

Where did π come from?

Pi, π , is a Greek letter that represents a number. If I were to draw a number of circles with radii of different lengths, meaning different size circles, something interesting happens. If I were to divide the distance around those circles (circumference) by their diameters, it would result in 3.141592654...for each circle. The ... means the number continues on without terminating or repeating – an irrational number, rather than write 3.141592654,, all the time, a symbol was identified to represent that number – π .