In honor of Pi Day (3.14), these are some of my favorite episodes from the history of explorations into the nature of pi.

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