) + \log(b) (8 \log(2) (17153 - 413700 \log(2)) + \\ \log(b) (-827400 \log(2) - 82740 \log(b) + 17153) + 63130)))) + O\left(\frac{b^{-11}}{\log(b)}\right) /; (|b| \rightarrow \infty)$$

09.54.06.0006.01

$$\text{agm}(1, b) \propto \frac{\pi b}{2 \log(4b)} + O\left(\frac{1}{b \log(b)}\right) /; (|b| \rightarrow \infty)$$

Integral representations

On the real axis

Of the direct function

09.54.07.0001.01

$$\text{agm}(a, b) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left/ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 \cos^2(t) + b^2 \sin^2(t)}} dt \right. /; a > 0 \wedge b > 0$$

Product representations

09.54.08.0001.01

$$\text{agm}(1, b) = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (q_k + 1) /; q_0 = b \wedge q_{k+1} = \frac{2 \sqrt{q_k}}{q_k + 1}$$

Limit representations

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$$\text{agm}(a, b) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n /; a_0 = a > b_0 = b > 0 \wedge \\ a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (a_n + b_n) = \text{agm}(a_0, b_0) \vartheta_3(0, z^{2^{n+1}})^2 \wedge b_{n+1} = \sqrt{a_n b_n} = \text{agm}(a_0, b_0) \vartheta_4(0, z^{2^{n+1}})^2 \wedge z = q \left(1 - \left(\frac{b_0}{a_0} \right)^2 \right)$$

Differential equations

Ordinary nonlinear differential equations

09.54.13.0001.01

$$2 a (b^2 - a^2) \left(\frac{\partial w(a)}{\partial a} \right)^2 - a w(a)^2 + \left((3 a^2 - b^2) \frac{\partial w(a)}{\partial a} + a (a^2 - b^2) \frac{\partial^2 w(a)}{\partial a^2} \right) w(a) = 0 \quad ; \quad w(a) = \text{agm}(a, b)$$

Partial differential equations

09.54.13.0002.01

$$\text{agm}(a, b) - a \frac{\partial \text{agm}(a, b)}{\partial a} - b \frac{\partial \text{agm}(a, b)}{\partial b} = 0$$

Transformations

Transformations and argument simplifications

Argument involving basic arithmetic operations

09.54.16.0001.01

$$\text{agm}(-a, -b) = -\text{agm}(a, b) \quad ; \quad a \notin \mathbb{R} \wedge b \notin \mathbb{R}$$

09.54.16.0002.01

$$\text{agm}(c a, c b) = c \text{agm}(a, b) \quad ; \quad c > 0$$

09.54.16.0003.01

$$\text{agm}\left(1, z\right) = \frac{1}{a} \text{agm}(a, a z) \quad ; \quad a > 0$$

09.54.16.0004.01

$$\text{agm}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \sqrt{ab}\right) = \text{agm}(a, b)$$

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$$\text{agm}\left(1, \sqrt{1-z^2}\right) = \text{agm}(z+1, 1-z)$$

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$$\text{agm}\left(1, \frac{2\sqrt{b}}{b+1}\right) = \frac{2}{b+1} \text{agm}(1, b)$$

Identities

Functional identities

09.54.17.0001.01

$$\text{agm}(c a, c b) = c \text{agm}(a, b) \quad ; \quad c > 0$$

09.54.17.0002.01

$$\text{agm}(a, b) == a \text{ agm}\left(1, \frac{b}{a}\right); a > 0$$

09.54.17.0003.01

$$\text{agm}(a, b) == \text{agm}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \sqrt{ab}\right)$$

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$$\text{agm}(a, 2-a) == \text{agm}\left(1, \sqrt{a(2-a)}\right)$$

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$$\text{agm}(1, b) == \frac{b+1}{2} \text{ agm}\left(1, \frac{2\sqrt{b}}{b+1}\right)$$

Differentiation

Low-order differentiation

With respect to a

09.54.20.0001.01

$$\frac{\partial \text{agm}(a, b)}{\partial a} = \frac{\text{agm}(a, b)}{a(a-b)\pi} \left(a\pi - 2\text{agm}(a, b) E\left(\frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) \right)$$

09.54.20.0002.01

$$\frac{\partial^2 \text{agm}(a, b)}{\partial a^2} = \frac{2\text{agm}(a, b)^2}{a^2(a-b)^2(a+b)\pi^2} \left(4(a+b)\text{agm}(a, b) E\left(\frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right)^2 - \pi \left((a^2 + 4ba + b^2) E\left(\frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) - 2ab K\left(\frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) \right) \right)$$

With respect to b

09.54.20.0003.01

$$\frac{\partial \text{agm}(a, b)}{\partial b} = \frac{\text{agm}(a, b)}{(a-b)b\pi} \left(2\text{agm}(a, b) E\left(\frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) - b\pi \right)$$

09.54.20.0004.01

$$\frac{\partial^2 \text{agm}(a, b)}{\partial b^2} = \frac{2\text{agm}(a, b)^2}{(a-b)^2b^2(a+b)\pi^2} \left(4(a+b)\text{agm}(a, b) E\left(\frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right)^2 - \pi \left((a^2 + 4ba + b^2) E\left(\frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) - 2ab K\left(\frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) \right) \right)$$

Symbolic differentiation

With respect to a

09.54.20.0005.01

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^n \operatorname{agm}(a, b)}{\partial a^n} &= \operatorname{agm}(a, b) \delta_n + \frac{\pi}{4 b^n} \left(\frac{b \delta_{n-1}}{K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)} + b n n! \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^q}{(q+1)! (n-q-1)!} K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)^{-q-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{k_1=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j-1} \dots \sum_{k_{q-1}=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j-1} \left(\prod_{p=1}^{q-1} \binom{n - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} k_j - 1}{k_p} \right) \left(\prod_{i=1}^{q-1} A(k_i, a, b) \right) A\left(n - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} k_j - 1, a, b\right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. (a+b)(n+1)! \sum_{q=1}^n \frac{(-1)^q}{(q+1)! (n-q)!} K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)^{-q-1} \sum_{k_1=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j} \sum_{k_2=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j} \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{k_{q-1}=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j} \left(\prod_{p=1}^{q-1} \binom{n - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} k_j}{k_p} \right) \left(\prod_{i=1}^{q-1} A(k_i, a, b) \right) A\left(n - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} k_j, a, b\right) \right) /; A(r, a, b) = K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right) \delta_r + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{m=1}^r \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{s=0}^m \frac{1}{(m-s)! 2^{m-2s}} \left((2s-m+1) {}_{2(m-s)} \left(\frac{a+b}{a-b} \right)^m {}_2 F_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1-s; \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^2 \right) \sum_{q=0}^m (-1)^q \binom{m}{q} \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^q \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \sum_{u_1=0}^r \sum_{u_2=0}^r \dots \sum_{u_{m-q}=0}^r \delta_{r, \sum_{i=1}^{m-q} u_i} (u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_{m-q}; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-q}) \prod_{i=1}^{m-q} \left(\delta_{u_i} - \frac{2(-1)^{u_i} b^{u_i+1} u_i!}{(a+b)^{u_i+1}} \right) \right) /; n \in \mathbb{N} \right) \end{aligned}$$

With respect to b

09.54.20.0006.01

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^n \operatorname{agm}(a, b)}{\partial b^n} &= \operatorname{agm}(a, b) \delta_n + \frac{\pi}{4 a^n} \left(\frac{a \delta_{n-1}}{K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)} + a n n! \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^q}{(q+1)! (n-q-1)!} K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)^{-q-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{k_1=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j-1} \dots \sum_{k_{q-1}=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j-1} \left(\prod_{p=1}^{q-1} \binom{n - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} k_j - 1}{k_p} \right) \left(\prod_{i=1}^{q-1} A(k_i, b, a) \right) A\left(n - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} k_j - 1, b, a\right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. (a+b)(n+1)! \sum_{q=1}^n \frac{(-1)^q}{(q+1)! (n-q)!} K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)^{-q-1} \sum_{k_1=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j} \sum_{k_2=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j} \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{k_{q-1}=0}^{n-\sum_{j=1}^p k_j} \left(\prod_{p=1}^{q-1} \binom{n - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} k_j}{k_p} \right) \left(\prod_{i=1}^{q-1} A(k_i, b, a) \right) A\left(n - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} k_j, b, a\right) \right) /; A(r, a, b) = K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right) \delta_r + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{m=1}^r \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{s=0}^m \frac{1}{(m-s)! 2^{m-2s}} \left((2s-m+1) {}_{2(m-s)} \left(\frac{a+b}{a-b} \right)^m {}_2 F_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1-s; \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^2 \right) \sum_{q=0}^m (-1)^q \binom{m}{q} \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^q \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \sum_{u_1=0}^r \sum_{u_2=0}^r \dots \sum_{u_{m-q}=0}^r \delta_{r, \sum_{i=1}^{m-q} u_i} (u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_{m-q}; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-q}) \prod_{i=1}^{m-q} \left(\delta_{u_i} - \frac{2(-1)^{u_i} b^{u_i+1} u_i!}{(a+b)^{u_i+1}} \right) \right) /; n \in \mathbb{N} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Representations through more general functions

Through hypergeometric functions

Involving ${}_2F_1$

$$\text{agm}(a, b) = \frac{a+b}{2 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)}$$

Through Meijer G

Classical cases for the direct function itself

$$\text{agm}(a, b) = \frac{\pi(a+b)}{2} / G_{2,2}^{1,2}\left(-\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2 \middle| \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix}\right)$$

Through other functions

Involving some hypergeometric-type functions

$$\text{agm}(a, b) = \frac{\pi(a+b)}{4 K\left(\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\right)}$$

Inequalities

$$\sqrt{ab} \leq \text{agm}(a, b) \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$$

Theorems

Representation of π

$$\pi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2a_{n+1}^2}{1 - \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k c_k^2} /; c_{n+1} = \frac{a_n - b_n}{2} \wedge c_0 = \sqrt{a_0^2 - b_0^2}$$

History

- J. Landen (1771, 1775)
- J.-L. Lagrange (1784-85)
- C. F. Gauss (1791–1799, 1800, 1876); Gauss (1800) derived the relation to ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$

Applications include fast high-precision computation of π , $\log(z)$, e^z , $\sin(z)$, $\cos(z)$, etc.

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